

NAME: Coalition for Human Dignity

MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the Coalition is to bring together members of every facet of our community to ensure the rights of everyone--regardless of race, religion, or sexual orientation--to live free from violence, intimidation and bigotry; to actively and continuously combat hate group activity in the Portland Metropolitan Area, and to promote active participation in the celebration of the diversity of our community.

We welcome the participation of all of the diverse groups in the community to accomplish these goals through organizing and building coalitions; education; lobbying and legislation; monitoring hate group activity, and providing victim's advocacy and assistance.

STRUCTURE: Four working committees- Legislation, Labor/Business, Media and Public Relations, Education and Outreach- coordinated by a steering committee composed as follows:

Committee Chairs	4
Elected Officials (city, county, school board)	3
Law Enforcement	1
Religion	4
Lesbian/Gay	1
African American	1
Latino	1
Southeast Asian	1
Native American	1
Labor/Business	1
Students	1
Seniors	1
MHRC	1
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	21 members

SUPPORTERS: Since the coalition began meeting shortly after the Seraw murder, representatives from a variety of groups have participated including:

Ellen Love	E.M.O
Ollie Smith	the Mayor's Office
Joan Weil	American Jewish Committee
Sharon McCormack	Youth Gangs Taskforce Chair
Charles Ford	Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods
Barbara Donin	Commissioner Gladys McCoy's Office
Marsha Palmer	Southeast Uplift
Bettra Melles	Ethiopian Community Organization
Bill Wassmuth	Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment
Bob Hughes	Deptment of Justice Community Relations Service

All have provided valuable consultation and support.

CURRENT NEEDS:

The coalition is in its formative stage and as yet has little access to resources. Basics such as xeroxing, postage, and a message phone number along with minimal staff support to send out mailings are in critical need.

MHRC's assistance with all or part of the above, even for a limited time, would be invaluable. It would be important to have clear agreements on specifics and procedures. In order to facilitate communication, coordination and harmonious working relationships, an ongoing liaison position could be established.

Minutes  
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The meeting of people concerned about the cross-burning at the home of legislative candidate Carol Bryant began shortly after noon in the conference room of SIDCO Industries. There were 28 in attendance. Nick Barnett, Director of the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission, gave a brief history of some of the discriminatory activities that had previously occurred in Portland. He spoke about the Alpha Circle, which operated a racist and anti-semitic Hotline, and the group which got together to discuss what should be done about it. At that time it was felt that any action would only make their views more widely known and that they should be quietly monitored but not publicized. There was subsequently an expose in the Willamette Week, after which the Hotline was ceased and the Alpha Circle went underground. At about the same time there was an incident in the Beaverton school district of Neo-Nazi literature being distributed in a junior high.

After the introduction, those in attendance were asked to introduce themselves and then the meeting was thrown open for ideas and comments from the group.

1. Carol Bryant has expressed the wish that this not be allowed to become a Black-White issue or a response merely to her problem - she feels that it is a larger problem that should focus on the community as a whole. Members of her campaign organization agreed saying that what is supportive of Carol may not be good for her campaign and that whatever action is taken needs to be sensitive to that.

2. We need to publicize that there is a large segment of the community that does not condone this kind of behavior - inaction is definitely the wrong thing in this case.

3. There needs to be a focus for any action or statement by the group, but care needs to be taken that the focus is broad enough to interest and involve the total community. (e.g. In speaking about the cross-burning, reference should be made to "the Bryant family" rather than to "Carol Bryant.")

4. There have been other cross-burnings recently in Portland which did not get publicized. They have been well organized and carried out by three or four white men who drive up in a van, set up the cross, light it, then speed away. So far they have been seen only by children who did not get the license number.

5. There needs to be a central organization so that people who hear about discriminatory activities can inform this organization of the date, time, place, etc. and hopefully patterns of activity can be determined.

6. It was brought up that impeding a political campaign is a federal crime and that the F.B.I. is now handling the case rather than the city.

