

Incident - June 16, 1967

Mr. Rufus Butler, director of the Albina Art Center, contacted this office to report an incident involving public accommodations in Bend Oregon by a friend from California on his way to Seattle. When the incident was reported to Mr. Butler he urged his friend to contact the Civil Rights division of the State Bureau of Labor. Mr. Butler felt that he ^{did}~~could~~ not receive the cooperation to which he was entitled. A quick check made by this office brought to light the fact that he had been referred to the Attorney General's office, assigned to the Bureau of Labor, and that it was not the Civil Rights Division who had failed to give proper attention to the complaint. On June 19, 1967 this office contacted Mr. Mark Smith, of the Civil Rights division and he agreed to immediately look into this situation to determine if discrimination because of race was involved in the incident in Bend. Mr. Butler was informed of the steps taken by this office to correct the situation.

DISCRIMINATION IN PLACES OF
PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION
STATE OF OREGON
(Including amendment by Legislature April 18, 1961)

ORS 30.670 Right of all persons to equal facilities in places of public accommodation, resort or amusement. All persons within the jurisdiction of this state shall be entitled to the full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities and privileges of any place of public accommodation, resort or amusement, without any distinction, discrimination or restriction on account of race, religion, color or national origin.

ORS 30.675 Place of public accommodation, resort or amusement defined.

(1) A place of public accommodation, resort, or amusement means: (a) Any hotel, motel, motor court, TRAILER PARK OR CAMPGROUND. (b) Any place offering to the public food or drink for consumption on the premises. (c) Any place offering to the public entertainment, recreation or amusement. (d) Any place offering to the public goods or services.

(2) However, a place of public accommodation, resort or amusement does not include any institution, bona fide club or place of accommodation, resort or amusement, which is in its nature distinctly private.

Oregon places of public accommodation represent a major investment of time, talents, and money. Their success, as business enterprise, depends upon the public's approval and use of their services. Their facilities should be made available without regard to the race, religion, color or national origin of the potential customer. Good business practice suggests it. The Law requires it.

The purpose of Oregon's Public Accommodations Act is to insure that all persons shall have equal access to and use of places of public accommodation, resort and amusement.

It is an unlawful act for such establishments to refuse, withhold from, or deny to any person fair and equal treatment because of race, religion, color or national origin or to publish, circulate, issue or display any notice, advertisement or sign to the effect that fair and equal treatment will be denied to certain racial, religious or nationality groups, or that they would not be welcome in the establishment.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY PUBLIC WELFARE COMMISSION

506 S. W. MILL STREET
POST OFFICE BOX 349
PORTLAND, OREGON 97207

July 1, 1969

Mr. Vernon Summers
Assistant Director
Human Relations Commission
City Hall
Portland, Oregon 97204

Re: GRIGSBY, Lois (aka Lois Smith)

Dear Mr. Summers:

We regret the long delay in obtaining the facts for you concerning the Grigsby case. The attached memo directed to me on this date was just received, and I believe does satisfactorily explain the historical background in this situation. From the description of the current situation, it appears that we are awaiting a report from the agency in Hennepin County concerning a home evaluation.

Sincerely yours,


John Burch, Assistant Administrator
for Program Services

JB:BB:CL
Attachment

Dear Mr. Eady,

I am addressing you this letter at the
request of Mrs. James Brown, a Public Health Officer
affiliated with the Health District. Her office is located
in building at 3700 3rd Ave. S.E. (19th pl.) in Rainier, Wash.
In August 1967, I had my daughter,
Lois, who is currently at the County Hospital in Portland
to have a child, a girl was born, name was given of
Tina Marie. The date of October 10, 1967 was the
date of birth. My daughter entered the hospital
under her maiden name Lois Delana Giffith instead
of her real name Mrs. Terry Smith. She was
married at time of birth of baby but separated from
her husband who is living here in Rainier.

The state of Oregon became aware & gave a stipend
to me and put my daughter's child up for adoption
as given by the state. I wish to know what you can do
to help. If you would look into this, then
the welfare dept. out there why my daughter
cannot get her child transferred back to me.

She is at present time residing at my home.
Her name is working in Portland at that time
my daughter says that she connected contact name
Miss Susan Giffith Cal. - 4641, Ext 424,
OR

Washington County, Children Dept.
The child's number at the time was
WA 26-5007-6 County welfare.
My daughter is on A.F. & had her name

The woman who here who had
not contact the Portland authorities about child
papers is Mrs. Rosemond Corston

Hennepin County, Welfare Dept. 400 South 3rd St.
Mpls, Minn. Phone 330-3547.

The man that gave me your address
was your partner from Chicago to Portland.
You gave him an invitation to visit your
home and he was unable to keep the
appointment with you. I was relating my
trouble to him and he told me if any one
there could do anything about the
obtaining child in my daughter custody you would.

I am a member of the Lutheran Baptist Church
and employ of the Soo Line R.R. Company 20 years
service, 63 years old two years ago. Division Clerk
in their Traffic Dept 16th floor Soo Line Bldg. Mpls.

I am willing that you should write
Prof. Murray of Univ. of Chicago Mr. Kinnell would
check my character, if you are hoping to hear from you
soon yours truly
Charles Mad. Griest

ALBINA REAL ESTATE
3120 N. WILLIAMS AVE.
PORTLAND 17, OREGON

December 14, 1967

City of Portland
Planning Commission
City Hall Annex
Portland, Oregon

Re: Zone change petition for
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 4 all of ⁵,6, &
7, block 19, Woodlawn Add

Dear Sir

Enclosed is list of property owners who have been contacted re: zone change either by phone - letter or personally. The list contains the names of those who have not signed.

A number of the property owners have indicated an unwillingness to sign because of fear of an increase in real property taxes if there is a substantial improvement of properties in the area.

May I request that we be given every possible consideration in this matter including a recommendation on approval from your office to the City Council.

Sincerely yours,


Curtis L. McDonald

March 1, 1968

Mr. C. L. MacDonald
Albina Real Estate
3120 N. Williams Ave.
Portland, 17, Oregon

Dear Mr. MacDonald:

This is to advise you that the Zoning Committee of the City Planning Commission at its regular meeting Tuesday, February 27, 1968 voted to deny your request for Planning Commission initiation of the following zone change requests:

1. To change from zone R5L to zone A1L, Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, Block 19, Woodlawn Addition.
2. To change from zone A2.5 to zone A1, Lots 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, and a portion of vacated N. Denver Avenue, Block 2, Ethel Lynn Addition.

It often happens that persons wishing to initiate a change in the zoning of a particular property are unable to secure signatures of owners or 50% of the property in the affected area of the zone change, as required by the Code, before the zone change request can be heard by the City Council. It has not been the policy of the Planning Commission to initiate zone changes at the request of a property owner where only inability to secure necessary signatures for a petition is demonstrated unless the property is so situated in relation to surrounding property that only one or two persons or a public body own all of most all of the property in the affected area of the zone change. It was the Planning Commission's decision not to depart from this policy.

We are herewith returning your check No. 2184, dated January 4, 1967 payable to the City Treasurer, which was submitted in payment of the zone change fee for the Going Street Property. We are enclosing also, a xerox copy of the City Treasurer's receipt No. 68729, dated December 26, 1967 in the amount of \$100.00 in payment of the zone change fee for the Winona Street property. We have advised the City Treasurer that this money is to be returned to you.

Mr. C. L. MacDonald

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March 1, 1968

The members of the Zoning Committee asked that I relay to you their concern at the length of time required by the staff to bring this matter before them and their regret for any inconvenience this may have caused you.

Cordially yours,

Edgar Smith
Zoning Supervisor

ES/ag

Enc.

July 18, 1968

complaint

Received a call from P.A.C.T. headquarters stating that the Richmond Sunnyside Youth Center, 2033 S.E. 32nd Place, was using as their headquarters a house that had been donated to them by the Greenhills Investment Company with the understanding that they were to paint and clean it up. The work was proceeding and everything was satisfactory with the exception of the fact that they had no water. The water department refused to turn the water on as there was a delinquent water bill in the amount of \$46.10 that apparently had not been paid by a previous renter.

It was explained that they could not pay anyones delinquent water bill as their budget would not permit this expenditure. They were in a dilemma as, Greenhills Investment Company would not pay the bill. This office investigated the situation and found that Greenhills Investment Company were in litemation over the ownership of the building with a bank in Denver Colorado.

Therefore, neither the bank nor Greenhills Investment Company would pay the delinquent water will until a determination could be made as to the ownership.

Mr. Ted Suderberg, Supt. of the Water Department, stated that if both parties were to indicate by letter that they would be responsible and pay said delinquent water bill on determination of the ownership, they would be inclined to waive their rule and turn the water on for the Youth Center.

This office relayed this information on to Mr. Nick Bradley (236-8881) the Director of the Youth Center.

CITY OF PORTLAND
INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE
(NOT FOR MAILING)

February 13, 1969

From Public Works, Planning Commission
To Mayor's Office
Addressed to Keith L. Jones, Administrative Assistant
Subject Curtis MacDonald Zoning Complaint

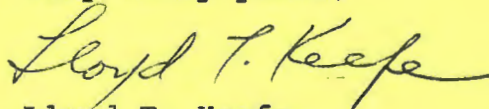
Dear Keith:

Mr. MacDonald was unable to get the necessary signatures in the vicinity of the two map change requests that he was seeking. He could not meet the requirements of Section 6-4102 (2) of the Zoning Code. This section in part quotes:

"Before a petition may be presented to the Council for consideration, the petition shall be signed by the owners or contract purchasers of not less than fifty (50) per cent of all property between the boundary lines of the zone change area and lines one hundred fifty (150) feet, including intervening street widths, from and parallel to the boundary lines of such zone change area."

As you are aware, the first step in the procedure to change a zone is to get such a petition. This is the reason why Mr. McDonald was unable to be heard either by the Planning Commission or the City Council.

