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icipated in the political process, he said. "After the flood, there would be a sign," Jackson told the standing-room-only audience that spilled into the Convention Center's upper and lower lobbies. "It would be a rainbow, a covenant between God and His people. That's our salvation. That's our way out. It's hard to organize a rainbow. Pulling us together for the first time is a great challenge.

"The Rainbow Coalition must make room for all the locked-out ... we must make room for everybody."

To critics and many political analysts, Jackson's campaign was a hopeless cause from the start. Jackson, they say, cannot win the nomination. But Jackson said Wednesday that he and his Rainbow Coalition are already winners.

"When we begin to win congressional districts across this state, we are winning," he said. "When young people are voting for the first time, we are winning ... When we put hope in their brains and not hope in their veins, we are winning. The genius of Moses was not that he got there, but that he moved in the right direction."

Though he didn't profess to be Moses, Jackson said he is the man who holds the master plan for change, one who can pull together a Rainbow Coalition for the first time.

Then he addressed his opponents. "Neither Hart nor Mondale have ever sat down on the paper of their minds and negotiated a contract. I have been doing it for 20 years," Jackson said. "There was a strike in St. Louis that lasted for six weeks. I solved it in three days. There was fireman's strike that lasted for 22 days, with 21 lives lost. I solved it in 48 hours. Those folk (the other candidates) are advocates. I'm a man of action ... They hoped Lt. (Robert) Goodman would come back home from Syria ..."

Jackson never finished that sentence. The audience jumped to its feet with handclapping and cries of "Win, Jesse, Win!"

"Hart, you don't know and Mondale you know too well," Jackson said. "Here am I. Send me!"

During several of Jackson's stops in the Triad on Wednesday, he denounced a federal jury's acquittal of nine Klansmen and Nazis involved in a Greensboro shootout that left five communists dead on Nov. 3, 1979.

"Political and civil rights were violated," Jackson told almost 300 students at his alma mater, North Carolina A&T State University, which stands little more than a mile from the site of the bloodbath.

"It's a mockery of the justice system. We can't give up. We must keep appealing until justice comes. We can't rest until we are able to make the Klan ... come out of their sheets."

When asked at a news conference to comment on a statement by Louis Farrakhan, head of the Nation of Islam, that black *Washington Post* reporter Milton Coleman should be ostracized by other blacks and that, "One day soon we will punish you (Coleman) with death," Jackson threw up his hands and said, "No comment."

Coleman provided information for a *Post* article that first reported Jackson's private reference to Jews as "Hymies" and New York as "Hymietown."

But not all of Jackson's Triad visit was spent addressing the issues. In part, it was a homecoming of sorts, as Jackson shared the podium at A&T with Capt. William Jackson, a retired member of the Greensboro Police Department.

During Jackson's days as a political activist at A&T, it was none other than Capt. Jackson who arrested him, but in an unusual manner.

After finishing a political rally at a nearby church, Jackson said he was greeted by Capt. Jackson, who told him he had come to arrest him, handed him a pair of handcuffs and asked him to put them on.

Said Jackson of Capt. Jackson: "He represents the change of things to come."

Jackson, who came to A&T for a board of trustees meeting, also lobbied on behalf of one of A&T's few black engineering professors who has been denied tenure.

"The issue with Dr. (Wesley) Clark," Jackson said, "will be resolved by May."

So, indeed, will North Carolina's presidential primary.

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and "it just happens we think they both should be elected."...

Gubernatorial hopeful **Lauch Faircloth** announced that the Rev. **John R. Manley** of Chapel Hill, immediate past president of the General Baptist State Convention, has joined his campaign team as the co-chairman of his Orange County organization.

Manley, pastor of First Baptist Church in Chapel Hill and Hickory Grove Church, is a former member of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro School Board and the N.C. Employment Security Board. ...

Democratic gubernatorial candidate **Eddie Knox** has called for increased law enforcement in the state. Knox said in a recent press release that the state and its agencies should "provide support for effective and efficient law enforcement programs and to develop creative and innovative uses of our resources to fight crime in North Carolina."...

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