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UNITED NATIONS COMPLAINT STUDIED
by D. K. Charles

The BUF, which filed its complaint last September, has sent documented proof of its charges to the Commission's Sub-Committee on Minorities which meets in Geneva, Switzerland, according to an attorney assisting the BUF. The attorney said the BUF intends to show the validity of its complaint with tons of statistics and examples that it has gathered on Oregon's "outrageously" high rate of imprisonment of Black people, police killings of Blacks, police verbal and physical violence against Blacks, and the City of Portland's violation of the integrity of the black community in its devastating Urban Renewal Program.

In examining the BUF's complaint, the Commission will first determine if the complaint meets one of two tests: a showing of a consistent pattern of violations of human rights, or a consistent pattern of gross violations of human rights. If there is a showing of gross violations, the U.N. will conduct a confidential investigation without notifying anyone; investigations are conducted secretly in an effort to protect people and witnesses who complain, because the commission has found that there had been retaliation against people who complain in some countries—such as racist South Africa.

If the violations are not determined to be gross violations, the Commission will make a public forum of its investigation. "In neither case in the government forced to answer complaints, and the United States has had a consistent policy of not answering complaints," said the BUF representative. The United Nations' Commission has issued reports in at least two cases based on investigations of complaints from the United States. Those cases involved a complaint from the National Conference of Black Lawyers, which focused on a pattern of political prisoners in America's jails, and a complaint of a Confederation of Native American tribes, which focused on the seizure and destruction of Indian lands. The Commission should have decided by the end of August if it would proceed with the BUF complaint.

In support of its complaint the BUF sent statistics on the number of people imprisoned in Oregon. Oregon imprisons the greatest number of Black people (in proportion to the number of Black residents) of all states, except Washington. In Oregon's prisons, there is an average of 600 inmates for every 100,000 people who live here. But the rate for Black prisoners is a startling 13,000 per 100,000 population; the rate for whites is 100 per 100,000; Hispanics: 250 per 100,000, and Native Americans: 900 per 100,000.

Despite publicity about the abuse of Black people by Portland police, the BUF continues to receive complaints of racial harassment by police. Examples of those complaints will be included in the BUF's documentation of its complaint filed with the United Nations.

The typical complaint of police harassment involves Blacks in their 20's and 30's who say they have been beaten or verbally abused. In some cases they were arrested, but no charges were filed against them.

The United Nation's Commission on Human Rights will begin to study the Black United Front's complaint that the State of Oregon and the City of Portland has consistently violated the human rights of Black people.
CITY'S 'FINEST' REINSTATED

by Lanita Duke

On August 15 the BUF sponsored a march and rally which focused on public discontent with the decision of an arbitrator that reinstated the two "possum-tossin'" cops, Craig C. Ward and James E. Galloway. They caught, killed, and threw the dead animals in front of a black-owned restaurant, because they "felt frustrated, and wanted to boost morale."

"We've been down for so long, and, though we cannot do anything about it, we should let them know that we are not stupid, and that they cannot pass everything before our eyes. We are all human beings, and I want respect as such. I work hard enough for mine and I am serious about it now, I'm ready to get out here and march and do whatever is necessary, so they will know that we will no longer allow people to walk over us..."

"If the policemen had been Black and the restaurant owners white, would the outcome have been the same?"

"I'm here because I thought 'arbitration' meant more than one person but I found but it was only one person, so I came down to march in protest of one man saying anything about anything!"

"It made me mad, and I'm glad I'm not a violent person. Something better happen, and I know the city officials who are in charge of the police won't do anything about it. They haven't done anything about that Charlie Benson who was beat up on his job at the Hilton Hotel...the police report just came out and it said that the police hadn't done anything wrong."

"What they did was dumb...police officials, and acting like little kids..."

"I don't give a damn about Loving, Herndon, the NAACP, or the opossum incident; it was a minor incident, not deserving of the hoopla they've made out of it."

