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Mrs. Clinton a sellout fund-raiser
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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) At least one politician canceled an appearance with the president as the Monica Lewinsky scandal escalated, but First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton proved to be a sellout ticket.

And Mrs. Clinton wasn't holding back her rhetoric Friday night at a fund-raising dinner for U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer, who is running neck and neck against Republican candidate Matt Fong in one of the nation's most closely watched Senate races.

The first lady said while voters may not always agree with Boxer, "she is not anybody's puppet. She stands on her own feet."

Californians should elect someone "who will not take marching orders from the far right," Mrs. Clinton said, highlighting Boxer's support of abortion rights, environmental protection and gun control.

The first lady's appearance, which brought in about \$400,000 and more than 1,000 people, can only help the senator by refocusing attention on other issues, one expert said.

At the dinner, she tried to redirect attention to the issues she said voters care about.

"It is hard to get through all the blizzard of stuff in the atmosphere ... to engage people in the issues," Mrs. Clinton said.

"Hillary's stance has effectively insulated her from the scandal," said Sam Kernell, a professor of political science at the University of California, San Diego, specializing in the presidency.

"This posture of hers of not coming out and ... personally expressing support for her husband other than through her press secretary and staying focused on the issues make her pretty smart and make her pretty marketable to Barbara Boxer and those who have prepared the checks," Kernell said.

Earlier, at a Democratic fund-raiser in Portland, Ore., Mrs. Clinton made a veiled reference to the scandal, suggesting that Republicans in Congress are too preoccupied to take care of what's really important.

"They're much too busy doing other things that are of grave importance to this country," she said with a sarcastic roll of her eyes.

She cited her husband's achievements in reducing crime, improving schools and keeping the economy humming.

"Are we moving in the right direction? Yes we are," she told 100 invited guests at the university forum on children's issues.

Democratic congressional candidate David Wu, who is in a tight race for an open Portland-area seat, basked in the enthusiastic cheers and standing ovations the first lady received.

"Her commitment transcends the travails of the moment," Wu said.

Turiwa Autry, a 26-year-old Portland State student who shared the stage with Mrs. Clinton, said the scandal surrounding the president "doesn't change the truth of what he's trying to do for the country."

"I think the public is tired of hearing dirt," Autry said. "Enough is enough."

Mrs. Clinton is enjoying some of the most positive ratings since her husband was elected president. A CNN-Gallup-USA Today poll last week showed 61 percent of likely voters had a favorable view of her, while 33 percent had an unfavorable one. Her favorable rating had been as low as 42 percent early in 1996.

"This is an effort by the Democrats to solidify their own base," said Tony Quinn, a Republican political analyst. "Mrs. Clinton's appearance will help with feminists, with Bay area liberals, with people that Barbara Boxer absolutely has to get to the polls."

Still, some 100 demonstrators rallied outside the San Francisco dinner about half of them supporting Mrs. Clinton, the other half denouncing her husband and calling for his resignation.

Although Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening canceled an appearance earlier this month with President Clinton and said he wanted Vice President Al Gore to attend an Oct. 2 fund-raiser instead, Democrats say the Lewinsky matter has not crippled their efforts to regain congressional seats and gubernatorial offices.

``The president has had a tremendous amount of requests for his presence at events,'' said Tony Wyche, deputy press secretary for the Democratic National Committee.

The president was attending another fund-raiser Friday night in San Jose but was scheduled to appear Saturday with Boxer at a fund-raising dinner for the Democratic National Committee in Los Angeles.

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Hillary Rodham Clinton, left, and Washington first lady Mona Lee Locke embrace before Hillary Clinton spoke to a crowd of Democratic donors at the Westin Hotel in Seattle Thursday. "By any objective measure, by any fair assessment, our country is so much better off because of my husband's leadership and the support of people like the vice president and Democrats," she told those at a fund-raiser for Democratic congressional candidates.

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Inslee is challenging Rep. Rick White, R-Bainbridge Island. Other Democrats at the Westin dinner included Heidi Behrens-Benedict, who is running against Rep. Jennifer Dunn, R-Bellevue; Brian Baird, running against Republican Don Benton for the seat now held by Rep. Linda Smithin Southwest Washington; and Brad Lyons, running against Rep. George Nethercutt, R-Spokane.

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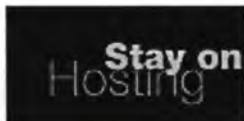


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Clinton promotes child-care agenda at forum

Clinton's visit

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"I'm proud of Mrs. Clinton for sticking by her husband. I think she runs a close second to Jacqueline Kennedy."

— Robert Pelletier, Vancouver, Wash.

"You out here more for my wife. If someone hits on her at her workplace now, forget it."

— Bob Mefflin, 61, Yamhill

"She has an affinity for power, and her connection to that is her husband. Short of murder, she'll stand by her man."

— Tracy Robinson, 30, Portland

"Show me a man who hasn't cheated."

— Dorothy Atackay, 84, Oregon City

Signs in the crowd

- "Old nasty women support Clinton"
- "Don't let Hillary Wu you," a reference to David Wu, the Democratic candidate in the 1st Congressional District
- "Clinton lied to a grand jury — Impeachment"
- "Portland loves Hillary"

The first lady in Oregon

Hillary Clinton has visited Oregon four times since her husband was elected president in 1992.

■ July 22, 1994: Stopped in Portland as part of a national bus caravan to promote the health care reform plan that ultimately failed. "If we do not guarantee insurance to every American, no American is secure," she said.

■ Sept. 10, 1996: Visited Eugene High School to promote tax breaks or college tuition. "What good does it do if we have a fine system of community colleges and the best 1-10-year-old colleges if here are good, hard-working young men and women who cannot afford to go?" she said.

■ Sept. 19 and 20, 1996: Accompanied the president and Vice President Al Gore on a two-day campaign bus trip in Oregon and Washington.

■ Nov. 3, 1996: Campaigned at Oregon State University for Democratic candidate Bill Clinton.

■ The first lady praises a Portland State University program that provides low-cost care for students' children

By KATE TAYLOR
of The Oregonian staff

Four years ago, Yuriya Autry dropped her classes as well as her hopes of finishing college and providing the kind of life she wanted for her children.

She was homeless. She had a 1-year-old son. She couldn't afford child care.

On Friday, she stood beside first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, who praised the grit and determination it took for Autry to graduate this year before a child-care forum at Portland State University.

Clinton, a constant advocate for children during her husband's presidency, was there to emphasize the need for affordable and safe child care for working parents, promote the campaign of David Wu, the Democratic candidate in the 1st Congressional District, and to honor the university's Helen Gordon Child Care Center.

Students in March voted to pay an additional fee for a new part-time center and to provide low-cost child care to student parents. The extra money allows student parents such as Autry to pay about \$200 a month for child care.

"That was a wonderful thing to do for (Autry), and it was a wonderful thing to do for us," Clinton said.

Autry thanked the students in the audience "for truly changing my life."

Four years ago, she said after the forum, "there were many nights I just cried and held my (1-year-old son) Elijah," said Autry, 26. "That time seems very distant now. I truly thank the students here for changing my life."

Speakers emphasize proposals

Speaker after speaker recruited by Wu's campaign referred to changes proposed in a child-care package proposed by President Clinton in January. The package, which includes a total of \$21.7 billion in proposed tax breaks and federal subsidies to reduce the financial burden on working parents, would be the largest investment ever in child care.



STEPHANIE YACZY/The Oregonian

Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks with Amy Driscoll after a child-care forum Friday at Portland State University. The event was arranged by the campaign of David Wu (left), the Democratic candidate in the 1st Congressional District. Clinton autographed a children's book written by Driscoll that included a quote by Clinton, Yuriya Autry, a recent PSU graduate, waits to meet Clinton.

Republican leaders in Congress have ignored the proposal, and critics say his approach is all wrong.

Government can help "by getting out of the way," said Patrick Stephens, spokesman for the Cascade Policy Institute, a public policy research organization. Instead of subsidizing child care, government should provide more disposable income to families through tax deductions. He also supports tax deductions for corporations that provide child care for employees and a general reduction in the tax burden, he said.

"The Clintons tend to advocate programs which move responsibility away from the family and place children under greater and greater federal and governmental control," Stephens said.

Oregon is slowly gaining more child care. Child care slots crept up from 16 per 100 children 12 and younger in 1995 to 21 per 100 this year. The goal of child advocates is 25 per 100 children 12 and younger.

Of the state's population of 670,774 children ages 1-12, 201,959 are in paid child care, said Wendy Willet, executive officer of the Oregon Commission for Child Care, an advocacy group.

Finding good child care is a struggle for most parents.

Every year, the Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children is "inundated with referrals to child care," said Merrill Hays, the director.

Wages are a target

In addition to the need for affordable and safe child care, Clinton and other speakers at the forum said child care in Oregon can't improve unless wages improve for child care workers.

"I'm concerned about how child-care facilities can operate in a way that is fair to the workers," said Patricia Ross, a minister at Southwest Portland's First Congregational Church. "If they are not paid well, you can't get good teachers."

Clinton's message resonated past the forum. To child-care workers such as April Burris, a Northeast Portland mother of two, Burris could not attend the forum but followed it closely through the news.

"I didn't get into child care for the money," said Burris, who has always made slightly more than minimum wage. "But I think little kids and families would be better off if child-care workers didn't have financial worries all the time. I'm sure kids pick up on that."

Hugging her 5-year-old son after the forum, Autry said her family feels that sense of community and caring at PSU.

That's important because "I take being a parent very seriously," Autry said. "How you help your children grow affects whether they become great people who will contribute to society."

Jodi Garber of The Oregonian staff contributed to this report.

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First lady of a campaign

Bill Clinton may not be a Democrat's dream endorser, but standing next to Hillary is now a great position

It would not be entirely accurate to say that Hillary Clinton spoke twice in Portland on Friday without saying one public word about her husband's problems.

She said, in fact, one word about them.

The word was "grave."

As in, the administration "couldn't get Congress to focus on education: they're much too busy doing other things that are of grave importance to our country."

The "grave" came growling out with a contemptuous edge that could have sliced the fund-raising luncheon's beef filets.

And it also drew a small roar from 200 admiring Democrats.

It's impossible to look at the first lady these days without thinking about her husband's excruciating personal arrangements, and wincing when imagining their non-policy conversations. It's hard not to give a mental start when she praises the record of "my husband."

But it's also impossible to see her in public, making two polished speeches for Democratic congressional candidate David Wu, without seeing the strength of Hillary Rodham Clinton's own personal following.

In a community property division of their supporters, the president might not get the larger share.

"I'm excited. I love Hillary," said Rachel Rose, mother of two grown sons and a new

Portland State student, waiting outside Hoffman Hall to cheer the first lady's entrance. "I think Hillary shows more class than the queen of England."

Who hasn't had a great year herself.

Speaking about child care (and David Wu) at Portland State, and more directly about Wu at a fund-raiser downtown, Hillary Clinton was everything a candidate could have asked. She spoke strongly about the importance of child care, education and the Democratic agenda. Looking out over the \$250-a-plate fund-raising luncheon, she declared, "To the people who serve us, who work in this hotel, it matters that the minimum wage was raised two years ago" — and that a Republican U.S. Senate has just refused to raise it again.

Her language can be lawyerly: She praised Portland State for "what you have done with respect to the provision of child care." But Clinton can also speak more sweepingly, citing her book "It Takes a Village," comparing it to the outlook of "those who believe that every person is an island, that we're all in this by ourselves, that we have no claim on others."

But although this campaign trip stretched from New York to Colorado and then down to California, she filled her no-notes speeches with warm praise of Wu, and specific attacks on the positions of "David's opponent." In all her travels, Clinton said, "I have seen no better person, who would do a better job, than David Wu."

In the light of her detailed endorsements, Wu basked.

After the Portland State speech, Clinton went down into the audience and did some basking herself. Waves of women, many involved in child care, came up to get a

word or an autograph or a photo. In a less ebullient way, Hillary Clinton now seems to get the same nourishment from a rope line that her husband does.

The opening is not unlimited. To the appearance of a reporter's notebook on the line, a Secret Service officer gave a short, sharp head shake.

"She's very, very good," beamed Janna Loper of Children First, floating away from a warm greeting by the first lady. "I was really impressed by her, more than I expected to be."

"It's terrible, at this point in my life, to think you're not going to be impressed by anything a politician could say, but I was."

To the campaign trail, Hillary Clinton now brings not just driving speeches and eager loyalists, but a booming political position. The first lady's approval ratings are soaring, climbing into the 70s where they once languished in the 30s. Her press coverage is dramatically better: critical articles that once attacked "the Clintons" now focus entirely on the bigger target.

Four years ago, The New York Times Magazine produced a bitingly snide profile of her titled "Saint Hillary," posing her in white, ridiculing her calls to a spiritual basis in politics. Sainthood may be nowhere in sight, but Hillary Clinton has landed in a rough contemporary equivalent: media marital martyrdom.

It's a powerful political package: a Princess Diana with brains.

Even more than in the earlier years of the administration, even more than the time when her appearance at the Women's Caucus at the 1996 Democratic convention caused an outpouring of adoration, Hillary Clinton is a first lady with her own popularity and her own constituency. And all across the country, candidates who might respond to a presidential visit by suddenly remembering a need to wash their hair are delighted at the idea of a Hillary appearance.

Hillary Clinton may be enduring some widely reported unpleasantness as a wife. But for a Democratic politician, the first lady is now a great date.



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Hillary Rodham Clinton swept into the grand ballroom of the San Francisco Hilton last night like soft light. She looked like someone who had just stepped from a spa: rested, happy, energetic and glamorous in her Princess Diana-blond 'do, sleek gray suit and huge smile. As soon as she walked in, the room changed. People roared and whistled, rising from their chocolate mousse desserts to catch a better glimpse.

U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer, the beneficiary of this fund-raiser, smiled. In a tight race against state treasurer Matt Fong, Boxer needed a boost, and no one can fire up the Democratic faithful like Hillary. Even now, with her husband humiliated and fighting for his presidency, Hillary Rodham Clinton is traveling the country electrifying Democratic boosters with an ebullient energy that her embattled husband cannot generate, at least at the moment.

The people in the grand ballroom had ponied up \$250 each to raise money for Boxer's re-election campaign, but many had come for Hillary. What began as a 500-seat fund-raiser grew to 800 then 1,100 and finally 1,150, after Boxer's campaign workers sweet-talked the hotel yesterday into squeezing five more tables into an already packed room.

"We got calls from people saying, 'I want to go and show support for the first lady,'" said Boxer campaign manager Rose Kapolczynski.

Outside the hotel, on streets lined with demonstrators and tourists with cameras, people chose up sides on Hillary.

"I think she represents style and integrity and strength," said Lois Carson from San Bernardino. She had emerged from a community colleges' trustees conference at the Hilton yesterday afternoon, saw the 30 or so Clinton supporters waving placards outside the front lobby on O'Farrell Street and joined in. "It's amazing to me that she's been able to carry on with this angry, murky sea swirling around her."

A block away, more than 100 anti-Clinton demonstrators shouted and chanted, having a grand time despite having been relegated to the back of the hotel on Ellis Street, where Mrs. Clinton's limo was unlikely to pass. Among the demonstrators was a group calling itself the Soccer Moms of Marin, inspired by conservative radio talk-show host Melanie Morgan, herself a Marin mom.

"It's baloney that Hillary's the victim in all this," said Julie Leitzell, a young mother of two who drove in from Larkspur. "Anyone who believes she learned of (the president's affair) through the newspaper still believes that O.J. is out looking for the real killer. She's a phony."

Inside the ballroom, the president's troubles were mentioned directly only once, when Boxer acknowledged that "yes, the president has problems -- he's been very open about it. But that doesn't change the fact he's led us out of the deepest, darkest depression. . . ."

The rest was all hope and fire. No one in the room of Boxer supporters wanted to hear bad news, and when Mrs. Clinton rose to speak, the audience roared and whistled as she smiled and thanked them.

"It's just another night in San Francisco," she joked. "The energy in this room could light this city for a year."

Then she went on, without looking at notes, to deliver the kind of rousing, electrifying pep talk that sends the faithful out singing. She spoke with such strength and power, such clear conviction, that you'd think this was just another autumn, just another election season, and not the most tenuous and humiliating stretch of her and her husband's lives.

"She loves to campaign," one Boxer staffer said of the first lady. "She really comes alive."

Mrs. Clinton spoke of the economy, crime, education, health care, abortion, Social Security, drawing applause at every turn. Boxer sat behind her on stage, listening and smiling, joining in the applause.

As candidates tread lightly around the weakened president, reluctant to share the stage with him, they're clamoring for Hillary, whose public approval ratings have never been higher. She's the match that's lighting up Democratic campaigns across the nation, and if appearances mean anything, she's somehow drawing strength and energy from the crisis, urging and cajoling voters to donate money, talk to their friends, get out the vote.

"Do ev-ry-thing possible to re-elect Barbara Boxer to the U.S. Senate!" she concluded, thundering each syllable above the crowd's roar. She clasped her hand to Boxer's and raised it, the way running mates do. Then she exited stage left, leaving quickly while the applause still thundered, the way the biggest stars do.

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Boxer, in Tight Race, Gets First Lady's Aid

■ Politics: Hillary Clinton steps in to help the incumbent senator, who could be hurt by presidential scandal.

By AMY PYLL, MARIA L. LA GANGA, Times Staff Writers

SAN FRANCISCO--Hillary Rodham Clinton came to California on Friday for the first time since her husband's public admission of infidelity, stumping for a candidate who has a lot to lose from a presidential scandal: U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer.

Liberal and strongly feminist San Francisco is crazy about the first lady--with more than its share of official Hillary fan clubs--but tends to be smitten with Boxer as well. Well-wishers holding signs expressing love for the first lady and for Boxer pressed against barricades in front of the downtown Hilton Hotel next to pickets with "Impeach Clinton!" signs.

Inside the Grand Ballroom milled a sold-out crowd of 1,100 dinner guests who had paid at least \$250 each to "join First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton" in supporting Democrat Boxer in her close match with Republican challenger Matt Fong, California's treasurer.

The response had been overwhelming. Half the tickets were sold before the invitations ever reached mailboxes, and the event outgrew one giant room and was moved to the largest ballroom.

Even then, dozens had to be turned away.

Bette Landis said she felt lucky to be among those inside. Landis, a member of a San Francisco Hillary Rodham Clinton fan club, described the first lady as "absolutely fabulous," but quickly added that she supports Boxer too.

Others said they were particularly motivated to come by recent polls showing Boxer in a close race with Fong.

"This race shouldn't be this close," said Peter Henschel, a former deputy San Francisco mayor, shaking his head.

Boxer campaign strategists said it was unclear who was the bigger attraction, noting that some of those who RSVPd were repeat guests from one of three pre-primary events featuring the first lady and Boxer.

"The combination is a tremendous draw," said Boxer campaign manager Rose Kopolczynsky.

The dinner of herbed chicken and polenta was organized weeks before Clinton's apology to the American public for his affair with intern Monica Lewinsky. And Boxer is by no means shunning the president even now, repeatedly saying she needs the financial infusion from his expected October visit on her behalf.

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She plans to attend a private Democratic fund-raiser with the president today in Beverly Hills.

The timing of an appearance with the distaff side of the White House couple could not have been better for Boxer. As the stoic wife, Hillary Clinton is no longer fair political game for Republicans.

Even Fong, who has made campaign hay criticizing Boxer for partisan "hypocrisy" because she remained loyal to President Clinton through the summer, backed far away from any slight to Hillary Clinton.

"We hope the first lady has an enjoyable stay in California," said Fong spokesman Steve Schmidt. "Matt Fong does not have an issue with the first lady or with the first lady campaigning for Barbara Boxer."

At a news conference earlier in the week, state Republican Party Chairman Mike Schroeder said: "Hillary hasn't done anything to disgrace herself."

Friday's dinner was the last leg of the first lady's three-day swing on behalf of Democratic congressional candidates, which began Wednesday in New York. At each stop, she has urged voters to push for Democratic control of Congress to preserve recent gains in areas such as the economy.

The trip was organized around those considered to be in trouble, a camp that includes Boxer, who polls show could lose to Fong if Democratic voter turnout is as low as expected. A recent Los Angeles Times poll also found that Boxer has been hurt by President Clinton's disclosures.

Although resolute that she does not consider the president a liability, Boxer used her potential loss in a low turnout as a rallying cry for her supporters, saying it is their responsibility to get people out to vote.

"Get your friends out on election day if you have to go pick them up, dress them and take them to the polls!" Boxer said.

At a news conference before the dinner and again during her speech, Boxer bemoaned how difficult it is to get her message out because of the intense news coverage of the president's troubles. Hillary Clinton alluded to the same phenomenon, saying, "It is hard to get through the blizzard of stuff that's out there in the atmosphere." It was her only mention of the situation.

The first lady's message Friday was not to let conservative Fong move the country backward from what she called the Democrats' gains on the environment, education and health care reform.

"The progress that has been made is threatened if the Republicans are successful in preventing Barbara Boxer from continuing her work," Clinton said, adding later that Boxer is "not anybody's puppet."

Northern California has become a more frequent stop for the first lady since her daughter, Chelsea, enrolled at Stanford University in 1996. And Boxer is related by marriage to the first lady, whose brother is married to Boxer's daughter. She attended Friday's dinner with her 3-year-old son, Zachary, whom both grandmother Boxer and aunt Clinton mentioned in their speeches.

Combined with her three previous trips for Boxer, the first lady will have raised more than \$1 million for the candidate once Friday's checks are cashed. The Hilton dinner was

expected to raise \$400,000, but because of campaign finance limits, just half of that will go to Boxer's campaign; the other half will go to Democratic get-out-the-vote efforts that are likely to benefit her.

As the two women left the podium Friday night to a standing ovation, they paused to strike the campaigning politician's pose--arms linked and held high in the air--but with a difference: Boxer wrapped one of Clinton's hands in two of hers, then the two hugged briefly.

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First lady is main event for Boxer

By Daniel Borenstein
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SAN FRANCISCO Hillary Rodham Clinton stands by her man. She stands with Democratic candidates. But, this week, she didn't stand with both at the same time.

The first lady, always a big draw for the party faithful, became the political team leader in New York, Colorado, Seattle, Portland and, Friday night, in the Bay Area.

While the president confessed, fended off questions about his character and kept his distance from Democrats facing tough re-election battles, the party turned to his wife for campaign ammunition.

"If you think of the president as the fund-raiser-in-chief and cheerleader-in-chief for his party, she has taken over that role," says Stephen Hess, an expert on the presidency at the Brookings Institution think tank in Washington, D.C. "As he becomes more controversial and less desired by some in his party, she's gone out and made the calls."

On Friday, Hillary Clinton drew 1,150 people to a fund-raiser that grossed \$400,000 for embattled U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer's re-election campaign, while her husband holed up with 33 high-rolling Silicon Valley executives in San Jose to raise more than \$500,000 for the Democratic Party.

The president thanked them for their supportive remarks "about my family and what we're dealing with" as a result of his affair with Monica Lewinsky. "Even presidents have to be people from time to time," Clinton said, "and you made me feel like one tonight."

Hundreds of protesters were gathered outside, many carrying placards that called for his impeachment.

In San Francisco, the first lady delivered an impassioned endorsement of Boxer praise politically easier for her than for the president.

"It is difficult to get that message out," Hillary Clinton said, after emphasizing Boxer's stand on a long list of issues including protection of Social Security, gun control and reform of health care.

