

EDITORIAL/OPINION

Mayor and Chief Deserve Citizens Support

The recent flurry of criticisms directed at Portland Mayor Bud Clark and Police Chief Penny Harrington by some disgruntled members of the Police Bureau and private citizens is unwarranted.

Although Clark and Harrington have made a few mistakes since assuming their respected offices; overall, both have done an adequate job during their brief tenure in office.

The majority of this unwarranted criticism against the two has come from the Police Union and a few upper-level managers within the Bureau.

The Portland Police Union believes that the Union should control the Bureau, and the Bureau should be a secret organization that should not be held accountable to the public in which it serves. On the other hand, Clark and Harrington believe the Police Bureau should be run by the Chief of Police through the Mayor's office and the public should have the right to know what the Police Bureau is doing. This difference in opinion on how

the Bureau should operate has resulted in "dirty politics." Especially by the Portland Police Association.

Since the Clark administration took office, Police Union President Stan Peters has been on a personal crusade to attack both the Mayor and Chief Harrington.

The Chief has been the victim of sexism by some officers in the Bureau, who believe that a woman shouldn't be the head of the Bureau. Information alleging misconduct against persons close to Clark and Harrington's office have been given to the press. Many of these allegations were cleared years ago through the police-owned Internal Investigations Division and the Multnomah County District Attorney Office.

Decent citizens of Portland should rally around Mayor Clark and Chief Harrington and give them support during this difficult period. By supporting them, you will be proving Portland's image as a city which listens to its citizenry.

Letters to the Editor

"Black Moses"

In retrospect, Marcus Moziak Garvey has not failed. Slowly, but surely the clouds of prejudice, jealousy, ignorance and inertia are fading from the racial horizon. The barriers of injustice and the obstacles to change, though steadfast in their adamance and tough to die, are losing ground. The Black man's bitter experiences with rugged Amerikanism plus the untold suffering he has withstood have provided an indelible reminder that Garvey was not a charlatan, a devil, or an "outside agitator" but a friend and a harbinger who came to serve his people. "Black Moses" business enterprises and general organization of U.N.I.A. provided employment for large numbers of people, estimated at one time to be more than one thousand in the United States alone. These business enterprises buoyed the Black man's disavowed self respect and made the masses resolute to the future. "Black Moses" provided an organizational model for Black peoples of the world. Daddy Grace, Father Divine and Amerika's Black Muslims all followed the example set by Garvey. Lest we forget, Lest we forget, Garveyism is now omnipresent in the daily lives of people of African descent everywhere. The form might be different but the substance is the same. It might be camouflaged by new and different names or fragmented into many different organization but it is Garveyism just the same. Brother Garvey projected a dynamic philosophy of racial solidarity and African autonomy in Alk-ebu-lan (Afrika) which disgusted conservative, accommodationist Blacks and amazed imperialists. Frustrated Black masses throughout the Black reservation of

Amerika now find it safe to embrace Garveyism under a new name and dispense it fearlessly to a race stranded in the wilderness of Prophetic Symbolical Babylon "Amerikan Civilization" because of the treachery, hypocrisy and duplicity of a people who have throughout their history, oppressed non-caucasoid people. Garvey exposed the problems of Black people to the world. He defied Blackness and fostered a racial consciousness never before attained. Garvey's clarion cry of "Afrika for Afrikans" at home and abroad, gave more publicity to Afrika and the descendants of Afrikans in the United States than any event since their de jure emancipation, following the war between the States. Garvey sold the Black man to himself with the same zealous enthusiasm as Englishmen, Frenchmen, Italians, Irish and Germans who are concrete examples of pluralism in the United States at work. Garvey's philosophy of a Black culture is a milestone for bringing Black people around the world also greater intimate fellowship and communion with the motherland Afrika.

Garvey gave something to Black people which neither time nor place can eradicate. He brought Black people throughout the diaspora into one family through the propagation of a program which gave birth to an international comity between them. Garvey emphatically demonstrated that the Black masses were eager to respond with confidence and support to creative leadership.

To be sure, Garvey erred, but his errors faded into insignificance before the concrete contributions he made to Black thought and culture. He espoused a Black Philosophy, profound in depth,

startling in its repercussions, inspiring in sentiment and in fact.

In any assessment of Marcus Garvey's program for economic liberation of the Black masses one should be careful when drawing conclusions about the economic aspects separate from the greater, long run implications of Garvey and Garveyism. The economic, social, cultural and political components of Garveyism were so closely related and overlapped so much that it is very difficult to distinguish one from the other and almost impossible to judge them separately. Moreover, an honest attempt should be made to objectively evaluate the man's ideas apart from his personality.

To be sure, all of Garvey's business enterprises were failures in the sense that they did not last more than a year or two. There were many reasons for failure not the least of which was Garvey's harassment by the United States Government, the highly dubious grounds on which he was convicted and his polemic incarceration in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta. Nevertheless, in the face of these specific failure, Garvey illustrated through bold experiments with the Black Star Line and Negro Factories corporation, the potential of the Black race in the fields of commerce and industry.