Very truly yours,



Lloyd T. Keefe
Planning Director

LTK/mm

Attachment:
Mr. Jones's memo
and clipping

From the Office of
JERRY D. SCHRUNK, Mayor
Rm. 303, City Hall
Portland, Oregon 97204

Date February 11, 1969
Mr. Lloyd Keefe

- To: 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Check:

<input type="checkbox"/> Answer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Investigate and Report	Note and Comment
<input type="checkbox"/> Answer for Mayor's Signature	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Ordinance	Note and Confer
<input type="checkbox"/> Approval Requested	<input type="checkbox"/> Proc. - Resolution	Note and File
<input type="checkbox"/> For Your Information	<input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action	Note and Return

Comments: Attached is a copy of an article from the Oregon Journal dated 2/4/69 which reflects that an Albina realtor, Curtis MacDonald, told the Oregon House Urban Affairs Committee that the state should take over zoning regulation. From other sources MacDonald is alleged to have stated that he had no appeal to the Council. I am confident this man contacted myself regarding some zoning changes which he requested in Albina and which he wanted a change from A2.5 to A1 zone. I believe I contacted the Planning Commission who said that they could recommend one of his areas to be changed but that two others would not be. I'm anxious to learn what his contacts were with the Planning Commission, and also whether he was ever advised of the procedure where a negative response from the Planning Commission might be appealed to the Council. Again it is noted that MacDonald is alleged to have said that he had no right to appeal to the Council.

a _____ Keith L. Jones
cc Russell Peyton Att. Vern Summers

Realtor Tells Of Albina

Zoning Woes 7,248 sq ft

SALEM (UPI) — An Albina realtor, Curtis MacDonald, Tuesday told the Oregon House Urban Affairs Committee that the state should take over zoning regulation.

Key to the Albina area's acute housing problem is zoning, he said, explaining that while there are four general land uses in Portland (residential, multiple family such as duplexes or apartments, commercial and manufacturing), Albina is the only area of the city where "there is not one single residential zone," he said.

All thoroughfares in Albina run through land zoned for manufacturing, MacDonald said, and there is no A-1 zone for high rise apartments. He contends that this cuts off the flow of investment money because no one wants to invest in residential property next to a factory.

The committee also heard Portland attorney Henry A. Buehner say there is no central planning or coordinated program in housing. He suggested that a state housing agency be created.

People know they can get a job, he said, but the question is where they will live.

RETIRED OFFICERS ELECT

New officers of the Portland chapter of the National Retired Officers' Association are Irving All, president; Charles Ferguson and Harold Krohn, vice presidents, and Howard Bemis, secretary-treasurer.

The applicant proposes to construct a 3-plex on this 75 ft. x 100 ft. site. No plans were submitted.

The staff recommends approval on the basis of the existing development pattern.

Action: Mr. Jaggar moved approval of the staff recommendation. Second by Mr. Prichard. So ordered.

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Planning Commission Initiation for Mr. C. L. MacDonald

Mr. MacDonald has requested that the Planning Commission initiate a change of zone from R5L to A1L for Lots 5, 6, 7, and the northeasterly 25 ft. of Lot 4, Block 19, Woodland and a change of zone from A2.5 to A1 on Lots 18 through 24, Block 2, Ethel Lynn Addition. The reason given for this request is inability to secure the necessary signatures for his petition.

The staff recommends that the Planning Commission not initiate these zone changes. It seems probable that opposition to the zone changes requested is a major reason for his inability to secure the necessary signatures.

Mr. Smith stated that Mr. Buckley of the Park Bureau is interested in buying the Going Street property for a park development. Therefore, the staff does not feel this change of zone should be initiated.

Chairman Neill said that he contacted Mr. MacDonald and explained Mr. MacDonald's problem. He stated that Mr. MacDonald wants to develop some low rent subsidy apartments, but has been unable to get the necessary signatures; therefore, he requested the Planning Commission initiate this zone change. Mr. MacDonald also told Chairman Neill that there is only one other A1 zone in the entire Albina area which is an area which needs this low rent subsidy apartment development. He stated that most of the Albina area is zoned either commercial or industrial which makes the property too expensive for this kind of development.

Mr. MacDonald told Chairman Neill that the Albina area is definitely in need of more A1 zones because this low rent subsidy development is the kind of thing the area needs because of the problems in the area; namely, there are low income people who are unable to move and need decent homes in which to live.

Chairman Neill did not feel that this particular area should be A1. However, he did feel that the Planning Commission staff should investigate the area and possibly change the zones.

Mr. Smith felt that the Model Cities Program would be doing this as soon as possible.

Mr. Jaggar did not feel that these zone changes should be initiated because such action will eventually bypass the petition procedure.

Chairman Neill again stated that Mr. MacDonald's request for more A1 development in the Albina area was valid. However, he felt A2.5 at these locations would be appropriate. Mr. Prichard agreed.

Mr. Jaggar again stated that he did not feel the Planning Commission should initiate zone changes whenever requested to do so.

Action: Mr. Prichard moved denial of Planning Commission initiation for A1 for these two locations with the recommendation the applicant circulate a petition for a change of zone to A2.5L for Lots 5, 6, 7, and the northeasterly 25 ft. of Lot 4, Block 19, Woodland. Second by Mr. Jaggar. So ordered.

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The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Edgar Smith
Zoning Supervisor

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McDonald Initiations Mr. Smith raised the question of the Planning Commission initiating two zone changes for Mr. C. L. McDonald who has had some difficulty with the Planning Commission procedures. Chairman Neill asked that Mr. Smith have Mr. McDonald contact Mr. Neill so Mr. Neill could advise him.

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Petition 5266 Mr. Cannady reported that it was necessary that the Planning Commission initiate a zone change to correct an error in the legal description in Petition 5132 and Ordinance 125611. That petition was a Commission initiation which the Commission intended would include change from R10 to R5 for a portion of vacated SW Jackson Street but such portion, which is part of Mr. Wallace Matson's property, was not included in the legal description. Therefore, the staff is recommending that the Planning Commission initiate change of zone from R10 to R5 for such a portion of vacated SW Jackson Street lying south of Lot 5, Block 291, City of Portland, described as follows:

Beginning at the southeasterly corner of Lot 5, Block 291, City of Portland; thence southwesterly 22.5 ft. on a line, which is the southerly extension of the easterly lot line of Lot 5 of said addition, to a point in the northerly line of an alley; thence northwesterly along the northerly line of said alley to the intersection with the easterly line of SW Cardinell Drive; thence northerly following the easterly line of SW Cardinell Drive to the intersection with the southerly line of Lot 5, Block 291, City of Portland; thence southeasterly along the southerly line of Lot 5 of said addition to point of beginning.

Action: Mr. Prichard moved approval. Second by Mr. Jaggar. So ordered.

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The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Edgar Smith
Zoning Supervisor

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February 19, 1969

Vernon Summers, Assistant Human Relations Director

Mayor's Office

Keith L. Jones, Administrative Assistant

Curtis MacDonald (Zoning complaint)

Report

Attached are copies of a letter from Mr. McDonald of Albina Real Estate, 3120 N. Williams Avenue, Portland, to the City Planning Commission stating that he or his company have not been able to secure favorable response of signatures for zone changes. The letter was dated December 14, 1967.

On March 1, 1968 enclosed a copy of letter written to Mr. McDonald, from Edgar Smith, Zoning Supervisor advising Mr. McDonald of the Zoning Committee Meeting for a hearing on the necessary zone changes.

The letter also stated that any persons wishing a zone change of a particular property secure signatures of 50% of the properties affected in the area of zone change, and that these are the requirements before a hearing could be heard by the City Council.

On February 13, 1969 attached letter from Lloyd T. Keefe Planning Director for the Planning Commission, to Keith L. Jones of the Mayor's Office stating that Mr. McDonald was unable to get the necessary signatures in the vicinity of the two map change requests that he was seeking.

On February 27, 1968 minutes attached of the Zoning Committee Meeting state that Mr. McDonald failed to meet the necessary requirements.

I talked with Mr. McDonald on Saturday, February 8, 1969 at 11:30 A.M. about his feelings on not getting the necessary zone change that he requested.

Mr. McDonald quoted that his main concern was that it seemed to him that Black Business Men in Portland just cannot get in on the big money to create bigger businesses in Portland, mainly "The Black Real Estate Brokers". Mr. McDonald also felt that it is very difficult to communicate with all city agencies such as City Planning Commission, Portland Development Commission, and also city Council. Something should be done for better communication.

Mr. McDonald went on by saying that the Albina Neighborhood Improvement Project has eliminated and reduced Black Businesses in the Albina Area. He also stated that he is a native Portlander and went to school in Portland and has been in business for the past 20 years, and that his business has been going down every year and many other Black Businesses in the Albina Community.

Quoted by Mr. McDonald, something should be done to stop other businesses from coming into a community, making profits and taking the profits out to some other community.

Something should be done to make a better coordination in businesses, especially Black Business men quoted by Mr. McDonald. I hope that you can assist us in the Albina Community in getting to the right source for better communication with our City Government.

February 19, 1969

Comments:

In reading all of the letter referring to Mr. McDonald's zone change request, he failed to get the proper amount of signatures for a proper hearing, although he is very concerned about the upgrading of the Albina Community in all respects. Some credit goes to Mr. McDonald for his efforts in trying to bring about a better community for Black Business men. He has struggled with his Real Estate Business for the past 20 years to try to prove to the City of Portland that Black Business men can do it, but he feels that he is fighting a battle that cannot be won, with the very strict zoning laws in Portland.

I suggest that a letter to Mr. McDonald be written commending him for his efforts in his struggle for Black Business men in Portland.

Very truly yours,

Vernon Summers

VS:mw

3036 N. Kerby,
Portland, Oregon 97227
January 25, 1969.

Mr. Vern Summers,
2618 NE 8th Avenue,
Portland, Oregon 97212.

Dear Mr. Summers:

Enclosed please find a copy of a suit filed by me against the Emanuel Lutheran Charity Board dba Emanuel Hospital, J.C. Colhouer dba Colhouer Construction Company and Fred Warner dba Warner Excavating through my attorney, Mr. J. Raymond Carskadon.

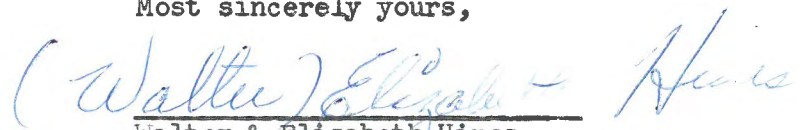
Mr. Carskadon was highly recommended to me by a friend; and at the time of filing this suit, I felt that he would act for my best interest; however, since that time, he has greatly changed his attitude about the matter.

A short time ago he asked me to drop the suit in exchange for the sum of \$150. I refused and asked him why he wanted me to do this. He gave me some unreasonable answer not connected with the suit. On Friday, January 24, he approached me again with an offer of \$1,000 to drop the suit--\$750 for myself and \$250 for him. I again refused his offer and asked him why he wanted me to do this. This time he tried to tell me about a new Supreme Court law that I do not understand.

I feel that my suit is just and right; but I do not know what course to follow under the present circumstances. The case comes up in court on Tuesday, January 28, 1969. Although Mr. Carskadon is still my attorney, I am wondering if I will be properly represented in court, since he approached me at such a late date to drop the case.