The first lady also emphasized women's abortion rights and education of the nation's children issues that have been a Clinton administration cornerstone but ones the president could not discuss without raising snickers after his admitted affair with a young female intern.

Voters need to understand how important it is to participate in this election, Hillary Clinton said. "Take this election as seriously as possible because whoever is elected in November will represent California when the millennium and the century turn."

It is a message she must deliver because, many Democrats fear, her husband's actions may have so discouraged voters about the political system that they stay home. It is a message only she can deliver because coming from her husband it might ring hollow.

So this week she has gone it alone. For three days in the aftermath of the broadcast of President Clinton's four hours of grand jury testimony about his relationship with Lewinsky, the first lady, alone, stumped for Democrats.

But, says Hess, unlike the 1994 congressional elections when Hillary Clinton laid low because of the controversy over her failed health care reform plan, or 1996, when her main goal was her husband's re-election, this time she has become the party's public cheerleader.

"She really is breaking new ground in the office of the first lady," says Hess.

In New York on Wednesday, she campaigned for Democratic Rep. Charles Schumer in his bid to unseat Republican U.S. Sen. Alfonse D'Amato. D'Amato's voting record, she said, "puts him in the same category as those in the Senate who are consistently voting to keep women down and back." It's a line her husband could not now deliver right now.

In Colorado on Thursday, campaigning for Dottie Lamb's U.S. Senate bid and Lt. Gov. Gail Schoettler's run for governor, the first lady visited an elementary school.

"There is no more important issue facing our country than education," she said. It's a lot easier for Hillary Clinton to talk about children than for Bill Clinton, who a majority of Americans say doesn't share their values.

People sympathize with her, says Rep. George Miller, D-Martinez. "People feel very hurt for her. They admire her strength. If you look at the statistical base of marriages in this country, many people have been through this kind of turmoil in one form or another."

"Hillary is going to be an asset to any Democratic campaign at this stage," said Marion Goodman of Lafayette, state president of the National Women's Political Caucus. "She's well-respected and people want to see her and support her."

As for the president, "whether he's an asset to any Democratic campaign is questionable because of what's going on."

That's an ambivalence that Democrats and the public across the country are suffering. Polls show the public thinks Clinton is doing a good job, but they disapprove of his personal behavior.

Today, Hillary Clinton returns to Washington and her husband goes to San Diego and Los Angeles to raise more money. At a party unity dinner tonight, the question will be how many elected officials will stand with their man.

Boxer made clear that she shares the ambivalence. The president's personal behavior was wrong, she said again. But she will stand with him tonight and host him Oct. 20 and 21 at fund-raisers in Los Angeles and the Bay Area.

"It's an absolute asset to campaign with this president on the issues," Boxer told reporters. And, to her supporters, she added, "Yes, the president has problems. ... But that doesn't change the fact that he has led us out of the deepest darkest recession since the Great Depression."

And, despite his political problems, Clinton remains a financial asset. Where the Boxer backers paid \$250 each to hear the first lady, the Silicon Valley executives forked over from \$12,500 to \$50,000 each to listen to the president. The event was expected to raise \$625,000 for the Democratic National Committee.

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Hillary Clinton rallies party faithful

S.F. appearance aimed at aiding Boxer campaign

BY HALLYE JORDAN
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SAN FRANCISCO -- Hillary Rodham Clinton swept into San Francisco on Friday, providing a boost to U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer's beleaguered re-election campaign and rallying an adoring crowd of California Democrats eager to ignore the White House sex scandal.

The 1,000-person, sold-out dinner was expected to raise more than \$400,000 for Boxer, the former Marin County peace activist, turned county supervisor, turned congresswoman, turned senator. She is fighting to retain her Senate seat in a race with Republican State Treasurer Matt Fong that recent polls suggest is a dead heat.

"It's a very, very tight race. The more people vote, the better chance I have of winning," Boxer said.

The senator was firm in her denunciation of Clinton's action involving former White House intern Monica Lewinsky. "I've spoken out very clearly on the matter," she said. "No one in the United States Senate supports what the president did."

But, she added, the president "is absolutely an asset to this campaign" because of his positions on issues important to Californians. Clinton's leadership has resulted in 1.4 million new jobs, 100,000 new businesses, the first balanced federal budget and a 28 percent reduction in the crime rate because of his push for more police on the streets, Boxer said.

"He understands what needs to be done," Boxer said.

The California senator also applauded Hillary Clinton, "who is very focused now on this election." Her visit here caps a three-day campaign trip across the country, marked by

appearances on behalf of Democratic candidates in five states where she has sharply assailed the Republican party and tried to mobilize Democratic voters to turn out in November.

Platform issues

Speaking to the ballroom audience, Hillary Clinton ticked off a long list of issues that the Democratic party is touting -- education, health care, the right to choose, the economy, the environment and preserving Social Security.

"Who do you want making those decisions on behalf of the people of California?" she rhetorically asked the crowd, which roared and stood on chairs to applaud her. "Who can be counted on to move forward, not backwards? Who will be there and stand up to be counted in the Senate on behalf of California? Who will not take marching orders from the far right or the Republican leadership, but will look instead to the people of California and what is in their and your best interest?"

Echoing Hillary Clinton, Boxer called for a campaign that focuses on issues of importance to California voters, rather than on the president's troubles. She cited issues such as bringing children out of poverty, reforming HMOs, improving education, the environment and public health. "These are all real issues all of us are concerned about," Boxer said. "In the end, people will vote on the issues."

The society-studded event was attended by the likes of author Amy Tan and San Francisco's powerful political elite, as well as ordinary folk, many of whom came to express their support and sympathy for Hillary Clinton.

"I think she is an incredible woman and very smart," said Judy W. McInerney, a Novato resident. "We're here to sustain her. This is a very trying time so we need to stand by her."

"This is certainly not an easy time for her," said Michela Alioto, the Democratic candidate for California Secretary of State. "If there was ever a time to curl up with a movie, bring down the drapes and eat as much ice cream as you want -- a time when most people would seclude themselves -- she's doing the opposite. She's just a symbol of strength."

\$1 million raised

The San Francisco event marked the fifth appearance so far that Hillary Clinton has made on behalf of Boxer's re-election. All told, Boxer aides said, she has raised more than \$1 million for the campaign.

"This is probably one of the biggest turnouts we've had," said Julie Wong, Boxer's spokeswoman. "I think that's partially because people are curious (about Hillary Clinton's demeanor) and also because it's so close to the elections."

Ellen Malcolm, president of EMILY'S List, the Washington-based organization that raises millions of dollars to

dole out to pro-choice female candidates, said Hillary Clinton's recent appearances are even more important given the embarrassment of the president's predicament.

"She has done a fabulous job for women," Malcolm said. "Before they wanted to cheer her on. Now they want to cheer her on and stand at her side."

Malcolm said Clinton's role is particularly appreciated at a time when most of the nation's -- and the media's -- attention is devoted to sordid details of the president's sex scandal. Democrats are concerned voters will be so turned off by the president's misrepresentations of his sexual encounters with Lewinsky that they will not show up at the polls in November -- and low voter turnout has traditionally benefited the GOP.

With Hillary Clinton at their side, candidates can "put the political spotlight on issues" that are important to them and to their supporters.

"Right now, all the messages in the media are about scandal and something distant and unattractive that is happening in Washington -- and that's not a very good motivation to vote," Malcolm said. "The first lady will give women a strong reminder that voting can make a difference to them and their family. She'll excite women and bring them back to the issues that make a difference in their lives."

The event at the San Francisco Hilton marked the first time since May that Hillary Clinton has stood beside Boxer, who will join the Clintons at a Democratic fundraiser in Los Angeles today.

More than 100 anti-Clinton demonstrators, rallied by talk-radio shows, marched outside the hotel, with signs denouncing the Clintons.

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By BRAD CAIN Associated Press Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) Even with a sex scandal swirling around her husband, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton is expected to be a popular draw and raise big money for Oregon Democrats during her visit here today.

Mrs. Clinton planned a morning appearance with David Wu, the Democratic candidate in the 1st District congressional race, at a Portland State University conference on child care.

"David is thrilled to have her here," spokesman Mark Kornblau said. "She's been a leader on children's issues, and that's what's important to David."

After the PSU event, Mrs. Clinton was scheduled to go to a downtown hotel to attend fund-raising events for Wu, Gov. John Kitzhaber and U.S. Rep. Darlene Hooley.

Besides attending a \$250-a-plate luncheon for Wu, Mrs. Clinton was to attend separate receptions for Wu, Kitzhaber and Hooley in which people were to pay \$1,000 each to have their photograph taken with the first lady.

The Oregon trip was part of a three-day campaign swing in which Mrs. Clinton has been making appearances on behalf of Democratic congressional candidates across the country.

After appearances Thursday night in Seattle and her Portland stop today, she was headed to a San Francisco fundraiser for Sen. Barbara Boxer. Mrs. Clinton later was to join her husband for more appearances in the Bay Area.

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Mrs. Clinton campaigns for Democrats, and for Bill<

By SONYA ROSS Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) It's Hillary Rodham Clinton to the rescue.

She's working the phones on behalf of her beleaguered husband, telling wobbly Democrats she's "very proud" of him, and taking shots at Republicans as she campaigns for Democratic candidates in congressional and statewide races.

Thursday night at a campaign stop in Seattle, she criticized congressional Republicans for "doing stuff that doesn't amount to a hill of beans in the long-term future of America."

The first lady has always been a big draw for Democrats, appearing at 35 fund-raisers since January three a day on some occasions. She made appearances Thursday in Colorado for senatorial candidate Dottie Lamm and gubernatorial hopeful Gail Schoettler, then headed farther West to help others.

Earlier, she used an appearance at a Sheridan, Colo., school to castigate Republicans for being too fixated on investigating her husband. "They'd rather spend their time dividing our country, diverting our resources, doing anything but focusing on the real problems of America," she said.

Mrs. Clinton isn't burdened by the negatives that President Clinton carries, and she is willing to work two reasons she is in great demand among Democrats. She is a popular, risk-free alternative to the party's scandalized titular head.

Consider the case of David Wu, locked in a close race for an open congressional seat in Oregon. Mrs. Clinton was appearing with him today at a forum on child care and addressing a \$250-a-plate fund-raising luncheon, then attending a smaller, \$1,000-a-person event for Wu's campaign. The events had been booked for months, but interest in them surged recently, Wu campaign spokesman Mark Kornblau said.

"We are now turning people away," Kornblau said. "We are thrilled to have her here."

But the Wu campaign, like many others, is reluctant to host the president. "I'm not sure," Kornblau said of a hypothetical Clinton visit. "We're just excited to have Mrs. Clinton."

After her appearances with Wu, the first lady is joining her husband in California. She is to appear at a dinner on behalf of Sen. Barbara Boxer tonight in San Francisco, while he speaks at a Democratic National Committee fund-raising dinner in San Jose.

The first lady is getting high job approval ratings from the public these days 71 percent in a poll taken last week for

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U.S. News & World Report and her personal popularity 57 percent favorable was much higher than her husband's 40 percent rating in that poll.

Almost two-thirds of Americans polled said she purposely looked the other way with regard to her husband's personal activities. More admired her loyalty, 52 percent, than questioned her judgment, 39 percent.

With that kind of popularity, Mrs. Clinton is calling some congressional Democrats to try to keep her husband's base solid as impeachment hearings become more likely. Her spokeswoman, Marsha Berry, confirmed that Mrs. Clinton is making calls to lawmakers, and also is being called.

"She has been talking to some members, making sure they understand that she's very proud of the president and he's been a very good president," Berry said.

The White House is grateful that the first lady is reaching out on Clinton's behalf.

"I don't think the president is in a position to make that request of her," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said.

"That is something that she, being gracious as she is, volunteers to do. It would be consistent with who she is and what she's about."

She's partisan enough to say whatever she wants about Republicans.

At a Wednesday fund-raiser for New York Democratic senatorial candidate Charles Schumer, she blasted veteran Republican Sen. Alfonse D'Amato as "a Jesse Helms clone" who has devoted far too much energy to holding women back.

"I think it's fair to say that Chuck's opponent has voted in a way that puts him in the same category as those in the Senate who are consistently voting to keep women down and back," Mrs. Clinton said.

Not once did she mention D'Amato by name.

"Her point really was that New York needs to have a representative with the interests of New Yorkers in mind," said Berry. The comments, Berry said, were not so much a dig at Republicans as much as they showed Mrs. Clinton's awareness of Schumer's opponent.

"Each stop we've made, she has to be cognizant of who is up for re-election," Berry said. "She's here to support Democrats."

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Hillary Clinton Criticizes Congress

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SEATTLE (AP) -- First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, the Democrats' most popular campaign star now that her husband is hobbled by a sex scandal, criticized congressional Republicans late Thursday for "doing stuff that doesn't amount to a hill of beans in the long-term future of America."

Mrs. Clinton, mid-way through a five-state tour aimed at helping congressional candidates, told a cheering partisan audience that Democrats need to gain more seats in Congress in order to protect many of the economic and social gains her husband has brought to the country.

The barb at the Republican leaders was her only apparent reference to the possible impeachment inquiry being considered against her husband. She also called Washington, D.C., "some kind of parallel universe."

Her press secretary, Marsha Berry, confirmed that Mrs. Clinton has been personally contacting Democratic members of Congress to lobby on behalf of President Clinton.

"She has called to tell people how much she supports the president and how her husband has done a great job as president," Berry said.

Berry said she did not know how many people Mrs. Clinton had contacted.

Mrs. Clinton offered a forceful defense of the administration's policies, frequently referring to "the President" and added "the President's policies and the Democrats' policies are paying off for America. We are on the right path."

Mrs. Clinton was the headliner at a fund-raising dinner for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee and a reception at a glass-blowing studio for congressional hopeful Jay Inslee. Sponsors said the two events raised about \$250,000.

At an earlier stop in Sheridan, Colo., Mrs. Clinton criticized Congress for dividing the nation and ignoring important issues such as education as she toured a 75-year-old elementary school.



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Mrs. Clinton blasts D'Amato in campaign speech

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By RICHARD PYLE= Associated Press Writer=

NEW YORK (AP) On the first stop of what will be a multi-state speaking tour on behalf of Democratic candidates, Hillary Rodham Clinton accused Sen. Alfonse D'Amato of habitually voting against the interests of women.

Mrs. Clinton spoke Wednesday at a \$1,000-a-head fund-raising luncheon for Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., who has plunged into an already heated campaign against D'Amato after winning his party's Senate primary.

"I think it's fair to say that Chuck's opponent has voted in a way that puts him in the same category as those in the Senate who are consistently voting to keep women down and back," Mrs. Clinton said.

Never mentioning D'Amato by name but only as "Chuck's opponent," Mrs. Clinton fiercely criticized the Republican incumbent for voting against gun control, abortion rights and the 1994 crime bill provision on violence against women all issues on which Schumer claims authorship or a proprietary interest.

"His voting record on choice is the same as Jesse Helms," she said, referring to the ultra-conservative North Carolina Republican. The two states are very different, and "the people of New York need to know that they do not need a Jesse Helms clone," she said.

Unlike some Democrats who have tried to put distance between themselves and President Clinton because of the sex scandal involving former intern Monica Lewinsky, Schumer had made clear he welcomed support from the White House including the president himself.

Mrs. Clinton reciprocated with what a key Schumer aide said was for her an "unusually sharp" assault on a political foe. "It indicates how important this race is," said Howard Wolfson, Schumer's communications director.

D'Amato's campaign issued a statement late Wednesday that did not mention Mrs. Clinton but accused Schumer of running a negative campaign.

"Chuck Schumer has given up all pretense of running a campaign on the issues. It's sad that he's decided to go completely negative," the statement from D'Amato spokesman Harvey Valentine said.

After the luncheon attended by some 250 contributors, the first lady emceed a Parents magazine awards ceremony and later visited a battered women's shelter in lower Manhattan, where she sat at a table to hear six former residents tell their stories of domestic abuse and redemption.

Schumer, a main sponsor of the Violence Against Women Act, and Mrs. Clinton agreed that some of the women's suggestions, such as a program to educate police officers on domestic abuse, would fit into a "VAWA II" bill if Schumer wins in November.

Mrs. Clinton said there also was a need for "a preventive approach how to make people safe in their homes," and legal means to let battered women, rather than their abusers, remain in the home.

The first lady also attended the season's opening night gala at Carnegie Hall a centennial tribute to George Gershwin.

Also attending the concert was attorney Vernon Jordan, a close friend and confidant of the Clintons.

The evening opened with the overture to Gershwin's "Of Thee I Sing," a musical parodying presidential politics and love. Gershwin attributed the show's huge success after it opened in New York in 1931 to what he said was Americans' belief that their president was a good fellow.

"This was wonderful. Such energy," said Mrs. Clinton as she emerged from her box during the show's intermission.

As is her custom, Mrs. Clinton studiously ignored reporters at each stop, offering no opportunity for questions about the sex scandal involving her husband.

The New York visit on Schumer's behalf was added, after he won the Sept. 15 primary, to a campaign itinerary that already included Denver, Seattle and

BC-CLINTON-HILLARY-TRIP

Mrs. Clinton postpones trip because of hurricane

WASHINGTON, Sept 23 (Reuters) - First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton on Wednesday postponed a trip planned for next week to Haiti and the Dominican Republic, citing the impact of Hurricane Georges, a spokeswoman said.

``Because of the effect of the hurricane on Haiti and the Dominican Republic, the first lady is going to postpone the trip until November,`` spokeswoman Julie Mason said.

Clinton had planned to call attention to family planning, health and credit issues in visits to the two countries on the island of Hispaniola from Sunday to Tuesday.

Planned visits later in the week to Uruguay and Chile will continue, Mason said.

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Mrs. Clinton blasts D'Amato in campaign speech

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By RICHARD PYLE= Associated Press Writer=

NEW YORK (AP) Never mentioning him by name, Hillary Rodham Clinton unleashed a fierce attack on Republican Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, accusing him of voting to ``keep women down and back.''

The first lady's verbal attack came on behalf of Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., who is engaged in a bitter campaign to unseat D'Amato.

``I think it's fair to say that Chuck's opponent has voted in a way that puts him in the same category as those in the Senate who are consistently voting to keep women down and back,' ' Mrs. Clinton said at a \$1,000-a-head fund-raising luncheon for Schumer.

``His voting record on choice is the same as Jesse Helms,' ' she said, referring to the ultraconservative North Carolina Republican. ``The people of New York need to know that they do not need a Jesse Helms clone.''

Even a key Schumer aide called Mrs. Clinton's remarks ``unusually sharp.' ' But Howard Wolfson, Schumer's communications director, said ``it indicates how important this race is,' ' said

In response, D'Amato's campaign issued a statement that did not mention Mrs. Clinton but accused Schumer of running a negative campaign.

``Chuck Schumer has given up all pretense of running a campaign on the issues. It's sad that he's decided to go completely negative,' ' the statement from D'Amato spokesman Harvey Valentine said.

Later Wednesday, the first lady attended the season's opening night gala at Carnegie Hall, a centennial tribute to George Gershwin. Also attending the concert was attorney Vernon Jordan, a close friend and confidant of the Clintons who is a key figure in the sex scandal involving her husband.

As is her custom, Mrs. Clinton ignored reporters at each of her appearances Wednesday, offering no opportunity for questions about the presidential crisis.

The New York visit on Schumer's behalf is part of a campaign itinerary that also includes Denver, Seattle and Portland, Ore.

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Betrayed Greek ex-first lady feels for Hillary

ATHENS, Sept 23 (Reuters) - Former Greek first lady Margaret Papandreou, who was publicly dumped by her husband for a young flight attendant, has written an open letter to Hillary Clinton, offering support from one betrayed woman to another.

"As a former first lady who confronted a similar situation in my life, I feel immensely close to you," Papandreou said in the letter published in Greek newspapers on Wednesday. "I know the ache, the tears, the sleepless nights, the disbelief."

The late socialist prime minister Andreas Papandreou publicly flaunted his extramarital affair with Dimitra Liani, a woman half his age whom he eventually married.

The liaison shocked Greece at the time, especially with Liani's nude bathing photographs being published in newspapers around the world, and contributed to his defeat at the polls.

In her letter, which also appeared in U.S. newspapers, American-born Margaret praised Hillary's stance during the Monica Lewinsky scandal, saying Mrs. Clinton had her head on straight.

"You not only carry yourself with decorum and dignity, which is a tribute to womanhood everywhere, but you know what is important and what is unimportant," she wrote.

She slammed both adulterous husbands, saying neither understood that as political leaders they were living in "glass houses" but also accused Clinton's prosecutors of hypocrisy.

"We know to be human is to err," she said. "Men in power have more opportunities; they attract the female sex like ants to a honey spill."

"The man (Clinton) has repented. His punishment is to have lost his prestige. It's a vital lesson to those who enter public life. So let's get on with the job of governing."

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Hillary Clinton backs Vilsack in fund-raiser

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Democratic candidate
for governor declined
help from president

DES MOINES (AP) Democratic gubernatorial candidate Tom Vilsack turned to first lady Hillary Clinton for support Tuesday, despite a plan not to seek a campaign visit from her embattled husband.

Saying "too many people are putting their fingers in the air to figure out which way they should be blowing, to determine what they believe or don't," Mrs. Clinton called on support for Democratic candidates.

"I believe that when the people know about the two men running for governor and they're given the information they need to make an informed choice, that there will be a change," Mrs. Clinton said, urging campaign contributors to spread Vilsack's name.

She noted there has not been a Democratic governor in Iowa in 32 years.

Vilsack attended a fund-raiser

health, there's a lot of good that can be done by a creative, energetic governor," Mrs. Clinton said.

The first lady did hit a personal note, mentioning the loss several years ago of close friend Tom Bell, who was the brother of Vilsack's wife, Christine.

"I'm very fortunate to have wonderful friends throughout the United States and I'm very grateful for their friendship," Mrs. Clinton said, referring to Bell's death.

Mrs. Clinton reminisced about a trip to Iowa in January 1996 when the temperatures plummeted to

30 degrees below zero.

"You felt like you were kind of in pioneer times — huddling together, talking about the issues," she said, adding that she left the state with "strong admiration and just good feeling about the people of Iowa."

Campaign spokesman Ron Parker said the event, which cost between \$100 and \$1,000 to attend, was aimed at attracting the relatively large number of former Iowans living in the Washington area.



Tom Vilsack
Fund-raiser
held in
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Hillary Clinton
Reminisced about
campaigning
in Iowa

last night at a Washington, D.C., hotel where Mrs. Clinton was the main attraction.

Sen. Tom Harkin, who also attended the fund-raiser, called Vilsack "the Mark McGwire of Iowa politics." McGwire recently broke Roger Maris' record of 61 major league home runs and has continued to add to the total.

The first lady stressed education and health care as key issues in the coming elections, saying Vilsack and Harkin are committed to improving the quality of each.

"If you look at education and

Earlier this month, Vilsack caused a stir when he said he did not want a visit from President Clinton, arguing the furor surrounding Clinton's affair with a former White House intern would be the focus.

"I think it would be a distraction," Vilsack said. "I don't want a distraction."

Parker said Mrs. Clinton is a different matter and that her message is similar to the one Vilsack offers. Mrs. Clinton has a solid record on children's issues, health care and education, all top Vilsack priorities, Parker said.

First lady is raising funds for Vilsack

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First Lady Boosts Vilsack Campaign ✓

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Washington — Without once uttering the words "my husband," first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton heaped praise on Iowa's Democratic candidate for governor, Tom Vilsack, at fund-raiser for him Tuesday night.

