



A reception honoring Tim Takaro, M.D., and Susan Cookson was held last Wednesday at the Graystone Gallery. Takaro and Cookson have recently returned from a year of providing medical services in Nicaragua. The pair spoke of their experiences in Nicaragua and gave a slide presentation. Friends of Ben Linder, the Portlander who

was murdered by the Contra earlier this year, are shown pictures of repairs to be made to the hospital in Corinto, Portland's Sister City, by the Ben Linder Construction Brigade. L-R: Takaro, Catherine Thomasson, M.D. at OHSU, and friend, Cookson and Marv Dunn. Ben Linder Construction Brigade. Photo by Richard J. Brown

Carolyn Leonard to Address Multi-Cultural Forum

"Multi-Cultural Education and Activities in a Pluralistic Society" will be the topic of an address to the Salem Multicultural Forum on September 15, 1987. Ms. Leonard is coordinator of the Portland Public Schools Multi-cultural/Multi-ethnic Education Program.

The Salem Multicultural Forum is a group of employees devoted to promoting cross-cultural awareness in state government. "We understand the importance of learning about cultures different from our own," states coordinator George Ejim. George, an employee of the Oregon Department of Transportation, attributes the energy behind the forum to Bob Bothman, the Director of Transportation, for his encouragement and support of the group.

Ms. Leonard is a member of the State Commission on Black Affairs. She was also given a newspaper Merit Award for Outstanding Community Service earlier this year.

Also on the September program is Marta Sartain, the first woman Highway Engineer at ODOT, she will be speaking on "Climbing the Corporate Ladder."

Refreshments and discussion will follow the two speakers. The program will begin at noon and is open to all state employees and other interested guests. The location is in Room 122 Transportation Building, Salem.

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To register, contact PSU Division of Continuing Education, 1633 S.W. Park, Portland, OR 97207. For more course information, contact Natasha Beck, Women's Studies Office at 464-3516.

PCC Schedules Class on Taxation For Small Business

Portland Community College is offering a six-week class, "Taxation for Small Business", starting September 22 at Wilson High School, 1151 S.W. Vermont St.

Instructor Ed Arnold will cover formation, accounting systems, depreciation, ordinary and necessary expenses, net income determination and estimated tax. The class will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays in Room 101. Tuition is \$8.50.

Further information is available from PCC Small Business Services, 244-6111, Ext. 5205.

PCC Cascade Campus Sets "Career Cycles" Series

A series of five "Career Cycles" classes is being offered free of charge this fall at the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College, 705 N. Killingsworth St.

PCC staff instructors will cover job loss or change; the right job for you; employment trends and opportunities; job applications and resumes; and employment interviews. The series will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays, starting September 22, in Room 213 in Jackson Hall.

Further information is available from Cascade Community Education, 244-6111, Ext. 5205.

BORK NOMINATION MUST BE STOPPED

by Rep. John Conyers Jr.

The Reaganite judges on the federal courts aren't even waiting for the seating of Robert Bork on the Supreme Court before scuttling affirmative action programs.

Last week's decision by a divided panel of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia in the D.C. fire department case is a portent of what can be expected in the area of civil rights if Judge Bork is permitted to fill Justice Lewis Powell's seat on the high Court.

Just this past March, the Supreme Court decided 5-4, with Justice Powell casting the decisive vote, that public employers could voluntarily institute affirmative action hiring programs in order to redress a manifest imbalance in traditionally segregated job categories. In the face of that clear mandate, two Reagan appointees to the Circuit Court ruled last week that the D.C. Fire Department's affirmative action plan was unconstitutional.

The dissent by Judge Abner Mikva, a Carter appointee, accused the majority of "distortion of the law" and ignoring the clear intent of the Supreme Court's decision in *Johnson v. Transportation Agency*, the case decided in March.

But what is obvious is that the Reaganite majority on the panel has read the handwriting on the wall and concluded that Bork will soon create a solid conservative majority on the Supreme Court to overrule the *Johnson* decision. It is up to the people to guarantee that Judge Bork never has that opportunity.

For the past 30-plus years, since the Supreme Court's landmark decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, the federal courts have been generally on the side of expanding racial equality. But that parade of progress is now in jeopardy.

During the past decade, the Court has been retreating slowly from the advanced positions on civil rights established under the leadership of the late Chief Justice Earl Warren and the outspokenly liberal Justice William Brennan Jr. Starting with the *Bakke* case, which invalidated the affirmative action admission program at the University of California Medical School at Davis, the high court has equivocated on the issue. However, Justice Powell has refused to endorse the full position of the conservative bloc that programs which are intended to benefit the former victims of discrimination and remedy the social impact of past racism constitute illegal discrimination against the white majority.

Bork is ready and willing to transform the right-wing minority into the majority. He has been an unyielding opponent of every major civil rights advance for the past 40 years, judicial and legislative.

Bork's opposition to black civil rights goes all the way back to the 1948 case of *Shelley vs. Kramer*, one of the Supreme Court's first pro-civil rights decisions, holding judicial enforcement of racially restrictive deed covenants unconstitutional. Under Judge Bork's view of the constitution, expressed in a 1971 law review article denouncing the *Shelley* decision, courts of law would have been required to provide legal protection to patterns of segregated housing throughout the country. His opposition to civil rights is further illustrated by the following:

—He opposed passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act barring discrimination in public accommodations, on the ground that proprietors of restaurants and other public facilities had a right to refuse to associate with persons of color.

—In 1972, he urged Congress to pass legislation drastically curtailing school desegregation remedies that the Supreme Court had said were necessary to cure violations of the 14th Amendment.

—When Congress adopted legislation banning the use of literacy tests which restricted voting rights, Bork thought the Supreme Court should have held it unconstitutional.

Nomination of a man with so little respect for the rights of racial minorities is an insult to millions of American citizens. This country has come too far in the past 20 years to tolerate on the Supreme Court a person with the views of Robert Bork. At a time when we pride ourselves on the advances brought about by the civil rights movement, his confirmation would represent a major step backward into a bygone era when people of color had no rights which a white person was bound to respect.

The next six weeks, during which time the United States Senate will decide whether to confirm the Bork appointment, is a crucial time for all Americans, especially blacks and other minorities. It will decide the future of race relations in this country for many decades ahead. It is crucial that we let our Senators know that they must "say no to Bork."

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