

# EDITORIAL/OPINION

## Mondale needs Rainbow

Jesse Jackson called it a "lovers' spat" when Mayor Andrew Young expressed his frustrations Thursday, August 16th, in front of a group of Black journalists in Atlanta, Georgia, when he called Mondale's campaign staff a "bunch of smart-assed white boys," because they refused to listen to him.

Young prefaced his assessment of Mondale's staff by stating that Blacks need to vote for Mondale because we could not face another four years of Reagan.

Young was part of a group of Black leaders who split with their populace by supporting Mondale during the presidential primaries. Young went beyond the call of duty by stating he did not think Jackson was qualified to be president.

His inflexible stand for Mondale, during the National Democratic Convention, and his support for the racist "dual primary" system netted

boos and cries of "shame on you" from Black delegates.

Young has experienced a case of chicken-coming-home-to roost. The same insensitivity and arrogance exhibited by Mondale's staff to the concerns of the "rainbow" constituency is being mirrored towards those Blacks who stood up for Mondale by sitting down on Jackson.

As important as it is to defeat the policies of the Reagan administration, Mondale supporters and campaign staff are not making the necessary overtures to the ten million new voters who will give Mondale the margin of victory in November.

Outbreaks, such as Young's, will only fuel the apathy among grassroot people. We challenge the local Mondale committee to give the rainbow a reason to come out and glow in November.

## Hatfield mistake won't die

State Senator Margie Hendriksen (D-Eugene), once considered a long shot, is now edging closer to incumbent Mark O. Hatfield in the race to represent Oregon in the United States Senate. Hatfield himself put Hendriksen there, through engaging in questionable business relationships and then trying to buy off public opinion by donating the money in question to a charity—after the episode has been exposed.

Hendriksen, by refusing to make the appearance of impropriety a major campaign issue and concentrating instead on Hatfield's poor voting record, is showing admirable restraint.

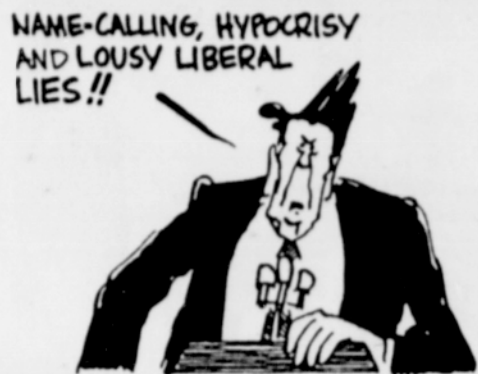
The release of considerable evidence that Hatfield's real estate agent wife, Antoinette, received payments totaling \$55,000 in exchange for the Senator's active support of a trans-African oil pipeline is shaking Oregon. The scandal began with the publication of two articles by syndicated columnist Jack Anderson and is now front-page news across the nation. Hatfield had been known in Washington circles as "Mr. Clean".

Greek tycoon Basil A. Tsakos, the promoter

of the pipeline, has been linked to illegal efforts to sell U.S.-made helicopters to Iran and other weapons to Iraq. Continued armed conflict makes an African oil pipeline an attractive alternative to exposing oil shipments to the Middle East conflict.

The Senate Ethics Committee, at Hatfield's request, and the F.B.I. (on its own initiative) are now both investigating the Senator's connection with Tsakos. Hatfield admitted to arranging meetings for Tsakos with U.S. officials and to writing letters to foreign officials. This was at the same time payments were made by Tsakos to Hatfield's wife; supposedly for real estate advice.

Hatfield characterized as "a mistake" allowing his wife to do business with Tsakos while he promoted the pipeline. Expecting Oregonians to exonerate him from any wrongdoing, on that basis is another Hatfield mistake—and one which just might help catapult Margie Hendriksen to an upset victory in November.



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## Ferraro should thank Jackson

by Dr. Manning Marable  
"From The Grassroots"

In recent weeks, most of the Presidential campaign spotlight has focused on Congresswoman Geraldine Ferraro, the first woman vice presidential candidate of a major party. Nearly everyone sings her praises. Ms. magazine describes her as "attractive but not beauty pageant beautiful," "at ease with the old-boy network" in Congress, and "happily married with two children and a dog." The three-term representative was the one woman whom "the men in the back room find most palatable."

Most political observers credited Ferraro's selection by Mondale as a major victory for the National Organization of Women (NOW). Judy Goldsmith, NOW president, declares triumphantly, "We said we would change the political landscape, and we have." In Ferraro's acceptance speech before the convention, she characterized her nomination as the realization of "the American dream.... The daughter of working Americans tells all Americans that the future is within our reach—if we're willing to reach for it." She praised Mondale as "one of the great" future

Presidents. She also applauded Sally Ride and John F. Kennedy for "beckoning America" to new frontiers. But in a dependent clause—not even a full sentence—she briefly praised Jesse Jackson, "the descendant of slaves" who ran for President.