In her first speech since President Clinton's grand jury testimony was broadcast Monday, the first lady referred to him in passing twice as "the president," discussing his efforts to improve health care and education.

But she warmly embraced the record of Vilsack, his running mate, Sally Pederson, Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, and Iowans in general for their commitment to education.

"It's important education be the primary issue not just in Iowa but across the country," Clinton said, appearing poised and smiling easily.

She said Iowans should examine the record of Vilsack and his Republican opponent, Jim Ross Lightfoot, before the November elections.

"Anybody who cares about education will vote for Tom Vilsack because he will make education the priority it needs to be," she said.

About 80 people attended the fund-raiser at the Washington Court Hotel on Capitol Hill. The Vilsack campaign declined to say how much money the event might raise. Clearly, though, the first lady's appearance brought a boost

■ Tom Vilsack, Iowa's Democratic candidate for governor, has begun airing a new television commercial focusing on education. Page 19.

that brought a broad smile to Vilsack's face.

"It energizes folks back home and it shows the importance of the race to people outside the state of Iowa, which emphasizes the race to people inside Iowa," Vilsack said.

In her roughly 15-minute speech, Clinton seemed confident, focused, pleased to delve into the nitty-gritty of issues and not the grit surrounding her husband, who may face impeachment proceedings on Capitol Hill.

In the last two weeks, the nation has heard and read lurid details from independent prosecutor Kenneth Starr's report on the president's affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky and allegations by Starr that Clinton committed perjury and obstruction of justice to hide it.

Recent national publications have reported that the first lady remains committed to helping Democrats in this fall's elections, especially women.

Indeed, she singled Pederson out, noting that she has never run for public office before but brings to politics an understanding of what people are really concerned about through her work

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First Lady Boosts His Campaign At Fund-Raiser

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in autism. Pederson's son is autistic.

And she praised Harkin, one of the few outspoken backers of Clinton in Congress amid the scandal, as the "Energizer Bunny, who just keeps going."

Asked by a reporter what he thinks of the first lady's ability to endure the latest controversy around her husband, Harkin equaled her tone.

"She's just magnificent," he said. "She's wonderful. I think the American people have the highest respect for her."

The first lady betrayed no tension, if any existed, between the White House and Vilsack after he said this month that he would not seek to bring the president into Iowa for a campaign swing.

Polls have suggested that Vilsack is trailing Lightfoot, a former congressman from Shenandoah who ran against Harkin in the 1996 Senate contest and lost.

At the fund-raiser, Vilsack tried an Iowa metaphor as a reason to vote for him. Iowa farmers don't plant the same crop year after year. They rotate crops because that delivers healthy yields.

But Iowa has had a Republican governor for 32 years, Vilsack noted.

"It's time for Iowa to rotate its political crops," he said to applause.

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New Vilsack Ad Touts Stand on Education

Des Moines (AP) — Democratic gubernatorial candidate Tom Vilsack has begun airing a new television commercial focusing on education and stressing that "Old slogans won't get the job done."

The new commercial is airing in most of the major Iowa television markets, reaching about 70 percent of the population. It boosts Vilsack's plan to cut class size and bashes Republican opponent Jim Ross Lightfoot.

Vilsack said that he has "been a leader in the fight to improve our schools" and that he has laid out specific plans during the course of the campaign.

"It's important to note that the centerpiece of Jim Lightfoot's campaign is a tax-cut scheme that would undermine our public schools by providing huge tax breaks to the wealthiest Iowans," Vilsack said.

Lightfoot aides immediately labeled Vilsack's new spot a smear campaign.

"Instead of running an honest campaign based on issues affecting Iowans, Tom Vilsack is tearing a page out of the White House playbook — bend the truth and smear the opponent," said Lightfoot

spokeswoman Lisa Gimbel.

The commercial says Vilsack has offered plans for "real standards and testing," as well as for reducing class size and focusing on discipline.

"My opponent calls this 'big government,'" Vilsack says in the commercial. "But old slogans won't get the job done for Iowa's children."

The new spot seeks to draw a sharp distinction between the two rivals on an issue that most polls have indicated is very important to voters.

"This commercial provides Iowans with a real contrast between me and my opponent on a key issue," Vilsack said. "My goal is to make Iowa schools number one again. Jim Lightfoot is relying on rhetoric and slogans instead of a real education plan."

In the new commercial, Vilsack makes his own points rather than relying on an announcer. Much of the ad features Vilsack talking straight into the camera, though other images in the spot show Vilsack in the Legislature and depict classroom scenes.

Most polls have indicated that Lightfoot had a sizable lead in the race with six weeks to go until the election.

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Can She Save Him?

One major problem confronting the first lady: A poll shows that the public has a very cynical view of her, too

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Hillary Rodham Clinton is back on duty with the shovel brigade. Her simmering anger at Bill Clinton has been overtaken by her fury at Kenneth Starr, and she once again is taking part in strategy sessions on how to clean up the political mess created by the Lewinsky affair. Last week, she joined her husband and his advisers in brainstorming ways to prevent disastrous losses by their party in November's elections. In a phone conversation the Clintons had with one prominent Democrat, she issued rapid-fire instructions while the president meekly deferred to her. She also met with Democratic congresswomen, vowing to campaign for them and defend administration policies.

But there now is a difference in her damage-control approach. She is less eager for battle, some advisers say, because her husband's conduct has curbed her options. And she sees little chance that anyone can keep the Republican-controlled Congress from launching impeachment proceedings.

Most important, since the president's statement that he misled her and the nation about his encounters with Monica Lewinsky, Mrs. Clinton knows she no longer can command a high moral ground on his behalf. His confession drained much of the vinegar from her attitude. "Like most everyone else at the White House," says a confidant of the Clintons, "she is baffled by what to do next."

A U.S. News poll shows the limits on what the first lady can do. Americans, the survey indicates, have deeply cynical opinions of her motives: They tend to think that she knew about Lewinsky all along,

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to think that she knew about Lewinsky all along, that the Clinton marriage is one of convenience, that she doesn't love her husband and just wants the power and glory of being first lady. But they also believe she should stay with him, although they suspect she will divorce him once his presidency ends.

The official view from the White House is much different. "She supports him. She loves him. She forgives him," says Marsha Berry, the first lady's press secretary. "She remains committed to her marriage and her family."

But Republican pollster Ed Goeas, who conducted the *U.S. News* survey with Democrat Celinda Lake, believes the first lady will have a hard time appearing so supportive. "Voters are satisfied with the way Hillary handles certain policy issues, like women's issues, but they recognize that the relationship she shares with her husband is more of a business partnership than a loving marriage," Goeas says. "More and more voters feel she is motivated purely by her own political interests and not what is best for her family." Adds Lake: "Americans think [the president] did something wrong to them, not just to his family, and there's little Hillary Clinton can do to change that."

Mrs. Clinton is in a quandary over what should be done to ease her husband's plight. If he yields to pressure from Congress and the news media to stop "legal hairsplitting" and admit lying under oath, she is convinced that Starr will try to indict him. Relying on the mercy of the independent counsel and the GOP, she tells friends, would be folly.

Yet the first lady feels that, while she will travel the country in support of her husband's public record, she is not ready to defend his private behavior. That, she believes, would make her look phony, foolish, and desperate to keep power. She agrees with aides who argue that speaking out in detail on the president's private conduct won't convert any Republicans or pundits who turned against him. "It would only subject her to more humiliation," says a confidant.

She believes it is up to the president to turn things around for himself, friends say. And her advice to him is to avoid discussing the Lewinsky affair. Talk instead, she urges, about what's important to core constituencies, especially women and African-Americans: the healthy economy, his support for affirmative action, improved health care, and more federal aid to education.

Starr-stung. What most offended Mrs. Clinton about Starr's report to Congress were the "gratuitous" details of her husband's liaisons. She believes, friends say, that Starr designed his report to inflict maximum damage on the president and the first lady personally, to drive a wedge between them, and undermine their marriage.

Mrs. Clinton was upset that Starr's account had Clinton telling Lewinsky he had "hundreds of affairs" earlier in his marriage. But what angered her the most was Starr's description of an

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emotional meeting between the president and a weeping Lewinsky on July 4, 1997. Clinton is quoted as telling his ex-intern that he wished he had more time for her and adding that when he was no longer president, he might be "alone." "And then I said something about . . . us sort of being together," Lewinsky told prosecutors. "I think I kind of said, oh, I think we'd be a good team . . . And he . . . jokingly said, well, what are we going to do when I'm 75 and I have to pee 25 times a day?"

Most of the first lady's views on the scandal are kept to herself. Some of her staff members are troubled that she won't even tell *them* how she feels. "The bunker mentality has set in in a big way," a friend says. Several presidential aides, according to a senior administration source, urged her in the past two weeks to "come out and bless him again" with a vigorous public defense. She angrily told them, through her own staff, to "back off." Instead, she will speak out publicly on her own terms and on her own timetable.

"What people see in her current response is a quiet dignity," says Democratic pollster Geoff Garin. "It gives her personally more credibility than if she gave a full-throated expression of support. . . . You get the impression of a woman looking at the full context of [her husband's] life, balancing the good and the bad."

Friends and advisers who met with the first lady last week came away with the impression that she was more "upbeat" than a month ago when her husband told the country he had strayed. "She is determined to maintain her family, her privacy, and the Clinton presidency," says a prominent Democrat who talked with her.

Retaining control. The Starr report isn't her only dislike. She hates being portrayed as a victim because it runs counter to the image she wants to project of a strong, confident woman. In a way, says a friend, staying with her husband makes her less of a victim. "She retains more control that way," says an ally. "[She knows that] when this is over, she will have her reputation intact and he won't."

To cope, she immerses herself in her work and her causes. "Work is a comfort zone," says an adviser. "She retreats to it." In coming weeks she will campaign actively around the country--mostly without her husband--and focus on female candidates. This week, she travels to Colorado, Washington State, Oregon, and California. Next week, she visits Latin America, including a summit of first ladies in Chile.

She seems most at ease when she is far from Washington, on her own, shuttling from one cheering crowd to another without the entourage and ceremonial obligations that envelop her husband's trips. She delights in sitting in a swivel chair in her Air Force jet, surrounded by her staff, nearly all of them women, cracking jokes, talking about their families, and discussing issues. Her aides have a word for such experiences: "Hillaryland."

While the public sees Mrs. Clinton as a supportive partner praising the president's record, friends say that in private she remains angry at her husband. Their relationship is, according to one family friend, "brittle." Some news photographers who constantly view the Clintons through their telephoto lenses long ago noticed that the couple never seemed particularly close. Once the two believe they are no longer in camera range, their hand-holding tends to stop, and they keep a distance from each other.

White House aides paint a different picture, a loving couple that openly displays affection through hugs and lingering looks--and a first lady who appears committed to her marriage despite her husband's transgressions.

Mrs. Clinton, says one friend, is "the most forgiving person I know." Pardoning others is a trait that springs from the first lady's Methodist belief that individuals should strive to improve the world by performing good works, struggling for social justice, loving everyone, and forgiving people for their weaknesses.

Her attitude also was shaped by an experience in the 1960s, when she was a teenager working with a Methodist group in Park Ridge, Ill. The congregation's youth minister, Don Jones, told the young people: "In the midst of life tragedy comes, and it strips away our illusions. Those moments are times to realize our potential, our possibilities." It is advice that Hillary Rodham took to heart. And it may have special relevance today for Hillary Clinton.

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Exclusive: Our Survey on Hillary Rodham Clinton

Americans think the Clintons have a marriage of convenience. They strongly approve of Hillary Clinton's job as first lady but have a much more skeptical view of her role as wife.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Many Americans believe the Clintons have a marriage of convenience. According to a new *U.S. News* survey, Hillary Rodham Clinton can no longer defend the president by claiming Bill Clinton's sex-scandal problems are a "family matter," because American voters view their relationship as a political partnership rather than a loving marriage.

In the poll, 48 percent of Americans describe the Clintons' marriage as a "practical business" relationship, while only 18 percent see it as a "loving marriage with troubles"; 47 percent say Hillary Clinton puts up with his activities because she likes being first lady and wants to push for policies she favors; 68 percent say they believe Hillary looked the other way while her husband conducted an affair with Monica Lewinsky in the White House; 53 percent say she knew about her husband's affair with Monica at least since the story broke in January; and 56 percent believe she will divorce him when they leave the White House. (That divorce figure is up 24 points in the last five months.)

Nevertheless, Americans continue to think very highly of Hillary Clinton as first lady. In the survey, 71 percent approve of the way she's doing the job and 62 percent call her a positive role model. Some 58 percent hope she will stay with her husband so they can try to work out their problems, and 52 percent say they admire her loyalty to him.

Some political analysts have argued that a strong defense of her marriage by Mrs. Clinton could help salvage her husband's presidency. They suggested that his political standing would improve if she said her marriage was a private concern and made clear she was committed to her husband.

However, the *U.S. News* poll shows that voters

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However, the *U.S. News* poll shows that voters appear set in their views on the president's relationship with Monica Lewinsky. Fifty-eight percent of Americans say the president's affair with Lewinsky is immoral and wrong no matter what Hillary Clinton says publicly. Only 34 percent say that it should be considered a private matter as long as Mrs. Clinton doesn't protest publicly.

"Hillary Clinton can't protect the president from voters' assessment that there's a public component here. People would admire any stand she took, but she can't prevent the public from thinking the president answers to them, not just her," says Democratic pollster Celinda Lake, who conducted the *U.S. News* poll with Republican pollster Ed Goeas. "Is Hillary Clinton the solution to her husband's problems? Absolutely not," says Goeas. "In fact, these survey results indicate that the first lady is in a real bind in deciding whether to speak out or remain silent. What this means in terms of White House strategy is that Hillary may have the credibility to go out and talk about issues and policies, but she can no longer advocate the strength of her marriage because voters feel she is motivated purely by political interests, not family interests."

Some other highlights of the *U.S. News* poll:

Punishments: * 47 percent of Americans think Clinton should be censured or reprimanded * 32 percent think he should be impeached * 15 percent say nothing should happen

Blame: * 46 percent blame Clinton for the scandal * 18 percent blame Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr * 7 percent blame Republicans * 5 percent blame Monica Lewinsky

What would you do? * 49 percent of Americans say they would stay in a marriage and try to work it out of their spouse had a sexual relationship like Clinton had with Monica Lewinsky * 38 percent say they would leave the spouse

* 58 percent think Hillary should stay and try to work things out with her husband * 21 percent think she should leave him

U.S. News poll of 1,006 registered voters conducted by Celinda Lake of Lake Snell Perry & Associates and Ed Goeas of the Tarrance Group, September 16-17, 1998. Margin of error: plus or minus 3.1 percent.

The poll questions and responses are listed below. In some cases, the percentages for different questions do not add up to 100 percent because some respondents answered "don't know" or did not reply at all.

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Hillary Clinton is handling her job as First Lady?

Strongly approve	48%
Approve but not strongly	23%
Disapprove but not strongly	8%
Strongly disapprove	18%

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling his job as president?

Strongly approve	43%
Approve but not strongly	17%
Disapprove but not strongly	8%
Strongly disapprove	29%

Whether you approve or disapprove of how Bill Clinton is handling his job as president, what is your impression of him as a person? Do you approve or disapprove of him?

Strongly approve	11%
Approve but not strongly	14%
Disapprove but not strongly	19%
Strongly disapprove	50%

Thinking specifically about Bill Clinton, how would you rate the job he is doing on public policy issues related to women?

Excellent	14%
Good	26%
Just fair	30%
Poor	23%

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Bill Clinton's actions have turned the clock back on what is considered acceptable treatment of women.

Strongly agree	34%
Agree somewhat	13%
Disagree somewhat	18%
Strongly disagree	27%

In your opinion, if Bill Clinton were the president of a major company, what would be the consequences of his actions involving Monica Lewinsky?

Fired	45%
Reprimanded	30%
Nothing would happen	19%

What should happen to Bill Clinton for his actions involving Monica Lewinsky?

Censured/reprimanded	47%
Impeached/fired	32%
Nothing should happen	15%

Which statement best describes your views on the president's relationship with Monica

Lewinsky?

**The relationship is no one else's
business because it was consensual**

OR

**The relationship is the public's business
because it involved an abuse of power
by the president**

Consensual	48%
Abuse of power	46%
Both	1%

**Who do you blame most for the controversy
the country is now in?**

Bill Clinton	46%
Kenneth Starr	18%
The Republicans	7%
Monica Lewinsky	5%
Congress	4%
The Democrats	2%

**Who are you most angry at for the controversy
the country is now in?**

Bill Clinton	45%
Kenneth Starr	20%
The Republicans	9%
Monica Lewinsky	7%
The Democrats	2%
Congress	2%

**Is Hillary Clinton a good role model for
American women today?**

Yes	60%
No	32%

**When you think about Hillary Clinton and the
President's actions, which one or two emotions
best describe your feelings?**

Embarrassment	38%	30%
Sadness	23%	19%
Frustration	12%	22%
Anger	11%	18%
Respect	10%	11%
Satisfaction	2%	*

**Do you admire Hillary Clinton's loyalty to the
president, or do you question her judgment in
defending the president?**

Admire loyalty	52%
Question her judgement	39%

Thinking about Hillary Clinton's role, how

would you describe her?

Someone who has purposely looked the other way in her husband's personal activities

OR

An unknowing victim of her husband's personal activities

Looked the other way **68%**

Victim **20%**

Which statement comes closest to your own view:

The president's relationship with Monica Lewinsky is an issue between Hillary Clinton and Bill Clinton.

The president should be punished because of his relationship with Monica Lewinsky no matter what Hillary Clinton says publicly.

President should be punished **59%**

Issue between the Clintons **34%**

How do you think Hillary Clinton views her relationship with the president?

A practical business and political relationship **48%**

A loving marriage that has troubles **18%**

A marriage held together because it is better for the country **13%**

A marriage that is now mainly for their daughter's sake **10%**

In your view, why has Hillary Clinton put up with her husband's actions?

She likes being first lady **30%**

She is concerned about her daughter **18%**

She loves her husband **17%**

She wants to accomplish important public policy goals **17%**

When do you think Hillary Clinton found out about her husband's relationship with Monica Lewinsky? Did she know all along; did she find out when the story broke in January; did she find out during his grand jury testimony; or did she find out in mid-August, just before he delivered his speech to the nation?

Knew all along 37%
When story broke in January 26%
Before speech in August 13%
During grand jury testimony 6%

If your spouse or partner had a sexual relationship like Bill Clinton's relationship with Monica Lewinsky, which do you think you would be most likely to do?

Stay and try to work it out 49%
Leave your spouse or partner 38%

Thinking about Bill Clinton's relationship with Monica Lewinsky, which do you think Hillary Clinton should do?

Stay and try to work it out 58%
Leave Bill Clinton 21%

After President Clinton leaves the White House, how likely do you think it is that Hillary Clinton will divorce President Clinton?

Very likely 27%
Somewhat likely 29%
Not too likely 18%
Not likely at all 17%

In your opinion, which of the following statements best describes Monica Lewinsky?

Equally responsible for the relationship between Bill Clinton and herself 66%
She took advantage of Bill Clinton 20%
Taken advantage of by Bill Clinton 11%

PERSPECTIVES

"He's running the country well. He's just not running his life very well."

Morley Fogel, a retired salesman and Democrat from Tequesta, Fla., on President Clinton

House IMPEACHMENT Hearings

FINAL QUESTION, MS. LEWINSKY.
ARE YOU DOING ANYTHING
TONIGHT?...



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"I have never stopped leading this country in foreign affairs in this entire year, and I never will." **Clinton**, responding to a reporter's question on whether he has lost "all the moral authority to lead this nation or to conduct foreign affairs"

"Lou Reed, one of the fathers of the American underground ... affected even the Czech lands with his works." Czech President **Vaclav Havel**, in a statement explaining his request for Lou Reed to perform at a White House state dinner in his honor

"We'll dance for stronger international currencies." First Lady **Hillary Rodham Clinton**, insisting that National Economic Council chairman Gene Sperling join her for a dance at the dinner



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"All I can think of is here is this man, this hypocrite who broke up my family." A 76-year-old retiree, **Fred Snodgrass**, whose then wife, Cherie, had an affair with current House Judiciary Committee chairman Henry Hyde in the late 1960s

"The statute of limitations has long since passed on my youthful indiscretions." **Hyde**, a 74-year-old Republican from Illinois, admitting to the relationship, which began when he was 41 years old

"Is there anybody here that just, almost for the practice of it, has a question about the health care of children?" **Sen. Jay Rockefeller**, Democrat of West Virginia, when reporters at a press conference on health-care reform asked only questions about the Lewinsky scandal



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"While there has been much progress in eliminating racial discrimination, disparities and stereotypes, many challenges remain, and these challenges cannot be resolved overnight." **John Hope Franklin**, chairman of the advisory board for Clinton's 15-month initiative on race, in a letter to the president accompanying the board's report

"There is no crackdown. Whether it's SOSA or MCGWIRE or a FOR SALE sign, we've got to enforce the law." New York Police Department spokeswoman **Marilyn Mode**, after a motorist was ticketed for driving with an obstructed view when he wrote SOSA 630n his rear windshield

"I didn't want anybody to have any preconceptions about who I am." Miss District of Columbia **Nicole Messina**, who chose not to mention on her official Miss America Pageant biography that she spent four months in 1997 as a White House intern

VERBATIM

“You know, if it happened to you or me, what the President is going through, we’d probably have jumped in the Potomac a long time ago.”

LEON PANETTA,
former White House chief of
staff, explaining what would
happen if he were in the
President’s position

“If I were, I would be looking up from a pool of blood and hearing [my wife asking], ‘How do I reload this thing?’”

REP. DICK ARMEY,
explaining what would
happen if he were in the
President’s position

“If things don’t work out, he can take center square on my new program.”

WHOOPI GOLDBERG,
host of the Hollywood
Squares, tentatively offering
the President a position

“All things considered, actually, it wasn’t too bad.”

HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON,
responding to the question,
“Did you have a nice
summer?”

Sources: Panetta, ABC’s Nightline; Arme, Washington Post; Goldberg, USA Today; Clinton, Liz Smith



JAMES BENNETT FOR TIME

... AND HE’S BEEN VERY, VERY GOOD FOR BASEBALL As we end the sensational 1998 season and its unprecedented home-run derby, let’s give it up for Sammy Sosa, gentleman and slugger, for his brio, warmth and many dingers

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VACLAV HAVEL
Czech President shows D.C. what a moral leader looks like. Also what a friend looks like

HENRY HYDE
Old muck raked, but who cares? It was the ‘60s! He may also have worn bell-bottoms!

DAVID MARANISS
Salad days for Clinton biographer, who gets out a quickie book on Bill’s big speech

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JOHN CONYERS
Ranking Dem on Judiciary gets “rolled” over and over in party-line votes. Howard Baker he ain’t

ALLY MCBEAL
Its finger is on the pulse of the zeitgeist but could only get its hands on a technical Emmy



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ELIOT BERGMAN FOR TIME

Can She Save Him?

One major problem confronting the first lady: A poll shows that the public has a very cynical view of her, too

BY KENNETH T. WALSH

Hillary Rodham Clinton is back on duty with the shovel brigade. Her simmering anger at Bill Clinton has been overtaken by her fury at Kenneth Starr, and she once again is taking part in strategy sessions on how to clean up the political mess created by the Lewinsky affair. Last week, she joined her husband and his advisers in brainstorming ways to prevent disastrous losses by their party in November's elections. In a phone conversation the Clintons had with one prominent Democrat, she issued rapid-fire instructions while the president meekly deferred to her. She also met with Democratic congresswomen, vowing to campaign for them and defend administration policies.