Such was a collection of comments from people who were present. The rally was held on the front lawn of the North Precinct. Ron Herndon, Co-Chair of the Front, addressed the crowd, "We know the arbitrator's decision is final; but we in no way feel that Ward and Galloway have any business wearing a blue uniform in any part of the city. There's nobody's job you can work on, especially a City job, where you can monkey around and throw dead animals. What was most disgraceful was that after these Cats take part in this dispicable behavior, you see a demonstration where 5 and 6-hundred officers are downtown marching, showing support for these fools!"

"What laws are the police going to follow? Certainly not the criminal liability of throwing dead animals, or the police's "code of conduct". The arbitrator has said that the opossum-throwing was not racially motivated, though we all know that slaves in this country were African. The arbitrator also claimed that Jordan ' bowed under political pressure', but it appears that he himself bowed under the pressure from one of the city's most powerful unions. These types of acts make the PPD look more like PIGS."

Three to four-hundred people concurred with Herndon's final words, "We are not going to book this act no more. You can take it to Ringling Bros."

The acquittal and reinstatement of the two men may have been a victory for the police union and the city, but it is a clear defeat for the populace, both Black and white.

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RIGHT:
Two young Brothers express their frustrations creatively at the BUF demonstration protesting the reinstatement of Ward and Galloway.

BOTTOM:
The demonstrators pause for a moment of prayer before marching on the North Precinct in St. Johns.

Photos courtesy of: Richard Brown
Committee Reports

ECONOMICS

The Committee recently met with Nel Tech's President and Founder, for the purpose of discussing the company's commitment towards hiring Blacks in the Portland area. Currently, Nel Tech employs about 80 persons, 6 of them Black, and its President made it clear he does not consider color when hiring. The meeting was such that no effort will be made by Nel Tech to employ Black community residents in any significant numbers. A poor start, an attempt to initiate positive community relations on Nel Tech's part. Also, the Committee was told Nel Tech refused to meet with Albina Fair Share, and its only link to the Black community was one Black person.

There will be a series of N.C. hearings for the purpose of obtaining public input on how to best spend community development dollars in the N.E. community. Published meeting times and places will be printed in newspapers weekly, and if you need further information contact: N.E. Office of Neighborhoods 248-4575.

We wish to acknowledge a special thanks to the Bardy Trophy Co., Bee Co., Coca-Cola, 15th Ave.-Thriftway, and Fred Meyer for their generous contributions to our 2nd Annual Community Unity Day. Tradewell and Safe-way contributed $40.80 worth of pop between the two stores. Once again, 7-UP refused to make a donation, and Albertson also turned us down. However, we were very disappointed with the foul actions of Pepsi-Cola. We were promised 20 cases of Pepsi with a stipulation that we pay a deposit for the cans according to a predetermined schedule. Upon arrival to make a pickup and pay our deposit, we were informed that they had already donated 50 cases to other community organizations, which they felt represented a wider segment of the community. Therefore, the BUF did not receive a donation as promised.

LABOR

If you have been following recent stories of the Labor Committee, you would have noticed that this Committee has been conducting an on-going survey of Fred Meyer's Walnut Park store. We have been concerned about its Check Cashing policy, Hiring, Pricing, Policing, Court- teousness, Suggestion Box, Quality, Cleanliness, Stocking, Procedures, Job Upgrading for Blacks, and Job Induction and Promotion at all levels in the Fred Meyer chain of stores. Through negotiations with Fred Meyer, we are very happy to announce that we have a commitment from Fred Meyer to improve at all levels. Take a good look at our Fred Meyer. We believe that we have a firm commitment from the top of the ladder to Fred Meyer, to the bottom rung of it. May be the one chain in its chain that carries the same quality, service, and pricing as any other store within the chain.

The Committee would like to extend our thanks to Officialis of Fred Meyer and Walnut Park as well, who worked hand in hand with us that this mail Community Unity Day, 1981 a success.

Arbitrator Decision 'Preposterous'

by Joan Courtney Gordon

"The opossum incident is over", according to Frank Ivancie, Mayor of (the people of?) Portland. We have received (and independently of one another uninvolved and uninvolved (chosen and appointed by whom?) arbitrator. This proves the arbitration process is fair and that we may use it in similar cases in the future."