7. The controversy over whether or not to publicize things like this was brought up. The one view is that these groups want publicity and by putting it in the papers and on TV we are simply playing into their hands and giving them what they want. It was the general concensus of those present, however, that the general



public doesn't realize that these things are happening and that it should be made known a) so that the community does not remain ignorant of the type of discrimination going on around them, and b) to take away from the notion that this was an isolated incident.

8. The question was raised concerning media coverage of the "total problem" as opposed to "an isolated case." Will they be willing to cover the larger question when it cannot be handled in a 20 second news spot or one column in the paper?

- A. Channel 6 may be doing some investigative reporting for a series on discriminatory activity
- B. Town Hall may be a possible forum
- C. Willamette Week should be urged to investigate it

9. The community needs to be educated so they are aware of the extent of the problem and then asked for help. They need to be motivated, involved and guided.

- A. Going into churches, synagogues, schools, etc. and explaining the situation then charging them with the responsibility for action
- B. Block parties
- C. Neighbor Fairs
- D. Social Studies classes studying discrimination

10. The question was raised of what all the investigation was going to show was being done positively to counteract the discrimination

- A. There needs to be a policy statement of feelings and recommendations concerning the larger issue and it should be published immediately

- B. There are two general responses needed - the immediate one (articles, TV shows, etc.) and a long-range educational program in the schools to make children aware of the history and extent of discrimination
- C. Each person has his/her own area of interest and expertise and needs to have the freedom to present positive structured plans about what he/she wants to see done in that area

11. Nick Barnett offered his office as a central point to receive calls on further incidents and make the information available. It was moved and seconded that Nick be designated "leader" of the group and that any action be taken through him.

12. Three committees were organized: 1) Media - to draft a position statement for immediate release and then to work with the media for future publicity; 2) Group Showing - to organize parties, marches, etc. for a public showing of community solidarity; and 3) On-going Education - to make recommendations to the schools for a continuing program on discrimination and racism. The committees, especially the Media committee, were urged to get together right away and start formulating plans before the momentum slows.

13. Hopefully those at the meeting will report back to their respective organizations, urge a response, and report to Nick what the reaction was and what action, if any, is being taken.

14. It was decided that the first statement to the press will be from the individuals at the meeting rather from the represented organizations so that it can be released immediately instead of waiting for Board approvals. Organizations will be asked to endorse the Committee, however, so that subsequent statements and action will have the added strength of organizational names.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m.

# *Metropolitan Human Relations Commission*

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Multnomah County • City of Portland

Contact: Nick Barnett 248-4187

March 15, 1978

## NEWS RELEASE

### PORTLANDERS GATHER TO COMBAT RACISM

A group of 25 people representing human rights, civic, educational, religious, political, and government groups met Thursday to begin an anti-bigotry campaign in Portland. The meeting was called by Metropolitan Human Relations Commission Director Nick Barnett in response to the recent cross burning at the home of a Black candidate for the Oregon House of Representatives.

"People at the meeting were concerned that this incident represents a resurgence of racism and bigotry in Oregon," said Barnett. "Several other recent happenings were mentioned, including the defacing of synagogues and the appearance of racist literature on public school grounds. We want to make clear that these acts have no support among the general citizens of Portland."

The individuals and groups represented at the meeting agreed to plan future activities to draw public attention to the problem of bigotry and to investigate reports of other incidents in the city. "The Metropolitan Human Relations Commission is willing to act as the coordinating body for concerned groups and individuals," said Barnett. The group requests that citizens with knowledge of racial harassment or ethnic discrimination report them to the MHRC for investigation.



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430 S.W. Morrison Street  
Portland, Oregon 97204 • 248-4187



Portlanders Gather to Combat Racism

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P R O C L A M A T I O N

In light of these events, this Coalition for Human Dignity hereby proclaims the right of every person to dignity, respect, freedom from harassment, and intimidation.

We raise our voices in affirmation of these basic rights and state clearly to all that we shall not abide violations of these principles.

