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Clinton makes stop a family affair



President comes to Rodham's campaign rescue

By BUDDY NEVENS
Star Writer

MIAMI — President Bill Clinton's lightning visit to Miami on Saturday was part family reunion and part campaign blitz, as he fit into the Republicans as doing the bidding of mired special interests to block change.

Clinton was in Miami with wife Hillary Rodham Clinton to campaign for brother-in-law Hugh Rodham, who is running an underdog Democratic race for U.S. Senate.

But less than 100 showed up to see the president for a \$10-per-person rally at a Port of Miami passenger terminal in a scheduling blunder by the Rodham campaign.

Campaign spokespeople refused comment on why the rally was so lightly attended. But Broward County Democrats in attendance blamed poor planning from the Rodham camp.

The Democrats who did attend enthusiastically clapped and cheered repeatedly as the first lady and president ripped the GOP and praised Rodham.

"They killed campaign finance reform, they killed environmental reform, they killed lobbying reform and



From left, Nichole Rodham, her husband, Tony Rodham, Hugh Rodham, President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton enjoy a family get-together

at podium at Port of Miami rally. Less than 200 showed up to see the president for a \$10-per-person rally at a passenger terminal.

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Clinton, first lady aid Hugh Rodham in S. Florida stop

then they put out a contract on America," Clinton said.

Clinton is trying to tar the GOP's so-called Contract with America, the party's campaign platform for congressional candidates this year. He called it a return to the era of President Ronald Reagan, when rich got richer through trickle-down economics and the budget deficits got bigger.

The president tore into Rodham's opponent, incumbent Republican U.S. Sen. Connie Mack, as the "senator who says, 'no, no, no' to everything."

Mack said "no to the family leave bill, no to the Brady [gun control] bill, no to deficit reduction, no to education reform, no to campaign finance reform, no to lobbyist reform," Clinton said as Rodham stood behind him, smiling.

Hillary Rodham Clinton accompanied her husband on the trip in their first joint appearance of the fall congressional campaign. She traveled alone to Broward in early October to campaign for her brother.

The rally was a family reunion for Hillary Rodham Clinton, as her brother Tony Rodham and his wife, Nichola, joined Rodham and his wife, Maria Arias Rodham, on the platform.

"This is a real exhibition of family values," Hugh Rodham said.

The first family was in Miami a little more than four hours. They were greeted outside Miami International Airport by about 2,000 mostly Cuban-American demonstrators, protesting the policy that is keeping more than 30,000 Cuban rafters in detention at the U.S. Navy Base at Guantánamo Bay and at other camps.

People chanted *Libertad* — freedom — and waved the Cuban flag. Many in the crowd said they were pleased at Clinton's announcement on Friday that a few



AP photo/MARTA LAVANDER

Hillary Rodham Clinton greets Jane Eben-McCuiffton, left, of Boca Raton, and Ruth Lovejoy of Fort Lauderdale upon the Clintons' arrival on Saturday at Miami International Airport.

hundred elderly refugees and children would be released. But they insisted all refugees should be set free.

"It by Christmas they don't come out, there will be half a million Cubans taking to the streets [of Miami]," said Elsie Gomez, 54, of Kendall. Her 26-year-old nephew is detained at Guantánamo, she said.

Clinton's motorcade did not pass the protesters.

After the port rally, the Clintons went to another fund-raiser for Democratic senatorial candidates at the Miami home of Engh Westbrook. It was expected to raise \$700,000.

Clinton's trip to South Florida is part of a nationwide push prior to the November election to head off a possible Democratic disaster on Nov. 8 by raising money and campaigning for candidates. A number of Democratic incumbents running for re-election, including Speaker of the House Tom Foley of Washington, are either trailing in the polls or face close races.

Earlier on Saturday, the president and first lady visited Bridgeport, Conn., to campaign for Bill Curry, a Democrat running for governor.

Clinton remains unpopular

with large groups of Florida voters. An Associated Industries of Florida poll taken Oct. 9 and 10 shows 61 percent of the registered voters think Clinton is doing only a fair or poor job.

Local politicians apparently believe the poll. Only U.S. Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., and U.S. Reps. Alcee Hastings, D-Miami, and Carrie Mack, D-Miami, met the Clintons in Miami. The representatives have no opposition and Graham is not running for reelection.