Does Mr. Ivancie truly believe that we are all so gullible that we would fall for such an obvious attempt to brainwash and divert us from recognition of this barefaced and dramatic display of injustice and disrespect? My faith in / respect for the law as an avenue of justice has diminished one more time. It (undiluted) gall to show such a lack of a sense of fair play; AN ATTEMPT TO BOOST MORALE used as an excuse would indicate a lack of constructive imagination and creativity.

It was intolerable, inexcusable, and a discredit to their (entrenched) pro- fession, the image they should endeavor to reflect, and, as (officers of the law) should strive to set for our city and its inhabitants ... and in any case, too low-caliber for officers of that stature.

I also challenge the idea that they would not, at least vaguely, have heard of the opossum/Black stereotype, but, should that be the case, they should have been corrected (by the bar and society) and obviously intelligent enough to recognize the serious handicap for those to whom we bestow the honor and trust to bear arms, to guard and protect our lives and property, and to enforce the laws that we deem so important to law order, and harmony; IDIOMENESS is a waste of the taxpayers' money, and a sure sign (read the papers and listen to the news) of a lack of dedication to work in the serious problem of crime in our city; BOREDOM indicates a lack of interest in their profession and in the duty of their profession; HARASSMENT indicates a lack of Integrity, a lack of ethics, a lack of respect, and a lack of a sense of fair play; AN ATTEMPT TO BOOST MORALE used as an excuse would indicate a lack of constructive imagination and creativity.

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LANITA A. DUKE

A native Portlander, Ms. Duke shared her early childhood experiences with her fosterparents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Buckley. She attended Portland public schools, but had a very difficult time attempting to understand an environment that could not serve in her best interest. Nevertheless, Ms. Duke completed her high school education by attending Portland Community College. It was determined she was too mature for the traditional high school setting.

Ms. Duke is frequently heard on radio stations, KBOO-FM and KOAP-FM, reporting for and representing Grassroots News, N.W. In addition, she contributes articles to both The Portland Observer and The Advocate. Her career in broadcast and print journalism began at the age of 19, when she served as a newscaster on a local radio station. Shortly thereafter, she served as a newscaster a second time, and later seized the opportunity to interview the premier Black classic musical percussionist, Max Roach.

An extraordinary accomplishment for a 22 year old, Ms. Duke's creation of Grassroots News, N.W. has been designed to independently report events using the print and electronic media. The news source covers Black and other unrepresented communities in Oregon and Washington, because according to Ms. Duke, "someone has to tell a consistent story about our people who otherwise would go unnoticed." Grassroots News, N.W. is being supported by various segments of the Black community.

The proud parent of her 7 year-old daughter, Nia, Ms. Duke realizes while her child grows she too, has a lot more to do and a long way to go, pursuing the challenges of her chosen profession.

The Enduring Black Woman
by B.M. Priestley

A resident of Portland, Oregon for 37 years, MRS. VESIA D. LOVING is a native of Warren, Arkansas. She also has two brothers and a sister who reside in the City of Portland. A mother of four children, and as always, a proud grandmother of three children, Mrs. Loving has summed up her experiences with children throughout her adult life.

Presently, Mrs. Loving serves as an Instructional Aide at Boise School where she has been employed for 13 years. During the 1981-82 school year, her work will begin with 7th and 8th graders, but she has worked with students at every grade level except 1st, 2nd, and 3rd over the years. Mrs. Loving is only nine credits away from becoming a certified teacher, at which time she will have earned her B.A. in elementary education at Portland State University.

Among her civic and religious activities, Mrs. Loving attends the Vancouver Avenue Baptist Church where she has been a Member for 30 years, and for the past few years, a Member of the church's Gospel Choir. Often, quoted by the local media, Mrs. Loving has been a Member of the Boise Neighborhood Association for 13 years, a Principal Advisory Board Member for Boise, played an active role in the citizen participation process during the Model Cities days, a Member of the Community Coalition for School Integration, and an original mainstay of Portland's Black United Front since the organization's inception.

PA: Your commitment to education is evident, but what led to your active community involvement and sometimes controversial stances here in Portland?

Mrs. Loving: A lot of people will not believe it, but when I was seventeen years old I had a "vision," a "dream" to do certain things. There was a pressing demand to start doing something. My "call" was to go back to school, not necessarily to teach children, but to open doors that had been closed to my people.

