Portland Rescuers Sentenced For Contempt

by Paul deParrie

Portland, OR—Advocates for Life and a number of named defendants stood before Judge Stephen J. Gallagher for a show cause hearing on May 5 to defend themselves on contempt of court charges. The plaintiff's attorney, Stephen S. Walters, alleged that the defendants had violated the judge's February 1989 injunction by participation in a rescue mission on January 19 of this year. Walters asked that the contemnors pay an alleged $600 in lost "business" revenues, attorney's fees and that they all be given the maximum sentence allowable—six months. He described the defendants as "as common a group of criminals as there are" and pled that if child-molesters were released as a result of their jailing it was the choice of the rescuers.

During the three hours of plaintiff testimony, witnesses repeatedly charged rescuers with violence, but under cross-examination by rescuer's attorney, Richard L. Stradley, and the 13 pro se defendants, these charges evaporated and, in one case, was stricken from the record. Plaintiff photographs of the rescue also supported the peaceful nature of the rescue.

When asked, the photographer, a local attorney and abortion enthusiast, Nancy Baker, as unable to indicate even one photograph that depicted rescuer violence.

Defense presentations included offers of proof by Linda Wolfe and Judy Hager. Wolfe presented the judge with a pasteboard with a series of photographs of her granddaughter, Liberty Ann, from an ultrasound taken at 10 weeks, to her premature birth at 5 1/2 months, to the present at three years of age. "At which point should I be able to kill this little girl, Your Honor?" Wolfe asked.

Hager presented a display of several dozen photographs of babies her parents had been foster-parents to before abortion was legalized in Oregon in 1969.

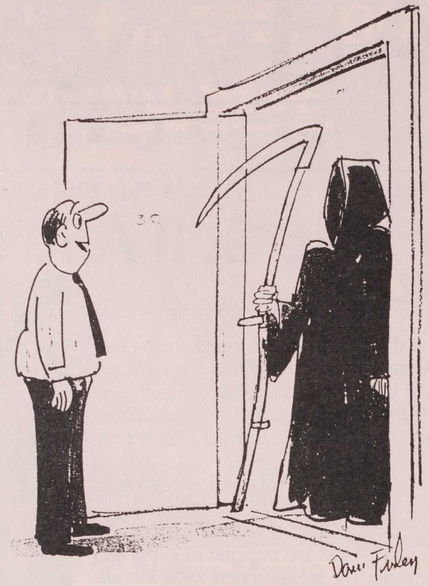
"I used to rush home from school every day to hold these babies," she said.

Hager explained that each of these babies had come from less than ideal circumstances and would probably have been aborted had it been legal at the time. "Which ones would you kill now?" she asked. "My father just recently walked one of these girls down the aisle," she added.

Judge Gallagher pronounced guilt on the rescuers after closing arguments and voiced his difficulty at reaching a decision as to what to do with the rescuers. he scheduled sentencing for 4:00 the following Monday "to give myself time to really think this over."

On Monday, Gallagher said that he wished to offer the defendants the opportunity for community service for a 90 day period, six months probation, and a $900 fine. Nearly all the rescuers rejected the offer and were finally sentenced to 90 day jail terms.

Rescuers were told to report to the jail the following morning. They did and were placed on a dangerous offenders list so that they would be held for the entire sentence, but the Sheriff's office put most of the rescuers out on house arrest within a week. ■



"Couldn't I do a couple of hundred hours of community service instead?"

"Be Still"

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intended to get arrested, replied, "That has been exactly what the Lord has been laying on my heart all morning Dawn, the Psalm 46 passage." Their obedience will not go unrewarded. Praise God.

In our closing prayer service I reminded all present that while 12 may seem small it is by no means insignificant. There were 12 men of God some 2,000 years ago that persevered in "obeying God rather than man" and we must pray for the same boldness. On the morning of April 21 the killing did not take place without a Body of 50 people going to the location of the crime and doing the best that they were able—for His Name's Sake. ■

Hundreds March On Lovejoy In Easter Saturday Picket

by Paul deParrie

Portland, OR—Nearly 1,000 pro-life Oregonians met with about 150 abortion enthusiasts in what turned out to be a quiet, non-confrontive set of demonstrations and counter-demonstrations. Pro-life picketers circulated and sang hymns while pro-aborts watched and clutched their coat-hangers.

Clinic director, Alleen Klass, and her attorney Harlan Jones patrolled the "forbidden zones" of the August 1989 injunction placed by Judge Nely Johnson and warned pro-life demonstrators away from the areas.