We are calling on all citizens to join us in a reaffirmation of these same principles on which this American republic was founded and which are the sources of those things that make this City/County truly livable.

This Coalition can be contacted through the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission - 248-4187.



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TO: All Interested Individuals and Organizations

Recently, the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission called together various individuals representing human rights, civil, educational, religious, political, and government groups to discuss the growth of racial incidents occurring in the Portland area over the past year.

The incidents include:

- a cross burning at the home of a Black candidate for the Oregon House of Representatives.
- swastikas painted on the outside of several synagogues.
- swastikas painted on the Lovejoy Clinic.
- the appearance of racial literature on public school grounds.
- a physical attack on an interracial married couple in Beaverton.

These incidents, along with the growing opposition to affirmative action programs, concern many citizens in the Portland area. It is our belief that these incidents are indicative of a growing climate which opposes ethnic integration and disallows basic human rights. We believe that a unified community has the power to inhibit acts of racial harassment and ethnic discrimination. Racism and bigotry only grow in a silent, uninformed community, and we have allowed it to go too far. It is now our responsibility to see that it does not continue. In Portland, we refuse to be silent!

Even though these incidents are dismissed as pranks, it is the opinion of the Coalition that there is something inherently wrong when a community allows these kinds of acts against humanness and brotherhood.

In light of these occurrences, the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission, National Conference of Christians and Jews, National Association of Social Workers, American Jewish Committee, and other individuals and groups have agreed to join together to form a Coalition of Racial and Cultural Freedom. The Coalition plans to organize activities that will draw public attention to the problem and also provide an educational forum which will help to create a community-supported atmosphere of affirmation for racial, ethnic, and cultural pluralism.

The first of a number of planned activities will be to have May 7 declared UNITY DAY and to hold a public gathering in celebration of the common humanity of all races, ethnic groups, and cultures. UNITY DAY will be a time for all citizens of Portland to reaffirm their belief in and their commitment to an integrated society. It will be an opportunity to raise our voices in affirmation of basic human rights and state clearly to all that we shall not abide violation of these principles. UNITY DAY is the initiation of a continuing parade of planned events and activities designed to reaffirm and vitalize our dedication to these principles.

Come join us at the Park Blocks at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, May 7, and march to Waterfront Park for a public gathering at 3:00 p.m. At the public gathering, various community, religious, and political leaders will speak on our commitment to these important human freedoms.

We are asking every concerned citizen, every church, every civil rights group, and every organization in the Portland Metropolitan Area that is committed to liberty and justice to join us in this reaffirmation of the Bill of Rights.

We call upon those who are committed to human dignity to request that their organizations, churches, or groups of friends declare May 7, 1978 as UNITY DAY and hold special meetings, services, or discussions relating to human worth and respect on that day.

We further request that in observation of that day, you and the members of your organization, church, synagogue, or group join us in a public gathering to issue our proclamation on Portland's commitment to uphold the right of every person to dignity, respect, and freedom from harassment and intimidation.

If you as a concerned individual, or an organization to which you belong, wish to assist in this effort, please send a letter of confirmation to the Coalition of Racial and Cultural Freedom, c/o MHRC, 312 Corbett Building, 430 S. W. Morrison, Portland 97204 -- phone 248-4187.

4/10/78



# *Metropolitan Human Relations Commission*

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Multnomah County • City of Portland  
March 16, 1978

TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Nick Barnett

SUBJECT: Ad Hoc Coalition

This memorandum is being sent to you for your information and endorsement. The enclosed materials will explain our purpose and intent. This group represents a spontaneous coming together of citizens to form an ad-hoc Coalition -- not a formal organization. After you have reviewed the material, we would like your organization to:

1. Endorse the principle and concepts contained in the proclamation.
2. Allow your organization's name to be included in support of this effort.
3. Have a representative as a participant in future meetings of the Coalition.
4. Develop ideas or actions that your organization might take in public support of human dignity.

