

PROGRESSIVE ALLIANCE SUPPORTS AFFIRMATIVE ACTION DEMANDS ON NIKE CORPORATION

The Oregon Alliance for Progressive Policy today called on the Nike Corporation to meet the requests by Operation PUSH to improve the company's affirmative action record. The statewide coalition represents groups with a combined membership of more than 100,000 Oregonians.

OAPP President Rhys Scholes said, "Nike Corporation, as a major Oregon company with an international image, is an appropriate target. It has a responsibility to exercise leadership in matters of hiring and social policy. Operation PUSH's call for change now provides Nike the opportunity to deliver on that responsibility."

Scholes added, "For too long Nike's record of neglect has been kept private. Their products are made overseas in cheap labor markets, these jobs need to be brought home. Their policies here need to result in African-American and other racial minority representation at all levels within the company, including doing

business with minority companies and banks."

He concluded, "Nike's past contributions to needs within Portland's African-American community demonstrate that the company knows how to do the right thing. It's time for that commitment to be consistent throughout all of the company's business operation."

OAPP is a broad-based coalition with 30 groups representing organized labor, women, senior citizens, racial minorities, low-income, community, gay/lesbian and family farmers. Members include the Oregon Public Employees Union, Oregon NOW, Portland Rainbow Coalition, Oregon AFSCME, New Jewish Agenda, Citizens Utility Board, Oregon Human Rights Coalition, and 23 others.

The coalition has recently worked for strengthened enforcement of the City of Portland's affirmative action record, including increased hiring of racial minorities and women in the city fire and police bureaus.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY SCHEDULES FLU IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

Between October 8 and October 19, Multnomah County Human Services will hold 24 special Flu Immunization Clinics at neighborhood sites throughout the County. Dr. Gary L. Oxman, Multnomah County Health Officer, recommends that the following individuals be immunized against influenza before the flu season starts which is usually December: Senior citizens over age 65; County residents of any age with chronic health problems which require medical follow-up such as heart disease, kidney disease, diabetes, breathing problems, and immunosuppressive conditions including HIV/AIDS infection; Children receiving long term aspirin therapy who may be at high risk patients; individuals who provide care to high risk persons in the home setting; and nursing home staff.

Influenza is a viral infection of the bronchial tubes and lungs that can make an individual ill at any age. Most people are sick with the flu only a few days, but some people-especially the high risk groups-may become seriously ill and even require hospitalization.

"In addition to A/Taiwan/86 and B/Yamagata/16/88, this year's flu vaccine includes protection from one new virus (A/Shanghai/2/89)" explained Peggy Lou Hillman, Multnomah County's Immunization Coordinator. "We do recommend that people check with their doctor before taking the vaccine, but most people have no side effects from this new flu shot, other than some soreness in the arm that received the injection" she said.

The vaccine will begin to provide protective immunity within two weeks after vaccination.

Although this year's vaccine immunizes for three strains of viruses, the flu shot cannot protect people from all the different strains of influenza viruses. Flu shots are formulated to cover the major virus strains that are expected to hit during this year's flu season. Usually the flu season in Oregon runs from November to April with the largest number of cases beginning in December and declining in February.

No appointments are needed at any of the following special Flu Immunization Clinics conducted by Multnomah County's Department of Human Services, Health Division.

Some appointments are available at regular Multnomah County Health Clinics. There is a charge for the flu immunization.

SPECIAL COMMUNITY CLINICS

Monday, October 8, 1990, 1:30pm to 3:30pm Urban League, 10 N. Russell, bus lines #4, 40 and 41.

Tuesday, October 9, 1990, 10:00am to 12:00 noon, Piedmont Presbyterian, 5760 NE Cleveland Avenue, bus lines #72 and 40.

Friday, October 19, 1990, 1:30pm to 3:30pm, Sumner Court, 216 N. Sumner, bus lines #40, 72, and 4.

For more information, call Multnomah County Health Information, 248-3816.

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Sacred Earth Coalition benefit and outreach party

The Sacred Earth Coalition is having a benefit and outreach party on Saturday, October 6th, at the Pine Street Theatre at 221 SE Pine. The evening will start with a traditional salmon bake dinner from 6-7:30 p.m. and will feature world beat music by Sasyfras starting at 9 p.m. Dinner costs \$5 for adults and \$3.50 for seniors and children. Music costs \$7. Come support the Sacred Earth Coalition in their efforts to uphold Native American treaty rights, protect sites of cultural significance, and preserve Wy'East (Mt. Hood). For more information call Pat at 284-4390 or Honore at 249-3964.

OIL HEAT AFFORDABLE AND EFFICIENT

During the present Iraq Crisis crude oil costs have risen, but oil heat in the Northwest remains affordable and in plentiful supply.

Consumers should take care in considering the emotional appeal of fuel switching made by some utilities according to Jeffrey C. Grant of the Oil Heat Institute of Oregon located in Portland, Oregon.

"Don't panic or be bullied into a bad choice. Smart consumers will analyze all of the economic factors and then determine the short term and long term costs affecting them," says Grant.

Currently an oil heated home can expect to pay an added \$18 per month for fuel during this eight-month heating season if this crisis continues.

Oil Heat consumers are cautioned that this temporary increase in cost is not a good dollar and cents reason to change to another fuel. Grant estimates the cost to change will exceed \$3200 for an average home in the Northwest. "Replacing a furnace or boiler and removing the storage system is just not a practical solution to a temporary condition," states Grant.

It is far better to conserve fuel by weatherizing the home and upgrading the current heating system with new high technological improvements.

The Consumer Energy Council of America Research Foundation has stated, "In 98 out of 100 cases, it made economic sense to stick with oil and, if an energy related investment was desired, to invest in conservation."

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