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AFSC Announces Associate Executive Secretary Appointment

The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), Pacific Northwest Region, has announced with great pleasure the appointment of Avel Gordly as Associate Executive Secretary for the Pacific Northwest Region. Gordly, who has been director of AFSC's Portland Southern Africa Program since 1983, will start the new position, based in Portland, on October 1, 1987. Her job responsibilities will include administration of regional committees, Portland program supervision, regional communications and some program work focused on Southern Africa. Gordly will be working very closely with the Regional Executive Secretary, Ann Stever, who is based in the regional office located in Seattle.

Gordly received a BS in Administration of Justice, with emphasis on Corrections, from Portland State University in 1974. From 1974-78 she was a counselor for the Oregon State Corrections Division, Portland Women's Work Release Center, and was then promoted to Acting Manager. She also worked as an Adult Parole and Probation Officer. From 1979-83 she was staff manager for the Urban League of Portland Senior Adult and Youth Service Programs, and was promoted to Director, NE Youth Service Center and Director of Youth Services.

Gordly is very active in the community. She is currently a Producer/Host of "Northeast Spectrum" on Rogers Cablesystems Black Community TV, was formerly on the boards of The Funding Exchange and the McKenzie River Gathering Foundation. She is on the Rainbow Coalition Advisory Committee; Black Leadership Conference Steering Committee; Black Women's Gathering (co-founder in 1983) Steering Committee; is Vice-chair for International Affairs, National Black United Front; Co-chair, Call to Conscience National Steering Committee; Secretary, Portland Urban League; and Member of the Desegregation Monitoring Advisory Committee of the Portland Public Schools. Recently she became a member of the United Way Community Inclusiveness Committee. She has been honored for community service by Delta Sigma Theta and the NAACP.

The American Friends Service Committee is an independent Quaker organization, founded in 1917 to provide conscientious objectors with an



Avel Gordly.

Photo by Richard J. Brown

opportunity to aid civilian victims during World War I. Today, through its international headquarters in Philadelphia, nine regional offices across the United States, and program operations in 30 countries overseas, it carries on programs of service, development, justice and peace. In more than 20 locations around the country, AFSC staff work to build informed public resistance to war, militarism, the nuclear arms race, and for support of peaceful U.S. policies. They seek to build bridges between citizens of the U.S. and citizens in the Soviet Union.

The Portland AFSC Office, as part of the five state Northwest Region of the AFSC, acts as a resource on a broad range of peace and community relations issues. Gordly will supervise several programs focused on special issues:

Peace and Justice: This program with staff in Portland and Seattle works on a local and regional level. One major emphasis is the rights of indigenous people from the Asian-Pacific region who are affected by nuclear and military policies.

Central America: This program seeks to broaden the non-intervention movement by reaching out to other constituencies across racial/ethnic lines, drawing parallels between U.S. policies affecting Central America and social justice issues in the U.S.

Portlanders Organized for Southern African Freedom, a committee of individuals and organizations, educate citizens on the realities of South African aggression toward neighboring states and focuses on apartheid and economic injustice in South Africa.

Education Program: This program believes that all students are entitled to a quality non-racist education and provides advocates for students and parents experiencing problems with school.

The Regional Gay/Lesbian Program based in Seattle and Portland, works for an open and non-violent society in which gay and lesbian people may live without fear, expect justice, and contribute their talents fully.