Do you think you could be of any assistance to me in the above mentioned matter? I would appreciate any advice or assistance you could give me.

Most sincerely yours,


Walter & Elizabeth Hines

EH:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR THE COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH

ELIZABETH HINES and
W. HINES, Plaintiffs

vs.

EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHARITY BOARD
an Oregon Non-Profit Corporation dba
Emanuel Hospital and

J.C. COLHOUER dba
Colhouer Construction Company and

FRED WARNER dba
Warner Excavating,

Defendants.

NO. 334-637

SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT

COMES NOW the plaintiffs and for cause of action against the
defendants complains and alleges as follows:

I

At all times mentioned herein the plaintiffs have been and now
are husband and wife.

II

At all times mentioned herein the defendant Emanuel Lutheran
Charity Board is an Oregon non-profit corporation in the State of Oregon
doing business under the assumed business name of Emanuel Hospital in the
City of Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon.

III

At all times mentioned herein the defendant J. C. Colhouer is
doing business under the assumed business name of Colhouer Construction Company
with offices at 110 Foot Hill Road, Lake Oswego, Oregon.

IV

At all times mentioned herein the defendant Fred Warner is doing business under the assumed business name of Warner Excavating Company with offices in Banks, Oregon.

1.
Second Amended Complaint

HINES

V

That plaintiffs are and have been for over 10 years prior to the 24th day of July, 1967, the owners and in possession of certain real and personal property, the real property being a residence commonly described as 3036 N. Kerby Street in the City of Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, and the personal property located therein.

VI

That a common grantor owned Lots 6 and 7 Block 14, Riverview Sub-division, City of Portland, State of Oregon, and he divided said property to constitute three lots, to wit: N.38' of lots 6 & 7, Block 14, Riverview Sub. hereinafter referred to as Lot 1; South 32' of North 70' of lots 6 & 7 Block 14, Riverview Sub. hereinafter referred to as Lot 2, the plaintiffs' property; and the South 38' of lots 6 & 7, Block 14, Riverview Sub. hereinafter referred to as Lot 3, the defendants' Emanuel Charity Board property. The common grantor built a residence on Lot 2, the property now owned by the plaintiffs, and established the sewage line over his property referred to as Lot 3 to the public sewage line over his property to the alley running adjacent to Lot 3, a three-plex apartment was built on Lot 1 and a residence on Lot 3 and the sewage lines of these buildings was connected to the sewage line from Lot 2 before the line connected to the public sewage line.

That the plaintiffs and their predecessors in ownership used this sewage line openly, notoriously, peacefully and adversely to the defendant

Emanuel Lutheran Charity Board and their predecessors in interest continuously and uninterrupted for over ten years and that plaintiffs claim title to an easement over said South 38' of lots 6 & 7, Block 14, Riverview Subdivision, City of Portland, State of Oregon, by prescription.

VII

That defendant, J.C. Colhouer dba Colhouer Construction Company on or about the 24th day of July, 1967, entered into an oral contract with Fred Warner dba Warner Excavating Co. to cap off a sewer line on South 38' of Lot 6 & 7, Block 14, Riverview Subdivision, City of Portland, the property of defendant Emanuel Lutheran Charity Board and lying adjacent to the plaintiffs' property. That on or about the 24th day of July, 1967, Fred Warner dba Warner Excavating Company did cap off the sewage line on said property but negligently, carelessly, recklessly and heedlessly left a piece of two-by-four and a piece of broken sewer pipe in the sewer line causing the sewer line to become stopped and the sewage waste, which consisted of dense brown fluids which were nauseous, malodorous, noxious and offensive, to back up and discharge into the plaintiffs' residence, flooding the basement and causing the upstairs and downstairs toilets to overflow and the sewage to seep through the ceilings.

VIII

That defendant, J.C. Colhouer dba Colhouer Construction Company was negligent, careless, reckless and heedless by failing to properly supervise and inspect the work performed by Fred Warner dba Warner Excavating Company to determine if the capping off of the sewer on the adjacent property was performed properly.

IX

There emanates from said sewage nauseous particles, vapors and fumes which particles, stenches, vapors and fumes pollutes the air and settle over, in and upon the walls, ceilings, floors of said residence

thereby causing severe damage to the real and personal property of the plaintiffs.

X

That defendant, Emanuel Lutheran Charity Board an Oregon Non-Profit Corporation dba Emanuel Hospital was negligent, careless, reckless and heedless by failing to properly supervise and inspect the work performed on South 38' of Lots 6 & 7 Block 14, Riverview Subdivision, City of Portland, Oregon, by J.C. Colhouer dba Colhouer Construction Company and by failing to supervise and inspect the work performed by Fred Warner dba Warner Excavating to determine if the work of said defendants in demolishing the residence and capping off the sewer on said property owned by Emanuel Lutheran Charity Board was properly performed.

XI

By reason of the acts of the defendants, the plaintiffs have been damaged in the sum of \$2,300.00 as the reasonable costs of restoring said real property and in the further sum of \$3,000.00 by damage and depreciation of the value of said real property.

XII

That the water containing said sewage flooded the basement damaging the furniture, clothing, linens, bedding, washing machine, television set, radio, stair carpeting, furnace, rugs and miscellaneous items stored in the basement, in the total sum of \$2,800.00.

XIII

As a result of the nauseating stenches, vapors, and fumes emanating from the ceilings, floors and walls the plaintiffs and their children have been annoyed and disturbed and have become sickened and their home has been rendered disagreeable, uncomfortable and undesirable as a home and the plaintiffs have suffered embarrassment and humiliation as a result, all to their general damages in the sum of \$10,000.00.

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs demand judgement against the defendants

as follows:

- (1) \$8,100.00 special damages
- (2) \$10,000.00 general damages.
- (3) Their costs and disbursements incurred herein.

Attorney for Plaintiffs

Attorney for Plaintiffs is

J. Raymond Carskadon

Portland 12, 1969

Licensee: Whorace,
City Hall
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

I would like to request
an investigation be made
of funds & donations
being sent to the "American
Business Arts & Crafts Center,
734 E. Burnside, Portland, Ore.

Mr. & Mrs. Carl McLean
I know, have no license
to solicit for funds &
donations.

Being an Indian, I feel
it is my duty to know
this card is using the
funds properly.

Thanking you, please to
Solicit they have
Solicit for roads &
continue to do so.

Also "Cahab Bank" of my,
and they depositing funds
in and will have the
authority to handle these
funds.

Sincerely,
Mrs John G. G. G.
7858 S. E. 13th
Portland, Ore

-97202-

March 14, 1969

SCHOOL
COMPLAINT

This office received a complaint from some parents at the Raleigh Hills School, claiming that the teacher had asked the youngsters to write a story using the following words: alley, gang, Negro, smell, parole, grimy, jammed, shriek, knuckled, a number of others of the same thing and ending up with affection and love.

The parents seemed rather reluctant to go to the teacher and I assume because of fear of retribution for the youngsters and I asked this office what they should do.

This office got in contact with the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Robert Gorley and told him of the situation. He immediately made an investigation and reported back to this office. He found that this took place in a social studies class and was very concerned about the whole area of race relations.

She had given the children a book to read called, "Durango Street". This book gives a very good description of what it would be like to live in a ghetto. Her purpose in having the youngsters write the story, using these words was to try to get them to understand what it might be like to have to live in a ghetto.

At the present time, the Principal of the school is out of town and when he returns there is going to be a meeting to discuss whether or not the procedure that she is using is a good one.

Dr. Gorley felt, however, that there was no question as to her good intentions. Dr. Gorley also expressed his appreciation for the fact that there were parents who were concerned enough to see that it was brought to their attention.

Model Cities

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Portland OREGON 97211

April 24, 1969

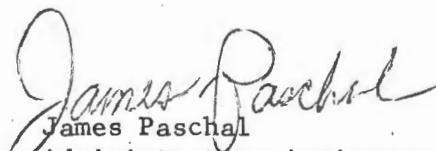
Mr. John Tscherner
Supervisor of Albina Office
Department of Vocational
Rehabilitation
5320 N.E. Union Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97211

Dear John:

Since our last conversation, I have had no reason to assume that Mr. Holloway's conduct in the Model Cities office would in anyway be modified, except by a formal complaint. He continues to brush aside the slightest courtesies and is quite negligent of the feelings of our office staff.

I trust that this note will suffice, for it is written with a certain regret. Yet, something must be done to avoid the total disruption of our office by Mr. Holloway.

Sincerely yours,


James Paschal
Administrative Assistant

Tuesday
April 29, 1969
Time: 4:45 P.M.

Case:

Sig Jose'

VS

Civil Service Commission

"REPORT ON HEARING"

The meeting was held by the Civil Service Board for a complaint by Mr. Sid Jose' who took the Civil Service examination and did not pass by the regular grade of 60. Mr. Jose' received a score of 58, although he had passed the examination once some years ago.

Mr. Jose' felt that the examination was mostly written to keep the non-white out of the City's Building Inspectors Department.

After reviewing the test that was given to Mr. Jose', it was found in the examination on one or several questions pertaining to the code, that it was not up to date with the present standard code of the Portland Housing Codes.

Again it was pointed out one question asked on ^{the}~~the~~ examination about a certain Building Code that Mr. Jose' proved to the Board by checking the correct answer pertaining to this code, that the Civil Service examination was not up to date with the present code to give a correct answer as of the present standard code.

Mr. Jose' came prepared to present his disagreement to the Board. He had blueprints that he had drawn from memory of the examination, to show to the board the correct codes as of today's regulations.

Sig Jose'

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The Board stated that Mr. Jose' would get credit for the errors, and that Mr. Jose' and the examiner would review his test papers together for other corrections if needed.

That they made

The meeting was adjourned.

5-13-69

William H. Thomas
115 Market St. (Welfare Agency Address)
San Francisco, California
Checks for Compensation for Totally Disabled received from this address.
Unit No. 471474

Mr. John Affinino - Case Worker
585 Bush St.
San Francisco, California

Is presently living at the Y.M.C.A. - Portland, Oregon

Worked for Mr. and Mrs. Richard Morehouse one day - approximately
from 5:00 - 12:30 - 1:00

Was slower than the others and in an attempt to hurry, slipped and cut
his hand, cutting broccoli. This occurred in October.

Was taken to Mr. and Mrs. Morehouse's doctor and the hand was temporarily
cauterized and wrapped, then taken to Multnomah County Hospital as they
could get care for free there. (From Salem to Portland)

The only other care he had was through emergency centers at hospitals.
Was incapacitated for three months due to this injury.

Seven stitches were taken and two shots given at Multnomah County Hospital.

