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"The Dream" is a bronze sculpture dedicated to Rev. Martin Luther King, created by Portland artist Michael F. Dente. The statue is next to the Oregon Convention Center on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Photo is by Mark Washington/ The Portland Observer.

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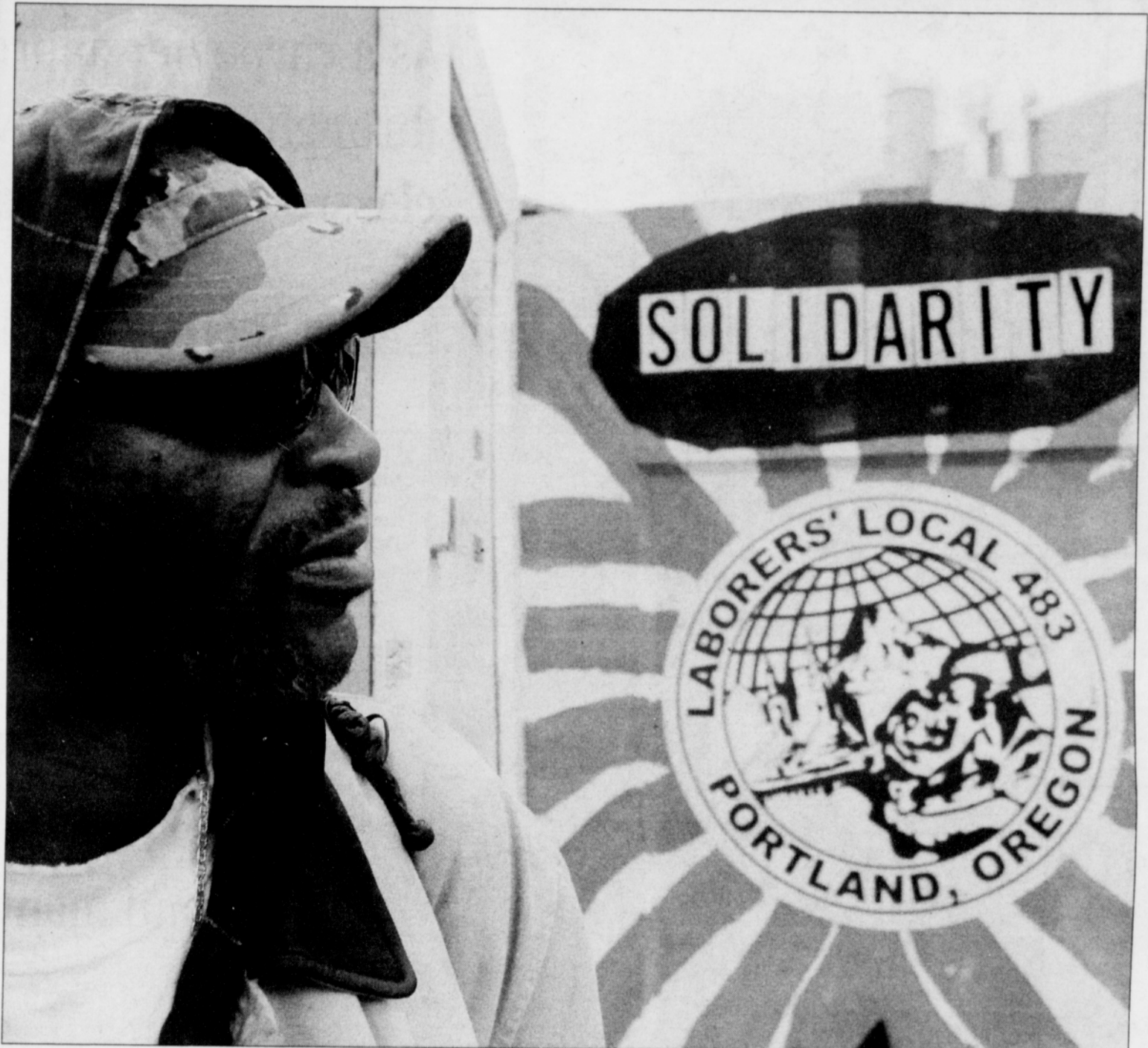
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Ibrahim Mubarak has spent his life living on and off the streets. He believes all humans should have the right to shelter and food, a principle he supports by providing downtown Portland's "houseless" a temporary place to sleep and eat.