But there now is a difference in her damage-control approach. She is less eager for battle, some advisers say, because her husband's conduct has curbed her options. And she sees little chance that anyone can keep the Republican-controlled Congress from launching impeachment proceedings.

Most important, since the president's statement

that he misled her and the nation about his encounters with Monica Lewinsky, Mrs. Clinton knows she no longer can command a high moral ground on his behalf. His confession drained much of the vinegar from her attitude. "Like most everyone else at the White House," says a confidant of the Clintons, "she is baffled by what to do next."

A *U.S. News* poll shows the limits on what the first lady can do. Americans, the survey indicates, have deeply cynical opinions of her motives: They tend to think that she knew about Lewinsky all along, that the Clinton marriage is one of convenience, that she doesn't love her husband and just wants the power and glory of being first lady. But they also believe she should stay with him, although they suspect she will divorce him once his presidency ends.

The official view from the White House is much different. "She supports him. She loves him. She forgives him," says Marsha Berry, the first lady's press secretary. "She remains committed to her marriage and her family."

But Republican pollster Ed Goetas, who conducted the *U.S. News* survey with Democrat Celinda Lake,

■ How do you view the Clintons' relationship?

48% A practical business and political relationship

18% A loving marriage that has troubles

13% A marriage held together for the country

10% A marriage kept together for their daughter's sake



OUT FRONT. Hillary Clinton tells a Democratic fund-raising dinner in New York that her husband "wakes up and worries about what he can do to help the American people."

believes the first lady will have a hard time appearing so supportive. "Voters are satisfied with the way Hillary handles certain policy issues, like women's issues, but they recognize that the relationship she shares with her husband is more of a business partnership than a loving marriage," Goeas says. "More and more voters feel she is motivated purely by her own political interests and not what is best for her family." Adds Lake: "Americans think [the president] did something wrong to them, not just to his family, and there's little Hillary Clinton can do to change that."

Mrs. Clinton is in a quandary over what should be done to ease her husband's plight. If he yields to pressure from Congress and the news media to stop "legal hairsplitting" and admit lying under oath, she is convinced that Starr will try to indict him. Relying on the mercy of the independent counsel and the GOP, she tells friends, would be folly.

Yet the first lady feels that, while she will travel the country in support of her husband's public record, she is not ready to defend his private behavior. That, she believes, would make her look phony, foolish, and desperate to keep power. She agrees with aides who argue that speaking out in detail on the president's private conduct won't convert any Republicans or pundits who turned against him. "It would only subject her to more humiliation," says a confidant.

She believes it is up to the president to turn things around for himself, friends say. And her advice to him is to avoid discussing the Lewinsky affair. Talk instead, she urges, about what's important to core constituencies, especially women and African-Americans: the healthy economy, his support for affirmative action, improved health care, and more federal aid to education.

Starr-stung. What most offended Mrs. Clinton about Starr's report to Congress were the "gratuitous" details of her husband's liaisons. She believes, friends say, that Starr designed his report to inflict maximum damage on the president and the first lady personally, to drive a wedge between them, and undermine their marriage.

Mrs. Clinton was upset that Starr's account had Clinton telling Lewinsky he had "hundreds of affairs" earlier in his marriage. But what angered her the most was Starr's description of an emotional meeting between the president and a weeping Lewinsky on July 4, 1997. Clinton is quoted as telling his ex-intern that he wished he had more time for her and adding that when he was no longer president, he might be "alone." "And then I

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ON HER OWN. The first lady at the site of a soon-to-be-built learning center in Washington, D.C.

said something about . . . us sort of being together," Lewinsky told prosecutors. "I think I kind of said, oh, I think we'd be a good team . . . And he . . . jokingly said, well, what are we going to do when I'm 75 and I have to pee 25 times a day?"

Most of the first lady's views on the scandal are kept to herself. Some of her staff members are troubled that she won't even tell *them* how she feels. "The bunker mentality has set in in a big way," a friend says. Several presidential aides, according to a senior administration source, urged her in the past two weeks to "come out and bless him again" with a vigorous public defense. She angrily told them, through her own staff, to "back off." Instead, she will speak out publicly on her own terms and on her own timetable.

"What people see in her current response is a quiet dignity," says Democratic pollster Geoff Garin. "It gives her personally more credibility than if she gave a full-throated expression of support. . . . You get the impression of a woman looking at the full context of [her husband's] life, balancing the good and the bad."

Friends and advisers who met with the first lady last week came away with the impression that she was more "upbeat" than a month ago when her husband told the country he had strayed. "She is determined to maintain

her family, her privacy, and the Clinton presidency," says a prominent Democrat who talked with her.

Retaining control. The Starr report isn't her only dislike. She hates being portrayed as a victim because it runs counter to the image she wants to project of a strong, confident woman. In a way, says a friend, staying with her husband makes her less of a victim. "She retains more control that way," says an ally. "[She knows that] when this is over, she will have her reputation intact and he won't."

To cope, she immerses herself in her work and her causes. "Work is a comfort zone," says an adviser. "She retreats to it." In coming weeks she will campaign actively around the country—mostly without her husband—and focus on female candidates. This week, she travels to Col-

orado, Washington State, Oregon, and California. Next week, she visits Latin America, including a summit of first ladies in Chile.

She seems most at ease when she is far from Washington, on her own, shuttling from one cheering crowd to another without the entourage and ceremonial obligations that envelop her husband's trips. She delights in sitting in a swivel chair in her Air Force jet, surrounded by her staff, nearly all of them women, cracking jokes, talking about their families, and discussing issues. Her aides have a word for such experiences: "Hillaryland."

While the public sees Mrs. Clinton as a supportive partner praising the president's record, friends say that in private she remains angry at her husband. Their relationship is, according to one family friend, "brittle." Some news

photographers who constantly view the Clintons through their telephoto lenses long ago noticed that the couple never seemed particularly close. Once the two believe they are no longer in camera range, their hand-holding tends to stop, and they keep a distance from each other.

White House aides paint a different picture, a loving couple that openly displays affection through hugs and lingering looks—and a first lady who appears committed to her marriage despite her husband's transgressions.

Mrs. Clinton, says one friend, is "the most forgiving person I know." Pardoning others is a trait that springs from the first lady's Methodist belief that individuals should strive to improve the world by performing good works, struggling for social justice, loving everyone, and forgiving people for their weaknesses.

Her attitude also was shaped by an experience in the 1960s, when she was a teenager working with a Methodist group in Park Ridge, Ill. The congregation's youth minister, Don Jones, told the young people: "In the midst of life tragedy comes, and it strips away our illusions. Those moments are times to realize our potential, our possibilities." It is advice that Hillary Rodham took to heart. And it may have special relevance today for Hillary Clinton. ■

■ Americans who think it likely or very likely Hillary Clinton will divorce Bill Clinton when he leaves office:

Now: 56% April: 32%

■ Americans who think Hillary Clinton looked the other way as her husband cheated on her: 68%

Americans who think she was an unknowing victim: 20%

■ Americans' responses when asked at what point she found out about Clinton's relationship with Lewinsky:

37% say she knew all along

26% say when the story broke in January

13% say just before his speech in mid-August



RALLYING HER TROOPS. Congressional women last week urged Americans to concentrate on the first lady's policy aims, not her marriage.

For love or loyalty?

Conflicting views on her decision to stand by her man

BY VICTORIA POPE

First comes the high-octane smile, then the upward gaze. Then the pitch—"I am proud to present my husband"—as if Monica Lewinsky did not exist.

But the fact is that the doe-eyed former intern is alive and well at the Watergate, and videotapes of President Clinton testifying before the grand jury are making the rounds. Those realities make Hillary Clinton's on-camera persona excruciating, sometimes, to watch. "There's one good actress," says Lynne Larkin, a 40-year-old lawyer from Vero Beach, Fla. But Larkin understands the need for the first lady's pasteboard mask and applauds the self-control it reflects. "She is being so stoic. She could have played Diana, Princess of Wales, the elegant victim. But she has something to preserve. She is his partner in this and has to be businesslike. She has her 'vice president status' to think about."

In a new *U.S. News* poll, the first lady

emerges as a woman who is popular with men and women and widely admired for her loyalty to her husband. The poll, conducted by Democrat Celinda Lake and Republican Ed Goetas, shows that she remains a strong role model for many Americans at precisely the time her husband is not. It also shows that the public, at least for now, wants to see more of her, not less: Fifty-eight percent of those queried said the first lady should stay and work things out with her husband, even though, when asked what should happen if they or their spouse were to have an affair like the president's, only 49 percent chose the "stay and work it out" option. Despite this, 56 percent said it was either very likely or somewhat likely that Hillary Clinton will divorce her husband once he leaves the White House.

Few of those surveyed believe her loyalty is driven by personal attachment to the president. When asked why she put up with his behavior, 47 percent said she was motivated by public objectives—such as wanting to remain the first lady and enjoy-

ing policy making; 35 percent said it was for personal reasons, specifically love for her husband and concern about their daughter. One stark departure: Fifty-six percent of all African-Americans said she was staying in the relationship for love.

There is also a measure of cynicism. Sixty-eight percent of respondents said the first lady looked the other way when faced with her husband's betrayal; only 20 percent, by contrast, thought she was a victim. And most believe she knew about the affair well before the president's grand jury testimony.

The bulwark of the first lady's support

■ Women who see Hillary Clinton as a good role model: **66%**

■ Men who see her as a good role model: **54%**



JEAN-MARC GIBOUX—GAMMA LIAISON FOR US&W

"Most first ladies are like Barbie dolls, cute wives and all. But Hillary has her own life outside of being first lady. She doesn't just do the charity thing." —LAVERNE CHRISTIAN

has always been college-educated women, but now noncollege women have surpassed the college-educated group as her strongest supporters, the poll shows. This shift reflects the first lady's own odyssey from a sometimes prickly political wife who didn't want to be branded as merely a baker of cookies to a first lady who has responded to a personal crisis in a traditional rather than radical way.

Businesslike. These findings mostly square with the views of several dozen women interviewed by *U.S. News* reporters last week. Interestingly, some of those queried described Hillary Clinton in ways that might be construed as negative, especially when viewed through a feminist lens (Page 35). In the interviews, the word most associated with her was businesslike. The president's spouse is also

seen as a silent sufferer who harbors hopes of securing her proper place in history. But women, indeed all Americans, read Mrs. Clinton's actions in often contradictory ways. Her marriage is viewed by many as a sham, her public behavior contrived and calculated. But she is also

seen as someone who has stood by her man in the very way she swore not to in the 1992 campaign.

Confusion or not, few of the attributes ascribed to Hillary Clinton are perceived as minuses. Rather, they have enhanced her image in the eyes of many women. "I have more respect for her than I did before because she has held her head high," says Kris Mohn, 39, a supervisor at the Port of Seattle's American President Line. The longshoremen Mohn works with are staunchly behind President Clinton and blame the affair on Lewinsky, but she feels only qualified sorrow for the first lady. "She must have known all the time," Mohn says. "What a slimeball this guy was. Besides, she's extremely bright and extremely strong. It's Chelsea who needs a lot of attention in this situation. You know how girls feel about their daddies."

Instead of shunning Mrs. Clinton as a sellout, women admire her steely exterior. Where Bill Clinton seems to lack control, Hillary Clinton exudes it. She is seen as the responsible one, the grown-up, the headstrong adolescent. If anyone in the White House is acting presidential these days, women say, it's the first lady.

But that doesn't make it any easier to watch her on her public forays. For Jan Zimmerman, a Minneapolis travel consultant, the adoring look Hillary gives her husband "encompasses a lot of things. It's

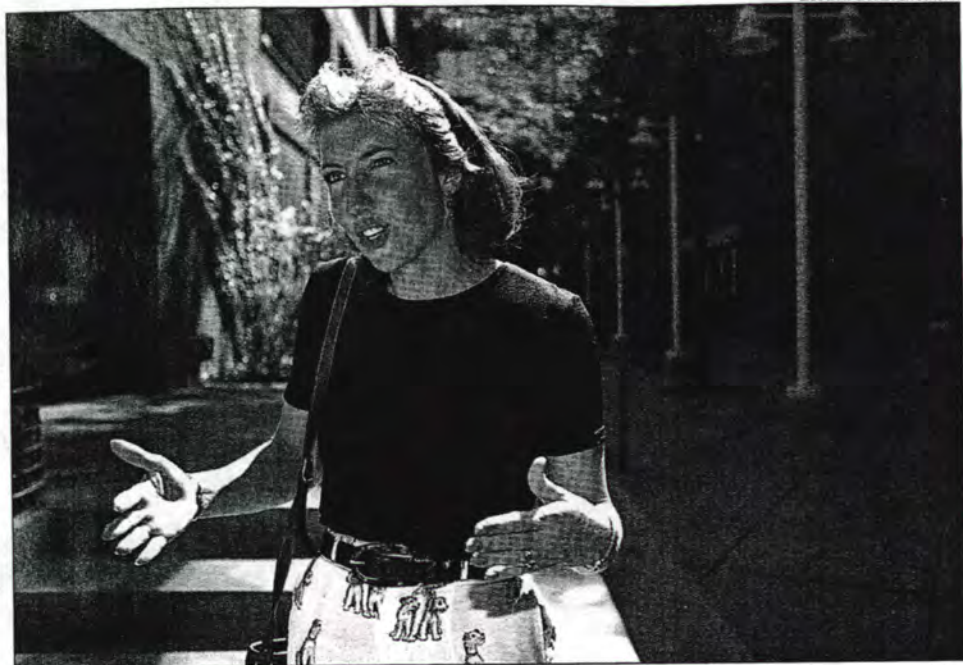
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"I'd like to see her come out and be . . . more forthright about it . . . Maybe not rake him over the coals publicly but say, 'I'm not happy about this.' "

—JAN ZIMMERMAN

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"[Hillary] can take a stand without divorcing him, but to say she's proud of him—that's another thing. She's kind of taking his tack and not telling the truth." —CAROLYN MOORE

not just loving him. It's loving where she's at. She's gotten to her position through her husband, so it's the love of the position, the love of the power, the love of things she can do that are worthwhile. Part of it is years of practice. I think she's known about these [affairs] for a long, long time." Zimmerman says when she sees Mrs. Clinton's picture-perfect poses, she cannot imagine herself choosing the kind of marriage that the first lady appears to have, and she isn't sure she could fake that kind of affection.

Many younger women find little sympathy with such views—and have definite ideas about what the first lady should do. "Leave him. Definitely leave him. I don't think I would stay just because he was the president," says Tara Esposito, 27, as she takes a lunch break outside New York's Rockefeller Plaza. "It's not the first time. It makes Americans look foolish. He's not a movie star. He's the president. She's still young. She could move on and she could make enough money by herself." A saleswoman and office manager for a Manhattan diamond retailer, Esposito lives in the Bronx and is single with no children. She is even tougher on Lewinsky: "I think she's trash. It doesn't matter if it's the president—he's a married man. It's her own fault."

Others of the 20-something generation

are most concerned about whether this affair will hobble the first lady. Tamsen Schultz, 24, who works for a private foundation in Cambridge, Mass., had been a fan of Hillary Clinton's since enrolling as a freshman at Mount Holyoke in 1992. "For a young woman starting at a wom-

en's college," Schultz said, "Hillary was a role model of what women can be and can do. She was part of the reason I voted for Clinton. After Nancy Reagan and Barbara Bush, her commitment to social change, her social conscience were so appealing." It was Schultz's good fortune to shake Hillary Clinton's hand at one of the first lady's first public speeches after the president's Oval Office *mea culpa* in August. "People were saying it was really ironic that Hillary's first public appearance [after Clinton's speech] was her talking about women's rights and role in society to a group of women, but I thought she was great," says Schultz.

Many women single out her direct involvement in the affairs of state as a salutary reshaping of the first lady's role. "Getting two for one," as President Clinton promised Americans would happen if they voted for him, has been a boon to the country. If anything, they wish she had carved out a wider brief.

Mohn believes that when the first lady spoke out on health care she was put down by White House advisers who didn't like the extent of

her power. "She was qualified to do a lot of these things on her own, but she had to accept a shirttails situation," she says.

If Mrs. Clinton is faulted at all, it is for her reluctance to be more open with the public. "I guess I'd like to see her come out and be a little more forthright about it, be a little more honest," says travel consultant Zimmerman, sitting on a park bench in Central Park during a recent visit to New York. "Maybe not rake him over the coals publicly but say, 'You know, I'm not happy about this. This doesn't make me happy. This doesn't make my family life real good. I am in some pain.' Have some of her own feelings."

Unguarded moment. And signs of defiance would also be welcome. When Schultz studied the television footage of Mrs. Clinton, she looked for signs of independence as well as composure. "I sometimes wonder how she can find that kind of happiness with him. I hope, for her sake, that it is sincere when she is beaming at him, laughing with him." But in an unguarded moment in one piece of footage, Schultz caught Mrs. Clinton rolling her eyes. "I must admit I did like her rolling her eyes. It was nice to see that reaction, that she was not happy with what he did. It showed that she can be angry with him but her anger doesn't get construed to mean that she is leaving him. He did

■ Women who think Clinton is doing an excellent or good job on women's issues: 46%

■ Who think Clinton's actions have turned back the clock on what is considered acceptable treatment of women: 45%

■ Who think the scandal has hurt Clinton's credibility on women's issues like health care and equal pay: 34%

■ Women's response when asked what would have happened to Clinton if he were the head of a major company:
41% say he would have been fired
31% say he would have been reprimanded
22% say nothing would have happened

something despicable within the marriage and she can choose to work through it."

Zimmerman says women really relate to emotion and become confused when Mrs. Clinton holds hers back. Carolyn Moore, a Denver kindergarten teacher, thinks the first lady wouldn't risk much by showing more emotion. "I think maybe she should speak out a little more. I think she's not saying what she really feels. ... She should say: 'I'm hurt too. I don't think he did what was right.' You can take a stand without divorcing him, but to say she's proud of him—that's another thing. ... She's kind of taking his tack and not telling the truth."

But no one wants her to revert to the helpmate behavior that made many former first ladies seem inaccessible to modern women. "Most first ladies are like Barbie dolls, cute wives and all," says LaVerne Christian, a systems analyst for an insurance company. Christian, 44 and African-American, is eating at Gladys' Luncheonette, a hangout for City Council members on Chicago's South Side. "But Hillary has her own life outside of being first lady. She doesn't just do the charity thing. I admire her."

Fellow Chicagoan and new mother Kaki Voss agrees. "In the past, there was a code of women who supported their men but in somewhat of a passive way," says Voss, 29, as she navigates the children's section at Barbara's Bookstore in upscale Old Town with 6-month-old Ella in tow. "Women would always do things to promote their husbands' efforts but in more of a token role. ... Until we have a female president, this is a good opportunity for women to show what she can do. This is different from first ladies of the past." Voss hopes that Americans will grow more open to an expanded role for future presidential spouses, especially when, as with Mrs. Clinton, the skills are in place. "I don't think I thought of [Hillary] as a copresident when I cast my own votes, but perhaps it will be something we see in our political futures. People will consider the wife's agenda like a vice president's."

But while praising Mrs. Clinton, Voss also respects the first lady for staying with her husband. "With the right help, they can get through something like this."

No one expects the first lady to escape



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"I don't think I would stay just because he was the president. That's basically what it looks like to the public. It's not the first time. It makes Americans look foolish." —TARA ESPOSITO

emotionally unscathed from the scandal, but what of her political legacy? Will that survive? Voss ventures the guess that she will be remembered "as a woman who has been through this, known as the woman who stood her ground despite her husband's wrongdoing." Zimmerman is convinced that Mrs. Clinton won't manage to escape the taint of her husband's wrongdoings and that her place in the history books will be next to her husband's. "It is going to be as sorry as his is. Because of her knowing about it, maybe because of her not walking, maybe her settling—maybe she's going to look less human. More of a politi-

cal advocate and political woman, but less human."

If Bill Clinton taints his spouse with his own ignominy, the loss will be political as well as private, say a number of women interviewed. "Maybe it was a pipe dream, but I thought if people could get used to a first lady who asserted her power, they could also become more comfortable with electing more women to the House and Senate—and someday even elect a woman president," Schultz muses.

Indeed, given the stark message of the times—that political men seem to have trouble with fidelity—several women openly wondered whether the era of women in politics has arrived. Attorney Larkin, who worked in Congress and later as a case officer for the CIA, says that given the male conduct she saw in both of those work environments, she has no doubt that a large influx of women would have a salutary effect on our political culture. And she thanks the first lady for preparing the path. "I doubt if Hillary were president, that these sorts of things would happen. Women don't mess around a lot." ■

With David Whitman, Sara Hammel in New York, Warren Cohen in Chicago, and Karen Roebuck in Denver

- Women who say Hillary Clinton should leave Bill Clinton: 20%
- Who say she should stay with him and try to work it out: 57%
- Women who say they would leave their partner if he had cheated on them: 36%
- Who say they would stay and try to work it out: 49%

Feminists don't know what to think

Confusion reigns as women take stock



NOT AT EASE. Rose says Clinton trivialized his office; Wolitzer fears the impact on young women.

BY MIRIAM HORN

Meg Wolitzer, a feminist and novelist, doesn't know anymore what she thinks about Bill and Hillary and Monica and all the rest. "The more I read, the less I have a position. I might have had a position some weeks ago, but now that I see these human beings with all their frailty and desire and arrogance and stupidity, I feel like I'm in the middle of a novel."

Her confusion is shared by many feminists, who are wrestling anew with questions that cut to the heart of feminism: How power relates to sexual consent; what responsibility women have to one another; when the personal is (and is not) political. A sampling:

■ **On Hillary Clinton.** The most extreme condemnation of the first lady comes from radical feminist Andrea Dworkin. "What Hillary is doing is appalling. Being a feminist has to mean you don't use your intellect and your creativity to protect a man's exploitation of women." Wolitzer worries about the message Mrs. Clinton is sending "to Chelsea and other young

women, that no matter what a man does we have to stay and support him." Playwright Wendy Wasserstein laments, "The name Hillary Rodham Clinton no longer stands for self-determination, but for the loyal, betrayed wife."

More prevalent, however, is the view that it is antifeminist to tell any woman how to behave. In fact, the disappointment most feminists feel is not with Mrs. Clinton's failure to be a model wife, which seems to them a retrograde ambition, but rather with the squandering of her possibilities. Phyllis Rose, who traced the course of five famous Victorian marriages in her book, *Parallel Lives*, believes Clinton did not betray Hillary with the affair, but "by making his presidency and their time in the White House, things for which she also worked her whole life, worthless for the sake of a trivial sexual indulgence."

■ **On Monica Lewinsky.** Dworkin's anger at Mrs. Clinton is matched by her concern for Lewinsky. Clinton's "fixation on non-reciprocal oral sex puts women in states of submission. It is the most heartless sexual exchange." Other feminists are able to summon some sympathy for Lewinsky, re-

membering their own desperate passions, and the hurt of being tossed aside. The majority, however, are unsympathetic to the aggressive young intern. Simone de Beauvoir biographer Deirdre Bair asks, "Everyone is demanding Bill's apology to Monica; has anyone suggested that she might owe a big one to Hillary and Chelsea? Feminist fairness requires one."

