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EUGENE, OREGON
SEPT 4, 1984

## my second visit

THIS IS THE SECOND TIME I'VEN TO OREGON SINCE THE CONVENTION.

AND I LOVE IT TWICE AS MUCH THIS TIME.

THAT'S WHY I'M NOT HAPPY WITH WHAT K I'VE SEEN AND HEARB TODAY.

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EUGENE IS A BEAUTIFUL CITY. IT DOESN'T DESERVE TO HAVE STORES BOARDED UP, LIKE THE ONES IN THE ONE STORES BOARDED UP, LIKE THE ONES IN THE ONE STORES BOARDED UP, LIKE THE ONES IN THE ONE STORES BOARDED UP, LIKE THE ONES IN THE ONE STORES.

THE PEOPLE OF EUGENE WANT TO WORK. YOU DON'T DESERVE AN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF 10 to 12 PERCENT.

THE STATE OF OREGON HAS ALL THE RAW MATERIALS TO BUILD A VIBRANT, BOOMING ECONOMY. YOU HAVE THE RESOURCES, THE EDUAATIONAL SYSTEM, THE TALENT, AND THE DRIVE. AND YET THERE ARE 123,000 PEOPLE OUT OF WORK HERE.

SOMETHING IS COMES WRONG. I PHINK I KNOW WHAT IT IS. WHAT'S WRONG IS WAMPANDAMENT WOMEN WANTED WANTE

EXAMENE THE POLICIES OF THIS ADMINISTRATION, AND YOU'LL FIND
THAT IN EVERY CASE THEY E LEND A HAND TO BIG CORPORATE INTERESTS.

AND THEY GIVE THE REST US THE BACK OF THE HAND.

THEIR TAX CUT GAVE ENORMOUS CUTS TO THE RIGH, WHILE TAXES STAYED THE SAME OR ACTUALLY WENT UP FOR AVERAGE FAMILIES. AND LAST MONTH IN DALLAS THEY PROPOSED ANOTHER \$160 BILLION IN TAX RELIEF FOR THEIR RICH FRIENDS. ONE OF THOSE NEW TAX CUTS WOULD ELEMINATE THE WINDFALL PROFITS TAX FOR THE OIL COMPANIES.

THAT'S NOT MY IDEA OF TAX FAIRNESS. I WANT COMPRENENT WINDER BIG

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OIL TO PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE OF TAXES. MXMXMXMXMXMXMXMXMXMXMMMMM AND I SELECT WANT AVERAGE PEOPLE TO PAY MORE SO THE DIGH CAN PAY LESS.

I WANT OUR GOVERNMENT TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO OUR SCHOOLS, NOT TO LOBBY FOR TAX BREAKS FOR SEGREGATED ACADEMIES.

I WANT TO SEE LOANS MADE AVAILABLE TO YOUNG FAMILIES TRYING TO BUY HOUSES, NOT JUST TO BIG CORPORATIONS TRYING TO ACQUERE OTHER CORPORATIONS.

I WANT TO SEE GOVERNMENT PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES FROM TOXIC CHEMICALS. IN WANT A GOVERNMENT THAT TAKES POLLUTERS TO COURT, AND NOT TO MMMM LUNCH.

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, I WANT TO SEE AN ECONOMY THAT WORKS FOR US ALL. IN THIS COUNTRY, WE SHOULD SHARE BOTH THE GAINS AND THE SETBACKS, BOTH THE BURDENS AND THE ABUNDANCE.

MR. REAGAN SAYS AMERICA IS BACK AND STANDING TALL. BUT I X WON'T
BE SATISFIED UNTIL EUGENE IS ALSO BACK AND STANDING TALL.

MR. REAGAN IS HAPPY WHEN WALL STREET RALLIES, AND THAT'S FINE. BUT HE SHOULD REMEMBER, IT'S MAIN STREET THAT COUNTS.

A COMPLETE RECOVERY UNTIL THE LOGGERS, THE TEACHERS, AND THE EXMNERS OTHERS OF OREGON HAVE RECOVERED THEIR JOBS.