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PORTLAND, OREGON SECTION

NATIONAL  
COUNCIL  
OF JEWISH  
WOMEN

3030 SOUTHWEST SECOND AVENUE, PORTLAND, OREGON 97201

April 3, 1978

Mr. Nick Barnett  
Metropolitan Human Relations Commission  
430 S. W. Morrison Street  
Portland, Oregon 97204

Dear Nick,

Thank you for all the information you sent me regarding the first meeting of "Coalition for Human Dignity".

On March 29, 1978 the Board of Directors voted to withhold an official position on the question of our organization becoming a member of this coalition until more specific details of the composition of the coalition and its plan of action are available to us.

In the meantime we will continue to send a representative to the meetings, and, in fact, I will endeavor to attend myself, so that I personally, will be able to make a recommendation at our next Board meeting, April 26, 1978.

I look forward to meeting you, and hopefully, to be able to work with you on this crucial issue.

Sincerely,

*Rose*

Rose Rustin, Pres.

RR/ez

cc: Sylvia Sullivan

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APR 5 1978  
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMS

COALITION FOR HUMAN DIGNITY

Tuesday April 4, 1978 -- 3:00 P.M.  
King Neighborhood Facility

AGENDA

Background of Coalition

Naming Group

Selection of Spokesperson

Lines of Authority

Identify those organizations which have sent letters of endorsement:

National Association of Social Workers

National Conference of Christians and Jews

Metropolitan Human Relations Commission

American Jewish Committee

Media:

Important Issue

Sign Up Again

Report from Ongoing Education Group

Report from Public Showing Group

Someone to Write Proclamation for UNITY DAY

Stress importance of UNITY DAY --

all energy going into this event, then  
continue with other agenda



File

Medi's

#1 Position statement

to all Media

Mary Edwards NCCJ

Deek Sprunger ATTY 771-9848

JANE CEASE 282-7931 n 229-6046

Michael Wells 222-4033

Dwayne Eubanks 288-8861

John H. Jackson 284-1954

Geri Craig 236-6904 home  
236-6904 work  
234-7044

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Gray Showning

Mary Edwards NCCJ

Betty Schadeen NCCJ

Rose Gangle 281-8275  
285-9463A  
BP 233-3944

Gary Dominick HP 284-6114

Dwayne D. Eubanks 288-8861

Joni Berman 223-8613

Mark Rosenbaum 292-3587  
244-1397

John H. Jackson

Geri Craig 234-7044  
236-6904 home

#3

ON-Going

Education

Mary Edwards NCCJ

Evel Goldson

Bobbie Nunn

Edna Robertson

Gloria McWilliams

Elizabeth Proff AFSC

Lauree Rogoway 288-8861

Dwayne D. Eubanks 292-3587

Mark Rosenbaum 244-1397

Joni Berman 223-8613

Geri Craig 234-7044  
236-6904

④ Support to Campaign/Activity Phone  
Jan Uyen Canvassing - 238-1415

I will take the statement to the Portland Area Women's Political Caucus, Jane Cease

248 4137 metro. Human Relations Commission



Add Don list pg also

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(District #10)

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Jeri Craig 1915 N.E. Everett 97232 Women's Place Resource Center

GARY L. DOMINICK 2235 NE FLANDERS 97232 ORE CHAPTER NATIONAL ASSN of Social Workers

JANE CEASE 2625 NE Hancock 97212 Myself 282-7931 (H) 229-6046 (B)

Susan Ayers 3026 SW Nebraska 97201 NOW

BILL TALBERT 915 2nd Ave. SEATTLE, WA 98174 U.S. DOJ (CRS) (206) 442-4465

Elizabeth Groff 4312 S.E. Stark 97215 American Friends Service Committee 235-8954

Gloria McWilliams 5389 N.E. Union 97211 URBAN LEAGUE 252-651

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Bill Sutherland Box 822 Dar es Salaam Tanzania Am Friends Serv. Comm.

Linda Roberts MHRC.

