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Jackson visits, proclaims 'Hope is alive'

15,000 flock to Mac Court

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Jesse Jackson breezed through Eugene late Thursday afternoon reiterating many of the same issues he has addressed in three packed days of campaigning for Oregon's May 17 primary.

The presidential candidate, an hour behind schedule, looked tired and was hoarse. Nonetheless, he succeeded to impassion close to 10,000 people who filled McArthur Court to hear him speak. About 5,000 were turned away at the door.

It was the largest campus turnout on Jackson's tour, campaign officials said.

"Your presence today is a great source of joy and life and inspiration. You are evidence that hope is alive," Jackson began.

Speaking before a legion of banner-waving supporters, mostly University students, Jackson kept to no specific topic, instead touching on themes of youth, hope, jobs and peace.

"Our mission is to keep America strong and make America better. And we're winning every day," Jackson said.

Jackson, optimistic about winning next Tuesday's primary as the last stepping stone to the primary finale in California next month, told the crowd that its spirit and enthusiasm "will send a shockwave of hope around the world."

Pausing only for verbal approval, Jackson proclaimed, "Where hope abounds, cynicism has no place. Where hope abounds, pessimism has no place. Where hope abounds, dope has no place. Where there is hope, there is joy. Where there is hope, there soon will be justice. Where there is hope, there is peace. You keep hope alive."

Jackson singled out attending students

as important sources of hope and progress.

"Whenever young America comes alive, America's always made better," he said.

A former civil rights leader and president of the National Rainbow Coalition since 1984, Jackson paid honor to the nation's civil rights movement, which he called "the politics of change."

"Young America paid a dear price so we might have the right to vote this coming Tuesday in great numbers," he said, adding that the May 17 primary is also the 34th anniversary of the 1954 Supreme Court decision requiring desegregation of America's schools.

"You must vote with great passion and great power on Tuesday, because your vote will determine justice in our nation and peace in this world," Jackson said.

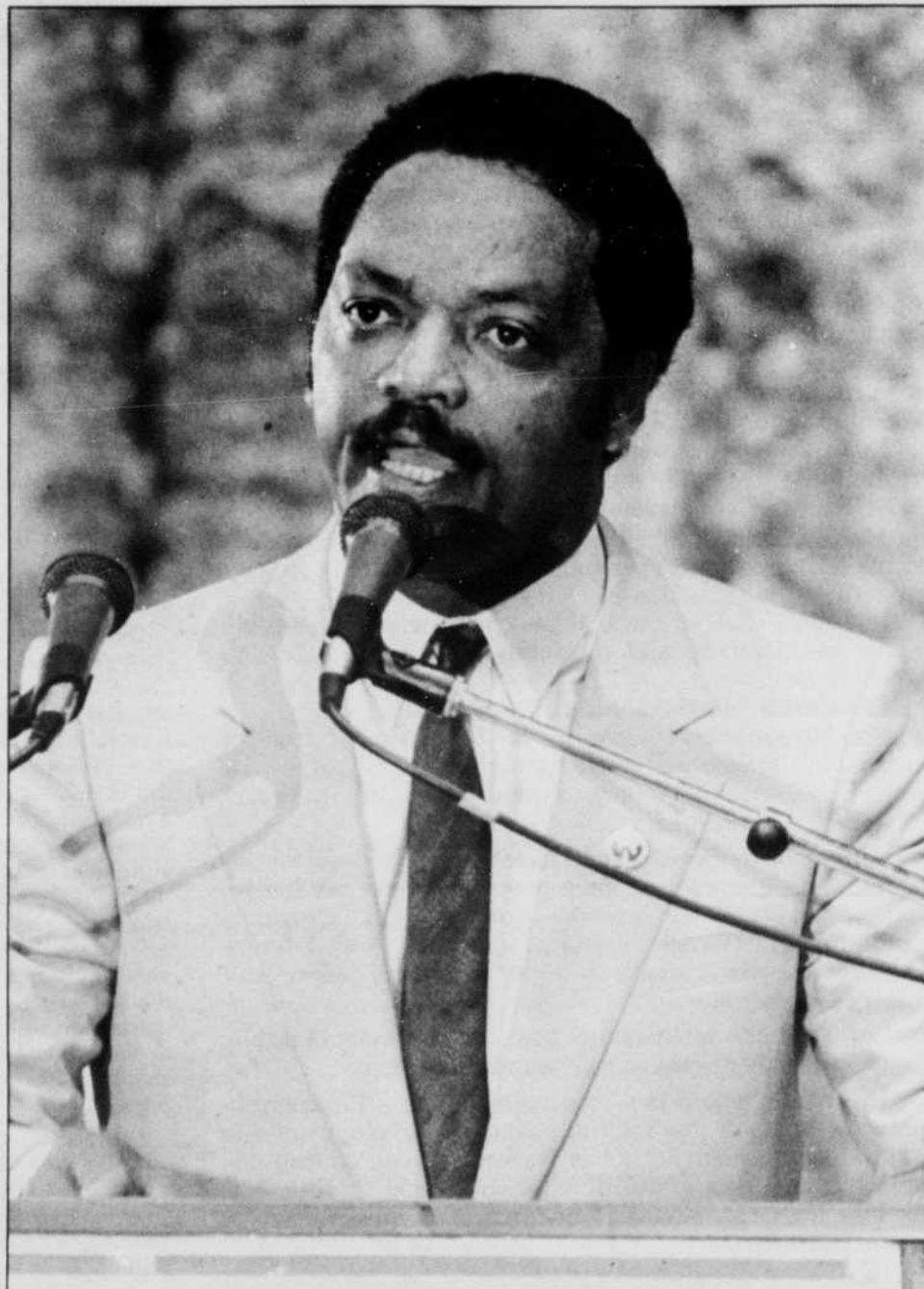
Recalling details of the civil rights struggle, Jackson noted that 18-year-old American men were obliged to fight in wars but did not have the right to vote, nor did blacks, Hispanics and Native Americans; the options for women voters were few as well.

