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Presidential Candidate Walter Mondale addressed a large rally of cheering supporters at Portland State University on Monday. Mondale stressed the need for a commitment to basic hu-

man rights at home and abroad and condemned the Reagan Administration's support for apartheid in South Africa.

(Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Waste disposal safety debated

by Meg Roland

Lloyd Marbet is worried about radioactive wastes. Marbet, one of the primary organizers in support of ballot measure 9, believes that the measure will go a long way in ensuring a safe environment in Oregon.

"Current evidence points out that there is no safe level of radioactivity and that its effects are cumulative. Exposure to even 'low level' radiation adds up," said Marbet.

Measure 9 would prevent the disposal of any radioactive waste within a river's 500 year flood plain, or in an area subject to water erosion, earthquakes, volcanoes or landslides. The measure would also mandate that the safest choice for the disposal of radioactive wastes be used and that no radioactivity be allowed to be released by the wastes into the environment.

At the present time, the only operating business in Oregon that would be affected should Measure 9 pass would be the Teledyne Wah Chang zirconium plant located a few miles north of Albany. The plant is storing some 100,000 cubic yards of radium-contaminated sludge in two ponds 400 feet from the Willamette River. The bill would also affect any future uranium mining businesses in the state. None are currently in operation or in development stages.

In 1975 the Oregon legislature banned the storage of radioactive wastes in Oregon. This law was amended in 1981 to allow Teledyne Wah Chang to store radioactive sludge produced prior to 1981 at its plant. These are the wastes that are currently being stored in the two ponds. The sludge is defined as

"naturally occurring radioactive isotopes."

Measure 9 proposes that strict new safeguards be enforced regarding the disposal of these pre-1981 wastes as well as the disposal of radioactive wastes that are a by-product of uranium mining and milling. Current radioactive wastes produced in the state, such as those produced at the Trojan nuclear plant and the radioactive wastes produced by Teledyne Wah Chang since 1981, are already banned by law from being stored in Oregon and would not be affected by Measure 9. Teledyne Wah Chang has been shipping its current wastes to a federal depository in Hanford, Washington.

To Marbet, the safeguards in Measure 9 make good sense but

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Nicaragua visitors testify at hearings

by Robert Lothian

A University of Oregon linguist who recently visited Nicaragua's Atlantic coast says that a popular Black leader there was kidnapped by CIA-backed "contras" because he was an effective mediator between the Sandinista government and Black and Indian minorities.

Colette Craig was in Nicaragua in September working with the Nicaraguan government on a project to

preserve endangered languages. She was one of 12 eyewitnesses to the destruction and suffering caused by the contras who presented testimony at a Citizen's Hearing on Nicaragua Monday night at the Paulist Center in S.E. Portland.

"The Sandinistas really believe in cultural pluralism," said Craig. But relations between minorities have been tense, and the contras have sought to exploit this tension and

cause dissension among minorities. Contra attacks on the Atlantic coast, which is accessible to outsiders for only three days at a time, have disrupted economic planning, food distribution and health care, said Craig.

"The whole population on the coast is displaced at this point," she said.

Ray Hooker, a charismatic Black leader and head of social services for refugees and minorities in Bluefields, the main town on the coast, was kidnapped by the contras earlier this year. Craig said the contras wanted him removed because he was an expert at negotiating between minorities and the Sandinistas. "Ray Hooker is the kind of person who can talk to both sides and there are very few people like 'that in Nicaragua,'" she said.

"Where is Ray Hooker and why can't we have him back? 'He's a civilian and a hope for peace,'" said Craig.

Other witnesses recited a litany of repeated acts of wanton torture and killing of civilian leaders and health workers by the contras, and attacks against economic targets.

Twyla Wallace, a Portland teacher who was in Nicaragua in October

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Eyewitnesses to the destruction and suffering in Nicaragua. (l-r) Tom Colgan, Roger Auerbach, Mary Medved, Ed Farren, Henry Morrison, Mike Lindberg, Ana Kimball, Twyla Wallace, Colette Craig, Bill Collins and Nancy Webster.

(Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Jesse Jackson urges vote for Mondale

by Rev. Jesse L. Jackson

Since the Democratic Convention in July, many people have called and written my office, asking about my future plans, asking what is going to happen to the Rainbow Coalition, asking about my support for Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro. I would like to take this opportunity to clarify these things and let you know what I see as the future of our movement.

Most immediately, it is critical that the Rainbow Coalition has taken and must take the lead in the effort to defeat Ronald Reagan and elect Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro.

