

David Frost Interviews South African Political Leaders

President F.W. de Klerk, Nelson Mandela and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi are featured guests on April OPB program. The three political leaders who will shape the end of apartheid in South Africa will be David Frost's guests in the next program of his monthly series, Talking With David Frost.

Taped last month in a week-long series of back-to-back recordings, the hour of edited interviews will be broadcast on Thursday, April 15 at 10:00pm on Oregon Public Television. This program will also air on OPB Radio's Noon Report, Wednesday, March 31 at 12 noon.

In the program, Frost conducts full-length interviews with the rarely interviewed President F.W. de Klerk of the ruling National Party; Nelson Mandela, leader of the African National Congress (ANC); and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi of the conservative, Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party. The three are participating in difficult negotiations to devise a power-sharing plan for South Africa that would grant effective political control to the country's 30 million blacks, while preserving a voice in the government for the white minority.

"It was a very exciting opportunity to be able to talk to the leaders of South Africa—both present and future—at such a critical turning point in the country's history," said Frost. "As

viewers will see, these are men of extraordinary stature."

Frederik Willem de Klerk
 Fredrik Willem de Klerk was elected State president of the Republic of South Africa on September 14, 1989, replacing P.W. Botha. Before assuming the presidency, de Klerk held a number of Cabinet posts since 1978. The politically moderate de Klerk is widely considered to be responsible for the South African government's decision to open dialogue with the once-outlawed African National Congress and the decision to free Nelson Mandela in 1990.

Nelson Mandela
 As a child, Nelson Mandela was groomed to become chief of the Thembu, the largest single tribe in the Transkei region. Now leader of the African National Congress, he began his legendary political career in 1944 as one of the founders of the ANC Youth League.

His first act of defiance against apartheid was in 1952, when he and 51 others broke curfew regulations. In the same year, Mandela and Oliver Tambo opened the first black law practice in the country. Mandela was seen as responsible for the ANC's more radical and confrontational tactics and was frequently jailed through the 1950s and early 1960s. He successfully defended himself and 156 other political activists on charges of treason in a

four-and-a-half year trial ending 1961. However, in 1964, Mandela was sentenced to life imprisonment. After an international "Release Mandela Campaign" and 28 years in prison, he was released in 1990. Mandela is widely expected to assume the presidency when whiter rule ends.

Mangosuthu Buthelezi
 Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, a descendant of Zulu royalty and a hereditary chief, was raised in a traditional household and spent his early years a herdsman. He is the leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party, supported by South Africa's eight million Zulus—the nation's largest ethnic group. Often referred to as one of South Africa's most controversial figures, Buthelezi is a center of every major political dispute. Independently minded and politically conservative, he is often at odds with Mandela's ANC and the National Party. He has published two books: "Power Is Ours" and "South Africa: My Vision of the Future."

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Friends Of History Book Sale

Thursday, April 8, from 11am to 6pm in the "mall" between Smith Center and Neuberger Hall on the Portland State University campus, the PSU Friends of History will present a book sale to benefit scholarships to PSU history students and to support guest lecturers in the field of History.

"The April book sale is our organization's first attempt to raise

funds from sources outside our membership," says Ann Clarke, president of Friends of History. "We hope not only to raise some money but to serve the public by selling history books at affordable (read bargain) prices."

Books will be donated by PSU faculty, students, Friends of History members, and Portland booksellers. Most paperback books will sell for \$1.

The Friends of History was established in 1984 to benefit PSU's history department and the urban community. Members believe that the study of history is essential both inside and outside the halls of academe and that objectivity and a historical perspective are tools which serve people in public service, business and other professions.

Campaign Launched To Promote Earned Income Credit

Children First for Oregon today launched an intensive campaign to increase public awareness of the federal Earned Income Credit (EIC). The campaign will include television Public Service Announcements, Portland neighborhood tax preparation days and targeted outreach to eligible families.

Leticia Maldonado, Vice-President of Children First, stated, "The Earned Income Credit is good news for working families. At a time of rising child poverty and unemployment, the EIC rewards work while it supports families-families that face a daily struggle to put food on the table, pay the rent and keep warm."

The Earned Income credit is a refundable tax credit from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for working families with a least one child living at home and with earnings of less than \$22,370 in 1992. The maximum credit is \$2,211.