Is currently living at the Y.M.C.A.

Case as presented:

Was paid \$1.50 per hour - net paid \$6.00; believes should be more.
Mrs. Morehouse paid for \$1.00 worth of cigarettes while he was in the
hospital.

Was advised that he would receive compensation for injury to hand and has
received none. Has placed his case with the NAACP.

Phyllis Haas, Caseworker here in Portland, closed case on 10-16-68. She
made photostatic copies of papers covering case and these were sent to
Mr. Affinino in San Francisco.

5-19-69

Report by telephone (anonymous) re Marijuana.

Mark Kafel - University of Portland (Pusher)

Betty Kafel, Mother - mental patient of two suicidal attempts

Address: 2546 N. E. 45th

Turned report in to the Narcotics Division of the Police Department.

July 8, 1969

Police Complaint

July 8, Carl Severson, 4634 S. E. Yamhill, at the present time working for PACT on the summer youth project. Mr. Severson states that on Thursday, July 3rd at 3:30 p.m. while he was walking down Second Avenue near Woods Street a police car pulled up alongside and the driver of the car asked to see his I.D. He did not have an I.D. Card so he showed him his social security card. He was smoking a cigarette and it had burned out and he dropped it in the curb at which time the driver got out, walked around and smelled it, then he padded him down and started to reach in his pockets to which the complainant objected, so he said he was under arrest and he took him down to the police station on a charge of a minor in possession of tobacco. He was searched and, of course, he was clean. This young man objected to the discourteous way he was treated by the officer, however, he admits that the police did call his home and his father came down very shortly and he was released to his father.

This young man is seventeen years of age and will be eighteen in about twenty days. A matter taken up with Deputy Chief Carr.

Police

COMPLAINT REPORT

Harold Miller

Harold Miller came into our office July 10, 1969, 11:45 A.M. to register a complaint against the Portland Police Department. Mr. Miller was asked what happened and when did it happen? Stated by Mr. Miller on July 4, 1969 at the corner of North East Union and Fremont. He stopped a familiar friend to give her directions to Blue Lake Park. In the meantime the signal light turned to green. He then was approached by police officers telling him to move along. By that time the light had turned back to red. He stated to the officers the light is red at this time but he will move. His car was parked on the street. After a short length of time the police officers again told him that they would like to talk with them, to get in the car. Four, five or maybe ten people were at MacDonald's Drive In on the corner of North East Union and Fremont. When they saw the police officers talking with Mr. Miller they began to get loud and using bad language. Mr. Miller then proceeded to the crowd trying to keep the crowd quiet. In the meantime another party named Major Lincoln began to help Mr. Miller to try and keep the crowd calm. The police officer when he handcuffed Mr. Lincoln, threw him in the car and then asked Mr. Miller to get in the car. Mr. Miller explained to the crowd that the officers only wanted to talk with him and to knock it off. He was not told that he was under arrest but they would ask him to come down town. Mr. Peyton asked Mr. Miller would they handcuff him. Mr. Miller's answer was no they would not, they never did. When they got to the Central Police Station about four other officers crowded around them from the elevator. Stated by Mr. Miller, I know what this is all about, I have seen this happen before.

Answered by one of the officers on the elevator yes, do you know what is going to happen. Mr. Miller was then pushed into the elevator and three officers began with Mr. Miller to fight. Mr. Miller was charged with disorderly conduct and was released on bail. He also entered St. Vincent Hospital. Mr. Summers asked Mr. Miller what was his intention about this matter. Mr. Miller stated that he was

going to file suit against the Police Department and stated that he had some badges numbers and names of the officers that took him down and would bring them down to us for reference. He also stated that the officers on the elevator went down for badges or name tags on so he could not say who they were. Mr. Miller's eye was red and blood shot. He seemed to be in fair condition at this time.

PORTLAND ACTION COMMITTEES TOGETHER, INC.

1925 S. E. TAYLOR STREET • PORTLAND, OREGON 97214
TELEPHONE 233-5081

July 10, 1969

Captain John R. Pittenger
Traffic Department, Bureau of Police
222 S.W. Pine St.
Portland, Oregon 97204

Dear Captain Pittenger:

Attached are the signed statements of witnesses to an incident alleged to have occurred in Laurelhurst Park at approximately 10 p.m., Wednesday, July 9th, in accord with our telephone conversation earlier today. We assume this gives you sufficient material to investigate the charges made.

It would be greatly appreciated if, when the investigation has been completed, you could advise us of your findings. Hopefully by working together we can alleviate some of the tensions, and make both our jobs easier.

Cordially,


Howard N. Steward, Jr.
Project Director

cc: Deputy Chief Carr
Mr. Peyton

HNS/mlh

Sister Christine Banta
Sister of Social Service
21 S.E. Floral Place
Portland, Oregon
July 10, 1969

STATEMENT

I was standing talking with a group of youth about 30 feet from a paved pathway in Laurelhurst Park on Wednesday evening, July 9th, about 10 o'clock p.m., when a bright light from a policeman's motorcycle was beamed into the broad group of some 150 kids. These youth began to grumble, "Why is he shining that light in our eyes?" After a little while we heard a loud squawk from one of the youth in the area of the motorcycle, and turned and walked toward where the policeman was surrounded by a group of youth. Suddenly he gunned his motor and sped forward about 50 to 60 feet, turned his cycle around quickly, and sped back...too fast, I thought, considering the crowded situation. But the youth quickly stepped aside and the cyclist turned to the right and sped out of the park.

Sister Christine Banta

Mrs. Robert Anderson
3621 S.E. Ankeny St.
Portland, Oregon
7-10-69

STATEMENT

I was standing down below the group that was gathered on the sidewalk--on the path at Laurelhurst Park. This was around 10 o'clock in the evening on July 9th. There were around 30 kids in the group.

I was talking with some other youngsters and wasn't paying too much attention until I heard the kids laughing quite loudly and turned and looked. About this time a motorcycle policeman roared out of the group on his cycle, drove down the path quite fast, about 75' or so, whirled and sped quite rapidly...as fast as he could considering the distance...and headed right into the center of the group. His headlight was on. I heard no horn or siren. The officer then whirled his motorcycle and drove out of the park.

Miss Robert K Anderson

Lloyd Russell Hill, Jr.
215 S.E. 9th St.
Centenary-Wilbur Church
Portland, Oregon
July 10, 1969

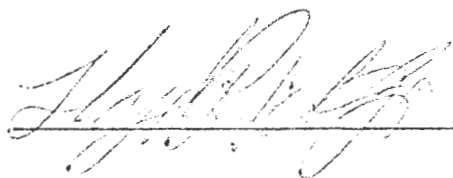
STATEMENT

On Wednesday, July 9, 1969, sometime just prior to 10 p.m., I was standing in Laurelhurst Park talking with Mrs. Anderson and Sister Christine Banta. I looked up and noticed that a motorcycle officer was standing on his cycle about 20 feet away from me, with the light from his cycle shining down through the park. I mentioned to the two ladies that I was going to go up and ask him to turn them down because they seemed to be hurting the peoples' eyes, at which time he drove out of a group of some 10 to 20 people, proceeded down the path...roughly 75'...turned around, and without sounding a horn or siren, charged into the group at full speed--somewhere between 25 and 30 miles per hour--when he hit the group.

As he left the group had started to disburse, but they were still on the walkway in a ~~concentrated~~, concentrated body when he entered it. I had conversation with three people whom he just barely missed. He then proceeded down Ankeny Street without either siren or lights.

Later I noticed him sitting next to the park and asked him if he was the officer who had performed the above act, and he said yes. I asked him why, and he said he had seen somebody he wanted to catch who had performed some illegal act. He made no reply to my question about why he didn't sound his siren or use his light when pursuing the person. I asked him for his name and badge number and he refused to give them to me, even when I introduced myself. He said that he and I had no official business. Later a sergeant drove up in a station wagon. I mentioned to the sergeant that the patrolman would not identify himself to me. He then gave me his badge number, and after talking with me a few minutes, his name. His whole attitude during our conversation appeared to be hostile.

The badge number he gave was #596; cycle #M9444.



Paul Bloom
VISTA Volunteer
1925 S.E. Taylor St.
Portland, Oregon

STATEMENT:

At approximately 8:45 a.m. this morning, July 11, 1969, I pulled my car up to the PACT office at 1925 S.E. Taylor St., and saw an elderly lady being dragged from the house across the street by two men in street attire. I observed a car at the curb with official license plates of some kind, but otherwise unmarked. The woman was yelling, "I don't want to go". One of the men said, "Come on...you have to go."

They physically and forcibly threw her into the back seat of the car, pushing her head down to get through the door. At this point Gladys McDaniel, who also has offices at the PACT building, came out of the PACT offices and we went over together and asked one of the men what they were doing. He showed us a badge--I could not distinguish the type--and said they were Police and were taking the woman for mental observation. He seemed to have the attitude of questioning that it was any of my business, and I said that I would have concern for anyone being dragged out of a house and forced into a car; and that any citizen should be concerned in matters of this nature.

A woman in a red coat came out of the house immediately and said it was all right, that it was perfectly legal. She seemed to be either a caseworker or someone representing an agency in the city. A man came out of the house (tall, gray hair) and I asked him if he knew what was happening, and he said he was the woman's nephew and he had no objection to what they were doing.

There are two things about this episode that really bother me. One was the manner in which it was handled--abrupt, rough, and physically manhandling an elderly woman. The second is the negative attitude on the part of the police and the agency representative toward the situation...their callousness and lack of concern whatsoever for the feelings of the individual that they were caring for. If this is the treatment that elderly people in this city are rendered, then an investigation should certainly be made of all cases showing lack of concern for the welfare of elderly citizens.

Paul Bloom

July 15, 1969

Report on Albert Forthan

Talked with an Albert Forthan(NEGRO) who is an addict and is in the Methadone Program, sponsored by Dr. Paul Blackley. Mr. Forthan pays \$1.00 a day in this program.

Mr. Forthan is quite concerned about his wife, Mrs. Kathy Ward Forthan who was picked up on June 24, 1969 for Violation of her Parole. The violation was that she was seen in the area of S. W. 3rd Avenue and Salmon Streets. Mrs. Forthan (White) was sentenced to 150 days July 12, 1969.

Mr. Forthan stated that they lived at the Geneva Hotel, and it is located in the area where Mrs. Forthan's parole states not to be in. There is no doubt that Mrs. Forthan is an ex-prostitute. Reason is that Mr. Forthan, at that time, was not working and was a very heavy addict, but since that time Mr. Forthan got into the Methadone Program and got a job to better himself and his wife for a better living condition. Mr. Forthan is doing very well, he is no longer a user for better than a year, and has moved out of the S. W. Area, and now live 22 N. E. Monroe Street, so that Mrs. Fothan would have no reason to be in that area any more.