But Rodham is already associated in the voters' minds with Clinton because he is Hillary Rodham Clinton's brother.

Besides, Rodham needs money badly. He is almost broke.

Tasha Joseph, Rodham's press secretary, declined to say how much he has raised to date. As of shortly before the Oct. 4 runoff election, he had raised approximately \$250,000, according to federal records. Mack has more than \$4 million, his campaign staff said.

A Mason-Dixie poll in late September had Mack with 65 percent compared with 20 percent for Rodham.

Staff Writers Deborah Ramirez and Donna Pasdera contributed to this report.

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President stumps for brother-in-law

President Clinton appears at a rally in Miami for U.S. Senate candidate Hugh Rodham. Voters and many top Democrats keep their distance.

BILL ADAMS
Staff Writer

MIAMI — If you wanted to hear speeches from Hugh Rodham and President Clinton on Saturday night, there was plenty of elbow room.

About 250 people showed up at a campaign rally at the Port of Miami. If it wasn't for several busloads of kids and senior citizens, Clinton could have shaken hands with everyone in the building.

Still, the rally was lively. Clinton attacked the Republican Party for its "automatic no" and unwillingness to consider his ideas.

He listed a string of his accomplishments: the crime bill, college loans, child immunization, the Brady gun control law and the family leave act.

"We've got the economy going up, the deficit going down, 4.6-million new jobs, three years of deficit reduction for the first time since Harry Truman was president of the United States. What is (the Republicans') beef?"

He criticized the Republicans' new "contract with the American people," which calls for a stronger defense, tax reductions and a balanced-budget amendment.

Clinton called it "a trillion dollars worth of promises. It's exactly what they did in the '80s. It's trickle-down Reaganomics all over again. I'd like to make a trillion dollars worth of promises, too. I could show you a good time on a trillion dollars."

He made a dutiful endorsement of his brother-in-law.

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President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton arrive at Miami International Airport on Saturday. They attended a rally and fund-raiser for Hugh Rodham.

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or in law Rodham, the Democratic nominee for U.S. Senate, praising him for "having the courage to stand up for your convictions."

Hillary Clinton, who traveled with her husband, was more candid about her brother's campaign, acknowledging that Rodham was essentially the Democrats' candidate of last resort. "When no one stepped forward, he did," she said. "Nobody in my family has ever walked away from a battle they believed in."

The crowd included an assortment of Rodham and Clinton supporters: die-hard Democrats from Dade County, retirees from Broward and a few people from Miami's Little Haiti community who praised Clinton's action in Haiti.

Several people in the audience compared Clinton to Franklin Delano Roosevelt. They said that Roosevelt was attacked when he proposed the New Deal and that he didn't earn respect until years later.

"Roosevelt was one of the greatest presidents this country ever had," said Leo Handel, a retired tavern and liquor store manager from Broward, who was wearing a "Clinton for President" T-shirt. "He had the courage to save this country from upheaval.

It's the same thing with Clinton."

Handel said many people thought Social Security was a communist program until they got their first check. Then they called it an insurance program.

A Clinton spokeswoman said the small crowd was not unusual because the event was considered a reception. It cost \$10 to get in, and Rodham officials had earlier been predicting a much bigger crowd.

Presidential visits usually attract a bevy of politicians. Candidates from county judge to governor are eager to be seen and photographed with the president. Those snapshots often end up in their campaign brochures.

But this time, many top Democrats had other plans and seemed to have little enthusiasm for appearing with Clinton.

Gov. Lawton Chiles said he didn't have time.

The Rodham rally "is a fundraiser for a U.S. Senate candidate," Chiles said last week. "I don't get anything out of it."

He said he had four fund-raisers Saturday and would "rather go someplace where I can get something."

Agriculture Commissioner Bob Crawford was invited, but "had some conflicts," said campaign manager Screven Watson. "It was kind of late notice. We are in the heat of battle and we can't drop everything to run down there when there is stuff we already had on the

schedule."

Bill Nelson, the Democratic nominee for insurance commissioner, was scheduled to attend a dinner with South Florida condominium leaders, according to his campaign manager Brian May.

"One of the most important components of a Democratic turn-out is the Jewish condominium community," May said. "Bill has always had a good relationship with that community."