Jan Wyers 1127 SE Lambert 97202 State Senate 6

Dwayne Eubanks 4122 NE Union 97211 AMA Family Lay Corp

Bobbie Nunn 12811 NE Rose Parkway 97230 Portland Public Schls

Edsel Goldson 1103 NE PRESCOTT 97211 Albina Ministerial Assn

Betty Schedeen 1612 W. Division,reshaw 97030 WCCF -

Laurie Rozow 2770 S.W. 107 97225 to 97206 PPS Am. Joint Cmte

Rose M. Gangle 5425 N Burrage 97217 BR House & Carol Bryant's Campaign

Michon Wells 1802 NW 32nd 97210 AFSC / Multnomah Fr. Serv Comm.

THOMAS KENNEDY 4545 NE GARFIELD 97211 NAACP - NAACP

Joni Berman 2117 NW Flanders 97210 Concerned Citizen

Mark Rosenbaum 6443 SW Beaverton Hwy 97219 292-3587  
244-1397

JOHN H. JACKSON 116 N.E. SCHUYER 97212 PRES. NAACP

Emmins Henry 216 N. Holman St. 97211 Portland 289-2165

Elise Anfield 4117 N. Haight 97217 281-9237



Thurs 3/9 - 12 Noon 1 hr  
NCC & go. #901 Hilco Bldg / 506 St 6th  
91204

Will be there:

Call Sam AM to Remind

Mary Edwards - NCC & 223-7773  
Eliz Gray - AFSC 235-8954  
Ted Runstein - Anti-Def. League <sup>1330 Bank & Calif corner</sup> 222-3531  
Edsel Goldson - AHA 288-5173  
Rose Gangle - Bradley Angle Hse 281-2442  
Charlotte Williams - BJC <sup>CRD 1400 SW 5th 97201</sup> 229-5741  
Dr. Francella Griggs - UIP <sup>out town</sup> 4562 <sup>try</sup>  
Rev. Jackson - NAACP 284-1954 <sup>if in town</sup>  
Bobbie Nunn - PPS 234-3392 <sup>if can</sup>  
Nate Nickerson - Urban League <sup>718 W Burnside 97209</sup> 224-0151  
Dudy Keltner - League of Women Voters 228-1675  
Jane Cease - DEJ - 229-6046 / 282-7931 - home  
Susan Ayers - NOW <sup>home</sup> (244-1233) 235-2549 (go)  
Gretchen Kafoury <sup>1508 NE Stanton 97212</sup> 282-8288  
Geri Craig - Women's Place Res. Center 234-7044 +1?  
Gary Dominic - NASW 233-3944  
Emmies Henry 4726  
Deana Hooley <sup>131/318 10MS</sup> 4040 Try  
Cathy Sadaat <sup>Laadax #105 18th floor</sup> - Human Res. (Antenag. 4718  
Main)

Sending rep:

Rose Rustin - Nat'l Council of Jewish Women 223-1342  
COSS PO <sup>Case 37430</sup> 238-0605  
Pauline Hartman - AAUW <sup>220 SW 4th 97204</sup> 245-7134  
Jack Baker - Mult Co Labor Council <sup>201 SW 4th 97201</sup> 226-1401  
Father William Curtin - Immac. Heart -  
2926 N Williams Ave 97201 281-3724



Thurs 3/9 Noon 1 hr Cross Bearing  
Ely Grogg 235-8954 NCCJ office #901 Kelco Bldg - 506 SW 6th  
to DND

Mary Edwards ✓ 223-7773 ok NCCJ  
Ted Rinstein ✓ 222-3531 ok Anti-Def League  
Rose Rinstein ✓ 223-1342 rep (Nat'l Council of Jewish Women)  
2866 NW Fairfax Terrace  
97210

Edsel Goldson ✓ 288-5173 ok A Ma  
Charlotte Sims ✓ 299-5741 ok B & C  
Louis Alvarez ✓ 245-5261 (home) ok C O S S P O 238-0605  
226-1055 (98) 1 year (L.O.A.) Jinks in Salem 378-4582