Sgt. John Roe of the Polcie-Community Relations have been working with Mr. Forthan in counseling. He seems to think Mr. Forthan is really trying very hard to upgrade himself and his wife, but by not having his wife home with him, that he might drop out of the Methadone Program and start back the way he was before he entered the program.

Releasing of Mrs. Forthan into custody of someone along with her husband may make a lot of difference with the attitude of Mr. Forthan.

According to Sgt. John Roe, there should be some way that this couple could get some help.

July 31, 1969

POLICE COMPLAINT

Several police officers contacted this office to report what they believed was an injustice to Officer Morris Hafford who had just completed his probationary period but had been terminated. This office was reluctant to be involved, inasmuch as we believe that Administration has the right to terminate during probationary period if they believe that the best interests of their department will not be served by continuing the employment.

However, it was intimated to this office that discrimination might be involved and it was pointed out that up to the time of the recent disturbance in Portland he had been given satisfactory rating. Also, these officers claimed to have worked with Morris Hafford and found him to be a competent officer. One of the things this office did was to investigate to determine whether or not he had received a satisfactory rating up until a week or a few weeks before his probationary period was up. This was the case and the complainant, himself, furnished a copy of a congratulatory letter from Civil Service which he received on July the 17th stating that he was to be continued and had proved to be satisfactory.

Because of several circumstances involved, it appeared that this office should investigate the situation. The various charges against the complainant do not appear to this office substantial enough to warrant his dismissal. A talk with Captain Taylor his commanding officer disclosed that he more or less agreed with this opinion and admitted that it certainly would have been a toss-up as to his dismissal had he not appeared to be somewhat different in his thinking from his fellow officers.

For instance, the complainant has strong feelings about the Vietnam War. He is against draft, he has strong feelings about racial attitudes. For these and other reasons he appeared to be different from the officers he was working with, at least in his philosophy involving social problems. Even though this

office spent a number of hours discussing the probable cause of the change of opinion regarding his eligibility during the last couple of weeks of his employment we have no definite thing that we can put our finger on as to the cause of this change.

This office could merely make a number of assumptions of what caused this change of opinion from Mr. Hafford's being a satisfactory officer to unsatisfactory.

It is the conclusion of this office that there are some very questionable circumstances involved in this situation. Also, there are a number of police officers who will testify that he is a good police officer. In addition to this, the young man holds a degree in police science and police administration from Washington State. He plans to make law enforcement his life activity and wants to be a police officer and he, himself, believes that he will make a good police officer.

This office realizes that because of the questions that have arisen regarding his satisfactory employment that he would probably never be successful in continuing on in this department should he be reinstated. We do believe that he should have the opportunity to work in his field in the State of Oregon and would recommend that he be given the opportunity to resign from this position rather than being discharged. Should he be allowed to resign, he would then have the opportunity of seeking another job in law enforcement in some other jurisdiction and maybe in some other capacity. We believe that due to all the circumstances that this would be a fair and equitable solution to this problem.

CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
BUREAU OF POLICE
OFFICER'S REPORT

SUBJECT _____

No. _____

TIME _____

CAPTAIN Taylor

July 10, 1969, 19 _____

Re: Officer Morris R. HAFFORD #558

Sir:

Officer Morris R. HAFFORD was assigned to the Afternoon Relief on May 8, 1969. At the time of his transfer to North Precinct, it was brought to my attention that Officer HAFFORD did not attend the graduation dinner at the conclusion of his Academy assignment, nor did he write a report explaining his absence -- which he had been told was required. I gave him a verbal reprimand for failing to follow instructions, and was favorably impressed with the manner in which he received the reprimand.

His performance since that time, however, has failed to meet the desired standard. Most officers on the Afternoon Relief have asked not to work with Officer HAFFORD. They all admit that HAFFORD seems intelligent enough to do the job, but for some reason, does not seem to be fully aware of the situation around him. They are concerned that Officer HAFFORD may allow a situation to develop which would be dangerous to himself or others. He is often described as being "different" when his fellow officers attempt to describe his performance.

The following incidents are typical of the complaints made by other officers:

When clearing a shotgun, he pointed it at another officer's head.

Upon arriving at the Traffic Division with a DUIII prisoner who had resisted arrest, HAFFORD removed his gunbelt and left it within arms-reach of the prisoner, while he moved across the room and tucked in his shirt. (Arrest of Jessie Nelson).

Carelessness in leaving a shotgun on the seat of the patrol car, and moving into a position where the gun could not be protected.

Refused to turn off the red light of a patrol car in the disturbance area (SE Shaver/Grand - 6th). When a senior officer told him to turn off the light, HAFFORD is alleged to have replied, "I didn't turn it on."

While his partner took information on a call, Officer HAFFORD sprawled on the floor with the children, and played with them. Upon leaving, the officer found his partner on the lawn with the children, looking in a telescope.

While his partner and a sergeant searched a building for a prowler, Officer HAFFORD was found a half block away talking to a group of children and had to be returned to the scene by the sergeant.

When working the St. Johns area, he left his partner on a call while HAFFORD made a traffic arrest. His partner had to walk back to the precinct.


When posted as a security guard on the precinct Command Post, Officer HAFFORD allowed the door to be opened for a police car at the same time a car containing several young Negro subjects drove by. This exposed the location which contained a squad of police officers.

The over-all impression is that Officer HAFFORD does not use good judgement. His actions in some cases have been obviously dangerous; in other cases, his actions fail to convey the professional image that is our goal.

One compliment was received due to Officer HAFFORD's friendly manner with children. In this instance, his response was within the bounds of good taste and professional conduct. It is noted that Officer HAFFORD's interest seems to be in the field of public relations, but that in the instances previously mentioned, he did not perform his primary task as a policeman adequately, and that his efforts lacked the dignity required for professionalism.

We do not have any additional time to attempt to bring this officer to an acceptable level of performance. His probationary period will end on July 17, 1969. There seems to be a basic defect of awareness on the officer's part, and I doubt that even with additional time, could we correct this shortcoming. It is with regret that I must request that he be terminated.

Respectfully,


JAMES E. HARVEY
Lieutenant, "A" Relief
North Precinct

POLICE COMPLAINT

September 2, 1969

Mr. Paul Isenbrook who is a VISTA worker with the Job Corp gives the following story regarding the poor people's picnic at Laurelhurst Park. He claimed that two officers were on duty during the day who were extremely polite and that he knew of no problems that took place.

He states, however, that the permit for the use of the park ended at 6:00 p.m. and about this time 12 police officers arrived who stated that they were going to shut off the power because the permit ended at 6:00 p.m. Several people including an attorney discussed the matter with Sergeant McDermitt who seemed to be in charge and they prevailed on him to hold off until they could call someone at the Police Department for a short extension of time, as they were afraid of a confrontation because of the manner in which the 12 officers arrived. One put on black gloves and apparently gave the indication that they were looking for a confrontation. Sergeant McDermitt apparently used good judgment and gave them permission to see what could be done.

There was some unpleasantness over allowing them to get their car out, which had been blocked by police cars which they wanted to use in getting to a telephone. They finally contacted the police and found no one with authority to suggest what might be done. They went back to Laurelhurst Park and talked further with Sergeant McDermitt and apparently prevailed on him to not shut the power off as there would be a confrontation should the police attempt to do this. Ten after seven the bands left and everyone went home with no problems.

The reason given for their calling this office was the aggressive and unnecessary show of force by sending 12 officers when those officers that had been present could well have handled the situation. They felt that such action as sending 12 officers could easily bring on a confrontation particularly because of the manner in which many of them seemed to have conducted themselves.

~~Police~~ Complaint

September 2, 1969

Mrs. Edminster, 5537 N.E. 32nd, 287-5567 claimed that she called the Better Business Bureau about the fact that there was no hot water, that it took 10 minutes to fill the tub, and that they only washed for about 3 minutes and she felt that not only was she cheated but that it would be a health hazard not having hot water. She claimed that the Better Business Bureau advised her to call the City License Bureau to have them check but the License Bureau told her to talk to Mr. Peyton in the Human Relations Commission. She insisted that something must be done.

September 10, 1969

COMPLAINT

Complainant was James E. Wierson of 1325 N. E. Fremont.

I called on Mr. Wierson regarding complaint of three paper delivery boys. Mr. Wierson is a paper manager for the Oregonian-Oregon Journal. In our discussion he reported to me of several incidents regarding paper carriers that had been beaten up. These several incidents happened in locations: 1. Between Union and Seventh on N. E. Thompson 2. Apartment house at 909 N. E. Brazee. 3. Between Union and Williams and N. E. Cook. 4. Between Williams and Union and N. E. Ivy.

The carriers that had been beaten were Terry Triplet, John Eatlaglia, and Curtis Warner. Mr. Wierson said that he had called the police department on several occasions regarding these incidents. He got no response or they could not seem to find the gang that was doing the beating. Also in our discussion, I told Mr. Wierson that I would investigate these incidents and keep a close watch on the streets pertaining to the deliveries of his papers. I fully recommend that the Police Community Relations Officers should take under consideration some of these community complaints involving citizens in our community.

September 23, 1969

COMPLAINT

I visited with Mrs. Sailor at 3560 N. E. Maltby concerning harrassment from youth in the area. Mrs. Sailor began to state certain incidents that had happened to her since September 1, such as:

1. Eggs were thrown over her house.
2. Two Radio cabs were sent to her address without her knowledge.
3. Around 11:00 one night Chinn's Kitchen delivered two orders of Chinese food without her knowledge.
4. A sawdust truck was standing in front of her house to dump a load of sawdust also without her knowledge.
5. Mrs. Sailor's flowers were pulled up and thrown on the sidewalk.
6. Mrs. Sailor looked out one night and two "for sale" signs were in her yard.

In talking with Mrs. Sailor I asked her had she called East Precinct of the Police Department. Mrs. Sailor stated that she had made several calls and received a nasty attitude from some of the officers. Mrs. Sailor stated that she has talked with the parents in the neighborhood about certain youngsters such as Gregg Simons, Peter Rollwage, Bruce Larnine, and Randy Stiles, and she believes that Randy Stiles was the worse one of the group. She also believes that Gregg Simons was the leader of the group. Mrs. Sailor stated that she lives alone and she is a widow, and also the sister of the ex-Mayor, Jo Carson and that they had a respectable neighborhood and these problems just should not be. I spent about 2 hours

talking with Mrs. Sailor. I told her that if she has any more trouble to call East Precinct of the Portland Police Department and then call me at my home. At the close of our conversation Mrs. Sailor told me that she felt better about the situation as long as someone is concerned with her problem.

