

New Alliance Party Nominates Lenora Fulani For President: New Prime Minister Of Zaire, Congressman Penny, Larry Agran, Dolores Huerta Send Greetings



Dr. Lenora Fulani was nominated by acclamation this weekend as the presidential candidate of the New Alliance Party at its convention in New York City. Elizabeth Munoz, a leader of the California Peace and Freedom party, received NAP's vice presidential nomination. Dr. M.T. Mehdi, president of the American Arab Relations Committee, was among six speakers who nominated Dr. Fulani.

Five hundred people from 35 states gathered at the mid-Manhattan Omni Park Central Hotel for the convention, which on Saturday featured a panel on independent politics that included John Atkinson, a Perot campaign worker from Oklahoma, Dr. John Hagelin, the Presidential candidate of the Natural Law Party, Norma Segal, the Libertarian Party's candidate for the U.S. Senate, from New York, and Roslyn Allen, the Northern state chair of the California Peace and Freedom Party. Dr. Fred Newman, campaign manager for the Fulani campaign, introduced the panelists to the New Alliance Party. "We are proudly left of center. We are equally proud that we are not some dogmatic

party characteristic and typical of the American left. We will work with all people of good spirit, with all people of intelligence and decency, to build something which will make a difference to all the people of this country," he continued. "At the same time the New Alliance Party has a very particular and essential statement to make to the emerging independent movement. We make that statement on behalf of the people for whom we have the deepest love, the disenfranchised, the poor, people of color, gay people, women, workers, people who have been oppressed and abused. Their voice must be and will be heard in any major new political formation in this country or there will be no third party because it will not be representative of the vast majority of the American people. That's the New Alliance Party's message."

"I think it's high time that America got a chance to see what a fringe presidential candidate looks like -- that's me," said Dr. Fulani, noting the presence of C-Span and other news media. "And what a fringe party looks like -- that's us. Because as the rest of America

comes to know us better, millions of Americans will see something they can identify with very strongly -- that's being at the fringe. At the fringe of political power. At the fringe of economic prosperity. In fact, the majority of the American people are at the fringe. That is why I believe that one day soon the New Alliance Party, America's fringe party, will be a majority party in the United States of America."

On Sunday convention participants marched to the New York campaign headquarters of Bill Clinton and George Bush to protest the bipartisan failure to "End Aids Now!" Later that day the Reverend Al Sharpton, a candidate for the U.S. Senate, and Dr. Georges Nzongola-Ntalaja, a leader of the democracy movement in Zaire (soon to be renamed the Congo) delivered keynote addresses. Dr. Nzongola and Ms. Munoz co-chaired a panel on independent politics and the international democracy movement that included representatives from Columbia's Democratic Alliance/M-19, Mexico's Party of Democratic Revolution, and the Ivory Coast's Popular Front.

Among those who sent their greetings to the convention were Etienne Tshisekedi wa Mulumba, the new prime minister of Zaire, who expressed his appreciation for "the outstanding work" that Dr. Fulani, her party and the Rainbow Lobby had done on behalf of the struggle for democracy in Zaire; Congressman Timothy Penny of Minnesota, who thanked Dr. Fulani and the New Alliance Party for supporting the Democracy in Presidential Debates Act (legislation he introduced last year); Larry Agran, the former mayor of Irvine, California who was an insurgent candidate for president in the Democratic primaries; and Dolores Huerta, the acting chair of the National Organization for Women's newly launched 21st Century Party.

The convention reelected Dr. Fulani as the party's chair, and elected a new national committee.

Minority Youth Concerns Action Program Backgrounder

About six years ago, Portland became under siege by a new social disease known as "gangs." But instead of submitting to this destructive behavior, several organizations were formed to respond and meet the challenge of this new phenomenon. Today, the State of Oregon in general and Portland in particular have earned national reputations for their approach to gang prevention and intervention.

Listed among those new groups was the Minority Youth Concerns Ac-

tion Program, Inc. MYCAP's comprehensive program including transitional housing, education, job training and placement, counseling, mentoring and recreation quickly gained MYCAP a reputation for its innovative approach to gang intervention. Today MYCAP is recognized as a national model for its treatment strategy and has hosted guests from Europe, South America and the West Indies seeking to learn from the agency's efforts.

Anniversary Celebration Banquet At Lewis & Clark

BY M. CALLIER-SPEARS

Lewis & Clark College will hold its "Homecoming Celebration" this Saturday, October 10, 1992 at 7 pm. The banquet will be held in the fields Dining Room in the Templeton College Center. However, a reception will take place prior to the banquet at 6 pm in the Tamarack Lounge.

Present at this week's festivities will be Edward J. (Eddie) Perkins, United States Ambassador to the United Nations. Mr. Perkins is a 1954 graduate of Lewis & Clark and an alumnus in good standing.

Mr. Perkins played football at Jefferson High School and has many fond memories of Portland. He makes frequent trips to visit with his mother who is still a Portland resident.

Should you wish to attend this festive occasion, please contact the Public Relations Office at -- 768-7750.

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MYCAP Vision Award Seeks Nominations

The Minority Youth concerns action Program (MYCAP) is seeking nominees for its 1992 Vision Award. The award will honor an individual who has shown vision and leadership in the area of high risk youth program development, advocacy and sponsorship. The Vision Award is MYCAP's highest award and will be given annually. The award recipient will be announced and presented at the MYCAP banquet October 17th at the Oregon Convention Center. For more information, contact MYCAP at 280-1050.

