

# Democratic convention could be 1968 replay

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Bush for President campaign strategists reportedly are laughing with anticipation as the Democratic Party prepares for what law enforcement officials are predicting could be the most controversy-ridden and possibly violent Democratic Convention since 1968.

Regardless of whether such scenarios materialize, these officials report that the Convention is serving as the opportunity for extreme groups to forge the apparatus for future disruptions of the presidential campaign. There are estimates that upwards of 10,000 demonstrators, spanning the political spectrum from extreme right to extreme left and representing numerous special interest groups, will descend on Atlanta. Law enforcement sources are operating on the belief that there is a 60% probability of organized violence breaking out on the streets of the city outside the Omni Convention Center.

Federal law enforcement officials have announced a terrorist alert as a precautionary measure in light of expected attacks against U.S. targets by Iranian-linked networks retaliating for the shoot-down of an Iranian airliner by the *U.S.S. Vincennes*. On July 4, fifty pounds of dynamite were stolen from a construction site in Atlanta, which seems not to have been recovered.

The unceremonious denial of the vice presidency to an expectant Jesse Jackson has added fuel to the fire. Electronic media producers are preparing to highlight fist-fights on the convention floor for the TV viewing public, as Jackson delegates vent their anger at the snubbing they have received from Governor Dukakis and his campaign staff. Jackson has enlisted President Jimmy Carter to mediate with the Dukakis campaign.

## Bush backs Jackson?

Meanwhile, Republican political strategists giggle as they refer to Jackson as "the best candidate Bush money can buy." Rumors have been widespread that the Bush campaign has covertly contributed to Jackson's campaign in hopes of weakening the Democratic Party ticket.

Jackson is leading a Rainbow Coalition car caravan of his constituents from Chicago to Atlanta, making stops in several cities to hold support rallies and pick up people who will attend the demonstrations at the convention center. Political analysts have characterized one-third of the Jackson delegation as "hot-heads" who are contemplating multiple

strategies to disrupt the convention. American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) lawyers working with Jackson's campaign staff are preparing to enter federal court in Washington, D.C. to challenge the credentials of the Dukakis delegates. The ploy could tie up enough delegates that Dukakis would not get the nomination on the first ballot. An attempt to challenge Sen. Lloyd Bentsen for the number-two spot on the ticket is also under consideration. Should the tactics fail, a walk-out from the convention is expected.

Waiting for them outside of the convention center, in the parking lot, will be a continuous stream of demonstrations. The Democratic National Committee authorized a stage to be built in the parking lot from which protesting leaders can exhort their disaffected followers. A schedule has even been established so that each protest group is given 90 minutes of time in control of the microphone.

The traveling Jackson contingent will be joined outside the Omni center by a coalition led by the National Alliance Party and the Black Muslims, which are making a play to attract angry and radicalized Jackson delegates. The NAP is a left-wing radical splinter party whose presidential candidate, Dr. Lenora Fulani, has qualified for federal matching funds. The NAP expects to be on the ballot in all 50 states, something which requires substantial funds. In a recent radio interview, Dr. Fulani said that her candidacy was a spoiler campaign to deny the Democrats the presidency by coopting the disaffected Jackson activists. Since Bush is the beneficiary, several political analysts have suggested that the NAP and Muslims are just an extension of the Khomeiniac Islamic "moderates" who have financially benefited from the Irangate affair.

Louis Farrakhan, the black segregationist leader of the Nation of Islam (Muslims) has publicly endorsed Dr. Fulani's campaign for President. A spokesman for the NAP announced that they and the Black Muslims plan to bus 10,000 people to Atlanta. The NAP and Muslims maintain close relations with pro-Khomeini radical Islamic groupings in the United States, who will have contingents at the demonstrations. The NAP's national newspaper advertises Libyan madman Qaddafi's *Green Book* of political drivel.

The week will start with a speech by Farrakhan on Sunday, July 17, at Morris Brown College in the downtown area. Several blocks away, on the same day, the Ku Klux Klan and other white supremacist groups will march down Marietta Street to the State Capitol. Six blocks from the Omni Center at the Metroplex Center, there will be a several-thousand-person conference under the auspices of "Alternative 88" lasting the week. The "Alternative 88" coalition includes numerous groupings on the watch list of law enforcement agencies, such as the proto-terrorist Yuppies, the pro-terrorist Revolutionary Communist Party, and the American Indian Movement. Burned-out 1960s radical Abbie Hoffman and his sidekick, Amy Carter, are speakers at the sideshow conference.