THERE ARE TWO THINGS WE MUST DO TO GET THERE. FIRST, WE MUST LEVEL WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. AND SECOND, WE MUST BE FAIR.

IN THE LAST THREE WEEKS, I HAVE SEEN DRAMATIC EVIDENCE IN MY OWN CAMPAIGN OF WHAT I HAVE KNOWN AND PRACTICED ALL MY LIRE: THERE'S NO SUBSTITUTE FOR LEVELING WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

as this President does, that

IT'S EASY TO SAY, THINGS ARE GREAT. AND TO A CERTAIN EXTENT, I AGREE: THIS IS THE GREATEST, MOST POWERFUL NATION ON EARTH. AND I'M PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN.

BUT ONE OF THE KEYS TO OUR GREATNESS IS THAT WE'RE A PEOPLE WHO FACE REALITY. THE PEOPLE OF A OREGON DON'T DEAL WITH THEIR PROBLEMS BY BURYING THEIR HEADS IN THE SAND OR THROWING THEIR HANDS IN THE AIR.

YOU DON'T BRUSH ADVERSITY UNDER THE RUG: YOU FACE IT.
YOUR DON'T RUN FROM CHALLENGE. YOU MEET IT. AND YOU DON'T NEED

A PRESIDENT WHO DUCKS THE TOUGH ONES. YOU WANT A LEADER WHO ROLLS UP HIS SLEEVES, TELLS THE TRUTH, AND WORKS BY YOUR SIDE FOR A BETTER AMERICAN FUTURE. AND THAT'S WHAT YOU'LL GET IN FRITZ MONDALE.

WALTER MONDALE AND I WILL TELL YOU THE UNVARNISHED TRUTH. AND HERE IT IS: IF DEFICITS ARE TO COME DOWN, THE NEXT PRESIDENT, NO MATTER WHO IS ELECTED, WILL HAVE TO SQUEEZE THE BUDGET AND MEETINEMED RAISE TAXES. THE QUESTION IS, WHO DO YOU WANT TO DO THAT? RX

NOW YOU'LL NEVER HEAR THAT STRAIGHT FROM THE REPUBLICANS.

WHEN IT COMES TO DEFECITS, MR. REAGANE FIRST SAYS THEY DON'T MATTER.

THEN HE BLAMES THE DEMOCRATS. AND THEN HE SAYS THE DEFICIT IS BIG

ENOUGH TO TAKE CARE OF ITSELF.

AND WHEN IT COMES TO TAXES, FIRS T MR. REAGAN SAID HE WOULNDN'T RAISE THEM. THEN MR. BUSH SAID THEY WOULD. THEN MR. REAGAN SAID MAYBE. AND NOW THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM SAYS THEY WON'T.

WHY ALL THE DANCING AROUND? IF M DEFICITS ARE BAD -- AND THEY
CERTAINLY ARE -- XXX THEN LET'S REDUCE THEM. IF THE BUDGET MUST BE
SQUEEZED AND TAXES MUST GO UP -- AND THEY MUST -- then LET'S
SQUEEZE THE BUDGET AND RAISE TAXES FAIRLY. AND IF OUR LEADERS
WONT LEVEL WITH US -- THEN LET'S REPLACE THEM.

THE SECOND, WE WILL HAVE A STRONGER ECONOMY WHEN WE USE THE TALENTS OF ALL OUR PEOPLE.

WHEN WE LET YOUNG MINDS GO TO WASTE BECAUSE TEACHERS DON'T HAVE THE TOOLS TO DO THEIR JOBS, WE'RE NOT ONLY HURTING THOSE YOUNGSTERS: WE'RE WEAKENING OUR WHOLE COUNTRY. A MIND IS A TERRIBLE -- AND AN EXPENSIVE -- THING TO WE WASTE. I BELIEVE WE SHOULD STOP SPENDING SO MUCH ON THE ARMS RACE, AND START SPENDING MORE ON THE HUMAN RACE.

