

Crime Watch

26 People Arrested In Downtown Disturbance

At least 26 people were arrested following a brief disturbance in Downtown Portland Sunday evening, July 18, 1993.

The events leading up to the arrest started Friday, July 16, 1993, when the Portland Police Bureau learned, that a group of people had arrived in Portland to attend an "Anarchists" conference. Investigators determined that the group had planned on committing a variety of criminal acts, to include assaults, vandalism and burglaries.

On Friday, a group of subjects were removed from a vacant house in the 4900 block of N. Williams Avenue, after they broke into the home, apparently in an attempt to seek shelter. Following their eviction, a splinter group formed and went to downtown Portland, where they accosted citizens. Central Precinct Uniform Officers responded to the scenes of

these incidents and were able to avert further such acts.

On Saturday, July 17, a group of about 20 "Anarchists," went to Washington Park Amphitheater, where the Portland Foursquare Church was sponsoring a Christian Rock Concert.

Some of the "Anarchists" began to yell and cause a disturbance, which alarmed those attending the concert. Officers quickly responded and removed several of the "Anarchists." Following their exclusions, there were no further reported disturbances.

On Sunday, July 18, the "Anarchists" met at the X-Ray Club, 214 W. Burnside Street, to hold an "Action Party Plan." The purpose of this meeting was to formulate some scheme, where some type of disturbance would be planned. At about 2:00 pm, the "Anarchists," began gathering at the X-Ray Club, where several heavy metal rock bands were performing. At

3:30 pm, Officers received reports that a group of about 50 people, had started intermittently, blocking the sidewalk and streets.

At about 6:30 pm, a smaller contingent of about 30 people, left the X-Ray Club, and went to Pioneer Courthouse Square. Officers responded to the square after receiving reports that the group had accosted other citizens, yelled obscenities at passersby, and continued to jump into the path of motorists, driving through downtown Portland, causing them to suddenly brake and swerve to avoid collision with the group. After roaming the streets of downtown Portland, the group returned to the X-Ray Club, where they joined with a larger group.

The crowd, which now outnumbered the ten officers who had been following them, began to armed themselves with bricks and rocks. Supervi-

sory personnel at the scene, called for additional reinforcements, to assist in handling the potentially violent crowd, which now numbered 100-150 people.

Police supervisors contacted the operator of the X-Ray Club, asking for his assistance in dispersing the crowd.

The crowd refused the club operator's plea to disperse. Police officials, with about 50 officers standing by, repeatedly made attempts to negotiate a peaceful resolution, by allowing the crowd to disperse in predetermined routes, which were refused by the "Anarchists" crowd.

At approximately, 8:30 pm, the crowd, which was apparently intent on committing further criminal acts, without warning, began to move southbound on SW 2nd Avenue from Burnside Street, eastbound on SW Ankeny Street, and then southbound on SW 1st Avenue. Upon reaching the 400 block of SW 1st

Avenue, the group, began to throw bricks and rocks through the windows of nearby businesses and vandalized parked cars. It was at this point that Uniform Officers moved in and started making arrests. Neighboring precincts sent additional personnel, increasing the number of officers to handle the disturbance, to about 100. The riotous crowd began to run, followed by officers, who continued to make arrests of those persons, who engaged in unlawful behavior.

At about 10:00 pm, the crowd had thinned out and the number of reported violent acts, also declined. Those persons arrested, were charged with a sundry of charges, to include, failure to obey a police officer, rioting, disorderly conduct and vandalism. There were no reports of anyone being seriously injured during this disturbance, which was confined to about a ten block area of downtown.

DVRU Begins Operation

The Family Services Division (FSD) of the Portland Police Bureau, has started the operation of its Domestic Violence Reduction Unit (DVRU). The DVRU is currently staffed with six police officers, who will conduct follow up investigations, on those incidents where suspects have been arrested for domestic related assaults. The purpose of the follow up is, to collect sufficient evidence to support prosecution on cases involving domestic violence.

The goal during the first year, will be to: 1) Develop the investigative techniques necessary to sustain convictions; 2) Strengthen police partnerships with other components of the domestic violence intervention system; and to 3) Develop a community component to act as advocates against domestic violence and to assist survivors of domestic violence.

"It's our intent, to send a clear message to those persons who assault their partners, that their crimes are not acceptable. Abusers will learn that they can not escape prosecution, merely because the victim is reluctant, for whatever reason, to follow through with prosecution," said Captain Bob Brooks, of the FSD.

This is a pilot project which will concentrate on the most serious cases of abuse involving chronic occurrences, weapons and violence when children are present.