Rose Jangle ✓ 285-9468 (home) ok 281-2442  
Sister Francella ✓ 4562 ok if in town CALL her Thurs AM  
Rev Jackson ✓ 284-1954 (church) ok (if he can postpone other NAACP Dmtg.)  
Bobbin Mann ✓ 234-3392 OK (scho) (284-7722)

Urban League } 224-0151 ok clown town  
Nate Wickerson } 288-6517 (field ex)  
(AFL-CIO council 224-3169  
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League of Women Voters ✓ 228-1675 Judy Keltner  
Pauline Hartman 2205 W Cedar 97204 but will try to send a rep. 228-1012  
228-245-7134 A A U W  
Jane Case ✓ ok 222-3621 221-1646 - CRAO  
↓ 282-7931 (home)

229-5555 (DEG)  
229-60467  
Susan Ayers ✓ 235-2549 OK  
284-4429 (244-1233 home) NOW 248-3295 (ack) (Co Pres)  
Gretchen Kajoury ✓ 282-8288 OK

Ann Kelley Seene ✓ 287-2842 One Women's Political Caucus  
Women's Place Resource Center ✓ 234-7044 ok  
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# *Metropolitan Human Relations Commission*

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Multnomah County • City of Portland

July 12, 1978

## Meeting Notice

### Coalition For Racial & Cultural Freedom

Meeting: Wednesday July 19, 1978 - 12:30 p.m. Multnomah County  
Library, 801 SW 10th, Portland, Oregon.



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# Jewish Federation of Portland, Oregon

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July 17, 1978

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Mr. Mark Rosenbaum, Chairperson  
Coalition of Racial and Cultural  
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c/o The Metropolitan Human Relations  
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Dear Mark:

In reviewing the minutes of the June 29th meeting of the Coalition, I noted the statement that a "representative from the Jewish Federation will be supplied by Mr. Robert Tropp."

It is my understanding, that I am on the Mailing List because of personal concerns which I have regarding the First Amendment freedoms.

However, I am not empowered to unilaterally appoint a representative from the Jewish Federation to the Coalition. In order for a representative to be appointed, more specific information about the Coalition and its purposes would need to be addressed to Mr. Richard Brownstein, Acting Chairman, Community Relations Committee at the Federation address. It would be the responsibility of Mr. Brownstein and the Community Relations Committee to decide the merits of appointing a representative to the Coalition.

A second slight correction in the minutes would probably be in order. The minutes indicate that Rose Rustin and Laurie Rogoway visited the Anti-Defamation League, collecting an assortment of materials on Racism. Both Ms. Rogoway and Ms. Rustin visited the Federation office, reviewed and borrowed some materials from our files concerning Racism. In a telephone conversation with Rose Rustin, I suggested the possibility of contacting the Regional Office of the Anti-Defamation League in Seattle where more extensive materials are kept.

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HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
8	Mark Rosenbaum		292-3587
4	Suzanne Henry	NCJW	890-5477
10	Jan DeMaize	MHRC	248-9187
9	Jim Bill Wadell +	Episcopal Church	283-4866
11	Edmund Kiersey	MHRC	285-8537
5	Don Lacy	interested citizen	648-9057
6	Viona Lacy	" "	" "
12	Linda Robert	MHRC	
7	Laurel Rogers	AJC	297-1032
1	Jan Berman		203-8613
3	Elizabeth Groff	AFSC	235-8954
2	Rose Gangle	BA House	281-2442 285-9468

## MINUTES - COALITION FOR RACIAL AND CULTURAL FREEDOM

The Coalition for Racial and Cultural Freedom met at 12:30 p.m., July 19, 1978, in the Main Branch of the Multnomah County Library. Present: Joni Berman, Rose Gangle, Elizabeth Groff, Suzanne Henry, Don Lacy, Viona Lacy, Laurie Rogoway, Mark Rosenbaum, Father William Wetzal, Jean DeMaiffe, Edward Murray, Linda Roberts, and Gene Turner.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Mark Rosenbaum, who gave two examples of the need for education on racism: The painting of swastikas on the doors and the placing of toilet paper on the lawns of a Lake Oswego residence by unthinking teenagers, and the glorification of the Nazi-like feature of Barth Gimbel (Fernwood 2Nite) by the Portland student paper, Paper Rose.