Prophet of the City's Streets

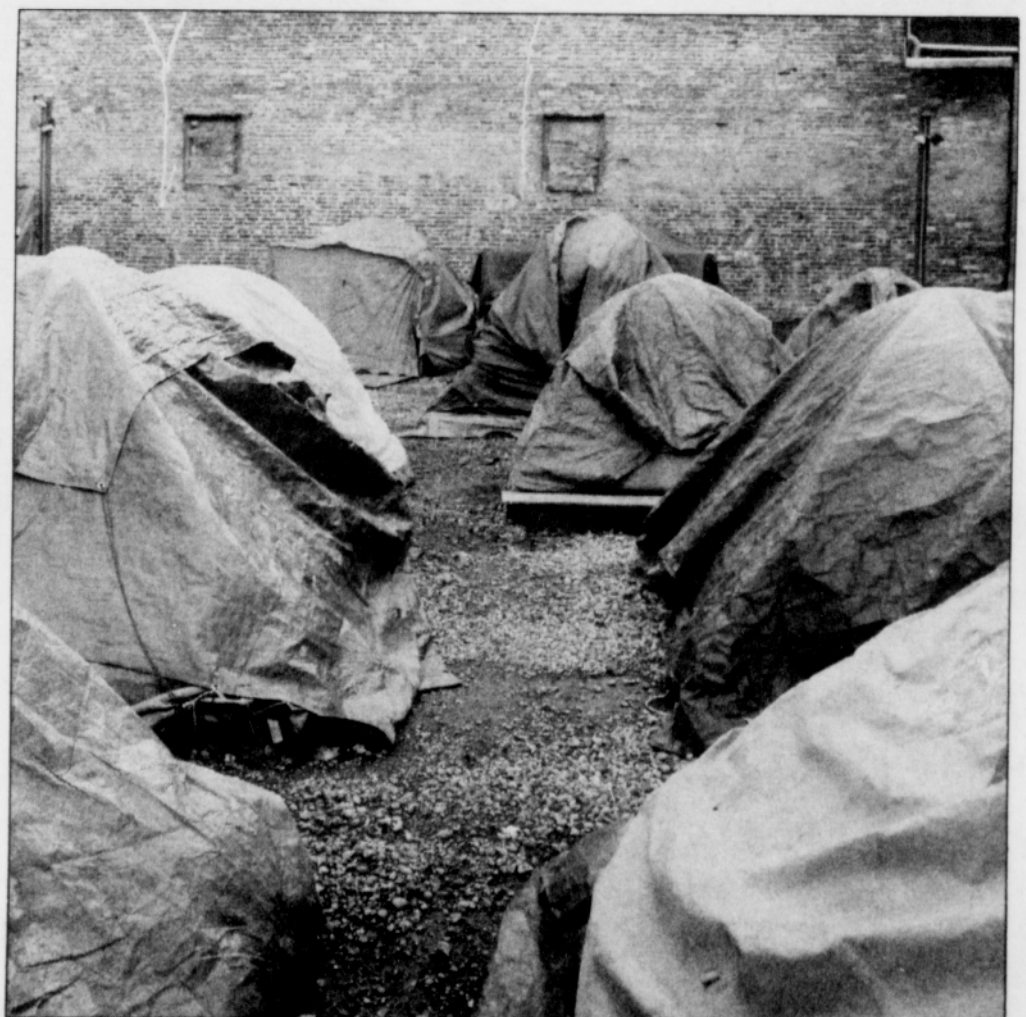
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Abandoned, beggared, bum, derelict, druggie, down-and-out, estranged, forlorn, forsaken, homeless, houseless, needy, outcast, poor, uncared-for, unwelcome, squatter, vagabond, vagrant, wanderer.

The words our society gives a person without a place to live can be stark and sometimes offensive, but one man who goes by the name Ibrahim Mubarak is a prophet of sorts among street people by arguing there is only one description for the people he helps.

"We are all human," says Ibrahim Mubarak.

Wearing a hat and sunglasses and dressed in a long Islamic robe with a drawstring



Up to 90 people a night take shelter at the homeless-run shelter Right 2 Dream Too, located in an abandoned corner lot on Northwest Fourth Avenue and West Burnside Street.

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