Scott Lively of Project Life, the event's organizer, was pleased by the turnout and says he plans future events to mobilize pro-life action in the state. Project Life is an organization devoted to promoting the OCA's initiative to ban convenience abortions in Oregon. ■

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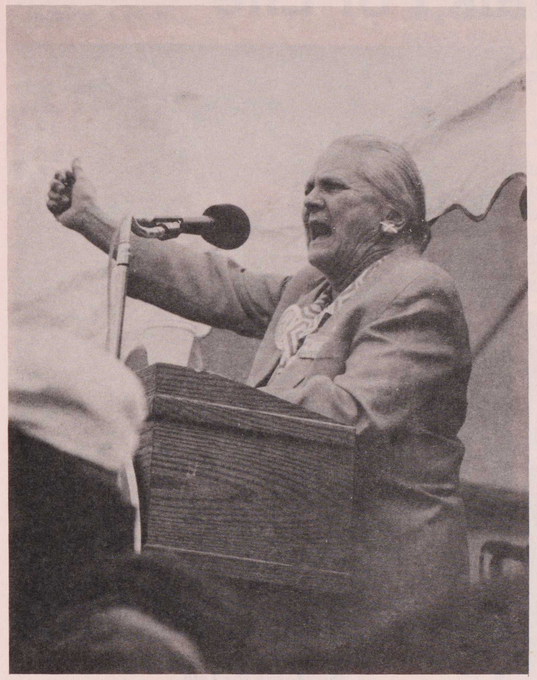
Molly Sang The Blues



Molly Yard belts out the baby-killer blues.

by Robert Fowler

Portland, OR—'Blues, blues and more blues' was the apparent theme of the (small) National Organization for Women rally on Saturday, April 23rd. While hundreds of thousands were rallying for life in Washington D.C., several hundred abortion supporters gathered in concern over the upcoming November ballot in Portland.

Musical entertainment was provided for those who wished to dance and sing along, but the message was a somber one at Tom McCall Waterfront Park. "In Memory Of The Courageous Women Who Died From Illegal Unsafe Abortions Because They Had No Choice" was the epitaph engraved on the 6'x 10', marble-like memorial erected by the group.

Molly Yard, president of the NOW was on hand to carry out the final leg of her "Freedom Caravan for Women's Lives" in Oregon. This NOW "Caravan" is taking them throughout the U.S. to states where abortion issues are on the ballot. Portland is the last stop of four major cities in Oregon.

The NOW's intention is to defeat two abortion-related initiatives proposed for the November state ballot. One initiative would allow parents the right to be informed about their minors having operations for abortion. The other would make all convenience abortions illegal in Oregon.

Urging fervor to defeat the measures, and referring to Oregon as the "Flagship for Freedom," Yard told the Portland crowd that "if you win, all of us (America) win."

"The anti-abortion crowd has deliberately picked this state for the most restrictive kind of measure," she said. With an intimidating reference to fatal illegal abortions, Yard said women would obtain abortions regardless of the law, and thereby produce the extermination of children "under the most extreme medical dangers to the mother."

Referring to "another imposing religious point of view," she said that the opposition is trying to deny women's rights. "Unless we control our reproductive rights, there is no freedom for women in this country," Yard said. The crowd cheered as she proclaimed that women must be, "...unencumbered by an unwanted pregnancy."

The "official attendance" given by the NOW during the rally was 2000, but police reported only 1200. There were probably 30 pro-lifers demonstrating on the perimeters with some mixing with the crowd. A biplane flew over head with a streamer: "Molly Go Home!—Oregon Pro-Life."

As NOW literature about lesbian rights and political activism was distributed, NOW orators warned against the opposition, calling them such things as "Anti's", "Pregnancy Police" and "those who used to wear white hoods and burn white crosses." The group cheered in fatuous auspice.

To bring the demonstration to a crescendo, a brief eulogy was read in memory of the "courageous women" who broke the law in times past to kill their children. Molly Yard carried flowers over, bowed her head in a moment of silence and then placed the flowers on the memorial. Many others did likewise at her beckoning.

The rains came and, shortly after noon, left a few dancing to a tent-covered 'blues' band at the short-lived demonstration. Some appeared to be vagrants conjoined for the free entertainment.

(Note: Concerning my satirical use of words: I do not make light of women who die of botched abortions. But, neither do I make light of children who die of any abortion, which NOW fails to address. ■

An Attorney's Open Letter

Dear Children of God:

John Henry Jowett wrote the following meditation:

"Goliath seemed to have everything on his side except God. And the things in which he boasted were just the things in which men are prone to boast today.

He had physical strength. His height was six cubits and a span." Athletics had done all they could for him, and he was a fine type of animal perfection.

He had splendid military equipment. "A helmet of brass," and a "a coat of mail," and "a spear like a weaver's beam!" Surely, if fine material equipment determines combats, the shepherd-lad from the hills of Bethlehem will be annihilated.

And he enjoyed the confidence of the Philistines. He was his nation's pride and glory! He strode out amid their shouts, and the cheers were like iron in his blood.

But this all counted for nothing, because God was against him. Men and nations may attain to a fine animalism, their warlike equipment may satisfy the most exacting standard, and yet, with God against them, they shall be as structures woven out of mists, and they shall collapse at the touch of apparent weakness. The issue was not Goliath versus David, but Goliath versus God!"

So it is that the battle in which we contend without ceasing is not pro-aborts versus Advocates for Life, but abortion versus God. Therefore, let us not grow weary in the struggle against evil. For if God be with us, and He is, who can stand against us?

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