PA: How have you been able to survive in a system you frequently criticize?

Mrs. Loving: I had a job to do, and felt I would win. When they know you are right, others begin to join. The truth had been spoken, and when research was done, namely by the Community Coalition for School Integration, those issues were verified showing that what I talked about was true. In the long run, the truth is the key to maintaining.
Photo by: Richard J. Brown

Mrs. Vesia D. Loving

"He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might, he increases strength." Even the youth shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall. But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." What I just read are words of wisdom and strength for me. I am not quitting, because the job is not finished.

PA: Thank you very much.

Community Engages in Unity

The Black United Front held its 2nd Community Unity Day at Peninsula Park on Saturday, August 22nd. Titled a "successful event", excellent weather conditions brought forth some 3000-4000 persons throughout the day, that included infants, children, young and old adults.

It was evident that the event’s planners, coordinators, and numerous volunteers knew what they were doing, and no less expertise was shown by the ladies who catered the food. Given the numbers of Black people, the community showed it can govern itself. A person would be hard pressed to locate a negative experience which would have drawn widespread attention. The BUF security force provided excellent coverage, and it was a pleasant site not to see the "boys in blue" cruising the streets, which surrounds the park, every five minutes. A minor incident did ensue among some teenagers, but was quickly quelled by the security force.

As stated by Ron Herndon, the BUF sponsored Unity Day is organized to "allow Black people an opportunity to come together and sharing their experiences, good or bad." He went on to say, "we want people to simply enjoy, in a social setting, themselves and the event as we see it is our way of expressing thanks to everyone who supported us from year to year."

Numerous donations were made by local businesses (see Economics Committee report page 3) which allowed the BUF to provide food, beverages, and trophies. Activities included track competition, music was provided by: Thars Memory, Ron Steen, the Margaret Carter Gospel Singers, and others, the Talking Drum Book Store, the sale of attractive BUF buttons, singing and dancing, and the obviously popular dance contest featuring the "Pop" Track and dance competitors received 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies.

Describing the day's events, one of the participants was heard saying, "the day was beautiful, Community Unity Day was another example of the solidarity within our community."

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PA: Tell us about your role as a BUF member?

Mrs. Loving: I do whatever I am asked to do. Although we have a lot of men in the organization, the BUF provides an excellent opportunity for women to participate. I have been regarded as a part of the leadership, and carry those responsibilities when and wherever necessary.

PA: What attracted you to the BUF?

Mrs. Loving: I like the BUF because it was the first time I saw a Black group with good leadership. Not only in Portland, but throughout the country. We have people who are committed to make life better for Black people.

I have never joined other organizations, but felt the BUF was right for me. There is a respect among the brothers and sisters belonging to the Front, with no political pressure or someone trying to get ahead. I have not witnessed a commitment like I see in the BUF, especially in light of the members having full-time jobs, families, and not making one penny as a result of their involvement. It has been years since I have seen such commitment, and I am glad to be a part of it.

PA: Can you cite the moment during your community involvement in Portland that you were most proud of?

Mrs. Loving: The most important thing that has happened is when we had the one day boycott of Portland Public Schools. To me it was tops, because people kept their children out of school which I think, showed the faith they had in the leadership of the Black United Front.

PA: You are often heard saying, you are going to "relax", but it seems as though you will go on and on. What keeps you going?

Mrs. Loving: As far as I am concerned, I had prioritized areas I wanted to work on, schools, welfare, police. What keeps me going? I see young men and women working morning, noon, and night who are devoted to carrying out things that need to be done. As a result, it would not be right for me to leave things alone. I work knowing things are going to get better for my children and grandchildren here in Portland, and things are changing. Its a goal to shoot for. If we quit now, all the things we have done could probably regress. The commitment must be maintained!

PA: Any final comments?

Mrs. Loving: Yes. I remember the song "Love Sweet Love" and sometimes it seems as though the problem among people is a lack of love. We need to be surrounded with more love, because with it we feel secure and if we know that we are loved, it is easy to extend love to others.