BUT WE SHOULDN'T DO THAT JUST BECAUSE IT'S SMART. IT'S

ALSO RIGHT. ONE OF THE QUESTIONS THIS CAMPAIGN PUTS TO THE each of a

AMERICAN THE LE IS, WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE ARE WE. IN THE LAST FOUR

YEARS, SIX MILLION AMERICANS HAVE JOINED THE KM RANKS OF THE POOR.

EIGHT AND A HALF MILLION ARE STILL OUT OF WORK, AND ONE IN FOUR SMALL

CHILDREN LIVESX IN POVERTY.

THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION HAS RESPONDED TO THIS HUMAN TRAGEDY BY CUTTING FOOD STAMPS, THROWING PEOPLE OFF SOCIAL SECURITY, AND REDUCING NEARLY EVERY PROGRAM THAT HELPS POOR MOTHERS AND INFANTS.

WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE DOES RONALD REAGAN THINK WE ARE?

I AM NOT SEEKING THE VICE PRESIDENCY TO MAKE IT HARDER X FOR THE HUNGRY TO EAT, THE COLD TO KEEP WARM, OR THE HOMELESS TO FIND SHELTER. I XX GOT INTO POLITICS IN THE FIRST PLACE TO HELP THOSE PEOPLE, NOT HARM THEM. AND THE BEST WAY YOU AND I CAN HELP THEM IN 1984 IS BY DEFEATING RONALD REAGAN AND ELECTING WALTER MONDALE.

IN THESE WAYS -- BY LEVELING WITH PEOPLE, BY BEING FAIR, BY MEETING, NOT DUCKING, THE CHALLENGES BEFORE US - FRITZ MONDALE AND I WILL REBUILD OUR ECONOMYM AND STRENGTHEN OUR COUNTRY.

AT THEIR CONVENTION, THE REPUBLICANS MADE MUCH OF THEIR PATRIXOTISM. BUT I DON'T THINK THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BUY THE SELF\*

CONSCIOUS BATRIOTISM THAT'S MADE ON MADISON AVENUE. THEY FEEL THE SELFLESS, QUIET PATRIOTISM OF MAIN STREET AMERICA.

WHEN SOMEONE FINDS JOBS FOR THE 15,000 JOBLESS IN EUGENE -THAT WILL BE A PATRIOTIC ACT.

WHEN WE R BETTER HELP TEACHERS EDUCATE OUR CHILDREN -- THAT WILL BE A PATRIOTIC ACT.

WHEN WE PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES FROM THE TOXIC CHEMICALS
THAT THREATEN OUR SAFETY -- THAT WILL BE A PATRIOTIC ACT.

WHEN WE FULLY ENFORCE OUR CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS, AND MAKE THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT A PART OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION -THAT WILL BE A PATRIOTIC ACT.

WHEN WE FINALLY STOP THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE -- THAT WILL BE A PATRIOTIC ACT.

MR. REAGAN PREACHES LOVE OF COUNTRY, AND I AGREE. BUT I SAY,
LET'S LOVE OUR COUNTRYMEN AND WOMEN, TOO. LET'S PUT PEOPLE TO WORK,
ENFORCE THE LAWS, PROTECT WHNIMM THIS PLANET, AND KEEP THE PEACE -THAT'S THE BEST WAY TO HONOR THE AMERICAN MARKEN FLAG.

THE TIME TO BE BEGIN THAT WORK IS NOT LATER. IT'S NOW.

THE TIME TO REGISTER NEW VOTERS IS NOT LATER. IT'S NOW.

THE TIME TO SEIZE OUR FUTURE IS NOT LATER. IT'S NOW.

PHE TIME TO STOP THE ARMS RACE IS NOT LATER. IT'S NOW.

THE TIME TO ELECT FRITZ MONDALE IS NOT LATER. IT'S NOW.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WARM RECEPTION. LET'S GO OUT AND WIN

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