May praised Clinton and said he was not a liability to Democrats. But May said: "Being photographed with the president isn't nearly as important as being in front of voters."

Before the rally, Rodham criticized party members who want to distance themselves from Clinton.

"The president of the United States is the leader of our party," Rodham said. "He's no liability to me. I can't understand the people of this party that can say he's a liability. They ought to be ashamed of themselves. I'm proud to be a Democrat."

Rodham said Clinton had been unfairly criticized by the Republicans. "He has been the object of the most personally derisive, nasty campaign of any president this country has ever seen."

After the rally, Clinton traveled to a \$10,000-per-couple dinner to raise money for Democratic senate candidates. Party leaders hoped to raise at least \$500,000.

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IN MIAMI: Bill Clinton.

More rafters may go free, Clinton says

By TOM FIEDLER
Herald Political Editor

President Clinton pledged in Miami Saturday that Cuban refugee camps in Panama and Guantanamo Bay would not be long-term solutions, although he believes he acted correctly in interrupting the exodus of rafters from Cuba and establishing the "safe havens."

The president came to South

Florida with his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, to campaign on behalf of her brother, Hugh Rodham, who faces an uphill battle for a U.S. Senate seat against incumbent Republican Connie Mack.

After a rally for Rodham, the Clintons attended a \$10,000-per-couple fundraiser for the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee at the Coral

Gables home of the committee's finance chairman, Hugh Westbrook.

Clinton said he asked administration officials more than two weeks ago to begin looking for ways to improve conditions at the Guantanamo camp, where nearly 30,000 people are

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Clinton, in Miami, says more rafters may go free

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detained.

That request was prompted by his concerns about the conditions, and particularly their effect on children, the elderly and those who may need medical treatment, he said. His decision Friday to allow elderly refugees, the sick and children who have been detained without their families to come to the United States was the result of that review, he said in an interview.

Clinton also raised the possibility that others could be released from the camps after a review of individual appeals that was also a part of his order.

"We'll do that review, and then we'll take another look at where we'll go from here," the president said.

Clinton said he recognized that the detention policy has been "personally painful" for many in the Cuban-American community. But, he said, "there was no perfect, easy answer" to the crisis.

The president declined to say whether significant numbers of

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PRESIDENT CLINTON,
on plans to review rafters' appeals

people in the camps may also be allowed entry into the United States in addition to those cleared on Friday.

Caution planned

Further steps must be taken cautiously, he said, "so that it doesn't make the same thing happen all over again."

He defended his decision to stop the exodus, however, saying that if he had not acted, many lives might have been lost, and the influx would have further inflamed anti-immigrant sentiment.

"Being firm about it was the right thing to do," he said.

In the interview, only hours after Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide had returned to Haiti, Clinton expressed optimism about the future of that country.

He said the most important steps to be taken in the short term would be to reshape the Haitian military and police force into one that is consistent with the ideals of democracy.

"I am under no illusion that the danger has passed to our troops or to the Haitian people," Clinton said.

Test at the polls

Parliamentary elections scheduled for later this year will test whether democracy can be rooted in Haiti, he said. It is especially important, he added, that Aristide's critics be allowed to express themselves freely in those elections.

"All these steps count for something," he said. "Little by little, it shows that this can work, that this is a country that can go forward."

The president and Mrs. Clinton

ton arrived in Miami shortly after 6 p.m. and went directly to a rally for Rodham. At the rally, Clinton blistered Sen. Mack for being part of the Republican

bloc that has opposed such measures as family leave policy, tax cuts for low-income families, the deficit reduction bill, a crime bill that so far has brought

95 police officers to South Florida, gun control and a cleanup of toxic-waste sites.

"He is an automatic 'no,'" Clinton said of Mack.



CHUCK FADLEY / Herald Staff

BROTHERLY HUG: President Clinton embraces his brother-in-law, Hugh Rodham, at a Rodham U.S. Senate campaign rally in Miami as Hillary Rodham Clinton beams.

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First Couple Visits Miami To Raise Democratic Money, Boost Rodham
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Rodham, senatorial committee.

With AP Photos

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By WILL LESTER= Associated Press Writer=

MIAMI (AP) President Clinton told Democrats at a rally here Saturday night he's "tried to be a good president for Florida" and wants people like his brother-in-law Hugh Rodham in the U.S. Senate to keep his agenda moving.

