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## What Jackson Wants, Jackson Will Receive

**BY RITA BEAMISH**  
 Associated Press Writer  
 ATLANTA (AP) --- Michael Dukakis is promising Jesse Jackson a substantial role in the fall campaign and the money to carry out that responsibility, in what Jackson supporters say is a step toward bringing Jackson's constituency into the fold.



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The bottom line from Monday's meeting between Dukakis and Jackson, Jackson backers said, was that the challenger will get the respect he thinks he earned in winning 7 million votes in the primaries and registering thousands of voters along the way.

The two men, along with Dukakis' running mate choice, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, forged a unified front for the November election, publicly ending days of tension between the campaigns that followed Dukakis' selection of Bentsen a week ago today --- and the governor's failure to give Jackson advance word.

In their press conference and in a later briefing by their top aides, these details of the agreement were revealed:

--- Jackson will keep much of his organization intact, paid for by party funds, and will continue to campaign for the Democratic ticket.

--- His travel costs will be paid. "If the man's got to travel, we're not going to let him fly commercial," said Joseph Warren, a longtime Dukakis supporter who has been involved in the negotiations. "Make no mistake about it. What Jesse needs, Jesse will get."

--- Members of Jackson's team will be integrated into the Dukakis campaign at all levels, although Dukakis aide Paul Brontas indicated it was not automatic everyone would have a job.

--- Jackson supporters will get close to half the 25 at-large members of the Democratic National Committee to be appoint-

ed Friday, and a new DNC vice chair.

The dramatic news conference just hours before Monday's



**HOT FUN IN THE SUMMERTIME!** A Reggae festival held at Lakeview Country Club afforded hundreds the opportunity to hear music at the water's edge. Tim Smalls relaxed between periods of listening his reggae-inspired clothing and accessories to the revelers. See more about reggae on page 1B.

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## Farrakhan Says, Make No Deals

ATLANTA (AP) --- Black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan has accused the Rev. Jesse Jackson of operating from a "slave mentality" and urged him to make no deals with the Democratic Party.

Speaking Sunday at an Atlanta Baptist church, the leader of the Nation of Islam criticized statements Jackson made Saturday that indicated he was concerned about his role in the party and the campaign.

"This language betrays an attitude, a state of mind, that must be uprooted in our leadership --- a slave mentality that makes our leadership seek nearness to the slave masters instead of standing up for themselves," Farrakhan told 1,200 supporters.

Jackson has been complaining about his role in the party since



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ual running mate. Jackson and Dukakis aides met in Atlanta to iron out the differences and avoid turmoil as the Democratic National Convention got under way.

Farrakhan urged Jackson to stand up for the rights of black people.

"Don't go into any smoke-filled back room," he said. "Don't make a deal with a party that hasn't given nothing to black people."

Farrakhan was joined at the altar by the entourage of Tawana Brawley, a 16-year-old black teenager from Wappingers Falls, N.Y., who says she was raped by a gang of white men. Ms. Brawley spoke briefly but declined to answer questions from reporters.



Davis



Griffin

## Attention Focused On Westside Schools

**By HERB WHITE**  
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Charlotte-Mecklenburg's westside schools have its share of problems, but a recent list of recommendations is a first step in addressing them, educators say.

Bob Davis, principal at Spauigh Middle School, and a member of the task force studying westside schools, said the group's recent report points out the need for a more positive image among the schools.

"Schools on the westside are good but they suffer from a poor public image," he said.

School board member Arthur Griffin said the report is "a good first step in starting to diagnose some of the chronic problems" of westside schools. However, the report, submitted to the board last week, will require careful study before any changes take place.

"I'm waiting for the staff recommendations," he said.

Aside from public perceptions, Davis said, westside schools have been underused and given the short end of the scholastic stick compared to others in the county.

"The big thing is economics," Davis said. "These folks have been neglected by the school system for so many years because they felt that they didn't have any power, sort of like out of sight, out of mind."

Consolidation of Harding and West Mecklenburg high schools, the smallest in the system, was not a part of the report. The

schools, located near Charlotte-Douglas International Airport, are exposed to constant aircraft noise and have been reported to be candidates for merger.

That won't happen soon, Davis said, because of the political ramifications and loyalties of communities surrounding the schools.

