

EDITORIAL/OPINION

Let the mayor read the names

Portland Mayor Bud Clark should be allowed to read the names of individuals who are arrested on prostitution charges during City Council meetings. A temporary order filed by attorneys on behalf of a man who was arrested on prostitution charges has prevented the Mayor from reading the names. This man's lawyers are contending that the reading of the names violates the presumption of innocence and gives the mayor unconstitutional power to punish defendants outside of court.

This is nonsense; the mayor is trying to decrease the number of prostitutes who march along Union Avenue and perform sexual acts in full view of decent citizens and in church parking lots. If there are no customers, eventually the prostitutes will disappear from the streets of Northeast Portland.

The mayor's plan will probably have a greater impact on eradicating prostitution. The present methods of dealing with the prostitution problem are totally ineffective. Seldom do prostitutes and their customers go to trial; in most cases they plea-bargain for lighter sentences, resulting usually with both the prostitutes and the johns receiving only light fines.

The filing of the injunction by the unidentified man is an example of the effectiveness of reading the names of those arrested for soliciting

the service of a prostitute. In an effort to hide his identity from his family and friends, the man hired two attorneys to stop the reading of his name. It's safe to assume that this man lives outside of the area in which he was arrested since most of those who seek the service of a prostitute come from other neighborhoods and from Washington state.

One of the reasons why prostitution has been in society so long is due to the fact that the law enforcement emphasis has been on the prostitutes, not the johns. Mayor Clark and the Police Bureau have targeted the johns as well as the prostitutes. They should be assisted by the criminal justice system, not hindered.

Mayor Clark has attended numerous community meetings in Northeast; he has heard the complaints and frustrations of citizens living in the area affected by the problem of prostitution. The rights of the entire community should outweigh the potential of embarrassment of those arrested for soliciting the service of a prostitute.

The rationale behind the mayor's plan is to deter future acts of prostitution, and in the process, reduce the types of crime such as larceny, robbery, assault, drug addiction, and occasionally even murder, that are associated with prostitution.



Black Apologists for Racism

Along the Color Line by Dr. Manning Marable

The greatest strength of institutional racism is its ability to recruit some Blacks to perpetuate the oppression of Black people. Ronald Reagan, and George Wallace before him, could not be half as effective in promoting confusion and disillusionment among the oppressed. When a "Negro spokesman" champions apartheid, the destruction of affirmative action and civil rights, racists are able to claim that their policies are free of prejudice.

Clarence Pendleton has committed some astonishing verbal blunders, but few equal his bizarre performance before a University of Wisconsin audience several weeks ago. The chairman of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission and Reagan's chief Black apologist, Pendleton gave a tirade of polemics against comparable worth, and affirmative action. "People keep confusing my pigment with my politics: I'm a Black, conservative Republican," Pendleton boasted. He claimed that there was absolutely no connection between anti-racist legislation and the necessity to provide housing, jobs and social services to minorities and the poor. "Civil rights policy got us into the hotels, but it makes no commitment to pay for the room, and it shouldn't," he declared. Quotas and preferential hiring policies, which are designed to address historical patterns of inequality, were "demeaning." Pendleton quipped. Blacks, women and others had to "make it on their own." In fact, Pendleton even termed his liberal critics "the new racists," an attack on the former Republican administration of Richard Nixon for

"caving in" to civil rights demands.

Undoubtedly, Pendleton's most odious statement was his ignorant assault on Black Studies programs. "I don't think that a Black Studies program is a viable way to spend academic resources in 1985. I'm not one to spend time with that," Pendleton stated. Tom Shick, a professor at the university's Department of Afro-American Studies, challenged Pendleton's remarks, saying that "equating Black studies with trivia" was an insult. Pendleton's statements merited hisses, laughs and a chorus of boos—yet his pathetic posture on the irrelevance of studies relating to people of African descent reveals the philosophical orientation of his bankrupt politics.

Pendleton is a classic example of a Black functionary who has achieved upward mobility within the system by contemptuously vilifying his own people and their interests. The greater his ambitions to succeed, the more he distances himself from the political and cultural foundations of Black American society. His utility to the far Right is that he readily accepts his junior role as their mouthpiece for reactionary, anti-Black slogans and dogmas. A recent illustration of this occurred recently, when Reagan administration officials held a heated debate over future affirmative action policies in federal contracts. Some of the more "moderate" voices in the administration, led by Labor Secretary Bill Brock, favor no major changes in the original 1965 executive order, which set numerical goals for hiring Blacks, Hispanics and women. The rules affect 15,000 companies

which employ 23 million workers. To Brock's right, a conservative faction called for the President to eliminate all Federal requirements for numerical hiring goals. The leaders of the Jim Crow coalition are Attorney General Ed Meese, Assistant Attorney William Bradford Reynolds, and, of course, their Black epigone, Clarence Pendleton.