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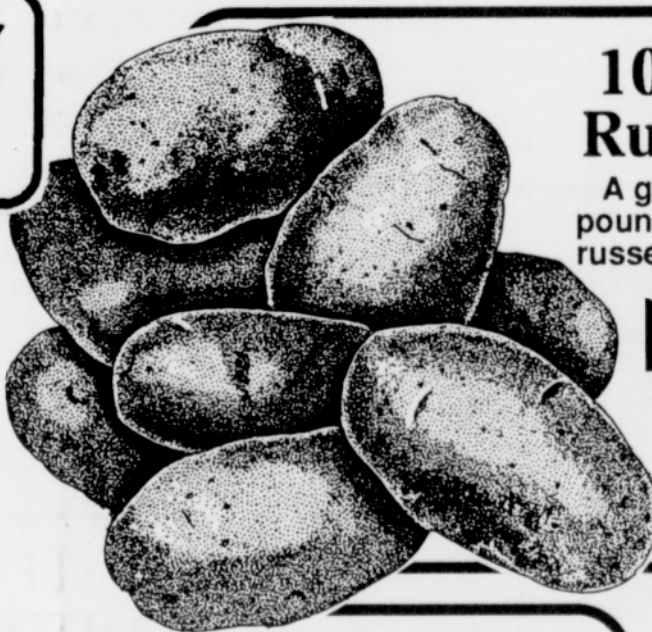
RACE For The CURE
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SUNDAY OCTOBER 11, 1992
8:30 AM - NOON, WATERFRONT PARK, PORTLAND, OREGON
A community event with a mission. The Cure & Control Of Breast Cancer.

This is an opportunity for women of all ages, sizes, shapes and colors to join together and make their voices heard for a cause that is truly personal. The 5K has been designated for women only. This race is being presented to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, which funds breast cancer research and promotes awareness, education and early detection of the disease. The Race 75% of the proceeds stays in the community to be used for local education & Mammography Programs. 25% of the proceeds will help ongoing national breast cancer research grants and the Breast Cancer Hotline 1-800-IM-AWARE.

Registration and packet pickup from Sat. Sept. 26 thru Friday Oct. 9, 1992 noon at NORTHWEST FITNESS, PACE SETTER, ATHLETIC EAST, PHIDIPIDES (Lake Oswego & Salem), GORDON STONES, EUGENE ATHLETIC, RUN PRO (Eugene), SUPER JACK & JILL (Seattle).

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Portlanders Kick Off Clean Water Month By Updating Historic Photo

Local officials and environmentalists today kicked off Clean Water month in October by updating an historic photo of Portlanders whose efforts paved the way for the city's first water treatment plant.

"Clean Water Month is a chance to celebrate and renew one of our community's best traditions: working together to make our waterways cleaner and safer for the next generation," said City Commissioner Earl Blumenauer, who oversees the Bureau of Environmental Services.

Blumenauer spoke at City All to a group of Portlanders who reenacted a 1938 picture of Mayor Joseph Carson, Jr. and a brass band campaigning at the same spot for a state water pollution control initiative. Joining Blumenauer were the Cleveland High School Symphonic Band, and local environmental leaders.

Following the reenactment, the City Council declared October Clean Water Month as part of a regional celebration of the 20th anniversary of the federal Clean Water Act. Thirty-five groups in Portland and Vancouver will sponsor public events in the next four weeks.

"Clean Water month will involve

numerous local, state and federal agencies and hundreds of volunteers from local friends and neighborhood groups," said Mike Houck, Director of the Urban Streams Council, a program of The Wetlands Conservancy. "For example, more than 20 groups will take part in the upcoming Adopt-A-Stream conference. It will encourage citizens throughout the region to take ownership of their waterways and develop the skills necessary to protect and restore our streams, rivers, and wetlands."

"Public involvement is the key," said Blumenauer. "Fifty years ago, at rallies like the one with Mayor Carson, Portlanders demanded an end to the use of the Willamette's an open sewer. A few years later Portland had its first water treatment plant and raw sewage discharges into the river declined dramatically."

"Twenty-five years ago, many of us joined Tome McCall in his campaign to stop industrial pollution of the Willamette, especially by pulp and paper mills," said Blumenauer. "after public pressure, followed by new state laws and a secondary treatment plant, the river became the jewel of Portland."

"Now it's our generation's turn,"

said Blumenauer. "Our biggest challenge is to stop the overflows from our combined sewer system. Solving this problem not only requires public support for clean rivers, but also understanding the problem and the potential solutions. By working together, just as we did in Joe Carson's and Tom McCall's day, we can pass on a better rivers and streams to our children and grandchildren."

A number of public workshops, conferences, and tours will take place during Clean Water Month. Major events include:

Adopt-a-Stream Conference, an all-day event to help citizens learn how to protect their waterways, Saturday, October 17;

Cool River Rap: A Most Excellent Clean River Adventure, a special day of fun for kinds, Saturday, October 17; and,

Sunday in Your Watershed, an action workshop at 15 sites, Sunday October 18.

For a complete list of regional activities and sponsors, call Betty McArdle or Diana Hinton at the City of Portland's Environmental Services, 796-7236.

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