■ **On harassment.** A consensus does exist here: Clinton's sex scandals have badly set back the feminist effort to clarify the difference between sex and harassment. Sex with colleagues is fine, as long as it's welcome and does not produce unequal working conditions. Sexual harassment is discrimination and includes any behavior that creates a hostile environment and puts workers at a disadvantage because of their gender. For the most part, feminists have not seen the Clinton-Lewinsky relation as harassment: Lewinsky never alleged it was unwelcome, and there is no pattern of discrimination in Clinton's White House. Yet some feminists see complications. In circumstances of such unequal power, some ask, is real consent possible? And what of the ways the relationship did affect workplace conditions, altering Lewinsky's job path and affecting other White House staffers, who were required to collude in the deception?

■ The personal and the political.

Many issues that used to be considered private—including workplace sex, domestic abuse, and the care of children—are now seen as legitimate areas for public scrutiny. But the Clinton case is requiring feminists to consider again where the line should be drawn. Dworkin contends Clinton's behavior toward women can't be separated from his political character. "Plenty of women are simply expendable to him, like the poor women he threw off welfare." Yet most share Rose's view that "there are things no one else has the right to reveal about you" and that much of the Starr report falls in that category.

Feminists have been attacked for not being more critical of Clinton. For many, it's a question of politics: They don't want to implicitly support Starr's conservatism or his investigation. Yet most are also dismayed that politics has been reduced to the purely personal. "What are we gaining in terms of a just, public process?" asks Susan Sturm, a law professor and expert in feminist jurisprudence. "Nothing. I see us only losing by this. And I've never heard more people talk about how depressed they are with the state of public life." ■

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What Does Hillary See In This Guy?

Reimer is a columnist for The Sun.

By Susan Reimer= (c) 1998, The Baltimore Sun=

``Why does Hillary stay?''

After ``Is Bill finished?'' that is perhaps the most vexing question about the Monica S. Lewinsky scandal.

Why would Hillary Rodham Clinton stay married to this serial womanizer, who has subjected her to enormous public humiliation while at the same time wrecking their shared dream of a life of good works and social change?

How can she say, as she did when she introduced this man on the eve of the release of a report that would degrade her marriage, ``I'm proud to introduce my husband and our president.''

Why does Hillary stay? Let me answer that question with another: Why do any of us stay?

I think Hillary has stayed in her less-than-perfect marriage for the same reason any of us stay in a less-than-perfect marriage: It beats the alternative.

I am not being cynical here, but love is not the only reason people marry, and it is not the only reason people stay married.

Sometimes couples stay married because there isn't enough energy, not enough reason, to get unmarried. Sometimes the good outweighs the bad.

And I think, not for the first time, Hillary Rodham Clinton has weighed the good and the bad and decided that the scale continues to tip in favor of preserving her marriage.

Those of us on the outside of this complex relationship may see only the reasons for her to leave. President Clinton's sins are larger than life and they are known to us in excruciating detail. But the benefits to her of this marriage are also larger than life, and so are the consequences of ending it.

Leave him, and she pulls the pins out of what is left of the presidency, a life's mission she has shared and cherished.

Say what you will about her personal power trip, she didn't want to be first lady so she could decorate the White House for Christmas. Hillary has been dedicated to social activism since she was a teen-ager, and the best place to effect change is from the White House.

She has tolerated intrusions and indignities and betrayals of almost mythical proportions and not just from her husband. But in return she has had the pulpit, if not the power base, to do what she has believed was right since her days in Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Married women everywhere make the same kind of deal with the devil. It just isn't on so grand or public a scale.

He can't hammer a nail, but he is great with the kids. He travels 26 weeks a year, but his paycheck lets her hire help. He won't go to parties with her friends, but he praises her in front of his. He cheated, but she loves her kids too much to cast their father out.

Every day women take the measure of their relationships. I'm not sure we are even aware we are doing it, but we are constantly asking ourselves if it is worth it. According to the divorce statistics, 50 percent of us will say ``no'' one day and we will mean it. But the rest of us answer ``yes'' every day. Despite every broken promise, every dirty sock, every careless word, every angry bedtime.

If you asked any of us why we stay with our husbands, we might not be able to give any more than a quick, thoughtless answer. We might say that we've never thought of leaving, but that would be a lie. We have all thought of leaving, if only for a split second.

Only those women such as Hillary, who have endured sexual betrayal known by everyone in the neighborhood, have searched their souls for a reason to stay married, and their reasons do not deserve our casual scrutiny.

Why does Hillary stay? Only Hillary knows the answer. But we have all

asked that question of ourselves. That Hillary stays should be the only answer we need.

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Hillary meets with congresswomen

WASHINGTON, Sept.15 (UPI) A group of Democratic congresswomen, hoping to help their party win back the House in November, met with Hillary Rodham Clinton to discuss the issues everything but the president's affair with Monica Lewinsky.

Among them was Rep. Lynn Woolsey of Calif. who chided reporters after the meeting and said ``the women of America want the press to discuss something else beside Monica Lewinsky.''

Several of the congresswomen said that the meeting focused on issues of interest to women and children and that the first lady promised to campaign with them this fall.

The female lawmakers emerged from the session determined to divert the national spotlight from the crisis involving President Clinton's future.

The first lady met for about a half-hour with some two dozen House members who laid out their strategy to push the message that women voters care more about families, education and health care than they care about the Lewinsky case.

A spokeswoman for Mrs. Clinton declined to characterize the first lady's response to the initiative other than to express her general support for the proposal.

The congresswomen said there was no direct mention of the Lewinsky matter during the meeting. Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee, D-Texas, said: ``There was a sisterhood in that meeting. And the sisterhood said that women know what's right. We're nurturers. We know how to fix problems. And therefore women are going to be the face of this debate over the next couple of weeks.''

``So we've decided that it's going to be us that you're going to be hearing from,''' the Texas congresswoman said, adding:

``We're not going to allow the conservative Right pundits to tell us we're stupid, that we don't know what we're saying when the polls are saying that we're supporting this administration, that we are leading by our emotions.

``We are going to say we're wives, we're mothers, we know what the deal is. We know what fairness is about. We know how to hug and make things better, and there's no shame in our game on this issue.

Rep. Carrie Meek, D-Fla., told reporters that her constituents told her during her most recent visit home that they ``could care less about the stresses that you're talking about here on the Beltway.''

She said they told her: ``Carrie Meek: Go back to Washington and help us. We are dying out here. Help us.''

Speaking of their meeting with the first lady, Meek said: ``We are empowered by coming here because we see in her the embodiment of everything we stand for.''

She added, ``We will not be sidetracked. We will not be sidetracked.''

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Congressional women rally around Mrs. Clinton

WASHINGTON, Sept 15 (Reuters) - Some two dozen Democratic women in the House of Representatives met with first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton at the White House on Tuesday and then challenged reporters to focus on issues rather than the presidential sex scandal.

After praising the "nobility and courage" of Mrs. Clinton, the lawmakers angrily urged reporters to concentrate on issues like child care and education rather than President Bill Clinton's relations with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

"We talked to Mrs. Clinton this morning and we are empowered by coming here because we see in her as the embodiment of everything we stand for," said Representative Carrie Meek of Florida after the meeting.

"I'm appealing to everyone here in Washington, we will not be sidetracked. We will not be sidetracked. We will keep on these issues," Meek said, telling reporters she represents "a constituency of women who could care less about the stresses that you are thinking about here."

Representative Lynn Woolsey of California called Mrs. Clinton "one of the most effective women in this nation and in this world" and chastised journalists for being consumed by the president's problems.

"If the issues that are important to the people in this country are to be discussed, then the press of this country has to talk about something else besides Monica Lewinsky," she said.

"We are not here to talk about the president's behaviour, we're here to talk about what's ... more important to the people of this country and to the election that's coming up on Nov. 3rd," she said. The entire House of Representatives and one-third of the Senate faces election in two months.

The lawmakers said that the Lewinsky affair had not been mentioned during the meeting in the private residence of the White House.

"All us have talked to Mrs. Clinton privately," said Rep.

Barbara Kennelly of Connecticut. "We've made known how we felt about everything ... People are distracted by other things.

We're not distracted with other things."

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Mrs. Clinton urges Americans to join Peace Corps

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WASHINGTON (AP) First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton urged Peace Corps volunteers Tuesday to inspire more Americans to join and get involved in the world.

"The Peace Corps has already made a very tangible and real contribution to making clear that America is seen as we would like to be seen around the world, as people who want to bring tools and opportunities to those who can then build a better life for themselves," said Mrs. Clinton.

Mrs. Clinton inaugurated the new Peace Corps headquarters in downtown Washington with Queen Noor of Jordan.

The queen, American-born Lisa Halaby, said that as a young girl growing up in the United States she always dreamed of joining the Peace Corps.

"My life has moved in another direction," the queen said. "But what I have tried to achieve reflects the same concerns and owes a great deal to that early inspiration."

She quoted Islam's Prophet Mohammed as saying that the best of men are those who are useful to others.

"In that light, Peace Corps volunteers are surely the best of the best," said Noor.

Mrs. Clinton said the Peace Corps spirit should infuse every American "with the idea that we are interconnected, we have a stake in the success, the prosperity and the peace of people throughout our world."

"If we can believe that and act on it then the fondest dreams ... about what the Peace Corps really means will have a chance to come through in the next century," she added.

President John F. Kennedy founded the Peace Corps at the start of his administration in 1961 as a way for Americans to teach skills in the developing world. Nearly 6,500 Peace Corps volunteers are now serving in 80 countries.

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Clintons headed to New York

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14 (UPI) President Clinton and his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, have departed (Monday) for New York, where Clinton plans to discuss plans to spur growth in the global economy. After the speech before the Council of Foreign Relations, the first couple focuses on raising more than \$3 million at a number of top-dollar events.

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Humiliated wife may determine Clinton's future

Update: New information throughout

By SUSAN PAGE

USA TODAY

WASHINGTON As Americans ponder whether to forgive President Clinton's personal misconduct, one-fourth of those surveyed in a USA TODAY/CNN/Gallup Poll say they'll be influenced a fair amount by the judgment of one person: Hillary Rodham Clinton.

At the moment, the poll shows, people are inclined to believe she hasn't yet forgiven him herself.

That fuels a question being discussed by her husband's defenders: Will Hillary Clinton, described by associates as furious and humiliated since her husband's televised confession of an affair, publicly declare that she has forgiven him and urge others to forgive him as well?

While the president faces the worst political crisis of his life, he also is going through the worst personal crisis of his marriage with the release of special counsel Ken Starr's report on the Monica Lewinsky affair.

Not only does the report relate the lurid details of his escapades with a 22-year-old White House intern, it also says Lewinsky quoted him as saying he had had ``hundreds'' of affairs through his marriage

although he is said to have told her he was trying harder to be faithful since turning 40 and that he suggested to her that he might get divorced after leaving the White House.

On several occasions, the report says, he had sexually charged sessions with Lewinsky in person or by phone when the first lady was traveling, making appearances on behalf of her husband's administration.

``Everybody assumes she's giving him hell,'' says Ernest Dumas, a veteran Arkansas political columnist who has covered Bill Clinton since his first campaign.

``She must be very torn emotionally,'' says Mandy Grunwald, a key adviser in the 1992 campaign who remains close to the first lady. ``She has helped him when he has been in trouble for 22 years, and now he's in a lot of trouble. I'm sure there's a part of her that wants to help him and I'm also sure there's a part of her that wants to kill him.''

Friday, as the most salacious sections of the report were being aired, Hillary Clinton stood by her husband's side as he offered a public apology at a prayer breakfast in the morning and reveled in an exuberant celebration of the Irish peace accord in the afternoon. The night before, she had introduced him at a Democratic fund-raising dinner with rousing praise of his commitment to progressive policies.

But she has not uttered a word in public about the scandal since Clinton's confession Aug. 17 that he had an inappropriate relationship with Lewinsky and misled his wife and his country about it.

The only statement that Hillary Clinton still loves her husband and remains committed to her marriage was made in prepared comments issued a month ago by her press secretary, Marsha Berry. On CBS' ``60 Minutes'' Sunday, friend Linda Bloodworth-Thomason said Hillary Clinton told her she had forgiven her husband.

But six years ago, it was Hillary Clinton herself on ``60 Minutes,'' making an impassioned testimonial for her husband that helped contain the furor over Gennifer Flowers' allegations of an affair.

Early this year, as the Lewinsky story broke, her defiant attack on a ``vast right-wing conspiracy'' energized his defenders.

Now, her silence is beginning to sound pretty loud to Democratic loyalists who fear that many voters, especially women, won't be willing to forgive Clinton until they are reassured that his wife does.

The USA TODAY poll, conducted Sunday, shows Americans by 42 percent-38 percent believe she has not forgiven him yet.

Asked if her forgiveness would affect their view of Clinton, 14 percent said it would ``a great deal,' ' 11 percent ``a moderate amount,' ' 22 percent ``not much' ' and 52 percent ``not at all.' '

The poll of 631 adults has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

``She is a huge reference point for people,' ' says Democratic pollster Geoffrey Garin, who sometimes advises the White House. ``If there is a clear injured party, it's she. If she decides that she can live with this and forgive President Clinton, it makes it a lot easier for other people to come to terms with what he did.

``The converse is more powerfully true.' '

In other words, if Hillary Clinton can't openly forgive her husband, it makes it more difficult for other people to do so.

Garin says the first lady's recent public appearances have helped. ``She's certainly expressed her commitment to Clinton and her willingness to move forward,' ' he says. ``People are getting the picture that she's made her peace with the president.' '

Still, he adds, ``The more the better.' '

But she is unwilling to do more, at least at the moment. She has always been the pragmatic political partner and shrewd adviser. But the requirements of that role are now at odds with the reservations of a wronged wife.

Associates speaking privately describe her as angry at her husband and anguished about the situation he has put her in. Associates say she may well make some more merciful public comment, but only when it would be ``authentic' ' and reflect her true feelings.

Those close to her winced Friday when CNN briefly cut from a graphic reading of Clinton's sexual adventures in the Starr report to a picture of Hillary Clinton addressing a 4-H audience in suburban Maryland.

The idea that she is now the subject of sympathy or even pity for many Americans is especially devastating for someone accustomed to being seen as the embodiment of an accomplished, independent woman.

``She is an incredibly private person,' ' Grunwald says. ``Being forced to have her private life discussed in the most excruciating way, I would think that would make her even more private. She'll focus on her official duties, but the private stuff is going to stay just that way.' '

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The first lady: She's better than Bill deserves

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Hillary Rodham Clinton has been perhaps the classiest player in the whole sorry mess surrounding her husband. As a wife and mother, she has to be in agony. But as America's first lady, she has carried herself with a dignity and restraint that belies her domestic turmoil.

As congressional leaders began wrestling with the president's future, Mrs. Clinton remained focused on one of the policy issues most important to her health care. There she stood Thursday afternoon at a White House conference on colon cancer, encouraging Americans to get an examination that could save their lives.

Friday, she delivered a speech on foster care, a family issue also high on her agenda.

And there she stood Thursday night at her husband's side, beaming as she gave him a hearty introduction at a Democratic fund-raiser. "I'm very proud of the person I'm privileged to introduce. ... I'm proud of what he gives our country and all of us every day by his commitment."

Some will mock Mrs. Clinton for seeming to "stand by her man" blindly instead of throwing out the lying, cheating dog. Others will speculate she has made her deal with the devil, choosing to tolerate a chronic philanderer for her own political gain.

The truth is probably a mixture of love, loyalty, politics and power, seasoned by 23 years of marriage, a half-dozen hard campaigns, and a deep resentment of her husband's relentless enemies.

While President Clinton's actions and lies are a matter of public interest, the first marriage, and whether it survives, is between its partners. What happens behind the closed doors of the residential wing of the White House is the Clintons' business.

Meanwhile, Hillary Clinton recognizes that she has a public role to play. And through what has to be the most frustrating, disgusting and trying time of her life, she has played it with remarkable composure.

As a wife, Hillary may not need to stand by her Bill. But she has chosen to remain his most important public ally at a time when many others are jumping ship or descending into shrill and self-righteous judgments. As more details of the Monica Lewinsky affair are revealed, she seems to be better than Bill deserves.

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IN ULSTERS NEW DAWN, THE FIRST LADY

SHOWS HOW SHE'S SHINING THROUGH



AT a party in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, American TV reporter Mike Wallace was talking to humorous columnist Art Buchwald about the stress tests many doctors recommend. Turning to fellow guest Hillary Clinton, Mr Wallace asked if she'd opted for this medical procedure. 'I'm having one now,' said Mr. Clinton.

The delight shows on Hillary Clinton's face as her 'family' speech hits the mark

BILL CLINTON got three mentions. Hillary alluded to him politely, almost deferentially, threading 'my husband' into her speech as if to suggest she was in Belfast almost as an ambassador for the President. But, of course, she was not.

From the moment the First Lady stepped from her stretch limousine, it was clear that the role of loyal consort was low on her agenda.

In business uniform - a navy blue trouser suit - and with her head held high, she strode into the Belfast Waterfront Hall, extending a retail wave to the crowd outside.

She was nervous. Her speech, delivered to women leaders from all walks of Northern Ireland business and life, was her first major engagement since her husband's confession of his 'inappropriate' relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

Clinton had been left to conclude his business in Moscow and his wife flew in alone to Belfast on Airforce Two: an independent woman pursuing her own commitments.

The event, months in the planning, was not by ordinary standards daunting. The delegates were welcoming. But they knew every detail of her humiliation.

Given a straight choice between liar and victim when Bill announced his Lewinsky connection, Hillary had become the deluded wife, allegedly unaware of her husband's latest infidelity.

The role of the dupe did not much suit her. Belfast was her chance to fight back. At first she looked uneasy, nodding vacantly as other speakers went through the warm-up act.

One talked of women 'who have endured and suffered'. A Body Shop environmentalist spoke of 'women who bend but won't be manipulated'. Every comment was loaded with possible Bill and Hillary innuendo.

The First Lady nodded, consulted her papers and offered the odd frozen smile. It was only when she got to her feet that it became clear how carefully she had gauged her comeback.

Here was not the jargon of high feminism or the gospel of the empowered woman. Instead, she took as her text the two ruined zones of her own life: peace and the family.

Her target embraced all women and laid bare the personal hurt she had suffered.

Human rights, she said 'depended on how we treat each other at work and at home'. There was a subtle emphasis on the 'home'.

She went on: 'All people must be safe from violence - particularly women - in the streets and in the home. Domestic violence breeds the conditions of violence. It is a crime, not a family matter.'

She spoke of peace in Ireland. And these were not empty words from a First Lady on a flying visit. Rather, they went to the heart of her own dys-



From MARY
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IN BELFAST

functional family - not a crucible for physical violence but for the mental torture inflicted by the President on his wife.

Hillary painted herself as a woman of the family - a 'kitchen table feminist' and one of a vast caucus of women whose dearest wish was to create a culture of peace in which their children could flourish and thrive.

'Democracy does not only depend on attitudes and values and getting along with people with whom you have had profound differences,' she said, in an allusion that equally embraced the formerly divided Northern Ireland communities and the more recently divided Clintons.

'It depends, too, on the lessons taught to children as they are tucked up in bed at night.'

She spoke of Omagh and of a visit to ~~Washington~~ by a group of Northern Irish youngsters. One was an intern in her office, she said, and she managed the word intern - the Lewinsky job description - without stumbling.

Another was an Omagh girl whose best friend had been killed in the explosion. She, and other young emissaries, had watched the aftermath of the bombing on CNN. And so had Hillary.

SHE added: 'Tomorrow my husband and I will go to Omagh. We will pay tribute to those killed by the enemies of peace.' Again she mentioned him with a politeness that fell just short of unstinting respect.

But already Hillary had outmanoeuvred her husband, not by political grandstanding but by speaking, powerfully, about those subjects on which Bill Clinton had demonstrated himself wholly bankrupt.

She said: 'It was women whose whispers of "Enough" became a torrent of voices that can longer be ignored... women who withstood jeers and threats to make their voices heard in a world reserved primarily for men.'

Hillary Clinton has not said 'Enough' to her role at the White House or to her marriage. Yesterday she put a marker down.

Through her subject matter was simple values and aspirations, she spoke with a force that suggested that she, last week's victim, had the will, and perhaps the charisma, to go on.

To the Senate, maybe. To the Oval Office, even. Or, in the shorter term, to visit schools tomorrow while her husband delivers his keynote speech.

But Hillary had pre-empted him. As she finished, she smiled properly, reaching into the audience to offer embraces and grasp hands.

Her message, as the President boarded Airforce One, was crystal clear. This was yesterday's victim and tomorrow's winner.

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Yesterday's victim,
tomorrow's winner

So who's put the smile back on Hillary's face?



TAKE ONE: Hillary sees the funny side



TAKE TWO: She beams for the crowds



TAKE THREE: The joke must be on Bill

By DON MACKAY
BEAMING Hillary Clinton looked a million dollars as she arrived in Belfast last night.

America's first lady sported a dazzling smile when she stepped from her stretch limo.

But whoever put the grin on her face, it certainly wasn't husband Bill.

She frostily referred to him as a "political partner" when she addressed several hundred women in Moscow earlier in the day.

It was clear that she's still breathing over his sex fling with White House

(ONE THING'S CERTAIN .. IT'S NOT BILL)

secretary Monica Lewinsky. Mrs Clinton was on her own when she jetted to RAF Aldergrove. Clinton will join her in Ireland later today.

But Hillary's warm welcome at the airport was nothing compared to the rapturous greeting she got when her motorcade arrived in the city.

And she really did look a star.

Her blonde bobbed hair was immaculate, the blue trouser suit standing and her smile as sparkling as her

gold necklace. There was no hint of her heartache as she gave a polished, 15-minute speech to the people at a women's Vital Voices conference.

She said women shouldn't be left trailing in the wake of men in today's society.

And she boosted the peace push in the province by saying that women on both sides were sick of hurting their husbands and sons.

But it was a very different Hillary

who joined Boris Yeltsin's wife Naina at the discussion mentoring in Moscow.

She told the audience she works with Bill on political aims but was ominously silent about her role as a wife.

It made them sound more like husband and wife.

Philized about her marriage, she said: "In many areas we do a lot of work together and we talk constantly about many issues that we

are concerned about. I've seen a number of things at his request to work on issues that I care deeply about and he's also committed to."

It was the perfect opportunity to make it clear she had forgiven Bill — but she declined.

The couple had displayed strained smiles during the summit with troubled Yeltsin, a sharp contrast from their usual touchy-feely manner towards each other.

And the rift has brought brisk business for Moscow street traders selling nesting dolls with Clinton's face and Monica inside.

Women put to fore by Hillary Clinton

HILLARY CLINTON yesterday came to Northern Ireland to tell women in Belfast that they had helped bring peace, but women must play a bigger role in politics for real reconciliation to take root.

"It was women whose whispers of 'Enough' became a torrent of voices that could no longer be ignored," the wife of the United States president told 600 women activists, community workers and politicians at a conference entitled Women in Democracy.

"It is up to you, the women of Northern Ireland, speaking out whenever injustice arises, to point out opportunities, to face up to challenges, and to speak for those who are still voiceless," she said.

"If you listen you can hear the voices of women who withstood jeers and threats to make themselves heard in a political world once reserved primarily for men."

Mrs Clinton smiled broadly when she was paid a glowing tribute by a young Londonderry student, Fiona Hughes,

who introduced her as a "role model to me and to young women around the world".