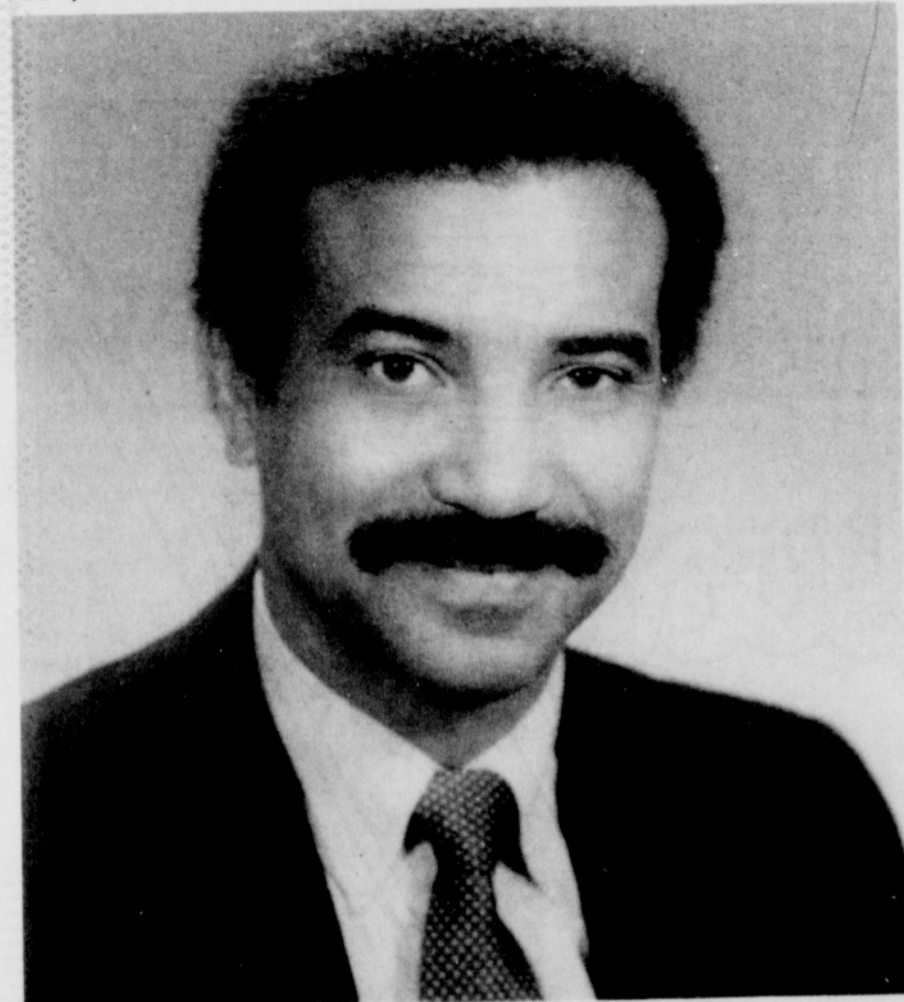
The Portland office is located at 2249 E. Burnside. An open house is scheduled for October.

Mayor Clark Appoints New Board Member to Portland Development Commission

Mayor J.E. Bud Clark announced today that City Council has confirmed his appointment of Carl Talton to the Board of the Portland Development Commission (PDC).

Talton, who is currently Manager of the Portland District for Pacific Power, joined Pacific Power in 1973 and has served as an Energy Consultant, Personnel Supervisor, Community Relations Consultant and Local Government Representative.

Talton will replace Angie L. Davis, who is stepping down after serving as a PDC Commissioner for six years. Talton joins PDC Commissioners Harry L. Demorest (Chairman), Dr. Barbara Karmel, Neil Kelly and C. Doug-



Carl Talton, Portland Development Commission.

las McGregor. The five board members serve for terms of three years and the current PDC Commissioners have each been appointed by Mayor Clark.

The Portland Development Commission is the City's economic development, housing rehabilitation and downtown development agency.

A native of Portland, Talton served in the military between 1963-67. He majored in Social Science and Business at Marylhurst and Lewis & Clark Colleges while working for United Airlines as a customer service representative.

Talton is a member of the Portland Energy Commission and the Oregon Assembly for Black Affairs, a board member of the Northeast Community Development Corporation, and President of Black Oregonians for Business. He has also served on the Board of Directors for the Portland Urban League, the City of Portland Economic Development Advisory Committee and was a Governor's appointee to the Commission on State Management.

The Bork Nomination: A Dangerous Precedent

The confirmation hearings for Judge Robert Bork, nominee for the highest court in the land, has significant historical irony.

As a federal judge for the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C., Judge Bork is one step from the top.

But in seeking a seat on the bench of the United States Supreme Court, the Judge must first convince a Democrat-controlled Senate that his written and expressed legal opinions on Blacks, women, abortion, and minorities are not necessarily flawed; but that the Constitution which guarantees such rights is a matter of interpretation. According to Judge Bork, the Constitution is so broadly written that it allows a jurist to apply the law contrary to the achievements of social activism.

This is a dangerous precedent for a judge to be taking to a Supreme Court that is already tilting to the far right with super-conservatives.

The Judge also claims that when he voted against the civil rights act, Affirmative Action, abortion, and privacy in the home, it was a sign of the times; and his views have since changed.

It is inconceivable that the Reagan administration would scrutinize this nation's legal scholars for an ultra-conservative who is willing to apply the administration's "racist" philosophy and have him change his mind.

Hopefully, the Senate will not buy Reagan's or Bork's "game plan".