"And thus ensued a great struggle, led by young Americans," he said.

He compared the civil rights struggle to his effort to curtail "economic violence."

"And that becomes the struggle I bring, to end economic violence at home and to bring peace to this world. So when I challenge you to join with me to stop drugs from coming in and stop jobs from going out, invest in people, respect women and reinvest in America, that's the greatest challenge we've got," Jackson said.

The economic struggle is not between



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Dukakis plans Eugene stop for Saturday

In the wake of Jesse Jackson's visit to campus Thursday, Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis has finalized plans to visit Eugene this weekend.

Dukakis will arrive in town Saturday afternoon, and he is scheduled to speak at Eugene's Saturday Market at 2:30 p.m., according to Dukakis campaign officials.

The Saturday Market location was selected because Dukakis staffers wanted the Massachusetts governor to visit a place that "was Eugene," said Barrett Murphy, a member of Dukakis' national field staff.

Following the speech, Dukakis will meet with the media at a location yet to be determined, Murphy said.

Dukakis arrived in Oregon at about 7 p.m. Thursday and spoke at a students' mock nominating convention in Portland. Dukakis left the city later and flew to California, which holds its primary June 7.

Dukakis is scheduled to fly in from Los Angeles at 2 p.m., and his visit will last about three hours.

Two state measures face voters

Issues include fish life and motorcycles

By Bryan Houston
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Oregonians will vote on two state ballot measures in the primary election on Tuesday.

Ballot Measure No. 1 would authorize Water Development Fund loans for fish protection and watershed restoration, and Ballot Measure No. 2 would require protective headgear for motorcycle operators and passengers and for moped riders if passed.

Measure No. 1 is a measure that allows the amendment of Section 1, Article XI-I of the Oregon Constitution to be loaned for the uses of fish protection and the restoration of watersheds.

The existing constitutional provision allows funds in the Water Development Fund to be used to make

loans to Oregon residents for irrigation, drainage or municipal uses, with 50 percent of the fund to be reserved for irrigation and drainage purposes.

If the proposed amendment is adopted, it will not change the original constitutional provision. It will allow for moneys to be loaned for fish protection or watershed restoration projects.

Arguments in favor of Measure No. 1 stress that the measure is not a new spending program. Supporters say the measure will help preserve and enhance the fisheries resource, providing recreation and jobs for Oregonians while building the tourism industry.

It will also help "our agricultural industry and local government finance necessary fish protection and watershed enhancement projects," according to the Official 1988 Primary Voters' Pamphlet.

Opposing arguments for the measure were not filed with with Oregon's secretary of state.

Ballot Measure No. 2 repeals the current law pertaining to motorcycle headgear — the law stating people under the age of 18 commit Class C traffic infractions if they operate motorcycles or mopeds without wearing protective headgear.

Also, a person commits a Class C traffic infraction if the person carries a passenger (on a motorcycle only) under the age of 18 who is not wearing protective headgear.

Measure No. 2 amends and repeals the current law to create four offenses that apply to persons of all ages. They are failure of a motorcycle operator to wear protective headgear, failure of a motorcycle passenger to wear protective headgear, failure of a moped rider to wear protective headgear and endangering of a motorcycle passenger (if the motorcycle passenger is not wearing protective headgear.) All offenses are Class C traffic infractions except the fourth, which is an unclassified offense.

Supporters of the measure say it will save lives and money, while opponents call the measure a violation of personal rights.

