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Annie Alexander agreed. "I'm out here tonight because I'm curious," she said. "And Jesse did this to me. He brought me out. He brought me out of the jungle. I sure wish I could see him, but, for tonight, I will just look up at his picture."

Keeping the political newcomers company were a number of seasoned politicians and grassroots organizers.

Said County Commissioner Mazie Woodruff: "We have a wide range of people here tonight and they're excited and they are ready. With that much excitement, we couldn't help but be for him (Jackson)."

Added Alderman Virginia Newell, who led the group in several verses of "We Shall Overcome," "Now is the time. Jesse Jackson is making people respond that have never responded before. He has excited the new voter, the young voter and the people who have not had any hope."

Others, like Clifton Graves, who served as master of ceremonies for the opening, and Alderman Larry Little, are also quick to point out that there's more to Jackson than the excitement he has created.

who has gained credibility, said Graves.

Reading from a speech Jackson gave to his fellow workers at the Chicago office of Operation PUSH, where Jackson served as national president before taking a leave of absence to seek the Democratic presidential nomination, Graves said, "We're moving on up. At the '72 convention, George McGovern was the nominee ... Reubin Askew was the keynoter I was just fightin' for a seat in the hall ... and I beat 'im in New Hampshire.

"Movin' on up. Alan Cranston -- a powerful senator from California -- and I beat him. Fritz Hollings ... When he was governor of South Carolina, I couldn't use the bathroom in the state capitol. I beat Fritz Hollings.

"We're movin' on up. John Glenn was up there orbiting the earth when I was scufflin' for dimes down here. Now he is gone, and I'm still in the race. We-are-movin'-on-up."

Those words brought cries of "Win, Jesse, Win!" from the crowd of more than 300 -- a logical progression from last fall's "Run, Jesse, Run!"

But most of the people at the opening would be the first to say that Jackson is a long way from being the Democratic presidential nominee. Still they will not give up hope or the fight.

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"If Jackson doesn't prevail," Newell said, "I hope he will endorse a candidate we can ratty behind. These young people out here tonight will be expecting more from Jackson's campaign. They will be looking for school board members, county commissioners and aldermen."

Said Velma Hopkins, a local Jackson organizer, "Jesse Jackson is fighting for freedom, dignity and love. Don't say he is not going to win. He has already won."

While Jackson may not come in first place, said Graves, he will still be victorious. "It serves no purpose for him to finish first if he came across the finish line with an empty wagon," Graves said. "But if he comes in last with a wagonload of school board members, congressmen and county commissioners, he still comes in first place."

Last week's opening also served as a fund-raiser, garnering \$2,000 in contributions, said the Rev. Carlton Eversley, a campaign coordinator.

"The reality is that Rev. Jackson is unable to run TV Jackson has established himself as a serious candidate ads or radio spots because he has less money than the other candidates, but he has still shown that he can win," Eversley said.

> The campaign office will be open weekdays 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Eversley said. "We need volunteers, contributions and people who need to be registered to vote," he added.

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side, two distinct political economies exist in the city of Boston; an underpaid labor market for the poor and racial minorities, and a labor market of the white, upwardly mobile middle-to-upper classes. This is the root cause of the racist rhetoric, the anti-busing polemics of the recent past, and the regular outbursts of racistmotivated violence against people of color.

White "liberals" who continue to minimize the role of racism as the key for understanding the rise of the Right will never be able to develop ongoing, principled links with the black movement for equaltiy and selfdetermination.

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