Sitting in the front of a balcony in the Waterfront Hall were Gerry Adams, Martin McGuinness and Pat Doherty of Sinn Fein.

Behind them sat members of the Ulster Unionist parties.

Afterward, Mrs Clinton attended a reception in Belfast city hall along with the outgoing US ambassador to Ireland, Jean Kennedy Smith.

Mrs Clinton is staying overnight at Hillsborough Castle outside Belfast as a guest of Mo Mowlam, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

Today, before President Clinton arrives, Mrs Clinton will open a playground for Protestant and Catholic children in Belfast, then appear with her husband for his keynote speech in Omagh, scene of the recent bombing.

It is Mrs Clinton's third visit. She accompanied the President during his 1995 visit to Belfast, and returned without him for more public engagements last October.



First Lady . . . Hillary Clinton greets well-wishers on her arrival at a Belfast conference

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Hillary avoids state of Clinton union

BY GLENDA COOPER

SHE FLEW into Belfast, one of the most powerful women in the world, ready to speak out for women's rights and their key role in the Irish peace process. It didn't matter - all everyone wanted to know was whether she was still furious with her philandering husband.

Yesterday the First Lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton, was addressing the Vital Voices - Women in Democracy conference. But thanks to Mr Clinton and Monica Lewinsky, the former White House intern, any words of wisdom Hillary Clinton said were subsumed into feverish speculation about the State of the Union - the Clintons' union that is.

Onlookers wanted to know whether the big chill between Hillary and her husband was ongoing or whether the trip to Moscow had gone some way to thawing the cold war as she gave her first public speech since her husband's confession. The speculation was even more intense because Hillary was said to have been working on this

speech in the White House when her husband was two floors below testifying to Kenneth Starr about his "inappropriate relationship" with the intern.

When things look bad, Mrs Clinton has always slapped on the warpaint, put on her best clothes and fought back with her "don't-dare-feel-sorry-for-me" attitude.

Still, for a feminist the fact that her appearance (navy blue suit), her gestures (minimal), and even her lipstick (very discreet) would be considered more important than the message she was trying to get across about women's role in the peace process must have been frustrating.

What the First Lady actually said in her speech was to reiterate the US's firm stance on terrorism and its support for the peace process, pay tribute to the "courage and strength of generations of women" who had contributed to change in the political climate (she particularly praised Mo'Nique's role, including her talents as a dancer). But no one was listening. Rather everyone wanted to know if she winced as she said the words "my husband" (she did not refer to him by any other name).

Certainly the 500 British and 75 American women at the Waterfront Hall gave her an enthusiastic welcome. But despite her stirring words, live TV coverage of her speech was abruptly pulled after 10 minutes. After all, she hadn't said anything about Monica.

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EVENING STANDARD

First Lady returns to centre stage in Belfast

by COLIN ADAMSON

HILLARY CLINTON returns to the public stage in Belfast today to deliver her first major speech since her husband publicly admitted his relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

As America's First Lady flies in from Moscow, one day in advance of the President, her body language will be studied for signs of any more warmth towards her husband than her frosty demeanour on leaving the White House two weeks ago.

Those, who have witnessed her toughness in the face of continued adversity over the years, fully expect Mrs Clinton to use an address to hundreds of women activists to demonstrate her powers of resilience and determination to continue with her work.

While Mrs Clinton is unlikely to speak openly about the turmoil in her private life she will be facing a particularly sympathetic audience later today at the city's Waterfront Hall, and her speech to the Vital Voices — Women in Democracy conference will be closely scrutinised on both sides of the Atlantic for clues about her emotions. An organiser acknowledged that it would attract intense media attention but welcomed that because "she has such wonderful things to say about promoting women".

Monica McWilliams, co-founder of the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition, said that Mrs Clinton would be received "brilliantly". She had not been tarnished by her husband's conduct and "will find a very supportive environment... She has her own projects promoting the role of women and for that we are grateful. We are not prepared to be distracted by the attention focused on other areas of her life".

The White House said that Mrs Clinton's speech would "celebrate the role that the women of Northern Ireland have played in achieving the peace" and "call for women's full participation in building a stable, prosperous and democratic Northern Ireland".

That call is certain to be appreciated in a community where women are hugely under-represented in politics despite the vital role they have played in building cross-community peace initiatives.

There is not one woman MP, MEP, High Court judge or Permanent Secretary.

Although Mr Clinton has come under attack from cynical observers for using the grief of Omagh to divert attention away from his personal crisis, the President can expect a warm welcome from the people of Northern Ireland. It is not, however, anticipated that his reception will reach the levels of rapture enjoyed by him in 1995 when

the peace process was in its early stages. The strong puritanical streak in Northern Ireland is bound to come to bear. The President's morals have stirred predictable reactions from critics like Ian Paisley Jr, the Democratic Unionist Party's justice spokesman.

He has said that Mr Clinton had become "a lame duck President and not the President he was perceived to be the last time he

was here". Mr Clinton will leave Moscow at 3am tomorrow arriving in Belfast at 9am for a full day's work that officials hope will act as a catalyst for further progress towards peace.

He will meet members of Northern Ireland's new assembly and deliver a speech praising those responsible for the Good Friday accord. He will also visit Omagh and Armagh before ending the day in Dublin.

Hillary is in positive mood as Ulster waits for Clinton

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By VALERIE GROVE

IT WAS body language we were listening for, and body is a language at which Hillary Rodham Clinton is adept — poised, tailored, spirited and defiant.

Her deep, rich voice, which resonated through the Waterfront Centre's vast, circular auditorium to a rapt audience of 2,000, struck with astonishing force and power. Say it loud: I'm a woman and I'm proud, she might have boomed.

However aggrieved and wretched she must have felt inside lately, Hillary had come to Belfast determined to be inspiring to the "Vital Voices: Women in Democracy" conference, and the women — from every variety of caring, peacemaking, enterprising organisation — were agog to be inspired. She said she had felt "embraced" by Northern Ireland and the embrace was palpable, and Belfast's famous "crack" became a real crescendo buzz in that hall before Hillary strode in, in her navy trousersuit, to a standing ovation.

Hillary had come "to celebrate the role the women of Northern Ireland have played in achieving the peace". In most minds beforehand lingered Mrs Clinton's recent performances in more domestic peacekeeping, but here was a woman who has made a Faustian pact: to make the utmost of what her husband's prominent position can offer her and to support, defend and publicly defend him, knowing full well that he needs her now rather more than she needs him. Hillary is already box office enough to draw a crowd and, while she has that power, she is using it to its fullest effect.

Of course, the moment the cameras went into a frenzy of

clicking was when she appeared to be wiping her eyes. Unfair — she was far from woeful and certainly not teary in her first public speech since her husband's confession of an affair with Monica Lewinsky.

The Giacomini smile was fixed, as she listened to fellow panel speakers, though the themes at first threatened to be weighted with irony: the gender affairs campaigner, Body Shop International, a mother of two who is also a top engineer with Ford Motors, spoke of respect for women; giving opportunity to younger women; helping young women to break into closed political circles. If Hillary found any bitter little ironies in their words, she didn't show it.

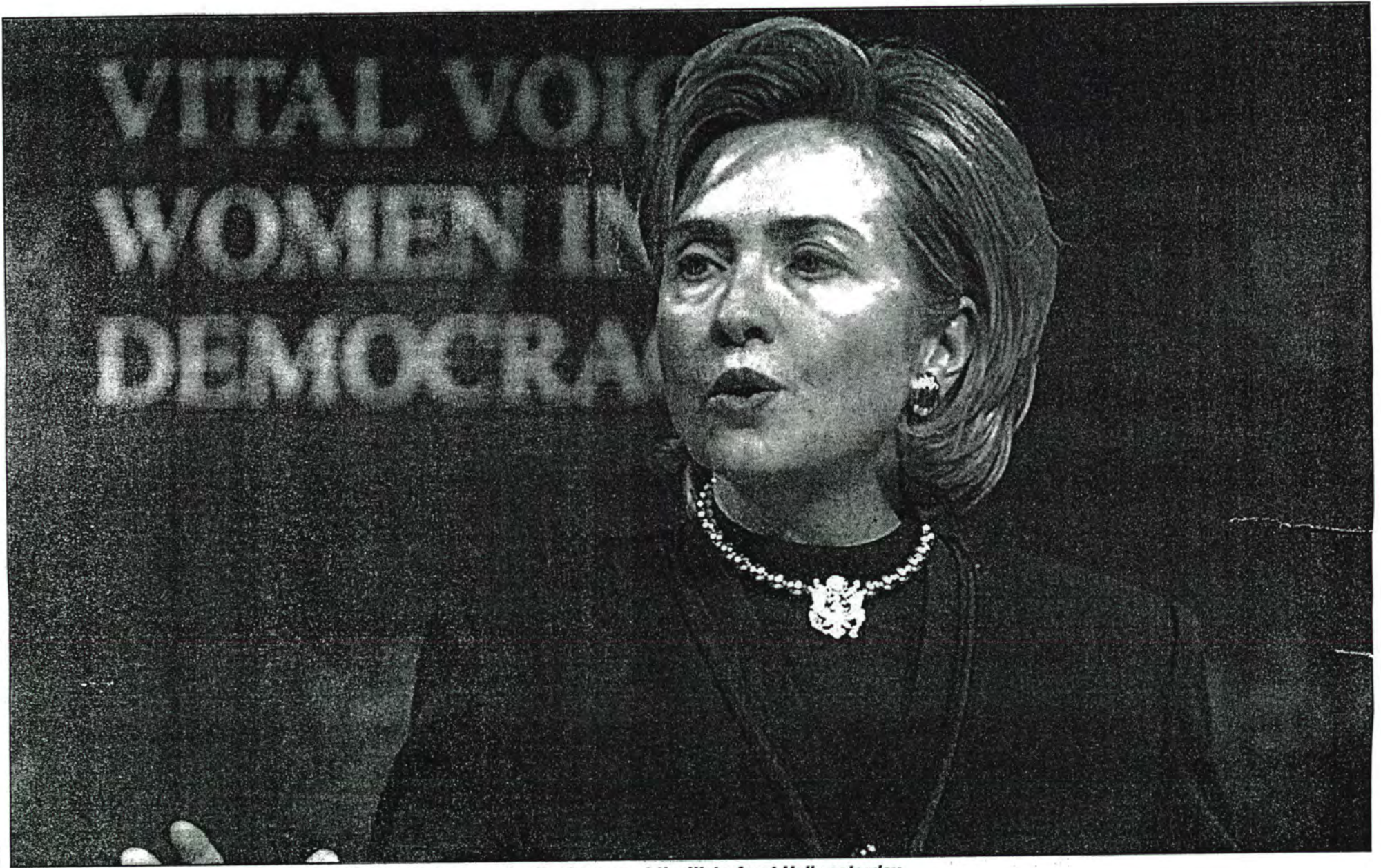
There was a dated ritual about these feminist, equality opportunities topics, most of which the rest of the country got to grips with two decades ago. But in the six counties of Northern Ireland there is still not a single woman MEP, or High Court judge.

But as Fiona Hughes, the 17-year-old voice of the future, who introduced Hillary, pointed out it is probably significant that so much progress has been made in the peace process since the first woman Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. (Mo Mowlam could not be present as she had to be in the House.)

Today Hillary's patriarchal husband will be back at the waterfront to address the new Assembly. And it is not until later, when the Clintons travel to Omagh, that we shall see whether they are still holding hands. I suspect they will; for what better example of making up despite deep rifts could there be to the people of Northern Ireland.

First Lady visits Ulster

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POISED: Hillary Clinton speaking at the Women in Democracy Conference at the Waterfront Hall yesterday

Hillary Clinton lauds women's role in Ulster pact, urges more work

By John O'Farrell
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

BELFAST — Arriving in Northern Ireland a day ahead of her husband, Hillary Rodham Clinton yesterday praised women for leading the divided island toward peace and urged greater involvement to solidify

democracy here.

Receiving a rapturous reception from women leaders in politics, business and community groups, Clinton traced the roles of many women in creating last spring's Good Friday peace agreement. They included Mo Mowlam, the British Cabinet minister responsible for Northern Ire-

land, and Joyce McCartan, the peace campaigner and "family feminist" who hosted the First Lady when she visited Northern Ireland in November 1995.

"It was women whose whispers of 'enough' became a torrent of voices that could no longer be ignored," the first lady told 600 female activists, community workers, and politicians at a conference yesterday.

"It is up to you, the women of Northern Ireland, speaking out whenever injustice arises, to point out opportunities, to face up to challenges, and to speak for those who are still voiceless," she said.

Speaking in Belfast's Waterfront Hall, a luxury development that would have been unthinkable during Northern Ireland's three decades of conflict, Clinton brought together not only grass-roots Protestant and Catholic activists, but once-deadly political opponents — virtually all of them men.

Sitting in the front row of one balcony were Gerry Adams, Martin McGuinness and Pat Doherty, leaders of Sinn Féin, the Irish Republican Army's political wing.

Behind them sat members of the Ulster Unionists, the major Protestant party that also backs the compromise accord, signed in April, on how Northern Ireland should be governed — but refuses to talk directly with Sinn Féin.

Referring to last month's bombing in Omagh, in which 28 people were killed, Clinton spoke of the "enemies of peace" behind the attack — and noted that many of the victims were women and children out shopping.

Today, she and President Clinton are scheduled to meet in Omagh with many of those injured in the blast as well as relatives of the dead.

Referring to the Good Friday agreement, she said: "We have chosen democracy, not division. We will only move forward, and America will stand with you."

The first lady's speech closed a three-day conference titled "Vital Voices: Women in Democracy," a State Department initiative launched by US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to promote women as a US foreign policy objective.

Clinton also paid tribute to the 14 women elected to the Northern Ireland Assembly, calling that representation a good start. She argued that, on the 50th anniversary of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, some "basic goals" had to be fought for — education, health care, and loans and credit for business ventures.

She announced that \$2 million had been committed by US "business partners" at the conference to local women for developing business and community projects.

Geraldine McAteer, who directs the Springvale development in west Belfast that the Clintons are expected to visit today, was "very impressed" by both the content of the speech and Clinton's grasp of the complicated politics of Northern Ireland.

"Now it's up to us to make it happen," McAteer said.

The Progressive Unionist Party, which has links to the paramilitary Ulster Volunteer Force, called Clinton "a role model for all of our women," who "highlighted the fact that women in Northern Ireland had been brushed aside for too long."

Roisin McDonagh, chairwoman of the cross-community Ulster People's Collage, hailed Clinton as "a powerful deliverer," who had "a huge presence" and "commands respect among all women."

From south of the border, No-reen Byrne, chairwoman of the National Women's Council, praised the "inspiring, intelligent, forward-looking" speech by a "great feminist."

Although Clinton was obviously a hit among local women, it is not that surprising. Fourteen women were elected to the Assembly, but there are 108 members in all. There are no women among the 18 Members of the Parliament at Westminster.

The last woman member, Bernadette Devlin McAliskey, lost her seat in 1974. Given such statistics, it is not surprising that the women of Northern Ireland who have managed a small part of the pie should so admire what may be the world's most powerful woman.

Material from the Associated Press was used in this report.



AP PHOTO

Hillary Rodham Clinton addressed the forum "Vital Voices: Women in Democracy" in Belfast yesterday, closing the three-day conference promoting women as a US foreign policy objective.

First Lady Draws Cheers at Women's Conference in Belfast

By WARREN HOGE

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Sept. 2 — Introduced by a 16-year-old student as "a role model for young women around the world," Hillary Rodham Clinton told a cheering gathering of women in Belfast tonight that it was their "courage and strength" that had secured the new Northern Ireland peace settlement.

"Wives. Mothers. Sisters. Daughters," she told the 450 delegates to the "Vital Voices: Women in Democracy" conference. "Few were household names. But having seen their lives and communities torn apart by violence, women came together as women have always done — around kitchen tables, at the market, in gatherings like this. It was women

whose whispers of 'Enough' became a torrent of voices that could no longer be ignored."

Mrs. Clinton arrived here today from Moscow a day ahead of President Clinton. The speech was her first since his televised admission on Aug. 17 of an "inappropriate relationship" with a White House intern. She strode onto the stage of Waterfront Hall to a burst of applause.

With only two fleeting mentions of the President's pending arrival, Mrs. Clinton talked for 40 minutes of the rights and achievements of women and the duty toward the next generation.

"Ultimately, our children are why we are here," she said.

It was Mrs. Clinton's third trip to

Northern Ireland in four years, and she is a known and appreciated figure here, particularly among women. Her defense of her husband, which has raised some questions among women elsewhere, has not diminished enthusiasm for her here.

"My God, where have those women in America been?" said Monica McWilliams, 44, a professor at the University of Ulster who is a founder of the Women's Coalition political party and a member of the new Northern Ireland Assembly.

"Women have to have survival skills, and people have to put things back in place when mistakes get made, and we know about that only too well in Northern Ireland," Ms. McWilliams said in an interview.

Ms. McWilliams and her fellow negotiators in the 26-month-long peace talks were called "silly women," "dogs" and "scum" by their male counterparts from other parties. Some mooded like cows when the women took their seats.

Ms. McWilliams said that the President's behavior and Mrs. Clinton's response to it had come up in a meeting before the conference and that the women present had agreed that the most important thing for a woman is to have "an independent project" to turn to at such times.

"This is a very traditional male-dominated society and they don't know how to handle a Hillary Clinton," she said, adding, "Oh, do we need this woman here now."

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Hillary Clinton Reaps Praise at Two Stops

By T.R. REID
Washington Post Foreign Service

BELFAST, Sept. 2—A cool and polished Hillary Rodham Clinton barnstormed through two European cities today, meeting cheering crowds that hailed her as a role model for the women of the world.

If the first lady was bothered by the fact that her husband's infidelity has been reported, and ridiculed, around the planet, there was nary a sign of it as she answered questions with Naina Yeltsin, wife of Russian President Boris Yeltsin, in Moscow and received boisterous support at two speeches here in Northern Ireland.

In both locales she talked easily about working and traveling with the man she called "my husband." In Moscow she described her marriage with President Clinton as a working partnership, the Associated Press reported.

"My husband and I have worked together, I guess, for about 27 years, ever since we met in law school. So we have spent a lot of time on common projects and issues that we both are very concerned about," she said.

In her first solo appearance since the president admitted to an improper relationship with a White House intern, Hillary Clinton left Moscow a day ahead of her husband to participate in a conference she initiated here, "Vital Voices—Women in Democracy." She was introduced by Fiona Hughes, a high school junior, who called her "a role model to me and to young women around the world."

The president is to join his wife in Northern Ireland on Thursday.

Among the 300 women from Northern Ireland participating in the three-day event, there seemed to be almost universal admiration for Hillary Clinton, and a willingness to ignore her problems with her husband.

"It's sad that Americans are so focused on my namesake, the younger Monica," said Monica McWilliams, a key female political leader here and one of 14 women elected in June to Northern Ireland's new assembly. "If that were the only problem our media had to report on, we'd consider ourselves lucky."

Clinton was poised, crisp and flawless in a lengthy keynote address to the women's conference here and a seemingly off-the-cuff greeting to political leaders beneath the ornate vaulted dome of Belfast's city hall. She praised this year's peace agreement in the troubled British-ruled province and said that women deserve much of the credit for demanding an end to 30 years of civil war.

"Women came together, as they have always done," she said. "It was the women whose whispering became a torrent that could no longer be ignored."

In Moscow, at a women's forum, the two first ladies agreed women should command more respect. But Mrs. Clinton left the audience's curiosity unsatisfied about the state of her marriage.

Asked what the Yeltsins will do when her husband is no longer president, the Russian first lady said, "I think that we will live like all people do. Like normal people. Finally."

Mrs. Clinton said only, "We have no plans yet."

Correspondent Sharon LaFraniere in Moscow contributed to this report.

FIRST LADY

Hillary's 'Vital Voices'

HER HUSBAND'S LEGACY IN doubt, Hillary Clinton is quietly building a separate portfolio that should keep her in the public eye long past his presidency. "She's never deviated from her goal, which is creating a post-presidency platform," says a White House adviser. With her international celebrity as an advocate for women, one promising vehicle is a series of "Vital Voices" conferences begun by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. While visiting Belfast next month, Mrs. Clinton will keynote a Vital Voices conference attended by Protestant and Catholic women, including 14 who won seats in

Northern Ireland's new legislature. In October, she'll go to Uruguay for a Vital Voices conference on economic issues. One White House aide calls the meetings "sort of a Renaissance Weekend of the world."



Hillary on the Vineyard

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First Lady flies into Belfast

Hillary leads the
advance party for
President's visit

By Janet Devlin

HILLARY Clinton was due to fly into Northern Ireland today for the first leg of a whirlwind Presidential visit.

And the First Lady, who has made her first public appearance since the Monica Lewinsky scandal broke, says she feels "just fine".

Mrs Clinton was due to speak at a major conference in Belfast this afternoon on the advancement of women.

Before leaving Russia, where she and her husband were lending support to beleaguered leader Boris Yeltsin, she told a reporter who asked her how she had been doing in recent weeks: "I've been doing just fine".

Appearing jet-lagged, but otherwise happy, she deftly parried the first reference to the scandal, which is bound to cast a shadow over the Presidential tour.

Today's engagement will be first of a number by Mrs Clinton before she is joined by her husband tomorrow.

The President is returning to the city to urge all sides to make political progress. He will also lay a wreath at

the site of the Omagh bombing atrocity.

This is Mrs Clinton's third visit to Northern Ireland.

A spokesman for the US administration said: "She has been keeping her eye on the situation here because it's an area where she has a keen interest and, for personal reasons, looks on it with a warm heart."

The President's wife was due to deliver a keynote address at the Women in Democracy conference at Belfast's Waterfront Hall this afternoon.

The event, attended

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Hillary Clinton: Making her third trip to Belfast today.

by up to 500 women from all over the British Isles as well as a group of 75 from the US, will discuss the role of women in public life and how relationships on both sides of the Irish border can be developed and strengthened.

Mó Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, David Trimble, First Minister of the new Northern Ireland

Assembly and his deputy at Stormont, Seamus Mallon, have already spoken at the conference, which was initiated by President Clinton.

Mrs Clinton will spend the night at Hillsborough Castle.

Tomorrow she is due to open a playground for Protestant and Catholic children in the greater Belfast area before meeting up with her husband back at the

city's Waterfront Hall where he will deliver his own speech to the people of Northern Ireland.

Prime Minister Tony Blair is expected in Belfast later tonight and he will personally greet the President when he disembarks from Air Force One tomorrow morning.

The outgoing US ambassador to Ireland, Jean Kennedy-Smith, and Senator George

Mitchell, who chaired the Northern Ireland peace talks, will be among the US delegation. Mrs Clinton will be accompanied by her chief-of-staff Melanne Verveer.

Tomorrow the President's address will be transmitted live on big screen television in the grounds of the Waterfront Hall at 11am.

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Eloquent First Lady makes her hall mark

By Gail Walker

I AM, said a strident First Lady, not shy.

The comments were not, however, a invitation to any public discussion of errant husband Bill's marital misdemeanours.

Instead, they were a reference to the fact that she would seize any excuse "I can find to come back to Northern Ireland."

But what a difference a few years makes...

November 1995. Oh what a night. The President and Hillary outside Belfast's City Hall amid massive security; tens of thousands of well-wishers stretched out on a cold, starry night as far as the eye could see to welcome them.

