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Phelps-Dodge copper strike in Arizona enters critical eleventh month

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Contributed

"We have survived ten long months of being stripped of our human dignity and human rights, and yet we know we must continue to be strong We are no longer fighting a strike against one company. We are fighting for our rights — our unions and our survival. We must keep the labor movement strong. We must not let the Phelps-Dodges of America become our dictators.

FIRSTHAND REPORT

"Remember that after today's rally we

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1,200 people rallied to support Phelps-Dodge strikers May 5.

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Latino workers resist stepup in immigration raids

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The setting is a small cannery in San Jose which makes jelly and peanut butter for sale to restaurants. A Mexicano worker has reported to work and his supervisor asks him if he has immigration papers. The worker says he doesn't, and the supervisor tells him he can still work in the plant if he'll pay the supervisor \$500 to keep quiet.

NEWS ANALYSIS

Sounds like the script for a TV drama. But it is actually happening every day in

plants throughout the country that routinely exploit undocumented workers. In this case, one worker refused to pay off his boss. Now the INS (Immigration and Naturalization Service) has been called by the company, and all of the workers at the National Preserves cannery have been told they must provide proper immigration papers by May 10 or lose their jobs. With the help of the Cannery Workers Committee, RAZA SÍ and a local Chicano lawyers group, the workers have forced their union, Teamsters Local 679, to fight the harassment. The union is to provide legal council for its members and is investigating legal action to stop the company from giving the INS employee records.

In San Jose, the INS opened a new office and there have been 13 raids within two weeks.

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The Jackson campaign, Self Determination . . .

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The Jesse Jackson campaign, as it continues to unfold, reveals again and again, in each primary, how accurate a reflection the voting is of the desire by the African American people for Self Determination. Also, how much a part of the black struggle for democracy the primaries have become.

Jackson's campaign has shown that regardless of the lies and distortions of the media, attacks by the state, sell outs by prominent negro non-leaders, the mainstream of black people have been saying loud and clear, "Jesse represents us." In Mississippi, Virginia, South Carolina, this message was delivered so clearly, Jackson won those states. The fact that the number of delegates that Jackson has carried is so far below the continuously growing popular vote shows how distant the US

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Chicanos and Jackson — building unity

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The 1980's is termed the Decade of the Hispanic. In the 1984 elections Chicano and Latino voters, dramatically increased by the largest voter registration drive ever launched, are expected to play pivotal roles. As such, Chicanos and Latinos are being courted by politicians of every stripe.

Chicanos and Latinos have an im-

portant role to play in the future of this country. They have their own grievances which must be addressed and can help usher in a new era of progressive politics. It is in this context that it is especially urgent that Chicanos and Latinos support Jesse Jackson for president of the United States. Black-Chicano/Latino unity is pivotal to any progress for both Black and Chicano people as well as everyone else.

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The Jackson campaign, Nationalism

In Washington, D.C., in Louisiana, Jackson is showing that he is a key part of defeating Reagan in '84

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is from even real bourgeois democracy, as compared to the rulers' rhetoric. Popular vote does not determine the number of delegates, political membership in the democratic machine and the old boys' network determines this. Just as is the case with the presidential election itself. The electoral college can often vary completely from the popular vote. In the 60's this issue of the US fake democracy was raised continuously, and we need to use the present campaign to raise it again. The people don't select the delegates and they don't elect the president. The bourgeoisie's political machine accounts for both delegates and who is president!