The last sentence, fourth paragraph, of the last meeting minutes was changed to read that Dwayne Eubanks was to set up a review for Mark and him to view a series on Black History shown by Channel 10 several years ago, with the possibility of it being shown to the Coalition.

Suzanne Henry was to replace Rose Rustin as the representative of the National Council of Jewish Women.

Discussion on old business followed:

Mark asked for comments about the article on the Coalition in the Willamette Week. It was thought that the lack of feedback was typical of articles presented in Willamette Week that were uncontroversial or unsensational.

Ed Murray, an MHRC student intern, was introduced. He was to do research for the Coalition, and his time is to be utilized in (1) obtaining background on early Black publications in Oregon, and (2) establishing legal time lines of sundown and property laws in Oregon. Later, he is to do research in the library and tape interviews.

Two new members are to be added. The Urban Indian Council is to send a representative for the Native American community, and Carol Bryant will be active in the Coalition again.

Two possible funding sources would be explored. The McKenzie River Gathering project funds social change programs. They have a special fund which provides from \$300 to \$3,000. The Coalition will be contacting them soon. An application for CETA will be made as soon as possible.

The list was reviewed to determine who had been contacted, and the results. Robert Tropp was to provide representation for the Jewish Federation. Timi Tambara, of the Japanese American Citizens League, would be at the meeting. Linda Roberts was to contact Rev. John Jackson of the NAACP to inquire about the continuance of their representation. Gloria McWilliams was contacted and was to be here today, but was not present. Although the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association is only a socializing organization, there will be representation from the Chinese-American Community.

Mark is to meet with the Black Study Center and find out about a conference to be held in October. No one had contacted Ron Herndon and the Office of Neighborhood Associations. The Washington County League of Voters is to be placed on the mailing list per the request of Viona Lacy. Rose Gangle is to contact the Women's Resource Center.

A lengthy discussion took place on the role of each organization in the Coalition, and the best strategies in order to reach the degree of excellence that would build the reputation receptivity of the Coalition was held. Whether the members should pursue individual or particular cultural groups, or whether the whole group should work on one group at a time was discussed. Various other problems were presented -- such as, which group would have priority. Finally, a structuring committee composed of Mark Rosenbaum, Rose Gangle, Elizabeth Groff, and Suzanne Henry was to work on the guidelines and target market to present them to the next meeting.

Next, rumors were discussed. Elizabeth noted that she had heard a cross had been burned on a lawn on Morrison Street during the NAACP Convention. Father Wetzel pointed out that the subtle rumors, such as the cancellation of rooms at the NAACP Convention as reported by the Oregonian, should be reported and recorded.

The next meeting will be at 12:30 p.m., August 16, 1978, at the Main Branch of the Multnomah County Library.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

# Metropolitan Human Relations Commission

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Multnomah County • City of Portland

July 31, 1978

Mr. Nate Long  
Television for All Children  
KWSU-TV  
Washington State University  
Pullman, Washington 99163

Dear Mr. Long:

As a member of the Coalition for Racial and Cultural Freedom (a task force of the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission), I read with interest and shared with the Coalition a recent article in the Oregonian regarding the television programs you have developed on minority cultures.

The Coalition is a community-based organization which was formed a few months ago with the intent of furthering cultural awareness in the Portland Metropolitan Area. Our goal is to develop a centralized resource body for the accumulation and dissemination of cultural awareness educational programs and to advocate for their use in various educational settings.

We are extremely interested in seeing the programs you have developed available in the Portland area. We would like to offer our assistance in seeing that our local television stations air these special programs.

If you will send us information on specific programs, we would be happy to send letters to the various stations encouraging them to make your programs available to their viewers.