September 30, 1969

COMPLAINT

I talked with Mrs. Sailor of 3560 N. E. Maltby Avenue by phone around 8:00 p.m. on September 29, 1969. The conversation was concerning some of the same problems about the white youths in her neighborhood. Mrs. Sailor said that the group gathered on her front steps throwing apples against her home and put firecrackers in her mailbox. I asked Mrs. Sailor would she recognize any of the youths that did this to her home. She stated that she thought that she recognized two of the youths, but she was afraid to sign a complaint against them. I advised Mrs. Sailor that if she wanted to sign a complaint against these youngsters, I would contact the Police Community Relations Officers so that they could get in contact with her if she wished to sign a complaint against the youths. Mrs. Sailor again said she was afraid to do so because she may be harassed more than she has been in the past, but to give her a day or two to think it over and then give her a call.

Russell Peyton

October 1, 1969

Keith Jones

Mrs. Sailor

This is to report the action taken by the Human Relations Commission regarding the harassment and vandalism that you reported to us on behalf of Mrs. Sailor, she being the sister of the ex-Mayor Jo Carson.

On September 23rd, Mr. Summers visited Mrs. Sailor at her home at 3560 N. E. Maltby. She listed many incidents of harassment and vandalism between September 1 and September 23. Mr. Summers asked if she had called the East Precinct of the Portland Police Bureau. She stated that she had made several such calls, but was unhappy with what she termed a "nasty attitude" on the part of some of the officers. She also agreed that she had talked with the parents about certain youngsters which included Gregg Simons, Peter Rollwage, Bruce Larnine, and Randy Stiles. She stated that she believes that Gregg Simons was probably the leader of the group. Mrs. Sailor lives alone in a fairly large house, in what she considered a highly respectable neighborhood and she can't understand why she should have these problems.

Mr. Summers spent several hours with Mrs. Sailor and suggested that should there be any more difficulty she should immediately call the Police Department and then call Mr. Summers at his home. At the end of this interview Mrs. Sailor stated she felt much better about the entire situation knowing that someone was interested in her problem.

On September 29, on or about 8:00 p.m., Mrs. Sailor contacted Mr. Summers and informed him about a group that had gathered on her front steps throwing apples against her home and putting firecrackers in the mailbox. Mr. Summers immediately went to her home where he asked Mrs. Sailor if she could recognize any of the youths that perpetrated these acts. She stated she believed she recognized two of them but insisted she was afraid to sign a complaint against them. Mr. Summers advised her that

he would have a Police Community Relations Officer contact her if she would just be willing to sign a complaint. Her reason for not doing so, she stated was they will harass me more than in the past but she finally agreed to think it over and give Mr. Summers her decision at a later time. The next night on September 30, Mr. Summers received a call shortly after 8:00 from Mrs. Sailor and stated that she had heard a noise at her front door and asked him to come immediately. On arrival at Mrs. Sailor's home found everything quiet and no young people around. Mrs. Sailor asked him to accompany her on a walk around the neighborhood so that she might point out where various people lived and see whether or not they could discover this group of young people. They walked for about four blocks around the neighborhood but found everything completely quiet, nobody on the streets. Mrs. Sailor felt very much relieved and expressed her thanks for this visit. Mrs. Sailor has lived in the neighborhood for 31 years and claims to know every neighbor in the immediate vicinity. Mrs. Sailor has been urged to talk to the parents of these children about her unhappy situation to see if they will not maintain better control of their youngsters, and of course if they will not do so then to make a formal complaint to the Police Department for she seems to know who the culprits are.

RAP:gj

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3226 SW Dickerson St.
Portland, Oregon 97219

Mayor Jerry Schrunk
% City Hall.

Dear Sir:

I am writing you in concern for my parents.
They are Mr + Mrs Wm Bankston of 10339 N Midway Ave.
They are both 77 years old.

About 3 weeks ago on a Monday evening we
(my husband + I) visited them. When we arrived my
mother was asking some boy to stay out of their
yard. They were being quite smart and impudent.
They would call her names. It had been going on for several
days. She had called me the Friday before about
crying and very upset. She has asked the kids
to stay out of the yard. They said she didn't
have anything worth anything in her old yard.
My husband called the police. They never came to
my parents. The large blonde haired boy last name
Thompson told both my mother and father that
they were always saying they were calling the

police and that they wouldnt do it. He would
stand and declare us liars to the point that
made us wonder what was wrong with our
sight. So I called the police myself. They came
out and talked to at least Mrs Thompson. They
didn't come near the my parents for a while, but they
would yell smart things for both my father & dad
to hear. Tonight I called my mother, for the last
3 or 4 nights they have been running through
the flower beds and running in their yard -
She was very upset. The night we went over there
she was shaking and a grey color. We are afraid
of it causing both of them to have a heart attack.
One day my dad was outside and something hit
him in the side. He said he thought it was a BB.
Then a BB was shot last week close to my mother.
My Aunt was visiting my mother and they were in
the yard and a rock bounced just off side of
them. They have apples and plums and the
kids wouldnt stay out of the fruit, if they
were told to get out, they would just taunt them.
Every since the Thompsons have moved in

on Armour, he has done all sorts of trouble things. Also the Alder boy of Mrs Cameron who moved in later on has pulled the same thing with the Thompson boy. All the neighbors have had trouble with both families. Sometimes the little girls to. There doesn't seem to be any point of talking to the mothers. Mrs Cameron says she taught her kids better so she knows they don't do things to other people.

Isn't there something that can be done to keep the kids at home and play in their own yards and that yelling and calling names.

One evening early this summer the Thompson boy and another boy lit a paper fire in the middle of the street north of my parents house. My mother couldn't sleep. It was eleven o'clock or later. It was so dry she was afraid it might end up in their yard by the house.

My father don't hear very good and wears a hearing aide when he is outside he turns it down or off. If he could hear what those kids call him I'd be afraid of what he would do. My mother

Hears it. Sometimes she cries. Neither one of them have bothered any of their neighbors. If you could talk to some of their neighbors you would find out what has been going on.

There is a Mrs Puri who lives across the street on ^{the} Armour & Midway Corner. There is also Mrs ~~Chas~~ Vale. Mr B. Vale. 105-107 Midway.

The Thompson boy has been around carrying a gun. We don't know what kind.

We would appreciate any help or action of any kind that will restrain those kids from stepping a foot on their place or even throwing a ball on it, which is deliberate and make them refrain from the name calling etc. I mean on much longer.

Thank You.

Mrs Vera Yarbrough

246-2202.

These kids are out every evening till dark and on week ends doing all sorts of things sometimes it is quite late if weather at all permits

TERRY D. SCHRUNK
MAYOR



RUSSELL A. PEYTON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
316 CITY HALL

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
CITY OF PORTLAND
OREGON

October 27, 1969

Mrs. Vera Yarbrough
3226 SW Dickinson Street
Portland, Oregon 97219

Dear Mrs. Yarbrough:

This will acknowledge your letter addressed to Mayor Schrunk regarding the problem neighborhood youngsters upsetting your parents.

The situation you complained of is of concern to Mayor Schrunk. I, therefore, forwarded this letter to the Police Community Relations unit for action. Officers have contacted the parents of some of the youngsters who are causing trouble and the officer in the area is continuing to check to make certain that your parents are not upset and that they stay out of their yard. I can assure you that the officers will attempt to keep track of the situation in their immediate neighborhood.

We do not want these things to happen, but they do happen despite the efforts of the police to prevent them. We sincerely trust that they will not be bothered in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Russell Peyton
Director

RAP:gj

POLICE COMPLAINT

Complaint received October 4, from Mrs. Margaret Ingram, mother of Brett Ingram who stated that her son had been handcuffed and taken to Police Headquarters from Meier & Frank store and though she realized he might have sassed the clerk, she could not understand them handcuffing her son in as much as he is only 10 years of age.

Request police report on the incident which is attached.

RAP:gj
10-10-69

Brett Ingram statement at the store by security officers
statement at the Police Station
Wendall - copy of what was signed why taken downtown in handcuffs.

December 29, 1969

Police Complaint

On December 23rd approximately 8:00 pm, I received a call at my home from a Mrs. LaBatte concerning her son who was picked up at Fred Meyer on North Interstate for shop lifting. Mrs. LaBatte's son is Joseph P. LaBatte, phone number 282-0247.

Mrs. LaBatte began to tell me what was involved. She stated that her son, Joseph, was shopping for Christmas in the variety section of Fred Meyer and picked up a carton of cigarettes and put them in his shopping bag. After doing that he saw some flowers that he wanted to buy outside of the check stand, which was inside of the store, and purchased some flowers. At that time he had forgotten about the cigarettes that he put in his bag and stepped outside of the store. The officers grabbed him and told him that he was under arrest for shop lifting. He explained to the officers that he had forgotten about the cigarettes and he was willing to pay for them. The officers stated "we are going to take you down".

Joseph is 38 years old and is slightly retarded, with the mind of about a 15 year old. He did not understand why he was being arrested and when he was at the station he asked the officers if he could use the phone. The officers said yes. He did so and received no answer. Later he asked if he could try to get the call through again. He was refused. Joseph was in jail two days before Mrs. LaBatte knew where he was. She posted bail of \$250.00 for his release. His hearing was to be Friday morning, December 26th at 9:30 am.

April, 1971

Electricity Cutoff

Name: Rodger Sanders
541 SE Knott
287-0037

Situation: The Rodger Sanders' family lives on the second floor of an apartment house. Because of a wiring defect in the house the Sanders' electricity was cut off at the same time the service to the other apartments was stopped by the electric company because of non-payment. The Sanders have a young child who is in need of special feeding and special treatment require a warm home. They were concerned that the child would not be adequately cared for if they do not have the electricity restored quickly. They would like help in receiving back their power.

Action: After talking with the power company to verify the story and with Mr. Cannon (281-7282) the landlord, it was resolved that as soon as the new party and the other residents made the initial payment to the power company the electricity would be restored. The landlord contacted the new tenants and arranged for payment. The power was turned back on.

April , 1971

Welfare (Utility Cutoff)

Name : Edward Tahl
4123 SE Yamhill
236-2882

Situation: A report from Mr. Tahl concerned the fact that PGE had suspended service for lack of payment. The family includes six children ranging in age from fifteen years to nine months plus the parents. The amount of money owed was totaled \$29.63 plus a \$5.00 reconnect charge. The Tahls are two months behind in their payments. The welfare caseworkers involved with the Tahl family are Mrs. Younling and Mrs. Benjamin their numbers are 229-6844 and 229-6737 respectively. Mr. Cook at the credit department of PGE had been contacted concerning the case. He reported that the Tahls in addition to owing this amount were responsible for a previous debt of some \$40.00.