The following is taken from Isaiah, Chapter 40, Verses 29-31:
AFRIKA IN BRIEF
by N. Fungai Kumbula

AFRICA: South Africa's cowardly raids into Southern Africa and Angola have continued from Angola's inde­ pendence in 1975 to the present. Of late, however, particularly in July, the attacks seem to have taken on an "invasion character" according to the Angola Ministry of Defence. The latest attack included an infantry brigade, two battalions made up of mercen­ aries, the South African troops, a motorized battalion, and air support. A total of seven villages were occupied by the invaders.

The previous month when South African mercenaries and mur­ derers invaded and murdered 49 civilians and 8 Angolan soldiers were deported "normal" South Africa, as usual, denies invading Angola and instead claims to have "destroyed" two regional headquarters of the Angolan liberation movement, SWAPO. SWAPO has recently scored a number of spectacular successes in Northern Namibia. The most famous of these was the attack at the South African base at Rau­ cana on July 16th when more than 100 South Africans were killed or very badly wounded.

The week of August 15, South Africa was complaining that the government of Angola had just invaded a surface-to-air missile base (SAMS) capable of shoot­ ing down invading South African planes. Can you believe the gall! Maybe we could have a "precious" South African bomber come tum­ bling out of the sky, South Africa will think twice about violating Angola's territorial integrity. And what a boon this is going to be to SWAPO.

CAMBIA: There was a coup in Gambia in the 1980/81 year. Some 10,000 miners walked off their jobs in protest over a governmental decision to cut credit privileges. The first strike was in Chili­ labowe on July 6, where 10,000 walked out. Later, other miners at other mines walked off the job too, demanding reinstatement of the revoked credit privileges as well as equal pay as foreign workers contracted to do the same job. Apparently, there was a differential for foreign workers. Four trade union leaders and a businessman were detained during the strikes.

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NIGERIA: The deteriorating relations between neighbours Nigeria and Cameroun which led to border clashes this past month seem to finally be reaching a resolution. Alhaji Amadou Ahidjo, President of Cameroun will soon pay a visit to the Republic of Nigeria. There were more headaches in Kano when the and a1r support. A total of seven villages were occupied by the invaders.

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GARRETT A. MORGAN (1877-1963)

As we drive along city streets, we usually take for granted the signals that command us to stop and tell us when to go. You are bowing to the powers of a Black genius, Garrett A. Morgan, the inventor of the traffic signal.

Garrett Morgan was born March 4, 1877 in Paris, Ken­ tucky. Being raised on a farm, Morgan managed to get an educa­ tion through grade six. In 1891 he left home headed to Cincinnati seeking a job. From Cincinnati, he moved to Cleveland in 1896, the place he would call home for the rest of his life.

While there in Cleveland, employed as a sewing machine adjuster for a clothing manu­ facturer, his inquisitive mind kept him tinkering with all sorts of mechanical things. On September 20, 1923, his tink­ ering paid off when he was awarded a patent for inventing a three-way traffic signal. Before his invention, traffic signals had only two indicators: stop and go. The three-way signal added the neutral or caution position that we are familiar with today.

Another invention of Mor­ gan's that precedes the tra­ffic signal is the gas mask. He was granted a patent for the gas mask in 1912. After passing rigid tests, Morgan tested it on himself and the mask fit snugly on his face. After his invention, many whites can­ celled their orders for Mor­ gan's gas mask simply because he was a Black man. On July 25, 1916, an explosion occurred in an underwater tunnel in Cleveland. Poisonous gases and heavy smoke filled the tunnel. Garrett Morgan and his gas mask was called upon to lead the rescue effort.

He saved 32 lives that day, paving the way for wider acceptance of his invention in this country and Canada.


*Advocate Note: Black Genius will be a regular feature in The Advocate highlighting the genius of Black people from African antiquity to the pre­ sent day. Read Black Genius regularly and learn of the greatness of our people.
What is your opinion of the recent reinstatement of the two policemen in the opossum incident?

Alma Hill (Public Affairs Asst.)
"I think that they should have been fired, that they should not have been reinstated, and I think that the arbitrator should not have come out of southern Oregon where he is insensitive to the problems of the Black community here in Portland."

