



Rev. Jesse Jackson speaking to lesbians and gays at the national march on Washington — "Today I stand with you; on election day you stand with me." Photo by Bonnie Tinker

Jesse Jackson, 800,000 Marchers Support Lesbian and Gay Rights

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The day after formally announcing his candidacy for President of the United States, Jesse Jackson took his campaign to the National March on Washington for equal rights for lesbians and gays.

Addressing the crowd, estimated at 800,000 by the Washington, D.C., Mayor's office, Jackson said: "Today I stand with you; on election day you stand with me." He embraced the struggle for lesbian and gay rights as a part of the ongoing civil rights movement. Reminding the audience of the historic 1963 March on Washington, Jackson said: "We gather today to say that we insist on equal protection under the law for every American, for worker's rights, women's rights, for the right of religious freedom, the rights of individual privacy, for the rights of sexual preference. We come together today for the rights of all American people."

After speaking, Jackson walked down to the front rows of the crowd to greet and embrace many of the people with AIDS who came to witness to the need for more federal funding to fight the disease which has already claimed over 25,000 American lives.

Earlier in the day, a quilt with 1,920 panels commemorating people who have died of AIDS was assembled on the capitol mall. Occupying the space of two football fields, the quilt was a vibrant memorial to the many sons, lovers, friends, parents, and children who have lost their lives to the AIDS epidemic.

Actress Whoopi Goldberg, accompanied by her friend, Jim Mannes who has been diagnosed with AIDS, searched the quilt for panels sewn in memory of many of the 60 friends of hers who have died of the disease. In the afternoon she addressed the rally, and appealed to everyone to remember the children who are suffering from AIDS. Referring to the three brothers whose house was burned down in Arcadia, Florida, she asked: "Did Mr. Reagan call them up to say he was sorry about what had happened to them? Did he explain that there are some ignorant people out there, but that this is not the American way? Did he tell them that he is their

President, too? To each question, the crowd responded with a resounding "No!"

Throughout the afternoon speakers from a wide variety of organizations, including Molly Yard, National President of the National Organization of Women (N.O.W.), and Cesar Chavez, head of the United Farm Workers, echoed the call for equal rights and for a concerted attack on the AIDS epidemic. Even as the crowd shared their sorrow and embraced their dying friends and leaders, however, a united sense of purpose and commitment transformed the litany of grief and grievance into a joyful celebration of a diverse community.

Amani Jabari, a local activist and Board member of the predominately gay Metropolitan Community Church, returned from the March saying that Jesse Jackson's speech was not only a recognition of the political power of gays, but that the March itself was also symbolic of the change in leadership in the gay community: "This march came from the people. Women and minorities are going to start having a stronger influence in the gay community. This march said that we have to go outside of our own community to address every kind of oppression where we find it. Some of these issues are right here in our own community, especially racism and sexism." On the day before the march, Jabari attended meetings of the National Coalition of Black Lesbians and gays, including a workshop where lesbians and gays of Color shared experiences and planned strategies for organizing within the gay community.

The success of the march in terms of both numbers and diversity reflected the National March Organizing Committee's position that oppression of lesbians and gays is "a familiar agenda of hatred, fear, and bigotry — against us and against freedom." Like Amani Jabari, the Marchers left Washington feeling that they had experienced an important turning point in their struggle for equal rights. With renewed personal commitment, they carried the slogan of the March back to their home towns: "For love and for life, we're not going back."

National Survey Finds Americans Concerned About Long-Term Effects of Drugs on Their Minds and Bodies

Nearly 75 percent of Americans recently surveyed think it is vital to learn more about the long-term effects of drugs on their minds and bodies.

Conducted randomly at Los Angeles International Airport on travellers from across America, a survey found that 65 percent felt it was vital to know just what drugs and chemicals we encounter every day ARE harmful.

More than half of those polled expressed vital concern in learning more about:

- the effects of medical drugs
- environmental chemicals and pollutants
- how drugs and chemical toxins build up in the body and stay there
- how drugs and toxins stored in the body might impede learning
- how to help rid the body of stored drugs, chemicals and toxins
- how drug affect memory.

"We live in a chemical oriented society," wrote renowned author and humanitarian L. Ron Hubbard, when he unveiled the now world-acclaimed detoxification program called the Purification Rundown.

"One would be hard put to find someone in the present-day civilization who is not affected by this fact."