Jackson's showing in NY state was extremely good, coming within one percentage point of beating Hart. When you think that Hart has spent millions in advertising, Jackson almost nothing, then you see the enormity of the primary results. Jackson's showing has caused a great deal of anxiety among the bourgeoisie. Not that they are worried Jackson could get elected or even nominated, but because his candidacy has made clear that the cry of black Self Determination is no fantasy. And this is being shown in every state where there is a large urban center, since that is where the masses of the Afro American people live. This is also shown overwhelmingly in the south, where despite the opportunism of Andrew Young, Maynard Jackson, and the old line

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bought and paid for ties of Coretta Scott King to the Democratic party, Jackson has swept black communities in the south and across the country! It was for this reason that Rev. Jackson could say, in answer to reporters' questions on *Meet The Press* (a national television program) when he was asked why the masses should support him since Andrew Young had said that Jackson wasn't qualified to be president! Jackson said he was not responsible for negro politicians like Andrew Young, Maynard Jackson, Coleman Young or Newark's Kenneth Gibson, because Jesse knows that the masses of black people are behind him.

The bourgeoisie is panicked because Jackson's candidacy makes the question of black self determination very open and plain. It has demonstrated that the black masses are politically conscious that their best interests will not be served by the traditional bourgeois politicians and traditional bourgeois politics. Jackson's candidacy has enabled the black masses to hear issues important to them be raised, even though the tweedle dee and tweedle dum politics of Hart and Mondale indicate that with them as with the general racist bourgeois politics of regulation United States, issues dear to black people are not even worth mentioning to the Democratic mainstream.

The flood of articles attacking Jackson, which represents a distinct change from the earlier bourgeois stance of trying to ignore him, indicates how upset the bourgeoisie is. Not only because of the black mobilization which can have a major impact on US politics, not just in presidential politics, but because the mobilization can be used by local forces to elect black candidates and progressive candidates all across the country!!! The spectre of a real "Rainbow Coalition" emerging in this country is truly terrifying to the bourgeoisie. Because it is the segregation of the peoples of the US, particularly of



Supporters cheer Jackson in Tennessee

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the multinational working class, that is one of the fundamental tactics contributing to the maintenance of bourgeois rule and the status quo of exploitation, national oppression, racism and the oppression of women.

For Marxists, the Rainbow coalition is a prototype of the kind of organizing we are attempting as well. And, despite the childish babbling of some infantile leftists that the primaries and presidential elections are of no import, the massive mobilization of the black masses and progressive sectors of the multinational

masses themselves, by these primaries, and then by the elections, would provide an excellent basis for party building if the MLs were organized well enough to do this.

Farrakhan

The bourgeoisie's attack on Jackson has now centered around the issue of the ethnic slur, and also on Minister Louis Farrakhan's statements about the reporter, Milton Coleman (one time editor of the old *SOBU African World*) of the Washington Post. The most recent attacks have quoted Farrakhan as praising Hitler and the bourgeoisie has gone to town to get Jackson to disassociate himself with Farrakhan.

We had observed earlier that there were many black nationalists as well as traditional petty bourgeois electoral types in the Jackson campaign. We also urged the left, in general, to get more deeply involved with the campaign to offset this presence. Farrakhan, head of the Nation of Islam, now presenting himself as a "messenger of the honorable Elijah Muhammad" is such a nationalist. And while we condemn nationalism generally, we must observe that we support nationalists when they fight against imperialism. Farrakhan's recent campaign to bring nationalists, particularly black muslims, into the voting booth to participate in electoral politics is positive. But obviously threats on Coleman and ambiguous statements about Hitler play into the bourgeoisie's hands. Though, for certain, Farrakhan's words have been distorted. Farrakhan did denounce Hitler as a "wicked man" and said he didn't want to be associated with him. But he did say Hitler was "a great german." Hitler was a fascist,