"Eventually we hope to reduce the unacceptable high level of domestic related violence, and take steps to put the family unit back together" said Chief Charles Mosee.

Protesters March Against Gay Compromise

About 500 protesters marched Monday in West Hollywood, Calif., to demonstrate against President Clinton's compromise policy on homosexuals in the military.

While his wife visited the Los Angeles area, Clinton announced he will order the military to allow gays to serve in the armed services provided they do not engage in homosexual conduct.

Protesters marched from West Hollywood to a Beverly Hills hotel where First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton had been scheduled to attend a fund-raiser.

Many of the West Hollywood protesters said Clinton had asked for their support during the 1992 presidential campaign based on promises that he would end the ban on homosexuals in the military.

The protesters were angered by the compromise and called for the president to end the homosexual ban in the armed forces.

Clinton garnered wide support among many Hollywood celebrities because of his civil rights stand.

No arrests were reported by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, which issued a crowd estimate of at least 500 marchers.

Clinton Picks New FBI Director

President Clinton said Tuesday he will nominate U. S. District Judge Louis Freeh of New York, a 43-year-old former FBI agent and federal prosecutor, a director of the FBI.

If confirmed by the Senate, Freeh would replace William Sessions, who Clinton fired Monday.

In introducing Freeh at a Rose Garden ceremony, Clinton described Freeh, "a law enforcement legend"

"Judge Louis Freeh knows the FBI," the president said. "He has investigated and prosecuted some of the most complex crimes of our time."

"He will be both good and tough. Good for the FBI, and tough on criminals."

Speaking briefly, Freeh said, "If confirmed by the Senate I pledge a total commitment to the FBI, whose only beacon is the rule of law."

"Our country must be made safe again, the cities, towns, villages and countryside," the nominee said. "The issue is stark - do we allow criminals to destroy our freedom and Constitution or take steps to protect our basic civil rights."

New Director Of International Relations

Mayor Vera Katz is pleased to announce her appointment of Andrew Haruyama to the position of Director, Office of International Relations for the City of Portland.

Haruyama is currently employed at II Morrow Inc., a subsidiary of United Parcel Service located in Salem. Haruyama supervises administration of \$15 million in outside manufacturing and service contracts. He joined II Morrow Inc. in 1989 and has served as an international buyer and an international purchasing and manufacturing subcontracts manager. Prior to this he worked for Synektron Corporation in Tigard, and five years for Sony Corporation of America in Park Ridge, New Jersey.

As the city's Director of International Relations, Haruyama will manage projects in the area of international relations and international business. Haruyama will report to the Mayor and will integrate

activities of his office with the Portland Development Commission's Economic Development department, which will provide day-to-day management support.

With the appointment of Haruyama, Mayor Katz called for a change of direction for the international Relations Office to result in a greater focus on increasing international business opportunities for Portland companies, in promoting Portland more actively internationally, and in building a stronger partnership with the business community.

"In the recruitment process, we actively sought an individual with private sector hands-on experience. Mr. Haruyama brings to the office extensive international business experience which will prove to be very valuable as we work to build stronger international ties," said Mayor Katz.

The Mayor's Business Roundtable is currently developing a new Economic Development Policy and strategies for implementation. Haruyama will be an active participant in the process, working with the World Trade Center, The World Affairs Council, the Portland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and private business leaders to develop an expanded international strategy for the city.

The office will also continue to support the city's Sister City program and will work to capitalize on the business development opportunities of this program. A search is underway for an Assistant Director with an announcement expected soon.

Haruyama is bilingual having lived and been educated in Japan for 11 years. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in East Asian Studies from Princeton University. Haruyama, his wife and children reside in Portland.

White Supremacists Target Rodney King To Start War

The FBI said six reputed white supremacist "skinheads" were arrested Thursday to prevent them from blowing up a rabbi, attacking a prominent black church with machine guns and assassinating Rodney King.

Three men, a woman and two juveniles were arrested in the Los Angeles area in the midst of an undercover investigation of white supremacist groups.

"It became necessary to end the covert stage of this investigation and make the arrests today to avoid harm to innocent individuals who were targeted by these dangerous and volatile domestic terrorists," Charlie Parsons, special agent in charge of the FBI in Los Angeles, told a packed news conference.

On display were an arsenal of weapons, Nazi flags and uniforms and pictures of Adolf Hitler confiscated during the arrests.

Prostitution Arrests

On Tuesday, July 23, 1993 at approximately 8:10pm, members from the Drugs and Vice Division served a search warrant at 1034 NE Oneonta and arrested the occupants, Roy Edward Bell DOB 3-9-55 and his girlfriend Kimberly Wahlberg DOB 11-17-70, on charges of promoting prostitution in connection with running a business for exotic dancers, which was actually a front for prostitution activity.