Mr. Hubbard developed the program for ridding the body of stored-up drugs, chemicals and other toxins, following the years of research with many hundreds of people — not only hardened drug users but ordinary Americans exposed to everyday "normal" amounts of medical drugs, food additives and environmental pollutants.

Mr. Hubbard went on to say: "The vast majority of the public is subjected every day to the intake of food preservatives and other chemical poisons including atmospheric poisons, pesticides and the like. Added to this are the pain pills, tranquilizers and other medical drugs used and prescribed by doctors. And we have as well the widespread use of marijuana, LSD, Angel Dust and other street drugs which contribute heavily to the scene.

"I have even found that there is such a thing as the 'Drug personality.' Drugs can apparently change the attitude of a person from his original personality to one secretly harboring hostilities and hatreds he does not permit to show on the surface. While this possibly is not always the case, it does establish a linkage between drugs and increasing difficulties with crime, production, program execution and the modern breakdown of the social and industrial culture.

"These factors are ALL part of the biochemical problem.

"We have known since 1968 that it is a mistake to try to do mental and spiritual handling on somebody who has been on drugs, until the drugs are handled.

"In 1977 I stated that LSD apparently stays in the system, lodging in the tissues and mainly the fatty tissues of the body and is liable to go into action again, giving the person unpredictable 'trips.'

"The 'restimulation' experienced by people who had been on LSD, appeared to act as if they had just taken more LSD.

"As it has been stated that it only takes 1/millionth of an ounce of LSD to produce a drugged condition and because it is basically wheat rust which simply cuts off circulation, my original thinking on this over the years was that LSD sticks around in the body.

"From the most recent research developments, it now appears that: not only LSD but other chemical poisons and toxins, preservatives, pesticides, etc., as well as medical drugs and the long list of heavy street drugs (Angel Dust, heroin, marijuana, etc.) can lodge in the tissues and remain in the body for years. Even medicinal drugs such as diet pills, codeine, novocaine and others have gone into 'restimulation' years after they were taken and had supposedly been eliminated from the body.

"Drugs residues can stop any mental help. They also stop a person's life.

"A life form is a combination of life itself and the physical universe. Certain elements in the physical universe are highly antipathetic to life and when introduced into life forms, inhibit proper functioning and even destroy.

"The removal of these life-hostile chemical substances from the body of any person apparently speeds, and in some cases even makes possible, case gain.* It is even worth doing for its own sake.

"The Purification Rundown, therefore, is for anyone.

"The Rundown is a tightly supervised regimen which includes: exercise, sauna sweat out, nutrition, including vitamins, minerals, etc., as well as oil intake, and a properly ordered personal schedule.

"As the person goes through the Purification Program, one should be able to see an improvement in his physical well-being as he rids the system of its accumulated impurities.

"The product of this program is a purified body, free from the impurities, drugs, etc., that had accumulated in it.

"With the Purification Program we now have the means to get rapid recovery from the effects of the accumulation of the environmental chemical poisons as well as the medical drugs and street drugs which inhibit the progress of cases.

"From this step alone one will see some sparkling results."

The Purification Program is delivered at your nearest Church of Scientology, (or Narconon, Drug Rehabilitation Center) which is located at 709 S.W. Salmon, Portland, OR 97205.

* case: the way a person responds to his environment by reason of his aberrations.
* case gain: spiritual improvement

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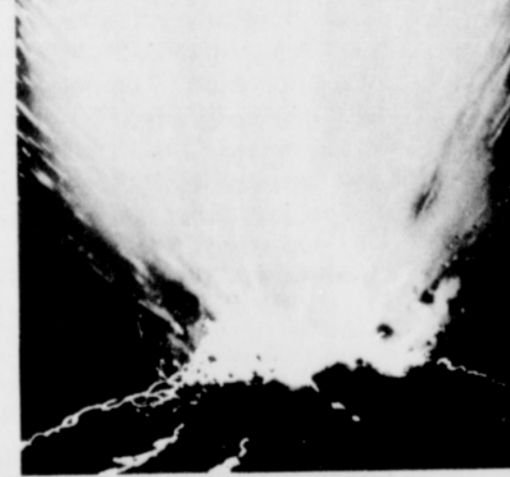
The geographic center of the North American continent is in Pierce County, North Dakota, six miles west of Balta.



"It has been found that drugs can remain in the body after the effects have worn off. These drug residues can sometimes circulate through the system long after the person has taken the drug and make the person feel as though he were again 'high'. Drugs and other residues in the body, from our chemically oriented society, can prevent a person from realizing his full potential."

L. Ron Hubbard

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