Last night, roughly same time, same place, yet a radically different atmosphere surrounding a reception for the First Lady to mark the end of the Vital Voices conference.

There was no tangible buzz of excitement; no discernible sense of expectation or anticipation.

Only a couple of members of the public

Hillary says it's great to be back

had bothered to ring the City Hall to find out details of the visit, said the public relations officer handing out press passes.

Only a few wilting bouquets left in memory of the 28 people murdered in the Omagh atrocity and, more recently, to mark the first anniversary of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, hung languidly on the ornate gates to greet that visitor.

Still, the First Lady, her neat blonde bob immaculately coiffured as ever and dressed in an elegant navy suit, was — the low-key reception notwithstanding — delighted to be back.

"I feel uplifted and energised by the courageous men and women with whom I have met," she said, her strident tones filling the Great Hall.

"We know how diffi-

cult the journey is.

"I bring a message not only of support and encouragement but also of admiration for what you are doing puts you on the right side of history."

Her words won rapturous applause.

The other big burst of clapping of the evening came when Lord Mayor David Alderdice, introducing the First Lady, reiterated Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams' comments of the previous evening that violence must be "over, done with and gone."

Sadly, as the media were shepherded onto a balcony at the rear of the hall to overlook proceedings, it was impossible to accurately gauge the reaction of Mr Adams to this reference to his soundbite.

Speaking afterwards, the Sinn Fein leader was in fine fettle.

He had found the conference on the advancement of women "very, very important."

Pausing briefly, he told me with great conviction: "Women are the majority on the island of Ireland and yet are massively discriminated against."

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By Dan McGinn

FIRST Lady Hillary Clinton has praised the crucial role played by courageous women in holding Northern Ireland together during the darkest days of the troubles.

She was speaking after a warm reception at the Vital Voices' conference at the Waterfront Hall yesterday.

An audience of politicians, civil servants and women and children from a wide spectrum of society heard Mrs Clinton speak of the courage of women in the face of almost 30 years of violence.

She also told an audience — which included Sinn Fein's Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness and the UDP's Gary McMichael — there was an onus on everyone in society to translate the hopes for peace into practical economic and social action.

"The hopes for peace will have to be translated into the hard work of practical action and political compromise, not only in the Assembly, but in every corner of society.

"So the real challenge of this conference starts as we leave. How will each of us work to fulfill the promise of peace?

"That, of course, will be up to the men and women of Northern Ireland to decide. But, based on what we know about the conditions that promote peace and prosperity, we, I think, can agree on basic goals," she said.

Mrs Clinton added: "All people must have access to the tools of

opportunity — good education, quality healthcare, good jobs, loans and credit.

"The kind of opportunities that will give responsible people of whatever backgrounds the chance to move forward into the 21st century with confidence."

Issues from creating an effective education system to dealing with the problem of domestic violence would have to be addressed as the new political system took root, she said.

But she also acknowledged the difficulties the province was facing in creating a climate of peace.

"When my husband and I go to Omagh tomorrow, we will pay tribute to those who were murdered by the enemies of peace.

"They were mostly women and children. They were Catholic and Protestant, unionist and nationalist, young and old.

"They were people simply living their lives, working at a drapery store, hanging out with friends, buying school uniforms for their children.

"The terrorists targeted the people of Northern Ireland and in response, it was the people — all the people — who bravely stood side by side to say: Hatred and violence will no longer have a place here."

During the province's grimmest hours women held their families together. Mrs Clinton acknowledged.

Seven days a week, she said, they "carried on with hope and prayer that the future would be brighter, free of troubles and heart-break".

But drawing a parallel with a new green space for children planned by PlayBoard with an American group called KaBOOM, she urged men and women to work together to create a new political environment.

"You are ultimately those who will determine whether the children of Northern Ireland can play like children should ... without respect to religion or politics, without stereotyping or name calling, without fear or violence."



America's First Lady Hillary Clinton arrives at Belfast International Airport to begin her visit to the province.

Picture by Mervyn Dowling

IT was a drizzly St Patrick's Day in Washington when Monica McWilliams and Pearl Sagar arrived at the White House.

A telephone call that morning had confirmed First Lady Hillary Clinton would meet the two Women's Coalition negotiators for 15 minutes at 4pm sharp.

The meeting was a sign of the fledgling Coalition's growing influence in politics — and a powerful network of women at work.

Mrs Clinton was already aware of the

First Lady Hillary Clinton was keeping a promise to Belfast women when she visited today. **MARTINA PURDY and EILEEN FLEMING** report

Women's Coalition when she received a telephone from Rosemary O'Neill asking if she would meet the two Women's Coalition representatives.

Ms O'Neill, a State Department official, carried considerable clout in Washington, as the daughter of Tip O'Neill, the legendary

speaker of the House of Representatives.

She came to know the Coalition through mutual acquaintances, and made it her business to help out.

"A force to be reckoned with," was how Ms Sagar described her.

Mrs Clinton readily agreed to the meeting.

A lifelong feminist, she had refused the traditional role reserved for the First Lady — hosting teas, redecorating the White House and promoting safe issues.

Like her husband, she was keenly interested in the ongoing political talks at Stormont and was kept informed via the National Security Council (which often had the minutes of the talks even before the delegates.)

Mrs Clinton had already travelled to Belfast twice since 1995, once with her husband and a second time to deliver the Joyce McCartan memorial lecture at the University of Jordanstown.

In her speech, she had singled out the Coalition for special mention.

Afterwards she had been introduced to Ms McWilliams, who along with Ms Sagar had raced to the White House that day in between meetings with Washington power-brokers, congressman Peter King, Richard Neal, and Senator Edward Kennedy.

Ms McWilliams, a university lecturer, and Ms Sagar, a community worker, had little time to reflect on their growing political clout as they entered the heart of one of the world's most famous buildings.

They stood by a photocopier making small talk with the British Ambassador to



US officials Alyse Nelson and Joanne Wagner listen intently at the Vital Voice conference. Hillary Clinton was set to make the keynote address today.

Washington when Mrs Clinton emerged from her office with the Secretary of State Mo Mowlam.

They exchanged pleasantries before Mrs Clinton welcomed them to her office.

They sat on a patterned sofa while the First Lady took the armchair. Her assistant, Melanne Vermeer recorded the conversation.

Ms Sagar was immediately struck by how warm and friendly Mrs Clinton was.

"You expect these people to be like cardboard cutouts and speak a certain way — but now and again it's nice when a human being comes through."

The conversation soon moved from smalltalk towards the wider political scene. Mrs Clinton, who was clearly well-briefed, wanted to know the Coalition's views on the current political stalemate.

Ms Sagar recalled: "She seemed to have a very clear understanding about Northern Ire-

land and didn't see everything as a black and white issue."

Mrs Clinton was even aware of the abuse the Coalition had endured during the lifespan of the Northern Ireland Forum, where the women were told to sit down and shut up — and stick to knitting.

Ms McWilliams spoke about the Coalition's efforts to overcome the abuse.

"We explained to her how they hunt in packs, that this was a kind of pack mentality, a male boding exercise."

As the First Lady quizzed them further on the abuse, Ms Sagar was unsure Mrs Clinton understood how robust the Coalition could be. She added: "I put it in a way I would normally put it and said 'we've actually got more balls than they have' — she understood that very clearly."

The First Lady laughed heartily.

Their 15 minute session extended into an hour as Mrs Clinton asked if the Coalition

involved their children in politics. Both explained they had been reluctant to do this.

"As a feminist," said Ms McWilliams, "I was concerned not to fall into this trap that the only thing women could talk about was kids."

But the reference stayed with them and when it came to the referendum and elections a few weeks later, their children were at the forefront of the successful campaigns.

Ms McWilliams also stressed the women's growing impatience with having women's rights put on hold while the historic conflict between nationalism and unionism was resolved.

Only a fraction of the 90 Forum members were women even though females make up over half the population.

And just 9% of the senior jobs in the Civil Service are held by women who do not even

have a voice on 20-plus influential government-backed boards in Northern Ireland.

Ms McWilliams told the First Lady:

"We are saying 'no'. The two — political development and women's rights — have to walk hand in hand."

Mrs Clinton nodded her approval and inquired as to how she could help forward equality for women. The Coalition invited her to Belfast.

She agreed. Mrs Clinton kept her promise with State Department officials setting to work on a Vital Voices conference. Ms McWilliams, Ms Sagar and Ms O'Neill were among 400 British, Irish and American women who have spent three days at the conference in Belfast.

Mrs Clinton was due to add her voice to the call for equality today when she made the keynote address.



Making a point: US State Department official Theresa Loar, director of the Vital Voices initiative, addresses the conference.

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Hillary gives a helping hand to women in the business world

By Jim Fitzpatrick
Business Editor

AMERICAN First Lady Hillary Clinton's visit to Northern Ireland yesterday spurred the launch of the first all-Ireland organisation for women in business.

Network Ireland, which is currently a major organisation for female entrepreneurs and executives in the Republic, is launching a recruitment drive in Northern Ireland later this month.

Network Northern Ireland will be headed by Sharon O'Connor, who is director of the Learning Centre in Belfast. She said the organisation would be aimed at women who own their own firms, or work in companies.

Speaking at the Waterfront Hall where she was attending the Vital Voices conference, Ms O'Connor said: "The visit of Hillary Clinton to Northern Ireland highlights the need for Northern Ireland women to make their voices heard nationally and internationally."

"The launch of Network Northern Ireland, the organisation for women in business, is about creating opportunities for women to build these essential networks."

In support of the new initiative the *Irish News* is sending two readers, nominated by their respective business colleagues, to this year's Network Ireland conference in Dublin next month.

The package includes two nights accommodation in the Burlington Hotel, pre-conference dinner on Friday October 9, the conference itself on Saturday October 10, gala dinner attended by the Tanaiste Mary Harney on Saturday night, and Sunday morning brunch in the Burlington.

The conference is entitled "Do we Want an Economy or a Society?" with the sub-heading "Bringing a feminine intelligence to our working and living".

But the organisers are keen to stress that they expect many men to attend

the event, and the *Irish News* welcomes nominations from both sexes in equal numbers.

According to conference organiser Paula Downey, who is keynote speaker for the afternoon session, the conference examines issues from the global to the personal perspective.

First speaker at the conference is Sabina Spencer, a consultant to multinational companies in the area of strategic leadership. She opens the event with a look at the truly global issues pushing change in the world of business.

"Not just environmental issues, but sustainability in every sense," according to Paula Downey.

The second speaker is Irish "futurist" Gerard O'Neill, who will look at national issues facing Ireland: the impact of the internet, the Euro, and the realities of the Celtic tiger economy.

The conference then takes a sideways look at the role of business organisations, through the eyes of a man who has turned the concept on its head.

Andy Law bought out the London advertising agency which he ran for £1 from the parent company and turned it into a trust owned equally by all the employees. He believes advertising is redundant, yet runs one of the most successful agencies in London - he explains the apparent paradoxes.

Next up are two women who wrote a book which was the 90's antidote to 80's yuppyism entitled "Getting a Life - the Downshifter's Guide to Happier, Simpler Living".

In the afternoon the conference explores personal themes, led by Paula Downey who focuses on the importance of communication in organisations.

According to the organisers the conference sub-heading does not imply that only women have the necessary intelligence to address the issues of today, but rather that the "feminine" side in everyone needs to be nurtured.



● America's first lady Hillary Clinton arriving at the Waterfront Hall in Belfast yesterday. Picture: Hugh Russe

Clinton flies in with a brave message of hope

THE President of the United States Bill Clinton is due to arrive today with a brave message of hope for the future – that the Good Friday agreement is taking root and that the enemies of peace will be defeated.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair was expected at Belfast International Airport to meet Mr Clinton who was travelling on board Air Force One – First Lady Hillary Clinton had journeyed to Belfast a day earlier on Air Force Two.

This presidential visit will add impetus to the Irish peace process which has already picked up pace as a result of Gerry Adams's signal that violence must be a thing of the past, over, done with and gone.

A huge security operation co-ordinated by the American secret service and the RUC was ready to swing into place and a motorcade prepared to speed Mr Clinton to Parliament Buildings, Stormont.

On the steps of Stormont – a place once described as a Protestant parliament for a Protestant people – Mr Clinton is due to receive a joint greeting by the unionist and nationalist leaders of Northern Ireland's new power-sharing assembly, David Trimble and Seamus Mallon.

The symbolic significance of Mr Clinton first going to meet the 108 assembly members underlines the American president's firm conviction that the Good Friday agreement is the touchstone for political progress into the future.

After the Stormont meetings with all the political parties, Mr Clinton's schedule includes a keynote speech at the Waterfront Hall. He also goes to the site of the new Springvale campus of the University of Ulster in west Belfast, visits Omagh and the site of the bombing which killed 28 people and injured 220 and then in the evening he travels to Armagh for talks with church leaders and to take part in a peace and reconciliation event.

Undoubtedly, the most sombre and moving part of President Clinton's visit will be in Omagh where he will hear from survivors and relatives of the dead.

He will convey to them the condolences of the American people who, along with people throughout the world, were shocked by this terrible bombing which led to the largest loss of life of any single incident in Northern Ireland.

Mr Clinton will also reflect on another terrible act of violence – the burning to death of three children in their Ballymoney home at the height of the Drumcree crisis.

These will be moments of deep reflection for President Clinton but again his message will be a powerful one in that the people of Ireland have the courage to face the future and will not allow the ship of peace – the Good Friday agreement – to sink.

Instead Mr Clinton will advise that the political leaders, while not facing an easy road ahead, have demonstrated that they are risk-takers and the prize must be a peaceful future.

Yesterday, ahead of the president's arrival from Moscow, Hillary Clinton was in Belfast to speak at the Women in Democracy conference.

She said that "when my husband and I go to Omagh we will pay tribute to those who were murdered by the enemies of peace. They were mostly women and children, Catholic and Protestant, unionist and nationalist, young and old. They were people simply living their lives."

Mrs Clinton praised the role of women in the search for peace and spoke about the courage and strength of generations of women.

She added that the United States would continue to do all it could to support Northern Ireland.

"You will only move forward and, as you do, please know that America will stand with you."

Prime Minister Tony Blair said yesterday that things were now moving in the right direction in Northern Ireland and that the best response to the Omagh bombing was not to abandon the peace accord but to carry it forward vigorously and deny those opposed to the democratic process.

The Dail and the Commons rushed through tough new legislation to deal with dissidents, although there have been strong questions posed about the dangers of human rights abuses.

Taoiseach Bertie Ahern has said that the message to those who carried out the Omagh bombing was that "you cannot hope to take on the people of Ireland and win."

Clearly directing his remarks towards the Real IRA, Mr Ahern said: "These people are about to learn a lesson that will teach them to respect the strength of Irish democracy."

By William Graham
Political Correspondent

First Lady visits Ulster

Hillary takes the stage to win women's hearts

Mrs Clinton paid lengthy tribute to the role of women in the search for peace. "None of this would have been possible were it not for the courage and strength of generations of women."

She said the United States would continue to do all it could to support Northern Ireland: "You will only move forward and as you do please know that America will stand with you."

Mrs Clinton smiled broadly when she was paid a glowing tribute by Londonderry student Fiona Hughes who introduced her as a "role model to me and to young women around the world".

If people were looking for signs of strain, the First Lady showed none and seemed to relish her appearance.

Arriving at the conference she turned and waved to the dozens of photographers and reporters and called out "hello".

She also attended a reception at Belfast City Hall last night where she was given another rapturous reception.

She told a gathering of politicians and community leaders: "I'm not shy, but I take any excuse I can find to come back to Northern Ireland."

"I feel uplifted and energised by the courageous men and women with whom I have met."

"We know how difficult the journey is. This is not only about the future of Northern Ireland, there are people all over the world who are watching and hoping and praying that what we have set in motion will be something realised."

A RELAXED and smiling Hillary Clinton delivered a keynote speech to hundreds of women in Belfast last night and showed no sign of any strain.

Mrs Clinton spoke for 40 minutes about the rights and achievements of women and afterwards received a standing ovation from the 450-strong audience in the Waterfront Hall.

It was Mrs Clinton's first speech since her husband admitted his "inappropriate" relationship with Monica Lewinsky and it was delivered in a strong, unfaltering style.

Poised and relaxed in a smart blue rouser suit, she told the Women in Democracy Conference that it was women's voices which could not be ignored.

"If you listen you can hear the voices of women who withstood jeers and threats to make themselves heard in a political world once reserved primarily for men."

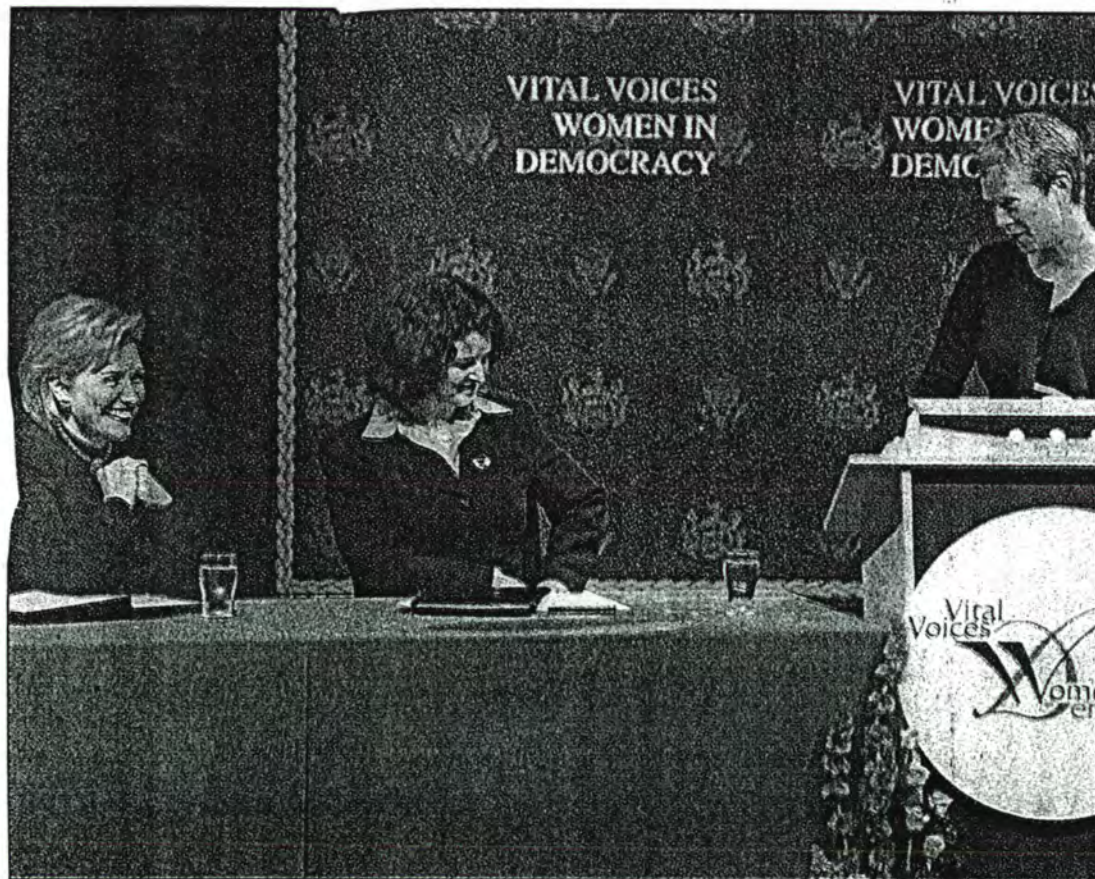
With intense interest focused on the scandal surrounding her husband the First Lady's every gesture was being scrutinised.

But she referred to her husband only fleetingly. "When my husband and I go to Omagh tomorrow we will pay tribute to those who were murdered by the enemies of peace."

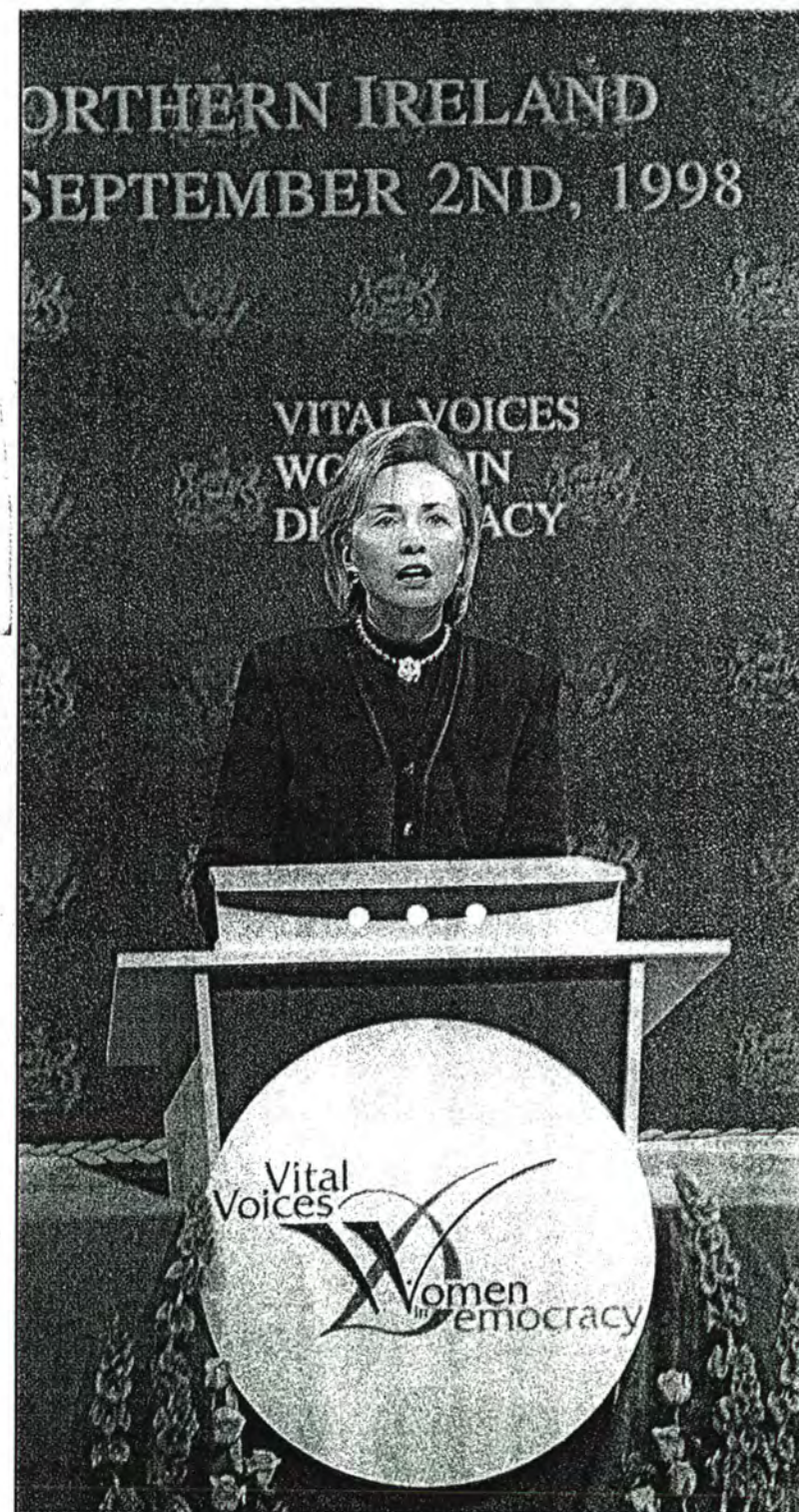
"They were mostly women and children, Catholic and Protestant, unionist and nationalist, young and old. They were people simply living their lives."