Action: I was able to secure agreement from Mr. Cook that the power could be turned on again if Mr. Tahl would pay the five dollar reconnect charge plus ten dollars at this time. The remainder is to be paid at ten dollars a month plus any current bills that come due in the intervening period. I contacted Mr. Tahl and he arranged to secure the fifteen dollars for the immediate payment from his parents. The money was paid and the power was restored.

April, 1971

Utility Company Complaint

Name: Carla King
3284 SE Lincoln
236-6209 or 224-7650 (work)

Situation: Carla King has purchased an older home through FHA 235. After a short time in the house she had several problems including a gas leak in the furnace. The Gas Company inspected it and said that the unit was not worth repairing and that she would have to have a new furnace and water heater. They gave her a price estimate of \$1,320 with \$330 down-payment required. Dave Stark is the name of the Northwest Natural Gas representative who dealt with Mrs. King. Mrs. King wanted to know if she had any rights under HUD regulations.

Action: I referred her to Mr. Bob Dickson at HUD (226-3361). Mrs. King later informed me that Mr. Dickson was unable to help and that she had received the necessary financing to install the furnace and water heater.

May, 1971

Utility Company Complaint

Name: Mrs. Rosa Goodman
323 SE 22nd

Situation: Mrs. Goodman reported that both her electricity and her gasoline service had been cut off. Neither public welfare nor the helping agencies in her area were able to assist with the amount of money needed. She explained that both herself and the two children had gone through a period of illness in the last two or three months and that in the course of this she had delayed payment of her utility bills. She seemed quite certain however that since then her payments had been brought up to date and that the power was being cut off unjustifiably. She was obviously concerned that heat be restored and that electricity for cooking be resupplied.

Action: Over a period of two days fourteen telephone calls were recorded in an effort to reconnect the electricity and the gas and to arrange for payments of Mrs. Goodman's bills. These calls included Miss Marjorie Lindsey of public welfare, Mrs. Chink, Northwest Natural Gas, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Jack Simons of Portland General Electric, Al Mucho of Multnomah County Welfare, the Community Worker of Buckman Elementary School, Mrs. Sunberg of County Welfare and Mrs. Goodman. We clearly determined with the help of Mrs. Goodman that she had been in error and that the bills indicated owed were indeed accurate. It was necessary to ask Mr. Mucho of Public Welfare administration to go above the credit department of the Portland General Electric. He did so by speaking with Mr. Jack Simons, who eventually agreed to vary procedure and reinstall the electrical power. Once this was accomplished FISH agreed to pay the nearly \$20 owed on the gas bill. In turn the community worker at Buckman school having become knowledgeable of the plight of the Goodman family, prevailed upon a school emergency fund to arrange for full payment of the utility bills owed by the Goodmans.

It is interesting to note that in the case of Mrs. Goodman she receives \$65 ~~month~~ month from welfare for rent and utilities. She is intuturn paying \$90 a month rent and in addition must pay for all of her own utilities. Her reputation of being consciencious and reliable were key factors in gaining the assistance of Mr. Simon and the generous action of the Buckman Community counselor.

REQUEST FOR SERVICE

Date Received Nov. 30, 1973

Name: Mrs. Frances M. Miller
Address: 4328 S.E. Harrison
Phone: 233-7437

Type of Problem Fuel Oil Form of Assistance Referred to Fuel Oil Co.

Narrative:

Mrs. Miller called concerned about fuel oil for her home. She said that she had called several companies, and could not receive any.

Staff called several companies, and was able to find one to deliver Mrs. Miller oil the next morning.

Date Closed Nov. 30, 1973

By VM

GANTENBEIN & ROE
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
3150 S. E. BELMONT
PORTLAND, OREGON 97214

CALVIN E. GANTENBEIN
JOHN L. ROE

TELEPHONE
503-233-5207

August 19, 1975

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Vern Summers, Director
Metropolitan Human Relations Commission
410 City Hall
Portland, Oregon 97204

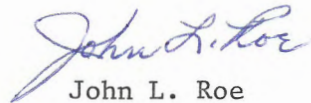
Dear Mr. Summers:

This letter confirms my telephone call to your office regarding my client James Miller of 424 N.E. Sacramento, Portland, Oregon.

The water to Mr. Millers house was shut off one month ago, and since that time his granddaughter has been carrying water in buckets from a service station over four blocks away. There are six people residing in the house with a gross income of less than \$450 a month. The absence of water is creating a serious health problem. The city requires \$52 from Mr. Miller before they will turn the water on.

For your information the Miller family are Gypsies and are unable to read or write. They would appreciate any help you can give in this matter. If I can be of any further assistance in this matter please let me know.

Yours Truly,



John L. Roe
Attorney at Law
106 N.E. Morris
Portland, Oregon 97212

JR:dk

Your utility rights

As a result of state legislation passed last year, the utility companies must do certain things when threatening to shut off service.

What They Must Do:

1. The utility company must give at least 15 days written notice to the customer and occupant before a shut-off.

2. They must also give 72-hour notice. They must try to contact the customer in person.

3. Immediately before a shut-off they must try again to contact the customer and occupant.

What They Must Say:

1. When the representative of the utility contacts the customer 72 hours before the shut-off must:

a) explain the options, for example, the 10% plan

b) Explain possible available assistance.

2. No shut off will take place if before the shut-off date the customer pays 10% of the overdue bill or \$10 (whichever is greater) and signs an agreement with the utility company to pay the remainder within 10 months.

3. No shut-off will take place if a doctor, registered nurse, licensed

nurse practitioner, clinic or agency providing health care notifies the utility by phone, and in writing within 14 days of the phone call, that a shut-off will significantly endanger the health of the customer or someone in the household. Unless the condition is chronic the health certification must be renewed every 30 days.

4. Before a shut-off the utilities shall inform customers of the names and phone numbers of units within the Department of Human Resources and service agencies who can help the customer determine what assistance may be available.

You Can Appeal If:

You do not receive proper notification, the utility has not offered or has refused a 10% payment plan, you entered into a payment plan that needs to be modified and you are threatened with a shut-off, they refuse to restore service, or if you feel you were treated unfairly. Call or write to:

Public Utility Commissioner
(PUC) - Consumer Assistance
Section - 1-80-452-7813 Ext.
6600 toll free
Room 300, Labor and Industries Building, Salem, Or

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A. J. JOHNSON
ATTORNEY AT LAW
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PORTLAND, OREGON 97214
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PROPERTY OFFICE

Mr. Terry Schruck
Mayor of the City of Portland
City Hall
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mayor:

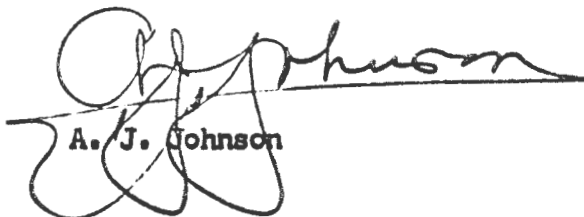
When is this going to stop? I have just returned from a trip from my office in the Weatherly Building to the Department of Internal Revenue on the corner of S. W. Pine and S. W. Fourth Avenue where I deposited a check in excess of \$6000.00 for the benefit of the Federal Government.

While proceeding west on S. W. Oak Street I was met at the intersection of S. W. Third Avenue by a gang consisting of several hundred hoodlums who had taken possession of the city street and was forced to turn south and traverse four additional blocks with a long delay in order to reach my destination. Upon leaving to return to my office I was again required to drive six additional blocks and suffer another long delay because the same unruly gang was then apparently engaged in marching around the police station.

Where in the hell was your riot squad? Or did some ape in the City Hall issue another permit to these young long-hairs allowing them the right to interfere with all business transactions in the City of Portland regardless of their importance?

I would recommend the executive department of this city adopt a policy of consulting with its constituents rather than the bearded doctors of philosophy that operate the Portland State University. Perhaps this was a peaceful demonstration but if you think I feel peaceful at this moment you are badly mistaken.

Very truly yours,


A. J. Johnson

AJJ:vp

cc: The Hon. Tom McCall
Governor of the State of Oregon
Salem, Oregon 97310

Portland State University

P.O. Box 751



Portland, Ore. 97207

Division of Social Science

503/226-7271

August 4, 1971 Law Enforcement Programs

Mr. James Kime
General Manager
KGW Radio
1501 S.W. Jefferson
Portland, Oregon 97204

Dear Mr. Kime:

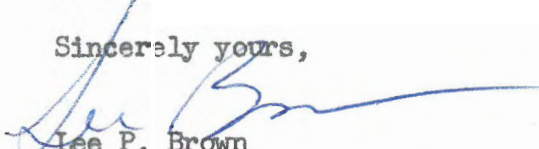
At approximately 9:25 a.m., this morning, I had my radio tuned to your station listening to the Don Wright Show. At that time I was shocked and amazed at a comment that was made over the air by Mr. Wright. He indicated that he was going to play a record entitled "Spanish Harlem" by Aretha Franklin. Immediately after that, he stated something to the effect that he was talking "Soul Talk." His next comment was that he was "he was eating watermelon." (I do not remember the exact words he used, but the forgoing is the essence of his comments.)

The connotation of his comments are very obvious and that is the reason I was very much surprised that they were made over the air. Mr. Wright's remarks struck me as being very racist in nature and characterized stereotyped implications that Black people consider to be derogatory.

Under ordinary circumstances I would not be concerned about such comments, but I am sure that you would like to have this matter brought to your attention because of the reputation which your station has in the community. I'm also sure you will agree with me that the sensitivity to the feelings of others, particularly minority groups, is a responsibility of all people of good will and of particular concern to individuals who are in the public eye, such as Mr. Wright.

I thank you for your consideration of this letter and hope that similar matters will not occur in the future.

Sincerely yours,


Lee P. Brown
Director

LFB/lb

✓ cc: Metropolitan Human Relations Commission

August 5, 1971

Mr. James Kine, General Manager
1501 SW Jefferson
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Kine:

I was appalled at the usage of certain terminology by one of your disc jockey, Mr. Don Wright, on August 4, 1971 at 9:25 A.M. I am not unmindful that certain radio personalities use certain words. However, I am sure that Mr. Wright can find other words to use beside, "watermelon," "blackeye peas" and etc.