"I know the uphill battle Hugh faces," the president told a crowd of about 250 at a small but enthusiastic campaign rally for Rodham at the Port of Miami. "But what do you hire a senator for?"

He said Republican Sen. Connie Mack votes an "automatic no" against his proposals and is part of the force in the Senate that blocked several bipartisan bills at the end of the session.

"He could stay here in Florida and punch a computer and vote 'No,' " Clinton said of Mack.

The president, who campaigned earlier Saturday in Connecticut, complained about Republican opposition to a bill for the cleanup of toxic chemicals, and reform of lobbying and campaign finance laws.

"Hugh's campaign would be in better shape if we had campaign reform," he said, as Rodham smiled broadly in agreement.

The president said his administration has made a good start toward bringing the economy back and making the government more responsive to working people.

As the Clintons approached the dais, a man wearing a Haitian flag cried out: "We love you. Your heart is good."

Clinton said Saturday was "a day of celebration because President Aristide went home, because the Haitian people can now go home and we can see democracy and development."

He reminded the crowd about programs that have helped Floridians, including initiatives to make college loans easier to get, the tax cut for working families, more police brought with the crime bill, the renewal of the space station program and federal help for South Florida's hurricane recovery.

Clinton asked the crowd to vote for Rodham "if you want somebody who will say yes to your future and give us a chance to keep moving."

Rodham told the crowd that when he heard about "this exhibition of family values, I got a little nervous for the first time in my life."

Hillary Rodham Clinton, who campaigned for her brother earlier this month before he won a primary runoff, conceded he faces a tough fight.

"When you run against someone with 100 percent name recognition, it is a big uphill battle," she said. "But no one in my family has walked away from a battle they believed in, and my brother believes in this one."

At least 50 people attended a \$1,000-a-person cocktail reception before the rally, and campaign officials said more than \$50,000 was raised for Rodham's campaign. Rodham had raised \$450,000 total before Saturday, compared to \$2.5 million for Mack, a first-term senator.

The crowd was small for a presidential visit, and Dade County Democratic Chairman Joe Geller blamed "the short notice" given for the visit by the Clintons. Campaign manager Tony Rodham said the rally has been in the works for "about a week."

The president and first lady also attended a fund-raising dinner at the home of Miami businessman Hugh Westbrook and his wife Carole Shields which raised close to a million dollars for Senate candidates across the country.

The event was held at Westbrook's estate overlooking Biscayne Bay with music provided by the Florida Philharmonic. The dinner was attended by wealthy Democrats and politicians from Florida and across the country.

Westbrook said the \$1 million raised at the dinner means the Democratic

Senatorial Campaign Committee will be able to contribute the maximum to 19 senatorial campaigns across the country, twice what the committee has been able to do in the past.

Clinton, complimented Sen. Bob Graham of Florida, the committee's chairman, for the fund-raising success for Senate campaigns this year. Democrats are fighting to hold their

The Clintons have turned up their criticism of Republicans recently, warning the GOP is closely allied with lobbyists and wants to return to the policies of the Reagan years. Clinton's approval rating in a new Time/CNN poll is still a low 44 percent, but his disapproval rating had dropped six points to 47 percent.

Some Democratic candidates have distanced themselves from the Clintons, but not Rodham, who has eagerly awaited the attention of a presidential visit.

The money raised at the dinner will go to the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, which must decide what races could use its help. Rodham's campaign, 45 points behind in one poll, may not qualify for help.

"We are evaluating this race to see if our involvement could make a difference," Graham, Florida's senior senator, said recently.

Several Cuban Americans protested in downtown Miami for Clinton to allow the more than 30,000 Cubans refugees detained at camps at the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and in Panama to come to this country. Clinton ordered them detained in August to avoid a repeat of the 1980 Mariel boatlift.

The Clinton administration on Friday said it would allow several hundred elderly, sick and child refugees to come to this country for humanitarian reasons.

"We are improving conditions at Guantanamo and bringing the elderly and young children here," said Clinton. "Much of the credit goes to my sister-in-law (Maria Arias Rodham) and my brother-in-law."

But that wasn't enough to suit the Cuban American protesters.

"This is criminal. This is not democratic. This is not American," said Rafael Menendez, 47, who was at one of the protests Saturday. "I am ashamed."

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