



Rev. Jesse Jackson, President and founder of the National Rainbow Coalition, speaks to members of the Portland Chapter of the Oregon Rainbow Coalition steering committee and advisory board. Jackson was in Portland as keynote speaker for 70th Annual meeting of the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon.

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Photo by Richard J. Brown

## Neo-Nazi Set Free After Attack On Black

Pursuant to Police Report Number 86-126606, a case involving a proclaimed neo-Nazi, Lawrence Long, who stated he was going to "kill him a nigger", and who made a subsequent strong effort to carry out this threat, evidenced by his actions against Abe Killings on December 10, 1986, at approximately 1:30 p.m. in downtown Portland on Park Avenue.

The arresting officer, Greg Pluchos, after taking statements substantiating the attack by Long, with a knife, made a discretionary decision charging Long, the perpetrator, with a misdemeanor.

As a result of the 'minor charge' presented by Officer Pluchos, and the failure to use reasonable prudence in making a determination of Long's likelihood to appear for his hearing—Long is still at large.

I am sure that based on the severity of the crime and its possible 'tragic' outcome, that Officer Pluchos' actions were contrary to the expectations of citizens of Portland, that reasonable enforcement of the law be carried out by our police force, also that reasonable enforcement of the law be carried out in a **fair and unbiased** fashion regardless of race.

Obviously, had I walked up to Officer Pluchos and his wife in downtown Portland and stated that I was going to kill him because he was white, and proceeded to take out a knife and make a strong attempt to stab him, I would not have been charged with a misdemeanor, nor released within two hours! Especially, after exhibiting all signs of being a transient with little or no likelihood of appearing in court.

These actions reflect a long history of indifference portrayed by the Portland police towards black citizens. Quite frankly, I have lost all respect for the Portland Police Department. According to feedback from citizens both black and white who have heard of my incident, this sentiment is shared and appears to reflect a ground swell of dissatisfaction with the police.

I expect a full and thorough investigation of Officer Pluchos' motives, as well as some police harassment for writing this letter, but maybe, just maybe, some justice will be served.

Sincerely, Abe Killings

## Share With Seniors

To The Editor:

Now that the Urban League of Portland has received the \$1 million windfall from the Chiles family, I question the league's plans to share this windfall with the senior citizen population of the North and Northeast areas of Portland.

The Urban League is funded to provide services to the senior community designed to promote independent living for seniors, but the league is not adequately providing these needed services.

Urban League Head Herb Cawthorne stated (that the league will continue to provide) "support activities in youth counseling and education, housing rehabilitation and emergency shelter provisions for homeless people." In listing these activities, he omitted further education and hiring of the staff to provide better counseling, recreational and educational activities and assistance to the elderly.

Uppermost in the concerns of the senior community is the provision of an adequate, convenient facility for seniors to meet and interact with each other in planned activities providing education, information and recreational opportunities.

The league may in the future have part of the Fred Meyer building, which could be utilized as an activities center. There is adequate parking and lighting with easy access to bright and cheery surroundings for seniors and senior activities.

Margie Watts Northeast Portland

## Jackson Speaks at PSU

by Jerry Garner

Rev. Jesse Jackson, President and founder of the National Rainbow Coalition, was in Portland last Sunday as the keynote speaker during the 70th annual meeting of the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon.

More than 2000 people packed the Portland State University's gymnasium to hear the 1984 Presidential candidate.

Jackson used the occasion to talk about economic injustice and to criticize the foreign and domestic policies of President Ronald Reagan. Jackson said the economic policies of the Reagan administration have had a disastrous impact on minorities, workers, and farmers. "Economic injustice is immoral and should be made illegal," Jackson said.

Jackson said, since the Reagan administration came to Washington, 600,000 farmers have lost their farms. He said each year 80,000 American farmers are forced to give up their farms. Jackson accused the Reagan administration of biting the hands that feed the nation.

Jackson accused the Reagan administration of creating a climate for racial intolerance that is sweeping across the nation. He criticized Reagan

for not speaking out against the racial violence that has occurred in Howard Beach, New York, and Forsyth County, Georgia. He said Reagan has ignored the presence of Black leaders. "The President hasn't met with the Congressional Black Caucus since he took office," Jackson said.

Jackson said those who have suffered from the policies of the Reagan administration should form a broad-based alliance. By working together, they can make changes. "Do you know we can win the Democratic nomination in 1988. During the primary election, Mondale won with 6.7 million votes, Hart got 6.1 million, and I got 3.5 million votes after spending only three million dollars, about 99¢ per vote. This was the most cost-effective campaign in history." He reminded the audience that he won 37,000 votes in Oregon in 1984 without campaigning in the state due to lack of funds.

Oregon U.S. Senator Mark O. Hatfield was also present. Hatfield received the Ecumenical Ministries 1986 Vollum Ecumenical Humanitarian Award.



Gladys McCoy, Chair of Multnomah County, and her staff take a break during a retreat last Friday. Photo by Richard J. Brown

## McCoy Holds Retreat For Staff

by Jerry Garner

Gladys McCoy, the new Chair of Multnomah County, held a retreat last Friday to prepare her team of personal staff for the big challenges ahead of them. The theme of the retreat, which was held at the downtown branch of the American State Bank, was "New Administration Preparedness". The new charter of the County and its implications for her office were major subjects of discourse during the retreat.

The staff, which includes an impressive blend of cultural diversity, exchanged information on their respective backgrounds and experiences, and discussed their personal commitments to the government of Multnomah County.

Dr. E.C. Ogbuobiri, of Ezak Associates, Ltd., gave a brief overview of aspects of executive management relative to the mission of Multnomah County and the office of the Chair.

As County Chair, McCoy has the authority to appoint, order, direct, and

discharge administrative officers, department heads (with the Board's consent), and employees; and the power to delegate her administrative powers. As Chair, McCoy will administer the County but also will be one of five voting members of the Board.

Some of McCoy's staff members are:

- Hank C. Miggins, McCoy's Executive Assistant. Miggins was formerly Deputy County Auditor.
- Deke Olmsted, Director of County Department of Justice since 1983.
- Robert E. Phillips, County's Affirmative Action Officer.
- Fred R. Neal, Intergovernment Relations Officer.
- Barbara S. Donin, Staff Assistant and Liaison to the Board of Commissioners.
- Grant D. Nelson, Staff Assistant and Annexation Liaison.
- Michael Dolan, Public Information Officer.