True leaders like Marcus Moziak Garvey triumphed over almost unbelievable obstacles. Dr. Martin Luther King was a Christian in a sea of infidels, an egalitarian among aristocrats, and a democrat among tyrants. Until the volume of human history shall be sealed and delivered to the Omnipotent Judge, We shall continue to fight for justice.

Dr. Jamil Cherovee

Dear Editor:

I come before you as the voice of (400 plus) Black men confined in the Oregon State Penitentiary, who deal with separation and ostracism from our Brothers and Sisters in the free society and the Black Community. This fact of present reality weighs painfully with the Black population of O.S.P.

The Uhuru SA SA Organization which is the life and breath of the Blacks confined within this Institution, has the obligation of nurturing the minds and souls of each and every Black that enters this Penitentiary. Which is a challenging struggle and yet an obligation, which becomes less obtainable without some support from the outside Black Community. I present to you just as Uhuru SA SA has an obligation to its membership, said obligation belongs to every Black Man, Woman and child for as a people we can never separate ourselves from each other. For our plight is your plight just as our success is your success.

Uhuru SA SA has made an effort to reach beyond the walls of O.S.P. to the Black community in the hopes of reliving it's self with outside Black society without much success. It is understood that Prison and those incarcerated within are rejected under the philosophy, that "prison is the place for criminals" and society is safe without

obligation to law breakers. I ask you are those who are confined beyond change?

Also those you lock away today will return someday, therefore it is your obligation as it is Uhuru SA SA's to see that when the Blacks return to you they are better for their time away. And this can only happen through a unified effort on both not by you as our community ostracizing us from you. The bond of Blackness must be granted new life. We as Black Men are seeking the bond of kinsmanship with you. We believe as Black Men that to survive we need each other as a nation of Black People.

For Uhuru SA SA to nurture the minds and souls of the O.S.P. Black population with true success, we need you. I say to you as Black People, condemn us not for what we did, but hold us accountable for what we do in the future. What has been done can never be changed and should be regarded as past. The future holds a change when given a chance. Uhuru SA SA is for change. "Are You?"

Thank You,
Warren C. Eddins,
Coordinator Uhuru SA SA

Today, Portland Community College stands at the crossroads of education and the signs are clear. The May 20th vote on the new tax base, Measure

26-12, will have an impact on not only the quality of education that we students will receive, but the quantity of education.

Failure of the May 20th vote will cause this school to cut back on many important programs, trim the number of instructors, and reduce the courses that will be available.

Passage will not only mean the continued high quality of education, but will allow for the improvements necessary to keep P.C.C. in the foreground of higher education.

Quality instructors, who are continuing to update their knowledge and skills to meet the changing times, and a Quality Educational System that is continuing to improve in order to provide the necessary support to the educational growth of each student, is a right that all students should expect to receive when they enroll at any college or university. No student should be forced to look elsewhere for this quality when a college or university may be within their own home town.

College is not just the simple continuation of an education, but the preparation of each student to either proceed out into the job world with the proper tools that will enable him or her to actively compete in an open market, allow a student to take courses that will give



"The Southern Regional Primary"

Along the Color Line by Dr. Manning Marable

With the sole exception of Jimmy Carter, no other U.S. president has been elected from the Deep South in the twentieth century. White Southern Democrats have to go all the way back to 1848 to find another successful presidential candidate from their region — Zachary Taylor of Louisiana, a Whig. This historical fact has produced a kind of Southern political paranoia, prompting white politicians to stage a minirevolt of sorts. "Iowa and New Hampshire (will) no longer tell us who the nominee is going to be," recently blustered Bert Lance, Jimmy Carter's old pal and the former chairman of Georgia's Democratic party. "When your dog bites you four or five times," lamented Dick Lodge, Tennessee's Democratic state chairman, "It's time to get a new dog. We've been bitten and it's time for the South to get a new dog."

Their "solution" or "new dog," in Lodge's terms, is the Southern Regional Primary, which is scheduled to be held on the second Tuesday in March. At least ten Southern and border states will probably hold their presidential primary elections on this date. Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Virginia and Kentucky have already committed themselves to March 8, and others will soon follow. The region's most prominent Democratic politician, former Virginia Governor Charles Robb, asserts that the super primary will "require that any candidate appeal to a broader base" than labor or the so-called "special-interest" groups.

The basic strategy behind the Southern Regional Primary is to blackmail the national Democratic party into selecting a "centrist" or "conservative Democrat" as its presidential nominee. As things stand at the moment, however, the South doesn't really have a potential candidate who could win the 1988 Democratic presidential nomination. The two most likely candidates, Gary Hart and Mario Cuomo, aren't Southerners. One distinct possibility is that the Southern white electorate could throw its support behind a marginal candidate who possessed little support outside of the region. Even Lodge admits that the South might "waste its political capital on somebody who does not have national appeal."

