

Signing Of Interim Peace Treaty

Dr. Rodney Page, Executive Director of Ecumenical Ministries Of Oregon and Co-founder with Rabbi Joshua Stampfer of the Oregon Interreligious Committee for Peace in the Middle East has worked here and abroad to bring about mutual recognition and respect of Muslims, Jews and Christians. We have stood together for three basic principles: (1) safe and secure borders for Israel, (2) the need for an independent Palestinian state and (3) an international peace conference.

"These three things that we have worked for, prayed for and hoped for are now coming to pass. Our work, however, has just begun. The

Committee's role in generating support for peace is even more important now-against forces which would destroy these fragile first steps out of fear or extremist ideologies. Moreover, we now need to devote more attention to U.S. policy in relation to broader regional issues such as arms control, economic development and cooperation, human rights and political participation, which will effect the future prospect of peace."

The Oregon Interreligious Committee for Peace in the Middle East was begun five years ago. During that time it has:

(1) Sponsored two groups of Witnesses for Peace comprised of

Jews, Muslims and Christians that visited the West Bank, Iraq and Israel.

(2) Sponsored many community and statewide forums and seminars on the Middle East.

(3) Brought national and international personalities to Oregon to speak on problems, issues and concerns of the Middle East.

(4) Started chapters of OICPM in Salem and Eugene

Dr. Page has just been elected to the Board of Directors of the U.S. Interreligious Committee for Peace in the Middle East. Dr. Page and Mr. Gary Gamer, Director of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's refugee and

resettlement program, SOAR, will leave on November 28 for a trip to the Middle East. They will join Jewish, Muslim and Christian religious leaders from across the nation and will visit Israel, the West Bank, Gaza, Egypt, Jordan and Syria for first hand reactions to the peace agreements and views on U.S. Policy in the coming period.

Mr. Gamer said that, "Churches, synagogues and mosques around the country have been praying and advocating for peace in the Middle East for many years. The groundswell of support and hope in the U.S. for the new agreement is, in part, a reflection of this important activity."

ODOT Paints The Town Clean

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) workers, will take to the streets with paint brushes drawn and airless sprayer fully loaded. On Saturday, Sept. 25, the right-hand lane of eastbound I-84 will be closed

from NE 68th to NE 82nd to allow state employees to repaint hard-to-reach structures that have been hard hit. The lane will be closed from 7:30 to 11 am. ODOT's efforts are being sponsored by S.O.L.V.

AHBAI Elects New Officers

Frank Davie, president of W.O.C. Products, Inc., has been elected the new chairman of the American Health and Beauty Aids Institute (AHBAI) and will replace outgoing chairman Nathaniel Bronner, Jr., vice president of manufacturing for Bronner Brothers.

The steering force behind W.O.C. Products, an important African-American owned institution, Frank Davie will be instrumental in leading and directing the growth of this nationally recognized organization during the next two years. "We are very excited about the future of our association and have great confidence in Frank Davie's leadership abilities," said Geri Duncan Jones, AHBAI executive director. "We know he will guide us towards future growth and



Frank Davie

prosperity." Davie is the eighth industry executive to serve as the chairman of the association since its founding in 1981.

Kaiser Responds

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Information Set (HEDIS). Kaiser Permanente is one of approximately a dozen health plans that will participate in a one-year pilot, scheduled to begin this month.

"Kaiser Permanente supports a reformed health care system that assures quality and creates incentives to improve quality as well as hold the lid on rising costs," says David Tilford, MD, a pediatrician who specializes in treating cancer.

Dr. Tilford also serves as assistant regional medical director for Kaiser Permanente's Northwest Region. "Physicians practicing in Kaiser Permanente are motivated to do only what is in the patient's best interest--which is to provide appropriate, effective care. And our organized system permits us to do this in a manner that also controls costs."

In the days and weeks ahead, Kaiser Permanente will further study the President's proposal and use its five decades of experience to help shape the future of health care in this nation.

Century 21 PacWest Realty Hosts Grand Re-Opening

Century 21 PacWest Realty is hosting a grand reopening of their office at 1350 SE 122nd Ave. The newly remodeled and expanded office will be open Thursday, September 23 from 4 to 8pm for an open house with catered food and door prizes.

For more real estate information contact Century 21 PacWest Realty at (503) 252-9736, 1350 SE 122nd Ave., Portland, OR 97233.