Hopefully, also, the Senate will rightfully give Judge Bork the same message he has been giving African Americans and women over the years: You can be number two, but you can't be number one.

The OBSERVER encourages its readers to call Senator Hatfield at 221-3386 and Senator Packwood at 221-3370 and ask them to vote NO!

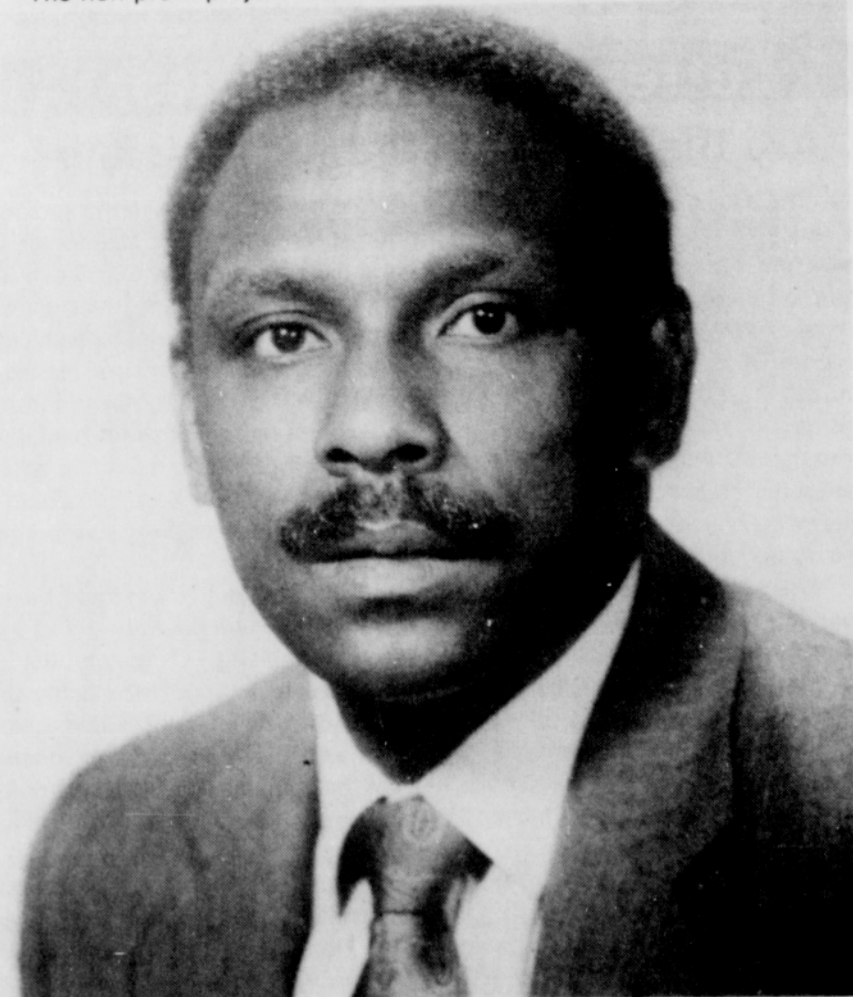
PP&L Appoints New Executive Director

A Pacific Power & Light Company engineer, Horace G. Sanders, has been appointed executive director of The Cascade Business Center Corporation's (CBCC) second business incubator.

Sanders' services have been donated by Pacific Power to the business incubator for one year. At the end of his tenure, he will return to Pacific's advanced engineering department.

The CBCC second incubator is scheduled to open mid-October. The incubator will help eight selected small business owners in Portland succeed by offering low overhead, shared expenses, access to technical equipment and business advice.

The non-profit project is a venture of public and private groups. Key



Horace G. Sanders . . . A Pacific Power and Light Company loaned executive will serve as executive director of The Cascade Business Center Corporation.

players include Tektronix, the Portland Development Commission, the Governor's office, Portland Community College and Pacific Power.

The first phase of the incubator—designed to help fledgling service-related companies—opened at the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College in 1982. The second phase will support manufacturing and light industrial operations and be located at Northeast Skidmore Street and Williams Avenue.

During the next year, Sanders hopes to get the second phase incubator up and running, to identify tenants, establish a consulting/business support system, develop entrepreneur workshops for tenants and business/marketing plans.

Sanders was a self-employed businessman prior to joining Pacific in 1974. He has a bachelor of science degree in engineering from Prairie View University in Prairie View, Texas.