Pendleton has other Black colleagues who do their best to promote institutional racism. There is William Keyes, a former White House assistant who currently earns \$390,000 a year as a lobbyist for apartheid. Keyes promotes Black business investments inside South Africa, and is the director of "Black PAC," a GOP political action committee designed to foster Reaganism among Blacks. Jay Parker, another Black Reaganite, is treasurer of Black PAC, and is reportedly paid by the South African bantustan of Venda. Parker led the administration's transition advisory group on the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and was instrumental in setting plans to destroy affirmative action. Parker is also connected with the American African Affairs Association, which received money from the apartheid regime in the 1960s and 1970s.

The struggle against racism requires us to comprehend the central role of Black conservative apologists. The face of institutional inequality, social oppression and apartheid can be both Black and white.

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POSAF ON SOUTH AFRICA

Why demonstrate at Pacific Maritime Association

The Pacific Maritime Association (PMA), an association of foreign and U.S. steamship companies, stevedoring companies and terminal operators, is organized to represent its members in collective bargaining, primarily with the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (ILWU). The Bay Area Free South Africa Movement, during the latter part of 1984, called upon PMA to expel any steamship company carrying cargo from South Africa. Additionally, in November 1984 San Francisco longshoremen refused to unload South African cargo from the Dutch steamship company Nedlloyd Kimberly, which, among other items, was carrying South African steel. Ironically, while the United States accepts steel from South Africa, thousands of U.S. steelworkers stand in unemployment lines.

To date, the PMA has maintained its position is one where "we cannot and will not break our contract with member companies." As it now stands and thanks to the PMA and U.S. laws, the shipment of South African cargo to the United States is alive and thriving.

Regardless of its stubborn attitudes and reasoning, the focus on the PMA will be maintained on the West Coast, and it is important that Portland work in harmony with anti-apartheid protesters in San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles and Seattle. We, along with other West Coast cities, should continue to call for:

1. Expulsion from PMA of Nedlloyd Kimberly and Zim steamship companies that carry South African cargo on the West Coast;

2. The Board of Port Commissioners—Port of Portland and the

Port of Vancouver to pursue options within existing laws and consider policy concerning divestment by focusing on what is called the "market participant role";

3. PMA to seek creative solutions with West Coast anti-apartheid activists to stop the shipment of South African goods along Pacific Coast waterways; and

4. Severing all economic ties with South Africa.

Apartheid must end now! Your participation and support are needed. Call Avel Gordly at 230-9427 for more information.

Leave apartheid sittin' by the dock o' the bay—Demonstration Thursday, Dec. 5 at noon at the Pacific Maritime Association, 1 S.W. Main Place Building.

LEAVE APARTHEID SITTING BY THE DOCK O' THE BAY

DEC. 5 NOON THURSDAY
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Healthwatch

by Steven Bailey N.D.

Lecithin possible help against HTLV-III virus

Last week the *New England Journal of Medicine* (Vol. 313, No. 20), printed a correspondence from P.S. Sarin of the National Cancer Institute in cooperation with Scheer of Yale Medical, Crews of University of Florida School of Medicine and others. The article was on the "Effects of a novel compound (AL 721) on HTLV-III Infectivity in Vitro."

The HTLV-III is, of course, the human thymic lymphocyte virus that is linked with AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) and the "in vitro" means the experiment is conducted outside of a living organism, in this case a culture medium. What the researchers found was that this "novel compound" when introduced to a culture containing the HTLV-III virus and human lymphocytes, there was a marked decrease in viral infectivity. While these studies are in vitro and also quite preliminary there is reason to take interest in the findings.

The "novel compound" AL 721 is so named because it contains seven parts neutral glycerides, two parts phosphatidylcholine and one part

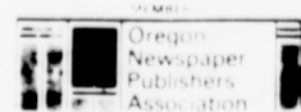
phosphatidylethanolamine. While this may sound like a complicated compound, the seven parts neutral glycerides is a non-active carrying compound for the two parts lecithin and one part phosphatidylethanolamine. Most people have heard of lecithin and many people have taken it as a supplement for years. The other compound is another food which, like lecithin, comprises a large percentage of all human cell membranes. Our bodies have the ability to make both these substances out of other basic components, the lipid metabolism and creation of these "novel" compounds is enhanced with an abundance of methionine (an essential amino acid) and inositol. Lecithin, methionine and inositol comprise a group called the lipotropic factors, which have been an essential part of most Naturopathic dietary programs for decades.

The action of lecithin is varied, as it is the primary adjunct to cholesterol elimination (via the bile) it helps convert fat tissue and fat into usable sugar (beta-oxidation), and as a major

component of the cell membrane it serves as a nutrient for the cells, supplying the materials needed for a healthy cell membrane. It is this last factor that is discussed in the article, and it appears that with adequate nutrition in the culture, there is a more resistant status for the human lymphocytes.

While lecithin alone will not prevent the AIDS virus from infecting the individual, this recent study emphasizes the importance of a healthy body, and immune system in helping prevent the full and lethal infection of the AIDS virus. Other nutrients that have been shown of importance in helping manage advanced AIDS cases are Vitamin C, and Zinc. Herbs such as echinacea spp. which increase white blood cell production and lomaacia which may have usable anti-viral activities are also being recommended as an adjunct to immune support therapies. Hopefully, we will find a lethal nutrient to suppress or kill the AIDS virus, but until we do a little preventative medicine might be our best approach to limiting the spread and severity of the disease.

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