Assistant Director Of Office International Relations Named

Donna Jordan has joined the City of Portland as the Assistant Director for the Office of International Relations.

Ms. Jordan, along with Director Andrew Haruyama, will serve as liaison between the Sister City Associations and the Mayor's office as well as work with the Portland Development Commission to promote international trade relationships.

Ms. Jordan holds a master degree in Spanish from the University of Iowa where she did related coursework in international affairs. She did undergraduate work at Lewis and Clark College in Portland graduating with a B.A. in Communication and studying Spanish. While at Lewis and Clark, she spent most of her junior year in Spain, taught English in Costa Rica and was an intern with the Rocky Company, a local public relations firm. She has also worked for the Private Industry Council and



Donna Jordan

Upward Bound at Portland State University.

Ms. Jordan was born in Laurel, Mississippi and moved to Gresham, Oregon at age five. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the first Greek letter organization established for black women.

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Environmentalists Confront Wyden

pense of family farmers and more sustainable means of production, such as organic and energy saving methods. Efforts to reduce pesticide use and pass "circle poison" legislation will be undermined.

8) The agreement ignores the "polluter pays" principle, relieving corporations which have and will benefit from increased trade of their responsibility to clean up existing and future environmental impacts on the borders and elsewhere. Without a source of new funding generated from the agreement taxpayers will be forced to subsidize corporate pollution in Mexico and the United States.

9) Right-to-know requirements for workers and communities must be in effect and enforced in all three countries, and parties responsible for toxic waste must be financially liable for its cleanup.

10) Patents and other intellectual property of corporations receive strong protection, but indigenous people receive no recognition for their role in protecting biological diversity through their nurturing of plant species.

11) The enforcement and protection of intellectual property rights for corporations is much stronger than the cumbersome and limited provisions for protection and enforcement of environmental rights prescribed in the environmental side agreement.

12) The agreement ignores the

"precautionary principle" which recognizes the need for environmental regulation and initiative (often at the state and local level) in the face of scientific uncertainty. Laws established by democratic means such as referendum or "zero risk" consumer preferences could be challenged as illegal trade barriers and weakened.

13) The dispute resolution process for NAFTA is undemocratic, preventing public participation and frustrating democratic accountability.

Generally the proposed NAFTA agreement puts the interests of multinational corporations above those of people, local and state governments, and democratic processes by which protection of the environment and human health can be achieved.

A trade agreement which protects democratic institutions puts environmental protection first and is truly directed to sustainable development and pollution prevention (addressing causes rather than symptoms) would merit the support of Americans who care about the environment. We encourage you to recognize the fundamental flaws of the proposed NAFTA, the impossibility of addressing these problems through narrow environmental side agreements, and thus the need to dramatically recast the NAFTA to address these concerns.

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Cyclists File Suit

The Bicycle Transportation Alliance (BTA) filed suit in Multnomah County District Court asking that the City of Portland be required to include bicycle lanes on all new and rebuilt arterial and collector streets, in accordance with the 1971 "Bicycle Bill", ORS 366.514. That statute requires that cities and counties as well as the state include bikeways and walkways as part of all construction, reconstruction or relocation roadway projects. The suit was prompted by the failure of the City to provide bicycle lanes on roads being rebuilt to accommodate the Oregon Arena Project. The suit also asks that the Oregon Department of Transportation withhold

Highway Fund revenues from the city until the City is in compliance with this law.

"We felt that we really have no choice other than filing suit," said BTA spokesperson, Rex Burkholder. "Traffic continues to get worse and worse yet the City is building these roads without the bike lanes people need in order to feel safe. People don't feel they have a choice. They see it as a case of 'drive or die.'" The group points to the City's own transportation plan which indicates these streets as bicycle streets where, according to the plan, "special consideration should be given to the need of cyclists."

"Since we announced our intention to file suit, we have received calls from groups and individuals from

throughout the metropolitan area and the state supporting our action and asking how they can do it, too," said Mr. Burkholder. "People are frustrated with governments' refusal to provide the most basic facilities to make bike riding safe and pleasant." A 1991 Louis Harris poll found that 20% of Americans would ride bikes to work if they had bicycle lanes and secure bicycle parking.

The BTA's goal is a safer, more livable community, that accommodates the growing number of bicycle and auto commuters. The non-profit, volunteer group was founded in 1990 to promote bicycling and to improve bicycling conditions throughout the metropolitan area. They can be contacted at 503-226-0676.

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