Children First for Oregon and Urban League of Portland are jointly sponsoring "tax preparation days on the next two Saturdays, March 27 and April 4, in six Portland neighborhoods. Families will be able to have their state and federal tax returns completed by professional tax preparers or trained volunteers. The events have been promoted through fliers sent home last week with 20,000 Portland elementary school children.

The tax preparation days will be held on March 27, 10:30am to 1:30pm, at University Park Community Center (9009 North Foss), Mt. Scott Commu-

nity Center (5530 S.E. 72nd) and St. Andrews Community Center (4940 N.E. 8th). Also on April 3, 10:30am to 1:30pm, at Woodlawn School (7200 N.E. 11th), Sunnyside Methodist Church (3520 S.E. Yamhill), and Urban League of Portland (10 North Russell).

Maldonado added, "The campaign has secured the participation of all five Portland commercial television stations to air EIC information kits have been mailed state wide to community groups and agencies serving low-income people and all ethnic groups. EIC fliers are available in more than ten languages."

At a morning news conference held at the Urban League, Portland City Commissioner Gretchen Kafoury read a Proclamation from Mayor Vera Katz naming "March 22 to April 15 as Earned Income Credit Awareness Month in the City of Portland and encouraging all eligible families to apply for the Earned Income Credit from the federal government so as to provide economic stability and inspire economic growth."

Additional partners in the Oregon EIC campaign are Jackson Hewitt Tax Service, the Black United Fund of Oregon, United Way of the Columbia-Willamette, U.S. Bank, U.S. West and First Interstate Bank.

Most families that earned between \$6,000 and \$14,000 in 1992 will qualify for a basic credit of up to \$1,324. Three extra benefits are available to qualifying families:

- * Families with more than one child may receive an additional \$60.
- * Families with a child born in 1992 can receive an extra benefit of up to \$376.
- * Families that pay at least part of the premium for a health insurance policy which includes coverage for a child may receive an extra credit of up to \$451.

Maldonado stated that child poverty is on the rise in Oregon. The 1980s saw a 27% increase in the number of families living in poverty—surging to 15.2% of all children in 1990, and 19.1% of children under the age of six. At the same time there has been a dramatic growth in the number of families headed by a single woman—now nearly on one five Oregon families. By necessity, these families rely on a single wage, child support and/or welfare assistance. For a family living on one minimum-wage salary, the EIC can increase annual earnings by more than 20%.

Children First for Oregon is a state wide child advocacy organization which aims to establish children as Oregon's first priority. Through public education, advocacy and community organizing, it works to effect positive changes in the lives of Oregon's children and families.

For more information on the Oregon Earned Income Credit campaign, contact Children First for Oregon at 800-544-0376, or by writing Children First/EIC, P.O. Box 23519, Portland Or. 97281.

Neighborhood Discussion To Focus On Proposed Closure Of Vocational Village

Vocational Village High School parents, students, staff and neighbors will attend a "Save Vocational Village" strategy meeting Thursday, April 1 at 7pm in the school's gymnasium, 8020 NE Tillamook.

Vocational Village, Oregon's oldest and largest alternative high school, may be eliminated because of proposed cuts to contend with revenue shortfalls.

Celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, Vocational Village is a na-

tional model for helping students whose needs have not been met in more traditional high schools. Combining academics, job training and counseling in innovative ways, Vocational Village has helped more than 10,000 Portland students become successful adults.

For more information, please call Paul Erickson, principal, Vocational Village, 280-5747 or Lynda Darling, teacher, Vocational Village, 280-5747.

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For more information call: 230-9427

AFSC has assisted development projects in Somalia since August 1982, and in recent years has also engaged in relief work.

AFSC Somalia Program Director To Visit Portland

The American Friends Service Committee hopes to expand its relief and community development projects in the midst of war and famine in Somalia by raising funds, the Quaker organization's Pacific Northwest Acting Executive Secretary, Martin Gonzalez, said today.

On Monday, April 5, 7:30 p.m., at the Friends Meeting House, 4312 SE Stark, Mohamed Abdirahman, AFSC Somalia director will report on the service Committee's relief and development work in Somalia. Mohamed Abdirahman has been with the Quaker organization more than 10 years. He and his staff of eight are all Somalis. The AFSC has assisted development projects in Somalia since August, 1982, and in recent years has also engaged in relief work. In a report just received at the AFSC's Philadelphia headquarters, Abdirahman told of several ongoing projects including help to girls' and boys' orphanages in the town of Afgoi, a half-hour drive from the capital, Mogadishu. Future activities in Afgoi will include income-generating programs at the orphanages.