"That is a political hot potato and no one really wants to touch that one," he said.

"I think it will stay on the back burner until the airport authority decides on how to abate the noise over the schools, especially West Mecklenburg."

The report also recommended eliminating middle schools, consisting of grades 6-8 by the 1989-90 school year. Davis said middle schools, which exist only on the westside, may be a better alternative than junior high schools, but the system didn't make the commitment throughout the county.

"Middle schools were created for all the wrong reasons," he said, as a solution to bolstering the attendance at Harding and West Mecklenburg.

"I think what the task force is saying is 'let's go back to seven, eight and nine until the rest of the system is ready.'"

Griffin echoed those sentiments.

"Certainly as a concept, middle schools are a good idea," he said. "But you were stuck with a concept without the resources to

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## Jackson Wins Nine Of 12 In Platform Negotiations

ATLANTA---Jesse Jackson didn't get everything he wanted on the Democratic Party platform, but he won nine of 12 planks Tuesday at the party's national convention.

Jackson pushed for and got the party to pledge reductions in defense spending, more prenatal and child care, the development of a national health program and improved relations with the Soviet Union among others.

In a departure from past conventions, this year's platform is deliberately vague in most areas, specifically tax increases of any type and defense cutbacks.

The defense spending plank was amended to exclude a definite cap to the Pentagon's funding, said Jackson delegate Cathy Hughes of Charlotte. The amended version was a compromise between the party's nominee, Michael Dukakis, and Jackson.

In another defense-related matter, the Dukakis forces beat Jackson's proposal that the United States pledge not to use nuclear weapons in a first-strike capacity.

"Dukakis felt it would tie his hands" in using nuclear forces as an option against an aggressor, Hughes said. The Jackson proposal would have been a first step in reducing the chances of nuclear war.

Jackson also lost a battle to tie the party into raising taxes on the wealthy and corporations to the level of the pre-Reagan years, 2,499 to 1,091. Ninety delegates abstained.

A plank to establish a Palestinian homeland was brought up for debate but was withdrawn by Jackson before it could be voted on.

Among the other Jackson planks that were incorporated into the party's platform:

- Fighting in Central America should be ended and democracy established in the war-torn region.
- The federal government should provide more money for prenatal care and day care services. The Women Infants and Children (WIC) program and Head Start should also get in-

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It's hard to leave mama... but summer camp beckons. The Pi Phi chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity sponsored 32 children to go to a 4-H Camp in Ellerbe, NC. See page 2A.

## NC Members Play Major Roles At NAACP Convention

**Special To The Post**

Over 90 North Carolina adult and youth delegates and observers played major roles in the 79th annual NAACP Convention, winning elections, gathering awards, earning diplomas, making presentations and conducting workshops in the process.

"Vote! Be Heard," was the



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theme of this year's national convention held July 9-15 in Washington D.C. Rev. Jesse Jackson, Vice President George Bush, Gov. Michael Dukakis, Virginia Lt. Gov. L. Douglas Wilder and AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland all spoke to the convention participants.

North Carolinians made significant achievements and contributions at this convention. Among them:

--- Associate Consultants, a black Winston-Salem public relations and consulting firm, announced the successful negotiation of a national billboard

campaign to promote the NAACP's nationwide Radiothon membership drive culminating on September 24. The firm, in conjunction with the Outdoor Advertising Association of America, will erect billboards in the 50 top metropolitan areas.

--- Portia Brandon, president of the Raleigh-Apex branch, was elected vice-chairman of the Region Five executive committee. Region Five, which consists of seven states (Fla., Ala., Miss., Tenn., N.C., S.C., Ga.), is the largest region in the NAACP. Also elected to represent Region Five on key committees were:

D.D. Garrett (Pitt Co.); Rev. John London (Herdford), and Joseph Mitchell (Greensboro).

--- Ann Shipman of Fayetteville and Ada Singleton of Wadesboro were each bestowed the Unsung Heroine Award by the national board of directors.

--- Five North Carolinians were among the first 200 graduates of the NAACP's Membership University held this spring at national headquarters. They are: Veronia Alexander (Charlotte), Portia Brandon (Raleigh), Inez Calloway (Charlotte), Den-

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