



Mondale considers Oregon important

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polls show Reagan is ahead in both states."

Higgins said the Mondale campaign is deeply in debt and will therefore be choosy about where its resources go between now and November 6. "They will need to determine how strenuous the campaign will be; whether to get an office; how much staff; how much will go for media buy."

Plans are reportedly afoot for the Democratic Party of Oregon to share a downtown office with the Mondale campaign at S.W. 3rd Avenue and Salmon Street, where the Hart campaign was located during the primary race.

Before the primary, Portland lawyer Richard Botteri was a spokesman in Oregon for the Mondale campaign. He was also a Mondale delegate to the convention and a member of the credentials committee. Botteri anticipates a "good, substantial effort" for Mondale here in Oregon and said he will be working actively for the ticket.

"I have learned that the campaign considers Oregon an important state," he said. "There will be an office downtown and local people have expressed interest in staffing it. The coordinator will probably be from the national campaign, but they will be working with local Democrats. I believe we will see pretty close coordination." This coordination will include working for local Democratic candidates and getting out the vote here and nationwide, he added.

Botteri said he expects either Mondale or Ferraro to visit Oregon sometime during the next three months, but "who or when that will be, I don't know."

He said the reason the Mondale campaign went so heavily into debt was due to the unexpected longevity of Gary Hart's campaign. "They had not counted on the strength of Hart's challenge," he said. "There is an indebtedness on the pre-convention campaign, but the deficit has no impact on the campaign in the fall."

Botteri explained Oregon will have seven electoral college votes with which to help elect a president—one for each senator and representative allotted the state. 270 electoral college votes are needed to assure victory.

He said he believes the Oregonians who went to the convention as Hart delegates will be supporting Mondale during the upcoming campaign. "I'm sure you'll see Tom Mason (state representative from S.W. Portland and chairman of the state's Hart delegation) and other prominent people for Hart helping out on the campaign," he said. "By the time the convention was over, Hart people were putting on Mondale buttons."

Botteri said he thinks Jesse Jackson supporters will likewise work for Mondale this fall. "When a politician smells victory in the air, like Democrats are doing now, those concerns will fall away and you'll see Democrats working together for victory in the fall."



Oregon supporters of Jesse Jackson call for a Rainbow included Marvin Jackson and Barbara Aflick standing left. Seated is Pam Smith, Oregon voter registration coordinator, and standing to her right is Mike Roach, a statewide coordinator for the Jackson Campaign. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)



Democratic Presidential Nominee Walter Mondale received warm applause following a speech to the Black Caucus from Congressman Charles

Rangel of Harlem, N.Y., and his vice-presidential choice, Congresswoman Geraldine Ferraro of Queens, N.Y.

(Photo: Richard Brown)

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She added that Oregon had one of the strongest populations against nuclear weapons and the "yes" votes for reductions in military spending was extreme, "But it was a message we needed to send."

Roberts also stated that the Oregon delegation had no problem with the Affirmative Action Plank concerning the word "quotas". "Affirmative Action is nothing without quotas."

The surprise of the convention was the second vote for Jesse Jackson cast by Dick Celsi, who allowed alternate Calvin Henry to vote for Jackson.

"My heart has always been with Jackson. I must admit that I promised the Mondale people, if there was a question about Mondale needing my vote, I would vote for him."

Overall, Celsi said the Oregon delegation voted on conscience and conviction.

"I think Jackson will have to find his way as he goes. I don't have any doubts that he will support the ticket. I think he made it clear that Reagan is the issue. Politically speaking, Jackson has a lot to offer and the party cannot afford to not take advantage of it."

Economic conditions outlined by AFL-CIO

The AFL-CIO has published a one-page flyer documenting the economic condition of Americans during Reagan's first three years in office. The economic statistics, a few of which are presented below, show how "Reaganomics" is a source of great suffering for millions of people.

- Thirty million workers suffered one or more bouts of unemployment.
- The average duration of unemployment rose from 14 to 20 weeks.
- Close to 450,000 people lost their homes between 1981 and 1983.
- A total of \$10.2 billion was cut from "people-helping" programs.
- Close to 73,000 businesses—most of them small—failed between 1981 and 1983.



Women delegates from Oregon showed strong support for the historic nomination of Congresswoman Geraldine Ferraro as the vice-presidential nominee of the Democratic party.

(Photo: Richard J. Brown)

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