Ron James (Graduate Student)
"It's a very strong slap in the face against Black people. How can we consider this a democracy and all the other things associated with having a good government... if they can not only reinstate those policemen but also take Charles Jordan out of his position because of something that was in his right to do. If it had been white or any other racial group they would not have been reinstated."

Lilly Denson (Sealer Oper.)
"It's a bunch of s---, I think they are a bunch of rats around here killing possums and stuff, lying and going on. Someone should take over that can do something with it. There are a lot of wrong things they are doing and getting away clean. I think something should be done about it."

Joy Trotman (School Teacher)
"I feel it is a direct affront to the Black people of Portland, to the Black people of the United States! What it says is that no matter how many bills we have, civil rights, racial harassment, whatever... that when it gets right down to the wire those really don't count. When we've got those people who are to enforce those kinds of things to see that racial harassment does not happen and they are the very perpetrators of it, it does not give too much credence to anything that the police can do or say at this point."

Mizah Hayes (Unemployed)
"I guess I just believe that the strength behind what the white racist is doing, might be showing what it is, just by being able to reinstate the police officers in a situation that we all know is not right. I don't know that much about the two police officers and it's a bureaucracy behind all that, but I do know that it's not humane. It's not a practice that is right."

*Advocate's Note: Community Rap and Recognition will be a regular feature in the Advocate where the Portland Black community gets the opportunity to voice their opinion on matters that impact upon their daily lives."
EDITORIALS

Rise! Mighty People Rise!

It is quite interesting to hear complaints from Black and white folk about Reagan and his band of renegades, but we must admit somebody voted for him. Also, we must constantly be aware of the possibility of another activity, Black children being destroyed physically and intellectually, a "get tough," "crack down" attitude affecting large numbers of poor and Black people, the rebirth of states' rights, and alleged Black leaders backing away from their commitment. The situation will give them a few pieces of silver. Dr. King should have turned over in his grave a thousand times by now.

The time has come to respond to the call of "up you mighty people," because whatever we are doing for Black Afrikans, we should have gotten while the gettin' was good. Most assuredly, Garvey's call for concerted action is timeless and necessary. Now one would break a cyclical process that keeps Black America at the mercy of a white minority. At this point in time, the very few options. Blacks can wage a battle with an intent to win at all cost, clearly stating we have no friends when those friends are the oppressors, or stand on the sidelines criticizing any and everything, and risk being trampled upon.

Local US Congressman Justifies Apartheid

Congressman Ron Wyden (D-OR) represents the Third Congressional District which has the largest concentration of Black people in Oregon. He has finally broken his long silence with respect to African people brutally ruled and oppressed by white settlers in South Africa. Wyden's position when analyzed for content, is a direct insult to Black people in Africa, as well as throughout the African Diaspora. He states, "Revolution will not necessarily improve the situation for Black Afrikans."

This sophomoric ahistorical position has no basis as fact; all revolutions have helped those people who have engaged in the effort, whether peaceful (such as the industrial and technological revolution) or fornication of the state (including the use of violence), as in the cases of the American, Russian, Cuban, and Angolan revolutions.

Territories adjacent to South Africa and some of the front-line states, such as Mozambique, Angola and Zimbabwe were successful in utilizing revolution to free the people.

Wyden's view of the Sullivan Principles as being a solution is a joke. The principles are nothing more than a cruel version of affirmative action, of which the United States government has not made a reality for Black Americans who, in their mind believes they will force it on South Africa. Moreover, the Sullivan Principles says nothing about the all important political issue of "one man - one vote". We witnessed the American government refusing to condemn South Africa for invading Angola. Come on Ron, be serious.