In my campaign, we raised the banner of jobs, peace and justice. We brought our Rainbow Coalition together around our common concerns — the need to stop spending the resources of this nation on the arms race — to meet human needs. We created a mood and a spirit in which every problem we face as a nation can be seen as a source of



GERALDINE FERRARO
(Photo: Richard J. Brown)

opportunity — a chance to put people to work rebuilding our cities. We can create jobs AND clean up our environment. We can end the arms race when we commit ourselves as a nation to a new foreign policy, based on working together with the people of the earth to preserve, protect and develop all our human and natural resources, rather than competing to exploit and destroy them.

No one should feel that we have lost our spirit or our message now that our campaign for the presidency is over. We must continue to grow and expand. We must succeed in institutionalizing the Rainbow as a progressive force in American politics, capable of electing candidates to office at every level of govern-

ment.

We must develop a new majority. We must bring together that vast majority of the American People whose needs are not met by current U.S. policy at home and abroad. We cannot allow them to be fooled by opinion polls and personality appeals.

Don't trust polls

We of the Rainbow know better than anyone how little polls mean. We know that polls are based on the expectation that only the rich and the well-educated will vote. We know that they don't poll black people and poor people. We know that in our campaign we consistently did at least eight points better than the polls ever showed. We of the Rainbow must stand up to counteract the "hoofbeat effect," the stampede effect that the polls are creating, discouraging our friends and allies and all those who do not want to see another four years of Ronald Reagan. We must get out and in the streets, out to beat the polls. We know that enthusiasm and hard work can make the difference. Despair will always lose.

I believe from the bottom of my heart that our full support for the Democratic ticket is critical to the future of our progressive movement. Those of you who choose to sit out this election, to "go fishing," to work only for a few "progressive" and/or black candidates, to ignore the top of the ticket, or even to write in my name at the top of the ticket, are failing to take seriously enough your responsibilities for leadership in the struggle that is going on right now in this country over the fate of the earth.

The form that struggle takes today is the contest between Mondale and Reagan.

Beyond personalities

The Rainbow Coalition must not hold back, but take the lead in getting the American people to look beyond personality to the issues at stake in this election. Acid rain still falls and deadly toxic waste still contaminates our drinking water. A tax system has been put in place that takes from the poor and middle class and lets 90,000 profitable corporations pay no taxes. The peacetime military budget has doubled

while children's breakfast and lunch programs have been cut back.

Under President Reagan, the misery index has increased dramatically for the poor, and the danger index has escalated for everyone.

Sitting out this election is not a way of affirming the politics of our campaign, but a way of making them irrelevant.

I cannot make this point strongly enough. To all those of you who call and say that you want to start a Rainbow organization in your community, we say again and again that



WALTER MONDALE
(Photo: Richard J. Brown)

the task of the Rainbow is to get out the vote for the Democratic ticket on November 6. Our job is to be the true leadership of the progressive forces in our nation in the struggle most critical at the present time; not setting up organizations on paper, but getting out the vote.

The Rainbow must conduct a campaign such that if Walter Mondale is elected, we will have a strong voice within his administration. If Ronald Reagan is elected, we must have forces capable of stopping a war on the poor both at home and abroad. We must elect as many progressive legislators as we can on November 6, and we must take the issues to the people now.

If we continue to build on what we have begun, we will see a very different world and very different choices four years from now. Many of you were disappointed, as was I, by what happened in San Francisco, by the failure of the Democratic Party to accept any of our platform proposals for no first use of nuclear weapons, a real cut in our monstrous military budget, for affirmative action, the full expansion of voting rights and an end to second primaries. But we must see the pain at San Francisco only as the birth pains of a new movement, a movement that will be far stronger and more effective at the next Democratic convention.

The success of our New Southern Agenda campaign throughout the South, the response we have met throughout our country since San Francisco, convinces me that we are on the right path. We are bringing black and white together, beyond racial battleground, to economic common ground. Democrats everywhere are looking to our Rainbow Coalition for leadership and inspiration. We cannot let them down. I urge you to continue with us down the road we have taken. Thank you and God bless you.

NE store wins award

A Northeast Portland company has been chosen as an Outstanding Business in Partnership by Governor Atiyeh for its efforts in creating jobs and training opportunities.

Convenient Food Mart, owned and operated by Larry Willson, was recognized on October 26 in Salem by the Governor. Willson has worked in partnership with the Portland Private Industry Council (PIC) to provide jobs for low income youth and adults.

The award nomination states, "This business has done much to project a positive image of the Black businessman in an economically disadvantaged part of the Portland/Metro area. Overall, Convenient Food Mart has been a positive in-

fluence to the North and Northeast community and has exposed this area to a successfully operated small business which is involved in the community itself."

Willson's store has worked with the Portland Private Industry Council's First Source and summer youth employment programs. As a "first source," employer, he agreed to hire low-income, local residents referred from the Private Industry Council for most job openings in the store.

During the summer months, he has employed youth and trained them for future employment opportunities. To date, the store has hired ten people and worked with four summer youth.