From the vantagepoint of progressive and Black

politics, however, the Southern Regional Primary provides a golden opportunity for activists to implement a "divide and conquer" strategy. Unlike in 1984, there is no single prospective presidential candidate — other than Jesse Jackson — which will dominate the left wing of Democratic politics. Last time around, many of the white peace activists and liberals clustered behind George McGovern and Alan Cranston. Neither Cuomo, Hart, nor other would-be candidates like Missouri Congressman Richard Gephardt and Charles Robb have established deep roots with farmers, peace groups, feminists, Hispanics, Native Americans, and/or Blacks. The Rainbow Coalition of Jackson could make gains in all of these areas, if the political vacuum isn't filled by some liberal white candidate.

Jackson's best prospects in 1988 actually exist in the South. In Tennessee, Jackson was the 1984 primary vote winner in the state's four largest cities — Memphis, Nashville, Knoxville, and Chattanooga. Jackson carried Louisville, Kentucky's Democratic caucus with 51 percent of the vote. He won the Louisiana primary election with 42 percent of the vote, and carried popular majorities in Mississippi, South Carolina, Virginia and the District of Columbia. The white Democratic establishment isn't blind to Jackson's potential threat, and its already attempted to undermine it. Two months ago, the Democratic National Committee passed a rule to deny any delegates to candidates who don't receive a minimum of 15 percent of a state's primary vote. This arbitrary threshold for delegates is blatantly anti-democratic and discriminatory, as it eliminates legitimate challenges from minority constituencies or subgroups within the party.

Despite these and other petty maneuvers, the Democratic Party will not retard the continued growth of the Rainbow Coalition. And by adopting the Southern Regional Primary scheme, the probable beneficiary will be its major nemesis, Jesse Jackson.

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Healthwatch

by Steven Bailey N.D.

Zinc is an essential mineral that is emerging in the 80's as an important adjunct to American health. Recently the role of zinc in prostate conditions has become common knowledge, yet many of zinc's other functions are only now reaching the public eye.

Zinc inadequacy has been shown to be associated with growth retardation, birth defects, hair loss, anemia, as well as many other impaired processes. Zinc is also associated with hundreds of enzyme activities, including: protein breakdown, DNA and RNA reproduction, thymidine breakdown, lactate breakdown and alcohol metabolism. Inadequate zinc levels may impair any of the above functions interfering with the digestion, cell reproduction, immune function cerebral activity and a multitude of enzymated pathways.

One of the problems in assessing zinc

levels has been the problems associated with assimilation of the mineral. Just because you consume large amounts of zinc as a supplement, does not insure that you are getting the mineral into the body, especially since zinc is associated with digestion and deficiency may lead to mal-absorption. Fortunately we now have a simple low cost test to determine zinc levels. Since zinc is associated with a major chemical (polysaccharide) that binds foods to the taste buds, the ability to taste a zinc sulfate solution is dependent upon your zinc levels. This solution is readily available to physicians and your response to the solution is an excellent determinant of zinc status.

Recent work has shown strong correlations, between zinc deficiency and anorexia nervosa, impaired mental function, tennis (ringing of the ears)

and immune deficiency. Considering some of the current treatments for these conditions, the assessment of zinc status seems to be a worthwhile adjunct to standard diagnostic protocol.

One of the interesting sides to this discussion is the small level of zinc needed to insure adequate cellular levels. While many people are taking hundreds of milligrams a day, 15 mg a day is adequate, providing you are absorbing it. This can be aided by beginning with a zinc sulfate solution for 3 days, followed by zinc picolinate (a highly absorbable form) and then 15 mg maintenance levels thereafter.* You need the adequate level intercellularly to absorb standard forms of zinc supplementation.

*Contact a trained physician for dosages and protocol.

Letters to the Editor

him or her that personal satisfaction of accomplishment, or enable a student to transfer to a four-year school to attain a bachelor degree.

As students, we should not and cannot allow the quality of education to

deteriorate back to the 1800's where education was only for the rich, not for the common person. We cannot afford to allow voter apathy or student apathy to become the focal point of the election. We must get out and vote. We

must get the people out to vote. Our voices can be the biggest ally for the new tax base.

Fred M. Davis, Jr.
Student
P.C.C.-Cascade Campus

Support P.C.C.

To the Editor:

Our community needs to support Portland Community College by voting YES for the tax base increase May 20th.

Portland Community College has served us for 25 years and has been a continuing example of an efficiently run operation. Even with the requested \$22,000,000 increase, we will pay the

lowest rate per thousand of any community college in the state.

We will continue to have available in our community, classes at the lowest cost per student of any major educational institution in the state.

We cannot afford to let the college's \$66 million investment in buildings decline. We need to support the continued

opportunity for district residents to get job training, basic education and lower division transfer courses at a reasonable cost.

Please join me in supporting stable funding for P.C.C. Vote YES on May 20.

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