The investigation began in February 1993, which is when the suspects established their business, under the guise of personal erotic dancers for personal pleasure. The suspects advertised in "The Oregon T & A Times," which is a local publication. Interested customers would call one of two numbers which went directly to a remote voice mail location. After the interested client called the voice mail, and left a message, the suspects' pager would then be activated, the suspects would then call, retrieve the message, arrange for a "dancer" to meet with the client, at which time the client and "dancer" would agree to an act of prostitution.

Prior to the arrests, investigators called one of the numbers and arranged to meet with a 23 year old woman. Upon meeting the undercover officer and agreeing to an act of prostitution, the 23 year old woman was arrested and charged with prostitution.

Detectives then served the search warrant at 1034 NE Oneonta, at which time Bell and Wahlberg was arrested. Investigators seized extensive business records related to the affairs of the business and plan on contacting former clients in an effort to gain additional evidence which may assist the investigation.

Officer Involved In Shooting

Monday evening, July 19, 1993 at approximately 11:34pm, Gerald Frank Gratton Jr. DOB 5-7-66, who was armed with a .45 caliber semi automatic pistol, was wounded by two North Precinct Uniform Officers, who were attempting to remove him from a Tri-Met Bus, after the officers were flagged down by the driver.

Reportedly, at approximately 11:15pm, a woman Tri-Met driver, picked up Gratton and his friend, Devon D. Simms DOB 5-15-69, near the area of N. Fessenden and Smith Ave. The two men were carrying beer and had one can opened. The bus driver told the men that they would have to leave the opened can of beer behind, before boarding the bus. The men complied and boarded the bus with the other unopened cans of beer.

Shooting Investigation

This morning at approximately 9am, North Precinct Uniform officers were summoned to 6235 NE 10th Avenue, regarding a person who had entered the home, assaulted the victim, fired a shot and fled the scene. As officers arrived in the area they were provided updated information, that the suspect had stolen a vehicle, and was driving away. Officers spotted the vehicle near NE 8th Avenue and Dekum Street, at which time the suspect fled from the vehicle on foot and was later apprehended in a nearby backyard.

Reportedly, at about 9am the suspect, who was armed with a loaded four inch .38 caliber revolver, entered the home through an unlocked back door, walked into the basement bed-

Katz Begins New "Crime Stoppers"

"We know from experience that an effective way to apprehend criminal suspects is to publicize their photographs and descriptions. Here in the city of Portland we have the Oregonian newspaper and the local television programs which regularly publicize sketches and descriptions of suspects. I commend them for their public service efforts.

"Today as the host of this weekly cable program we call the Mayor's Forum, I would like to announce a new regular segment called "Crime Stoppers". This will include descriptions and photographs of some of Portland's most wanted suspects and criminals. Officer Henry Groepper,

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Anti-Gang Curriculum Passes Senate

State Rep. Avel Gordly said a bill encouraging all public schools districts to teach an anti-gang, anti-violence, anti-drug curriculum has passed the Senate and is on the way to Governor Barbara Roberts for her signature.

House Bill 3160 is the first of a series of anti-gang bills to pass both houses of the Legislature. The package of anti-gang bills was developed by a bi-partisan group for House members including Rep. Gordly, Rep. Dave McTeague, Rep. Mary Ford and Rep. Margaret

Carter. Gordly's bill calls on the Oregon Department of Education to develop a curriculum encouraging alternatives to gangs, conflict resolution techniques and anti-drug information. All Oregon school districts will have the opportunity to use the curriculum, Gordly said.

"While I am pleased this anti-gang, anti-violence and anti-drug curriculum bill has passed, I am concerned that other important bills that help Oregon address the growing gang problem are still caught

up in committees," said Gordly. Violent behavior by young people in all of Oregon is growing rapidly, according to information from the Law Enforcement Data Systems, Gordly said.

"This is not a Black problem, a Hispanic problem, a skinhead problem, a poor problem or a Portland problem," Gordly said. "This is an Oregon problem."

"I hope every school district—even the ones who don't think they have a problem with gangs—will adopt this curriculum as a preventative

MANILA COMMUNISTS SPLIT FROM DUTCH-BASED LEADERSHIP

The largest branch of the Philippine Communist Party announced Thursday it had

broken with the group's Dutch-based leadership and endorsed negotiations to end the 24-year-old insurgency. The move by the party's Manila chapter could have a profound effect on the rebel movement and on prospects for ending its Marxist insurgency.