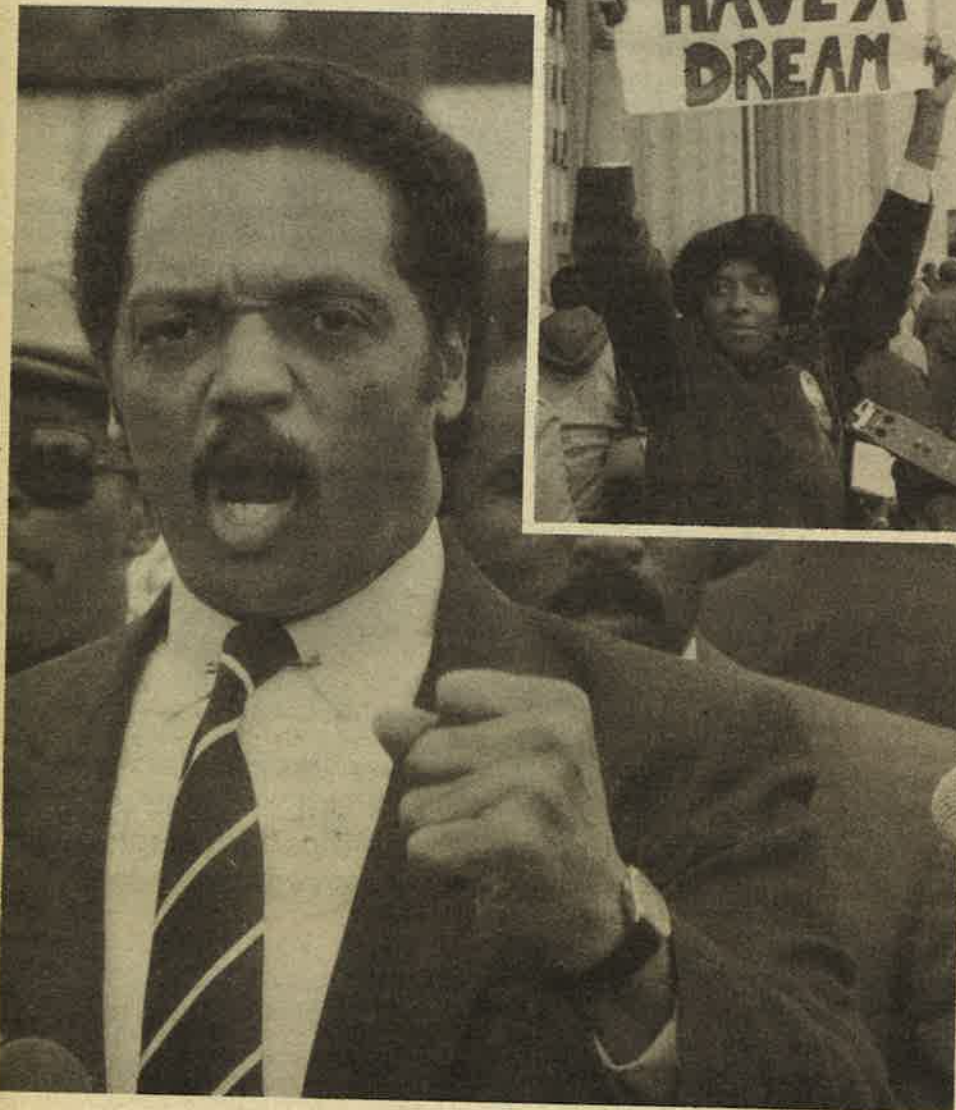


Leaders and participants at the "Women 4" Jackson at a San Francisco rally that attracted over 500 people.

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But since then Farrakhan has become the issue. Through it all Jackson has handled it pretty well. It is true he cannot; and must not try to disassociate himself from Farrakhan, it is the black masses and the progressive multinational community that Jackson owes allegiance, not to bourgeois and zionist news commentators. But certainly the masses of black people are not black nationalists or members of the nation of islam either, and Rev Jackson knows this. Jackson has generally expressed this. But the united front that the rainbow coalition is must understand as clearly that it is a united front and within that front are many varieties of ideology and political understanding.

But certainly it does not help when backward would be marxists like CWP (Communist Workers Party) make the ethnic slur as much a part of their front page copy as the *New York Post*. And then talk about the key to "Black Jewish Unity." Black-Jewish unity is not the question, the question is the integrity of the rainbow coalition as a united front, and how close to the needs and world view of the working class the most progressive forces in that united front can influence the candidate to moving. Talks of black and jewish unity sounds like the agenda of any bourgeois organization out to make a few bucks at a seminar or selling newspapers.