Since a large number of minority citizens listen to K.G.W., I am sure that certain words are offensive to them. In the past I have been a faithful listener, however, now I find that I can no longer listen to your station.

Sincerely yours,

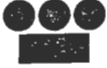
Lenwood G. Davis
Department of History

LGD:nm

cc: Mr. Don Wright
Metropolitan Human Relations Commission ✓

KGW AM TV

1501 S.W. Jefferson Street
Portland, Oregon 97201
Telephone 503/224-8620



August 10, 1971

Mr. Lee P. Brown
Director
Portland State University
P. O. Box 751
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you for taking the time and effort to write your letter of August 4, to bring to the attention of the station's management the unfortunate comment on last Wednesday's morning show.

We offer our apology to you for the comment made by our morning personality, which resulted in your strong reaction. We forget that not all our listeners think along the same lines we do and we should be ever mindful of these differences. Letters like yours help us to keep our perspective.

May I explain what happened?

In talking with Don Wright he points out that occasionally someone completely mistakes what he is saying. One time recently he said, "at the age of 14 Boy Scouts become girl scouts", meaning they start scouting for girls. The Boy Scout District Council took this to infer that Boy Scouts become "sissys" at that age, and wrote a serious letter of protest.

Not by way of excuse, but rather more by explanation, our evaluation of Don's show on the morning in question reveals a natural flow. He was calling attention earlier in his shift to the comments in Doug Baker's column in which a local radio commentator was quoted as being critical of people with long hair. Don's patter was oriented towards bringing out the point that a person should be judged as a human being; that not all long hairs are bad, not all Italians are crooks, not all Polish are dumb, and not all blacks eat watermelon. Unfortunately, it just did not come across that

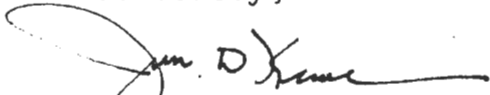
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way and we are sorry you found his comments distasteful. Like all humans, we are often fallable, but letters like yours help us to keep in touch with the feelings of the community when we stray too far, too fast.

While Don Wright's comments may have struck you as being racist in nature, we think you would find Don as least racist as any white person can be after you've had a chance to meet him. We would be pleased to have you visit the station and have coffee and conversation with Don and myself some morning after he gets off the air at 10 a.m. if you are inclined to do so. Just give me a call and we will be happy to have you as our guest.

Again, thank you for writing and please feel free to do so in the future if there are other areas which you feel should be brought to our attention.

Sincerely,



Jim D. Kime
Manager

JDK/wdp

cc: Mr. Don Wright
Metropolitan Human Relations Commission



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February 5, 1975

Mr. Russ Peyton
Director
Metropolitan Human Relations Commission
1220 S. W. Fifth Avenue
Portland, OR 97204

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HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Dear Mr. Peyton:

You will find enclosed a copy of an article which appeared in last Sunday's Northwest magazine, and communication regarding that matter. We wish to express our deep concern over the abusive nature of this article which has aroused many individuals in our community.

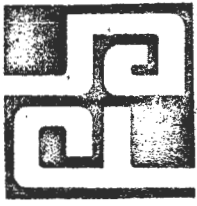
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Mr. Gerry Pratt
c/o KATU Channel 2
2153 N. E. Sandy Blvd.
Portland, OR 97232

Dear Mr. Pratt:

I am writing this letter to you as a concerned citizen and as Director of the Northwest-Intermountain Regional Office of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) in regards to your recent article "Only Japs Ate Shiners," which appeared in the Oregonian's Northwest magazine on February 2, 1975.

The JACL is a national human rights and educational organization with a 45-year history of working to insure equal rights for Americans of Japanese ancestry as well as for all Americans regardless of race, religion or national origin.

In the past I have regarded your appearances in the local media favorably, but I was terribly appalled by your recent article. The term 'JAP' has always been more than merely a convenient contraction for the word Japanese. For as long as the Japanese have been in America, the term 'JAP' has been used as a term of racial derogation.

The use of this term in your article bears little or no relevance to the subject that you were addressing. Context and intent are some excuses used to justify its use, but these only reinforce racial bigotry with many people incapable of developing an intelligent interpretation of its use.

Our organization has conducted an on-going national program directed at eliminating this epithet from popular usage. Attached is a brochure that our organization is circulating. I hope that you will take the time to give this matter serious thought.

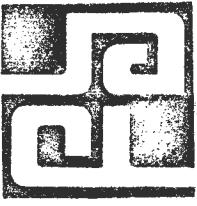
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Mr. Joseph Bianco
Editor, Northwest Magazine
The Oregonian
1320 S. W. Broadway
Portland, OR 97201

Dear Mr. Bianco:

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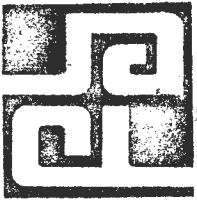
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Mr. Jay Richard Nokes
Managing Editor
The Oregonian
1320 S. W. Broadway
Portland, OR 97201

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By Gerry Pratt

SINCE Hemingway hit the marlin like it was a val battle, I have won those men who pose for the great fish chained from a weight rack in Mexico. (Cuba is off to the marlin hunters.) This friend with the Polaroid pictures in harness strapped around the fish dancing with his mouth a quarter of a tip of the pole. That win the silver tray from of Mexico, but it will and glass-eyed to hang careful rigor mortis, finishing on the friend's as the taxidermist gets his \$300 embalming

I think this guy had

They were real good fishermen, but we all thought they were spies, with cameras in their bags.

wrestled the fish to death, so great and equal was their contest. "Fought for an hour and thirty minutes," he said. "Soon as the boatman can get a hand on the leader, that's when they club him. The battle's over. Almost two hundred pounds," he said, adding statistics to the testimony of the pictures.

And while he talked about that trophy fish, I remembered again the shiners we pulled in off the pier at Fraser's wharf, remembered the creosote pilings wet from the dropping tide and the soft moving shadows beneath the pier. We dug sea worms from under the rocks and threaded them over the hooks so they wiggled for the shiners. sea

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Hisai and I, we never spoke in school. The Sikhs, sure, they were among the good guys with noses like ours and wood trucks and silver bracelets. But the Japs were something else. They stuck to themselves and talked Jap talk to one another and always stayed clean and went straight home after school. Hisai was the only one I knew who ever really smiled at anyone; at least she was the only one I knew who smiled at me. But we never talked until she came with her family to Fraser's wharf after shiners.

They had all kinds of worms, the Japs; big fat sea worms squeezing around in a tiny can filled with sand and muck. I watched her thread

the hook down the worm's mouth and pull a shiner out of the water before the line got really wet.

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"Hello," she said, and she said it funny like the Jap kids did when their words sounded as if they were full of roller skates.

"Hi," I said. "You did pretty good. I been fishing deep for bass. They aren't biting today. Guess I should have been going after shiners."

"I have some for you," she said and put her can of shiners on the pier. There wasn't time to tell her I didn't eat them, that for me they were just to catch and slap on the dock and maybe show off to the kids on the way home.

"Oh. You better keep 'em," I started to say.

"We got plenty," she said. "My family has plenty. You have some too. OK?"

That was the first time I ate shiners, fried in butter and flour, small, tender pieces of sweet white meat. I had them for breakfast and the next day at school I was going to tell Hisai I had eaten them just like the Japs did. But the next day slipped by and if she smiled at me like she did before, it was from a cluster of other Jap girls, though I noticed she hung around a couple of times after school to watch soccer practice. But by then it was late fall and time had pushed the shiners and Hisai's friendliness aside.

After December of that year, they took the Japs away and I believed all those things they said about them taking pictures of our harbor, believed them even though I knew they had shiners, not cameras, in those cans, because only Japs ate shiners.

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They were real good fishermen, but we all thought they were spies, with cameras in their bags.

By Gerry Pratt

EVER SINCE Hemingway fought the marlin like it was a gallant naval battle, I have wondered at those men who pose for pictures with the great fish chained by the tail from a weight rack somewhere in Mexico. (Cuba is off limits now to the marlin hunters.)

So here's this friend with the whole bag, the Polaroid pictures in full color, harness strapped around his shoulder, the fish dancing with the steel in his mouth a quarter of a mile beyond the tip of the pole. That fish didn't win the silver tray from the governor of Mexico, but it will come plastic and glass-eyed to hang bent in graceful rigor mortis, fin flared to the ceiling on the friend's wall as soon as the taxidermist gets through with his \$300 embalming job.

you would think this guy had

wrestled the fish to death, so great and equal was their contest. "Fought for an hour and thirty minutes," he said. "Soon as the boatman can get a hand on the leader, that's when they club him. The battle's over. Almost two hundred pounds," he said, adding statistics to the testimony of the pictures.

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I write to you with a heavy heart and hope that you, our other city officials & our police dept. will soon put to a stop the antics, destruction, disrespect and thievery brought around by the "niggers" in our community.

It was bad enough to awaken one morning on our way to church to find our side windows ~~ruined~~ broken completely out of our car, and 3 days later, our front windshield broken by negro youths passing in the night and throwing rocks, but the final straw having them break into 'my husband's' place of business and steal his rug scrubber and industrial vacuum, the

tools of his trade and value
at 700 taken from us.

How long are good decent
people going to take this sort
of abuse? Whether you know
it or not the white people
are making plans to arm
against them and shoot

them on sight which isn't
a bad idea at all. I personally
got so upset over the loss
of my husband's work -
equipments which we are in
no position to replace, that
I made myself ill and have
a Dr. appt. on Fri. I believe
if I could have seen one
of the thieves I would
have shot them, which
they deserve.

Do you honestly feel

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That codding these S. V. B's
is the answer to the problem?
All you are doing is giving
them permission to continue
their evil ways and in the
meantime inflicting the
'white population' till they
are going to end up in a civil
war, aren't the laws made
for all to observe, and why
must we sit back and let
them rob our property,
burn our businesses, steal
our goods and be able to
collect welfare and have
men that make good money
& come home. I know of a
neighbor, white woman, black
man - he works out of
town - earns 1,000 monthly
banks it at Lloyds Center
Bank - gives her \$30 a wk. &

she collects ⁴ full welfare for
herself & 3 children. That is
just one such incidence -
there are many many more.
all they have to do is ask
and they shall receive - to
buy wine, beer, cigarettes, etc.
I know because I have seen
if a chick is late - L.I.F.E. will
hand out additional.

We are hoping and praying
my husband's equipment
will be found, as we have
always paid our own way
in life in spite of it's reversal -
and there have been many
but please - please do
something about these un-
desirable blacks besides
release them, could they
give them aid. Let them
work and conform. Sincerely
Mrs. D.E. Dilligan.