Please let us know if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Mark Rosenbaum, Chairman  
Coalition for Racial and  
Cultural Freedom

MR:gp



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# *Metropolitan Human Relations Commission*

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August 1, 1978

## NOTICE OF MEETING

COALITION FOR RACIAL AND CULTURAL FREEDOM

August 16, 1978 -- 12:30 p. m.

Room E -- Multnomah County Library  
801 S. W. 10th Avenue

At the July 19 meeting, a group of Coalition members volunteered to meet and attempt to formalize the goals and structure of the Coalition. The ideas and suggestions from this group will be discussed at the August meeting.



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COALITION FOR RACIAL AND CULTURAL FREEDOM

Committees that will function as working committee: To develop specific means to accomplish the goals and objectives of the Coalition.

1. Funding Committee:

Their task will be to seek out and apply for funding.

2. Work Plan Committee:

The function of this committee will be to develop and outline specific tasks needed to accomplish the goals and objectives. An example would be to identify all the various types of research necessary before we could reasonably develop educational programs and research; e.g., legal implications of racism, past minority contributions, ethnic and cultural heritage.

3. Community Liaison Committee:

The task of this committee will be to develop a process for outreach into various cultural/ethnic organizations. One step would be to identify all the various groups and develop a plan to acquaint them with the Coalition.

GOAL:

To increase the public's sensitivity to racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity through educational awareness programs.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Inform the community of past and present forms of racism and the consequences of that racism.
2. Develop a resource center for educational materials on diverse cultural and ethnic groups.
3. Advocate for the presentation and integration of cultural awareness materials into various educational systems.
4. Serve as a clearinghouse for the community on cultural information.

STAGE I

- Research and compilation of materials.
- Strengthen and build Coalition.
- Organize.
- Establish funding.

STAGE II

(assume funding)

- Publish Guide (bibliography for teachers/Comm. )
- Edit material for presentation.
- Build speaker bureau.
- Design presentation forms.
  - 1) slide/tape
  - 2) text material
  - 3) speakers
- Analysis of presentation
- Feedback and upgrade.

STAGE III

- Advocate for presentation and integration. of material in selected places.
- Update and upgrade material.

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The Community Coalition For Racial & Cultural Freedom  
Minutes of August 16, 1978 Meeting

The Coalition for Racial and Cultural Freedom met at 12:30 p.m., August 16, 1978 in the Main Branch of the Multnomah County Library. Present were: Joni Berman, Sheryl Bushong, Elizabeth Groff, Mark Rosenbaum, Kimi Tambari, Linda Calvin, Jean DeMaiffe, Linda Roberts, and Gene Turner. Excused: Carol Williams Bryant, and Jane Cease.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Mark Rosenbaum. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved without amendments.

The Chairperson reported that two new persons, Verna Bailey, Human Relations Specialist, Beaverton School District #48; and Adele White, Mt. Tabor Middle School, although unable to attend, were interested in maintaining communications with the Coalition.

Diane Lund, Editor of Shalom Portland and writer for the Community Press, has contacted the Coalition. Shalom Portland is a new publication whose objective is to increase communication between Christians and Jews. The Coalition was viewed as a source of articles for Shalom Portland and as an aid in its distribution.

A new member, Sheryl Bushong, attended the Coalition meetings for the first time.

Kimie Tambari gave a brief review of the Japanese American Citizens League National Conference at Salt Lake City, Utah, last month. She commented, especially, on Senator S.I. Hayakawa's anti-redress closing remarks and The Oregonian's editorial support of his posture.

A discussion took place on the Goals and Objectives which were prepared by the ad hoc planning committee. Objective No. 4 was revised to read: "Serve as a clearinghouse for the community on past and present forms of racism, cultural awareness information, and community issues."

The assigning of committee members was postponed until more members' input is received. In order to achieve more member input and participation the following steps are to be taken:

1. Goals and objectives and suggestions of committees sent to all members, with a cover letter.
2. Mark will contact all members to determine the best time and day for maximum membership attendance.
3. Elizabeth Groff will explore the possibility of showing a relevant movie at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.