What is also important is that the left must begin to explain THAT BY NO STRETCH of the imagination can Jackson become the president. It is not even rational to talk about his being nominated at the democratic convention. The positive nature of his campaign is to RAISE ISSUES. MOBILIZE THE MASSES AND PARTICULARLY THE MULTINATIONAL WORKING CLASS. MOBILIZE THE BLACK MASSES. SET UP STRUCTURES THAT CAN BE UTILIZED AFTER THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION (as for instance in NYC, where there is no doubt progressive forces will use the mobilization created by the primary, and later by the election to attack the racist Mayor Koch in '85. Hopefully in Newark, such a mobilization will help us attack the backward negro, Mayor Gibson in '86) VOTER REGISTRATION and for the Left, refocus the general masses on progressive politics that can aide us in what remains our principal task, party building.

We must begin to speak out on what we expect from the convention. Certainly Jackson will have the most massive mandate from the black and other exploited masses, ever expressed in formal US politics. This mandate must be used to negotiate with the Democratic Party for concessions to the Afro American people and the Working Class in general and all sectors of the oppressed nationalities. We

should be making agendas, programs that we can place before the people, which Jackson shd be negotiating with the Democrats. If we do not begin to put out the real agenda, when Jackson fails to win the nomination in SF, which he obviously will not, disillusion will set in in the most naive circles, and the media will see to it that even some of the average workers are depressed by the obvious. We must begin to put out the real agenda, of jobs, programs, cabinet posts, laws, a new electoral system, international policy that will be the real *acquisitions* of this already positive campaign.

This is the reason that the left must continue working to get even more responsibility and visibility in the campaign so that these agendas, become the peoples' agendas, and Jackson and his inner circle cannot turn their back on the masses real needs just because they are too controversial and will meet with sharp opposition from the democratic power brokers. But this is the real goal of Jackson's campaign — not just consciousness raising and feel good ism. Negotiations with the Democratic party and continued mobilization of the multinational working class (particularly its black sector) to defeat Reagan. These are the real goals. Let's begin to express them widely and make certain the candidate understands this is what the most advanced sector of the rainbow coalition is working towards.

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Jacqueline Jackson, Rev. Jackson's wife, is an experienced civil rights activist and is here campaigning in San Francisco.

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and certainly black people know the murderous negativity and terror of white supremacy in its fascist form. There is no way we can say anything about hitler except the same thing we say about the klan and the nazis: DEATH to them!

As for Milton Coleman, it is obvious that he is a mindless opportunist and careerist willing to sell out the black movement for a mess of pottage. If Coleman was really incensed at the remark, and that would be understandable, Jackson should have been personally rebuked, and told it was a negative silly remark. But to publicize it, is clearly the work of the bourgeoisie. Remember, from the outset of Jackson's campaign, he was assaulted verbally by the Zionists. They were working from the beginning to create a disruption in the Jackson campaign. Meir Kahane's Jews Against Jackson was the obvious ploy to begin to get jews and blacks to fight, therefore dividing the traditional

Democratic constituency. Kahane threatened to disrupt Jackson's speeches, even before there was any ethnic slur. A few press conferences and speeches were disrupted, and a couple of Jackson for president hqs were firebombed and stoned thrown through the window, &c. This was in order to try to undermine and discredit Jackson's line on a more balanced mideast policy. That the PLO and the palestinian people had to be dealt with in any discussion on the middle east and until that was done, the policy was not only doomed to failure but it was a tragic joke.

Jackson's daughter was even harassed by a zionist sympathizer supposedly conducting interviews for prospective Harvard students. She ran out of her interview weeping. Plus the constant verbal attacks by upholders of reagens middle eastern policy as well as the out and out zionists and their sympathizers set the stage for the ethnic slur incident.