When Wyden later says the situation will not be improved by "foot-dragging on apartheid" we accept this response, and would suggest that a good-faith effort could be demonstrated by Representative Wyden becoming a co-sponsor to legislation proposed by Rep. Bill Gray of Philadelphia. The bill, HR 3597, would prohibit any new investment in South Africa. The bill covers bank loans and reinvestment of earning from existing operations in South Africa and imposes a fine of up to $1 million and up to 10 years in jail for violations. Moreover, Wyden could follow the lead of the Ad Hoc Monitoring Group on Southern Africa, and do more than pay "lip service" to the question. Ad Hoc is a bipartisan group of Congresspersons who are concerned about US policy in South Africa. To date, over fifty members of Congress have agreed to lend their services to political prisoners and other banned persons in South Africa. Or he could "adopt" an African, as in the case of Congressman George W. Crockett, Jr. of Michigan, who has taken Mr. Dime Mabinda, a Black trade union leader in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, under his personal care.

Basie's Bash Eludes Blacks

No doubt the recent fund raiser/benefit for Art Quake '81 selectively eliminated Blacks from seeing, hearing, or dancing in the Musical Creations Count Basie Band. Can you believe $50.00 per person? Did Brother Basie wonder where his folks were? After 77 years, he has to know there are Black folk in Portland.

It, however, never fails. When real talent is needed, call on Blacks to whet the appetites of culturally starved people. And perhaps viewed as a complimentary gesture by Mayor Ivancie proclaiming a Count Basie Day, it should be seen as an insult to Portland's Black community.

Police Vigilantes Rides Again

Ward and Galloway's return has given strong support to Police Vigilantism. This infamous duo said they threw "possums in front of Burger Barn because it was frequented by criminals. That warped sense of justice epitomizes the notion police have the right to decide who is guilty and how they should be punished. This totally contradicts America's professed belief in innocence until proven guilty and the right to fair trial. Testimony before the arbitrator was filled with cases where police played judge and jury with citizens and received little if any disciplinary action. It appears from the top down the police department decided to condone this "wild west" mentality. Serious questions must be asked of Charles Jordan, since these cases were documented; what was done to eradicate the cancer of vigilantism? Official testimony indicates the officers were rarely disciplined; why this practice allowed? Rewarded vigilantism and a police union whose monthly newsletter has all the characteristics of a "Mercenary Manual," should show all citizens that "Possum City" is in trouble.
March on! Marchers to the Third Precinct!

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The Black Educational Center Needs Community Support
by Mary Avery

The Black Educational Center (BEC) founded in May of 1970, has an educational program designed to meet the basic needs of Black Children; a Black bookstore, providing literature about Black people throughout the world; and a monthly newsletter, reporting world events that impact upon the lives of Black people.

The BEC, located in the heart of the Black community, at 4919 N.E. 17th, is dedicated to the task of preparing young Black minds for the challenges in today's technological society, yet always reinforcing the student's role and responsibility to the community. Students are taught not to view themselves in a vacuum, within the confines of this society, but rather from a world perspective, recognizing the commonalities of all Black people, whether they are from Africa, the Caribbean, or the U.S.

The BEC, funded primarily through community support, has been successful in educating an estimated 600 Black students since its conception. The school was, however, in jeopardy of not opening this year, because of rising costs, which curtailed student enrollment. Because of a summer recruitment and fund raising campaign the school will be able to stay open for another year.

The BEC, the only Black owned, controlled, and operated educational institution in Portland, needs your financial support. Your contribution is tax deductible. The BEC exist solely for the educational and cultural needs of our children. For more information, please contact Ms. Joyce Harris, School Administrator at 284-9552 or drop by the Talking Drum Bookstore, at NE 17th and Alberta.

The Front pre...

November 6, 1979 - Portland's Black community was urged by the BUF to struggle against increased incidences of police harassment and brutality. A "hot line" was launched to handle complaints regarding charges of police brutality.

November 8, 1979 - BUF began an in-depth look into claims of police brutality.

November 27, 1979 - BUF called for Portland School Superintendent to resign, believing Superintendent helped maintain racist practices in the public school system.

November 30, 1979 - BUF criticized School Board's proposals, distrust of its voluntary desegregation plan. Again, the Superintendent was called on to resign due to inaction related to BUF demands.

December 5, 1979 - Dimay was expressed by BUF when House rejected a bill to have Martin Luther King Jr. an official state holiday.

January 16, 1980 - BUF made it clear any plan that created systematic forced bussing Black Children would not be accepted.

February 5, 1980 - School Board desegregation plan rejected by BUF, which led to community wide meetings for preparing an alternative plan.

