Daisy Williams Project Big?

What is Argument? What is Solution?

For quite some time now the Daisy Williams Housing project to be built in the Albina community, has been top news in our daily publications and a center of needless controversy between opposing organizations, versus the Portland Housing Authority, and many interested people, organizations, and businesses, because of the geographical location of the project in the Albina community. We have heard the arguments on radio for many years, read the articles in the newspapers voicing opposition to the site so designated by the Portland Housing Authority (of which the OREGON MIRROR is very much in favor) and thus far no one has presented a solution to the problem, they so bitterly oppose. There is no significant value in any topic of discussion unless both debating sides are properly prepared as to where their discussions would be of pertinent interest, and conclude with a solvent solution to the subject in question. In this article are some of the captions of statements made by organizations relating to the proposed site which the OREGON MIRROR believes are very weak and offers answers to their statements:

Statement: "Perpetuation of Segregation"

Reply:

The Albina area as a whole is populated predominantly by non-white families so where in the area could the Housing Authority build this project where there would not be a heavy concentration of Negro applicants for unit accommodations by their own choice. Remember, The Albina area is the only area of discussion.

Statement: "Close to Commercial Developments"

Reply:

Pray tell us of any greater asset for a housing unit for 58 low-income families than to be bordering on convenient shopping, blocks distance from bus transportation, close to churches of their choice, and adjacent to Knott Street Community Center (newly redeveloped) where they and their children can participate in clean wholesome recreation. (Remember, you organizations put up a good fight to have Knot Street Center redeveloped.)

Statement: "Segregated School"

Reply:

It is very true that Ellior School, the only school mentioned, is 99% Negro, so let us take a look at the other schools in the Albina area, and the non-white percentage ratio. Boise School on N.E. 91st is 80% Negro, and Highland School on N.E. 7th is 79% Negro, so where in the Albina area could the Daisy Williams project be built to avoid a heavy concentration of Negro students.

"If there ever has been a need for the people of the Albina area to revive the sense of community, it is now. We are led to wonder whether the true reason for the opposition to this project is not based on the fact that some of these individuals feel that they are spokesmen for the Negroes, and should be consulted first before any decision is made.

LEADERSHIP COMES FROM LONG SERVICE, DEDICATION AND HONESTY TO THE PEOPLE YOU REPRESENT, A WHEEL IS ONLY AS STRONG AS THE SPOKES THAT TURN IT.

"Wonder" Bakers Hire Negro

Continental Baking Company (bakers of Wonder Bread) recently contacted the Urban League to secure its aid in recruiting and selecting a driver-salesman. Several very well qualified applicants were referred. James Thompson, formerly associated with the D.C. Williams Real Estate Company, was chosen and began his duties on February 26. Jim's route will include the north and northeast areas of Portland. Our congratulations to both Jim and Continental and to Jerry Fuller who suggested to Continental Bakers to avail themselves of the employment services rendered by the Urban League.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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I have been quite concerned for many months with the opposition that has been voiced in regards to the project by some of the people who state that they are speaking for our community. I have discussed this with numerous customers of mine and several clerks from this area and find that a major proportion of those people living in this area are in full support of the authority’s program.

I am at a loss to understand how the Democratic Party, through their two organizations - Central Committee and the Young Democrats - can arrive at a conclusion such as they indicated through the papers without taking time to discuss this with the people who live in the Albina area.

Neither I nor other businessmen in this area had been contacted by either group.

The representatives on this committee are so naturally interested in the people in this area that they may never have represented the people in this area, nor am I personally aware of them trying to get the pulse of the people involved.

SAM HOOSON
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MRS. VIVIANE L. BARNETT
1810 NE 1st Ave.

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FRANCINE STAR

Swaying the audience nightly at The Cotton Club is Francine Star, attractive supper club vocalist. Miss Star who majored in voice while attending a Catholic Convent, decided to try her luck in Hollywood as a pop singer. She netted a four week contract at The California Club, where she was so terrific, the management booked her for six months. Her powerful delivery of "A Guy Named Joe", "Little Girl Blue" and many other beautiful selections, which makes her a favorite in any club.

In above picture, left to right, are Hank Stevenson, Larry Fields, Chico Waters and Ray (Boone) Leary.

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Albina Business Man Blasts Demo-Committee

Howard B. Lee, owner of Lee U Rent Inc., 2716 N. Vancouver Ave., stated: The resolution of the Democrat Central Committee should be disregarded. It was first turned down by all committee men in the local convention after careful examination of the facts which showed that the battle street project should be supported. These committee men were overruled by Chairman Frank Roberts, who brought the issue to the floor in an undemocratic manner. Opposite was squelched by Roberts, who allowed Wally Priestly to send a message to the Urban League and the N.A.C.P. in his race for State Representative, the almost complete ownership of the floor. With only one side presented with distorted and incomplete facts the resolution was incorporated in the platform. Personal political ambition of these two men was the most important factor, as was the promotion of the resolution passed last Thursday, an indication that facts are not important in some political calculations.

I am personally ashamed that the Democratic party should put itself on record as opposed to public housing, where it is needed, that it would seek to legislate where a site will be located, that it would discriminate against colored home owners desirous of improvement and upgrading of their neighborhood, and for setting forth a policy for arguments against housing in Jewish, Scandinavian, German, Italian, or any other ethnic group.

To the Editor: The public hassle that is going on regarding the placing of the low cost housing, I feel the decision should be left up to the people in this area. It is close to all public transportation and shopping centers. It will give incentive to others to beautify their homes.

To all of these self-imposed leaders talk their heads off. We, the people of the Albina area, think the proposed site is a good one.

ALEX EVERS,
124 N. Knott St.
LET US PRAY

Our Kind Father Who art in Heaven, give us some seam to sew. Thou, O Lord, art the shining needle; we are the twisted thread. As the thread can do nothing of itself, no more can we, except we be threaded in Thee. We thank Thee that the needle has need of the spool, and that Thou hast called us to work together with Thee. Grant that there may be no tangles or knots in the thread of our lives to hinder Thy sewing.

Even as the thread, with perfect obedience, follows the needle in and out of the fabric, so may we follow Thy leading this day and every day. And grant, O Father, that when the spool is empty and the thread of our earthly life has come to an end, we may look on the finished robe and marvel at the perfect pattern Thou hast perfected while using the thread of our imperfect lives.

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