What Ferraro didn't say, and should have declared honestly, was the following: "I would not be standing before this convention tonight as your vice presidential nominee had Jesse Jackson not run this year. Jackson, more than any other candidate, consistently raised women's issues; he kept Mondale from capturing all of the Black vote, and in so doing, denied the front runner an easy, uncontested nomination. I thank Jesse for being the first candidate to commit himself to a woman as a running mate. I praise Jesse and the entire Black electorate for its historic revolt against the established Democratic Party leadership, which created the political opportunity for a white, upper-class woman like myself to advance into power."

Every significant advance in human rights or social equality ever

achieved by any oppressed group in the U.S. has evolved directly or indirectly from the Afro-American Freedom Movement. In the nineteenth century, suffragists like Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton first acquired their political skills from the Black abolitionist movement.

A century later, the modern feminist movement largely evolved its tactics and agenda from the civil rights and Black Power movements.

Ferraro is liberal on many economic issues, but she voted against busing for school desegregation, and supports the Pershing 2 missile and the Trident nuclear submarine, which take billions of dollars from human services needed by poor women, Blacks and workers. It is certain that Ferraro—who is not one-tenth as qualified for vice-president as Mary Berry or Shirley Chisholm—owes Jesse her current claim to fame. And it is equally certain that most Black women and men who will vote for the Mondale/Ferraro ticket will do so for only one basic reason—THE DEFEAT OF RONALD REAGAN.

## Street Beat

by Lanita Duke and Richard Brown

As the Bhagwan broke his vow of silence to answer questions for a deposition, the Street Beat team asked, "Do you think the Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh has been treated fairly?"



**Paula Brown**  
Administrative Assistant  
"Yes. He came to Oregon. Oregonians like to keep Oregon to themselves. He is up against tradition."



**Rudie Reeves**  
Security Guard  
"Not really, they are trying to get back at the man for standing up for what he believes. If he took a vow of silence, it should have been respected."



**John Edeline**  
Food Broker  
"Yes, he gets treated like everybody else. Also, I think his press coverage has been more than fair."



**Sunni Waters**  
Computer Operator  
"No, there is too much discrimination here in Oregon. He has not had the opportunity to get a fair shake. Those that are against him have political clout to make everything he wants a struggle."



**Paul Meyers**  
Student  
"Yes, even though he does not cooperate with the legal system. He came in and made his own town. I do not think that is right."



**Paulette Winston**  
Computer Operator  
"Yes, but he hasn't treated Oregon fairly. I have mixed reactions. I'm against religious cults."

## Letters to the Editor

### Reprint appreciated

To the Editor:

Thank you very much for reprinting Jesse Jackson's speech (before the National Democratic Convention). I read every word of it. It is very readable, concise, very meaningful and very quotable. I read parts of it to our church. I hope Mondale makes Jackson an important part of his administration. He could be Secretary of State. Other nations would listen to him and act with him.

You are doing a great job of educating all of us on the real issues of the day. You are much better than the *Oregonian*.

Best of success!

Howard D. Willits

### Civil rights now

To the Editor:

This year, 1984, marks the 20th anniversary of passage of the land-

mark, historic Civil Rights Act of 1964, the most far-reaching civil rights law in our nation's history. This is an appropriate time to consider the state of civil rights to America, and to determine whether the direction in which Reagan is taking us is the direction in which we choose to go for four more years.

The same Reagan Justice Department that argued in favor of giving tax exemptions to provide universities that discriminate, that opposed extension of the Voting Rights Act, that missed no opportunity to oppose affirmative action, and that convinced the Supreme Court to narrow Title IX, which prohibits discrimination against women and girls in education, now shows every sign that they are about to enter the Washington State pay equity case on the side of the discriminator.

This case will likely be one of the most important in the history of our battle against sex discrimination in employment. The outcome could

determine whether employers may pay workers in female-dominated jobs less than they pay workers in male-dominated jobs, simply because women predominate. The impact of the case cannot be overstated.

When Reagan ran for president four years ago, he insisted that although he opposed the Equal Rights Amendment, he favored equal opportunity for women. His actions to date show no such commitment. A Justice Department intervention in this case on behalf of Washington State would leave no doubt that Reagan will continue to use the powers of his office to deny civil rights to women and minorities.

Patricia M. Shockey

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