February 8, 1980 - BUF plan called for riot School to become a new middle school.

February 15, 1980 - School Board discussed four plans, one of which was the BUF plan.

March 4, 1980 - BUF obtained support from both Black and white parents, who claimed integration was not necessary for quality education.

March 5, 1980 - BUF announced Portland's School Board new desegregation plan illustrated the mentality of white racists among its members.

March 10, 1980 - The Front presented its plan for improving the education of Black Children, with support coming from Attorney Derrick A. Prad, who came before the Board. At the time, a Harvard Law Professor, Attorney Bell cited the educational dilemma as an academic one based on quality education, rather than school desegregation.

April 20, 1980 - BUF member life threatened on several occasions by an anonymous caller. (Continued on Page 12)
May 9, 1980 - BUF spokesmen questioned School Board's action and integrity as related to the Black community.

May 14, 1980 - Most Black community organizations supported the BUF's call for a one day boycott of Portland Public Schools.

May 17, 1980 - Hundreds of people attended Community Unity Day at King Facility to show support for one day boycott of schools.

May 19, 1980 - On Malcolm X's Birthday, 85% of the city's Black student population participated in boycott of public schools.

May 25, 1980 - BUF picketed Portland School Board meeting for appointing a white principal for a new middle school located in the Black community.

June 4, 1980 - BUF announced some Black students were punished for participating in the public school boycott.

June 6, 1980 - Community began preparation for boycott of Portland Public Schools because the Board had failed to appoint a Black principal for the new middle school.

June 12, 1980 - President, NAACP, joined BUF in calling for the resignation of King School's principal.

June 16, 1980 - Community pressure led to Portland School Board's appointment of a Black offticer.

July 5, 1980 - In cooperation with BUF Support Committee, BUF launched a counter-recall campaign of the some members of Portland School Board.

July 17, 1980 - BUF pickets Ben Franklin School in protest because of its Board Chairman, who led a 'recall' against School Board members who terminated Superintendent.

August 3, 1980 - Over 150 demonstrators picket Lloyd Center and call for boycott of stores, because its Vice-President was involved in the 'racist recall campaign.'

August 19, 1980 - Boycott of Portland schools was planned for September if Board did not keep promise made to Black community in August of 1979.

August 21, 1980 - BUF pushed for street name changes to honor Blacks. City official dismissed request due to a negative survey response from white majority.

August 22, 1980 - BUF Housing and Community Development director flew to Geneva, Switzerland, crucial in the formation of citizens' advisory council for dis­persal of 60 million dollars in federal funds.

April 30, 1981 - BUF representative testified in favor of new legislative district which would have its largest 'black vote' ever.

March 31, 1981 - BUF charges appointment of new Chief is a threat to the Black community.

June 14, 1981 - BUF picketed home of Black State Senator, who opposed reapportionment plan giving Blacks a solid voting block.

June 18, 1981 - Citing the closing of Adams as a racial move, BUF threatened civil disobedience if Adams closed.

June 23, 1981 - BUF, along with other organizations, came together for offering of recommendations to Police Bureau, in regards to hiring, firearms, and training policies.

June 29, 1981 - BUF led march and demonstration to protest anticipated closure of Adams High School; event took place at district headquarters.

July 3, 1981 - School Board voted to close Adams High.

July 10, 1981 - BUF membership finalized and ratified Constitution and By-Laws.

July 27, 1981 - A bill limiting the use of deadly force by police primarily sponsored by the BUF and other organizations was accepted by Senate Committee, but killed by House Judiciary Committee.

August 12, 1981 - BUF members met with Fred Meyer executives to discuss various issues concerning its Walnut Park store.

August 15, 1981 - BUF held march and demonstration in front of North Police Precinct, protesting the decision which reinstated two policemen fired for throwing dead opossums in front of Black-owned restaurant.

BUF filed and mailed its final document (claiming human rights violation of Blacks in Oregon) to the U.N. Commission On Human Rights in Geneva, Switzerland.

August 22, 1981 - BUF held its 2nd annual Community Unity Day celebration, which attracted three to four-thousand people at Peninsula Park.