WELL DONE: Mrs Clinton congratulates Fiona Hughes, 17, after the schoolgirl's welcoming speech yesterday



Welcoming smiles as one of the speakers addresses Mrs Clinton.



Mrs Clinton pays tribute to the courage of Ulster's women.

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Hillary Clinton Reaps Praise at Two Stops

By T.R. Reid
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BELFAST, Sept. 2—A cool and polished Hillary Rodham Clinton barnstormed through two European cities today, meeting cheering crowds that hailed her as a role model for the women of the world.

If the first lady was bothered by the fact that her husband's infidelity has been reported, and ridiculed, around the planet, there was nary a sign of it as she answered questions with Naina Yeltsin, wife of Russian President Boris Yeltsin, in Moscow and received boisterous support at two speeches here in Northern Ireland.

In both locales she talked easily about working and traveling with the man she called "my husband." In Moscow she described her marriage with President Clinton as a working partnership, the Associated Press reported.

"My husband and I have worked together, I guess, for about 27 years, ever since we met in law school. So we have spent a lot of time on common projects and issues that we both are very concerned about," she said.

In her first solo appearance since the president admitted to an improper relationship with a White House intern, Hillary Clinton left Moscow a day ahead of her husband to participate in a conference she initiated here, "Vital Voices -- Women in Democracy." She was introduced by Fiona Hughes, a high school junior, who called her "a role model to me and to young women around the world."

The president is to join his wife in Northern Ireland on Thursday.

Among the 300 women from Northern Ireland participating in the three-day event, there seemed to be almost universal admiration for Hillary Clinton, and a willingness to ignore her problems with her husband.

"It's sad that Americans are so focused on my namesake, the younger Monica," said Monica McWilliams, a key female political leader here and one of 14 women elected in June to Northern Ireland's new assembly. "If that were the only problem our media had to report on, we'd consider ourselves lucky."

Clinton was poised, crisp and flawless in a lengthy keynote address to the women's conference here and a seemingly off-the-cuff greeting to political leaders beneath the ornate vaulted dome of Belfast's city hall. She praised this year's peace agreement in the troubled British-ruled province and said that women deserve much of the credit for demanding an end to 30 years of civil war.

"Women came together, as they have always done," she said. "It was the women whose whispering became a torrent that could no longer be ignored."

In Moscow, at a women's forum, the two first ladies agreed women should command more respect. But Mrs. Clinton left the 2000's curiosity unsatisfied about the state of her marriage.

Asked what the Yeltsins will do when her husband is no longer president, the Russian first lady said, "I think that we will live like all people do. Like normal people. Finally."

Mrs. Clinton said only, "We have no plans yet."

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specifically goods produced in the surrounding region.

Meat containers. Barbed wire. Boots. Souvenirs. Jewelry boxes. Concrete blocks. Water barrels. Furniture. Ironing boards. Outhouses.

"For God's sakes, whatever," laughed Orlova, covering her eyes for a second. "Of course it would be much easier to work if we could use real money, but, well, we have to use what we have."

The factory paid down its telephone bill with a load of pay phones. Its local tax bill with military guard shacks. The water bill was a tough one: The water department insisted on a light blue truck -- the color of water, they explained -- and the fabric factory could only track down a white one.

Alexei Usanov, head of Electrosyet, the electricity provider, isn't very happy about Narfomsholk paying with utility poles instead of money. Almost all of his customers now pay in "mutual settlements," he said. "It's when papers move from place to place, and then people say that they do not owe each other anything."

"Nothing good comes out of this system," he said.

At closing time, the fabric factory workers hurry past a four-story, brightly colored mosaic from the Soviet era. It depicts laborers marching down a path as Soviet state founder Vladimir Lenin looks on from a balcony. "We shall build our own new world," it reads.

In a wholly unexpected way.

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Women Give Hillary Clinton Warm Welcome in Belfast

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By WARREN HOGE

BELFAST, Northern Ireland -- Introduced by a 16-year-old student as "a role model for young women around the world," Hillary Rodham Clinton told a cheering gathering of women in Belfast Wednesday night that it was their "courage and strength" that had secured the new Northern Ireland peace settlement.

"Wives. Mothers. Sisters. Daughters," she told the 450 delegates to the "Vital Voices: Women in Democracy" conference. "Few were household names," she said. "But having seen their lives and communities torn apart by violence, women came together as women have always done -- around kitchen tables, at the market, in gatherings like this. It was women whose whispers of 'enough' became a torrent of voices that could no longer be ignored."

Mrs. Clinton arrived here Wednesday from Moscow a day ahead of President Clinton. The speech was her first since his televised admission on Aug. 17 of an "inappropriate relationship" with a White House intern. She strode onto the stage of Waterfront Hall to a burst of applause.

With only two fleeting mentions of the president's pending arrival, Mrs. Clinton talked for 40 minutes about the rights and achievements of women and duty toward the next generation.

"Ultimately, our children are why we are here," she said.

It was Mrs. Clinton's third trip to Northern Ireland in four years, and she is a known and appreciated figure here, particularly among women. Her defense of her husband, which has raised some questions among women elsewhere, has not diminished enthusiasm for her here.

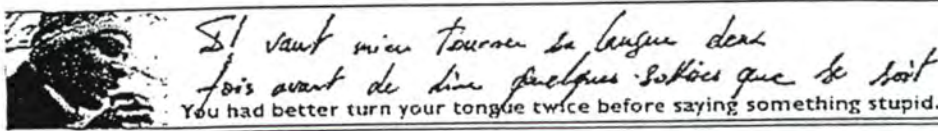
"My God, where have those women in America been," said Monica McWilliams, 44, a professor at the University of Ulster who is a founder of the Women's Coalition political party and a member of the new Northern Ireland Assembly. "Women have to have survival skills, and people have to put things back in place when mistakes get made, and we know about that only too well in Northern Ireland," she said in an interview.

Ms. McWilliams and her fellow negotiators in the 26-month-long peace talks were called "silly women," "dogs" and "scum" by their male counterparts from other parties. Some mooded like cows when the women took their seats.

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Ms. McWilliams said that the president's behavior and Mrs. Clinton's response to it had come up in a meeting before the conference and that the women present had agreed that the most important thing for a woman is to have "an independent project" to turn to at such times.

"This is a very traditional male-dominated society and they don't know how to handle a Hillary Clinton," she said, adding, "Oh, do we need this woman here now."



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She came, she saw, and she conquered

By Martina Purdy

"I'D chuck him out," said the freshfaced teenager when asked what she would do if she were Bill Clinton's wife.

While views on her husband were mixed, there seemed to be nothing but sympathy for Hillary Clinton from the 2000-strong guests who packed the Waterfront Hall.

As she stepped onto the stage, Mrs Clinton, wearing a sleek navy suit, chunky gold jewellery, won the first of three standing ovations.

One delegate mused that Hillary was now more powerful than ever following the painful episode with Monica Lewinsky.

"Bill owes her a lot and she's got him over a barrel," said the woman. "He needs her now more than ever — she can crack the whip now!"

Hillary was all charm and smiles however for the Belfast audience. They lapped up her response to 17-year-old Fiona Hughes from Bell-

Rapturous welcome for First Lady

aghy who introduced the First Lady.

Ms Hughes, a sixthformer turned to the First Lady, and announced to a delighted audience: "I had to use your name to advantage as well, Mrs Clinton, because I had to be at school today."

The First Lady assured Fiona that there were around a "a thousand of us" who would be glad to provide her with a note.

Ms Hughes was among the speakers who were only given a few hours notice. One Belfast woman declined at the thought of it.

Inez McCormack, vice-president of the ICTU, braved the audience and got a wry chuckle out of Mrs Clinton when she expressed relief she hadn't been given the task of the previous speaker.

"I wasn't asked to talk about my past — thank God!"

Secretary of State Mo Mowlam was supposed to introduce the First Lady — but was delayed at Westminster.

Mrs Clinton paid tribute to the first woman Secretary of State, who was her host at Hillsborough. Referring to a reception Dr Mowlam had held the previous night for the delegates, she said she had reports of Dr Mowlam's "skills as a party hostess and dancer par excellence."

The lighthearted mood turned sombre at times — particularly as Mrs Clinton spoke of Janette Rooney, an Omagh teenager who was taking part in a cross-community project in Washington and watched the television coverage of the bomb in horror when she saw her friends injured.

One of her best friends was killed in the blast.

Mrs Clinton closed with a message of support. "May God bless you . . . and the future you build together."

EMOTIONAL VISIT: President Bill Clinton

PRESIDENT Bill Clinton will pay his own personal tribute to the people of Omagh when he visits the shattered town this afternoon.

On what is certain to be an emotional occasion, the President and his wife Hillary will meet survivors of the blast and the families of those murdered when the 500lb bomb tore through the centre of the town nearly three weeks ago.

It is understood Mr Clinton will unveil a plaque to the bomb victims and meet members of the emergency services who battled to rescue survivors.

The visit is scheduled to take place after the couple perform a number of engagements, including a visit to the proposed University of Ulster site at

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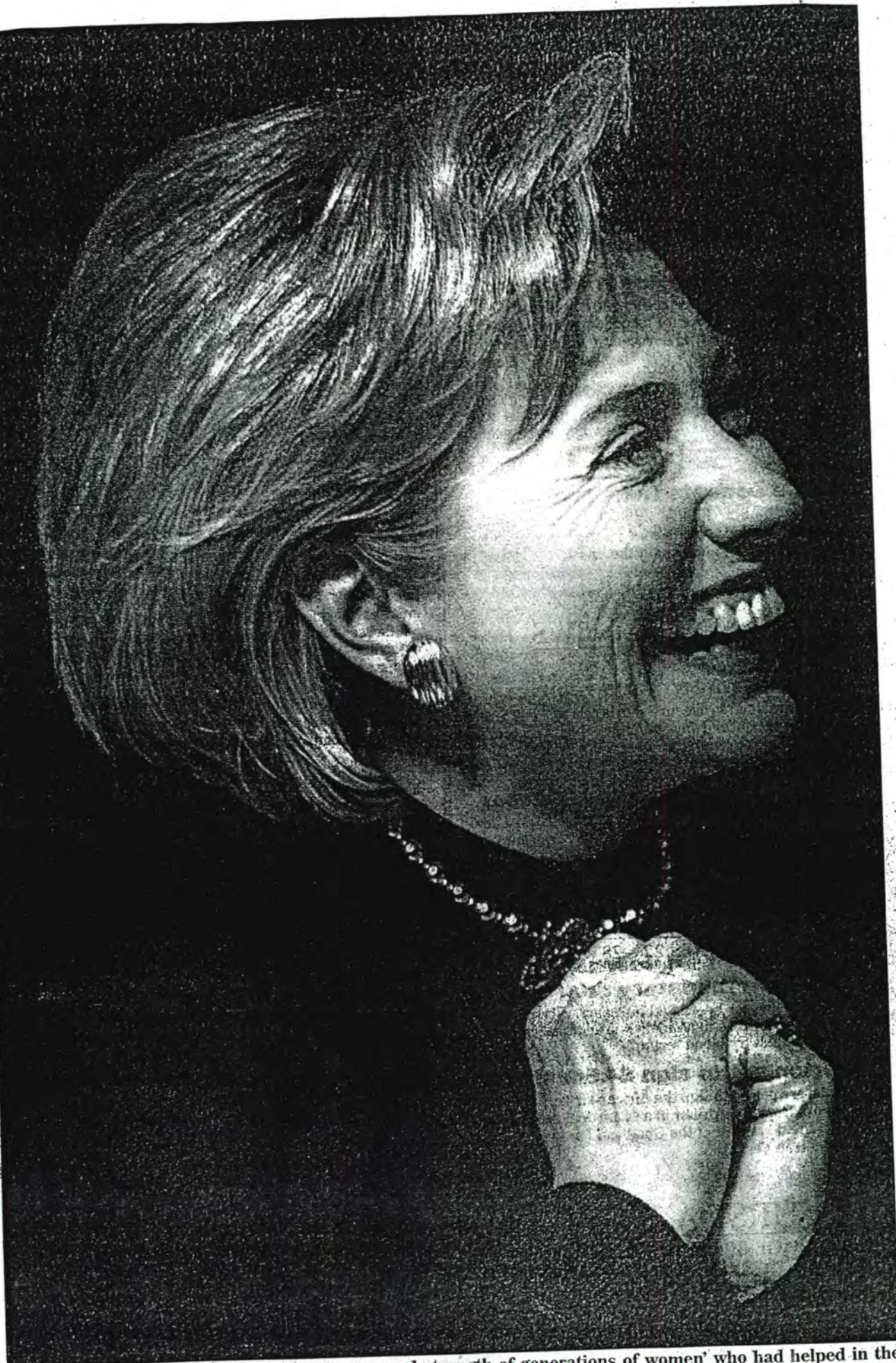
Springvale. They will be accompanied throughout the day by Prime Minister Tony Blair and his wife Cherie.

Mr Blair will greet the President on his arrival in the Province a day behind Mrs Clinton, who yesterday said she and her husband would be paying tribute to those who were "murdered by the enemies of peace".

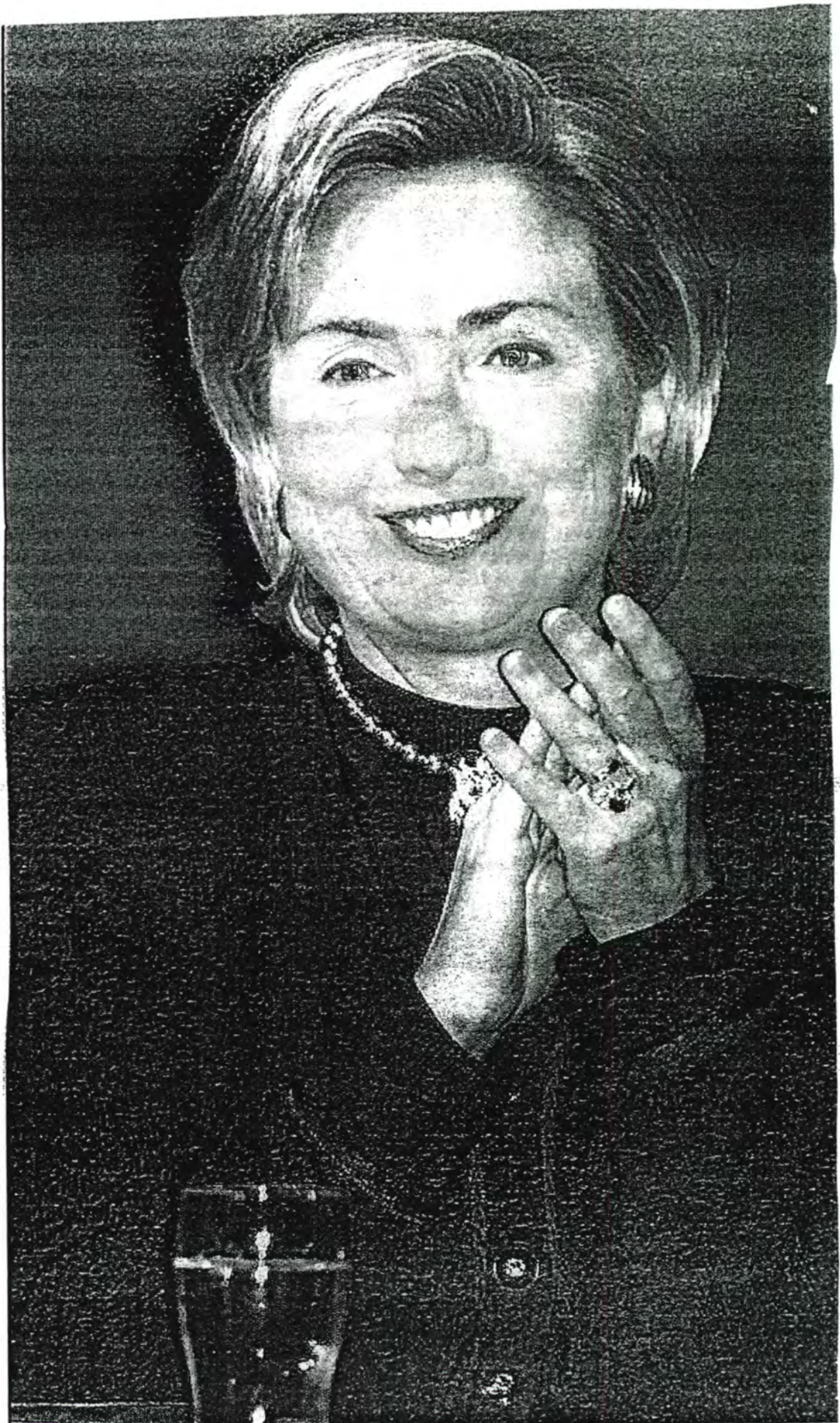
Speaking at a Women in Democracy conference in Belfast's Waterfront Hall, she paid tribute to the work done by women in the search for a lasting peace, claiming: "You will only move forward and as you do please know that America will stand with you."

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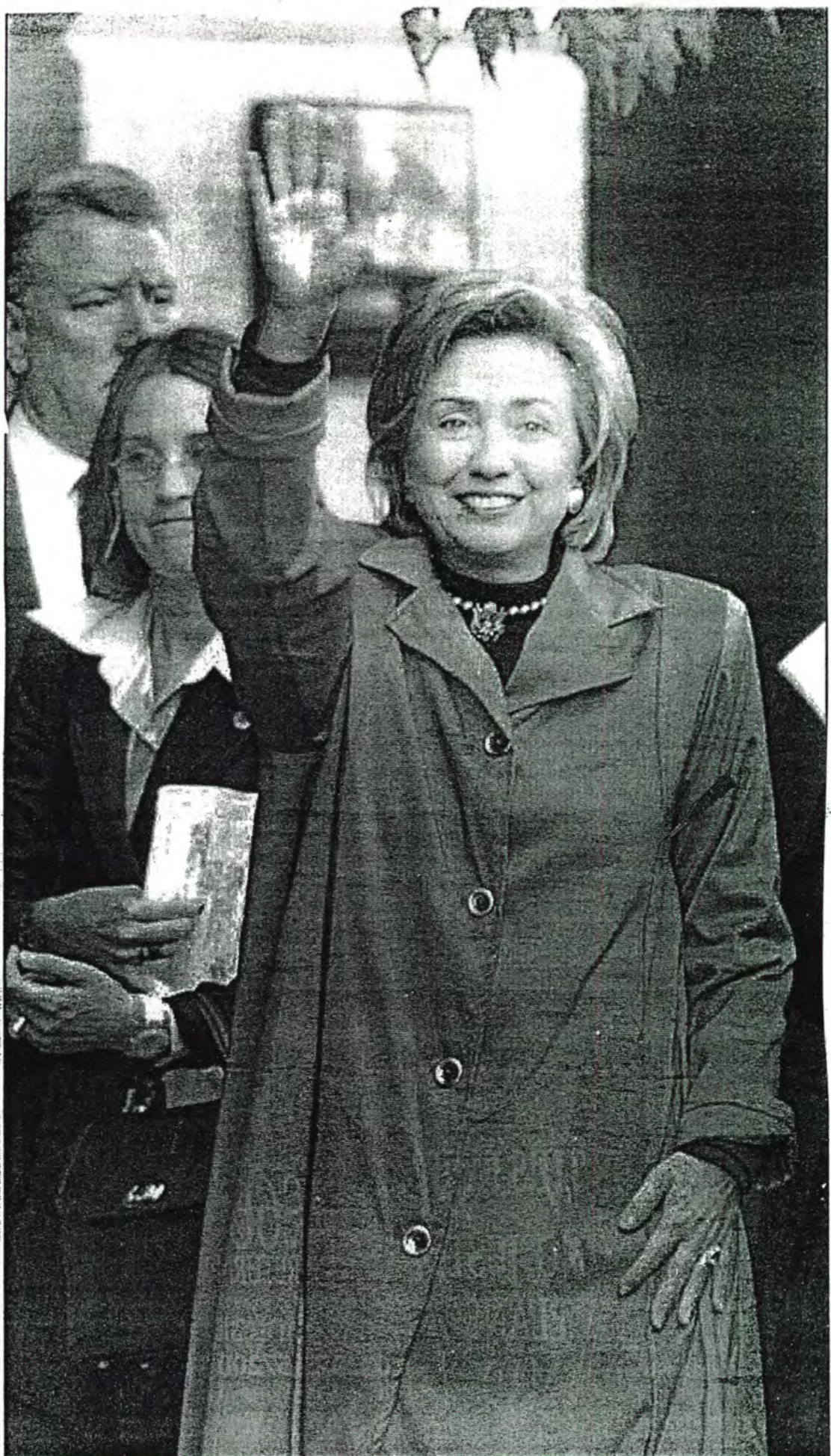
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Hillary Clinton paying tribute to the 'courage and strength of generations of women' who had helped in the Irish peace process. Speaking yesterday in Belfast to nearly 600 delegates at the Vital Voices - Women in Democracy conference, she reiterated the United States' firm stance on terrorism Dan Chang/Reuters



WOMEN'S VOICE: Hillary Clinton applauds one of the speakers at the Waterfront Hall



REGAL WAVE: *Hillary Clinton arriving at the Europa Hotel at the start of her two-day visit*



The First Lady arrives at the Waterfront Hall for the Vital Voices Conference.

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Besieged Clinton Conducts Scandal Damage Control

■ **House:** He'll meet party leaders today, seeking to quell calls for congressional punishment.

By JAMES GERSTENZANG
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TIMES STAFF WRITERS

WASHINGTON—Turning to his most crucial constituency, President Clinton has summoned House Democratic leaders to a personal meeting today as the White House tries to quell congressional sentiment to punish him because of the Monica S. Lewinsky matter.

With the prospect of impeachment proceedings or other punitive action looming in the House of Representatives, the president's mission is to make sure House Democrats stick with him even if they denounce his conduct with the former White House intern.

At the same time, Clinton embarked Tuesday on a busy public agenda designed to reinforce the idea that he is both president and presidential. But that effort was dogged by the shadow of the Lewinsky affair.

Arriving at a Silver Spring, Md., elementary school to tout his education program, Clinton was greeted by demonstrators holding, among others, this blunt sign: "YOU'RE FIRED."

Tuesday was the president's first full day back at work after an abbreviated summer vaca-

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tion and an arduous trip last week to Russia, Northern Ireland and Ireland, and the question encircling him was whether his presidency would survive.

The immediate focus, however, was on independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr's nearly complete report to Congress on possible impeachable offenses by the president. Starr rejected a request from David E. Kendall, Clinton's personal lawyer, for an advance look at the document.

Kendall had insisted that "fundamental fairness" dictated that the president's lawyers have the chance to submit a response to the report when Starr delivers it to Congress.

In a highly formal reply, Starr responded that such a course would be illegal because Congress has provided "that no barrier should intervene between the House of Representatives and its prompt receipt of impeachment-related information."

Washington also was abuzz with reports of impending staff changes at the White House. And from one Clinton confidant, a senior Democrat, came the suggestion that First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton soon would speak out.

This source floated the idea that the first lady would say publicly that she has forgiven her husband for his relationship with Lewinsky. The implication: If she can forgive him, then others should, too.

"She'll work her way through this, if she hasn't already, and speak up soon," the Clinton friend said.

One White House official told associates that former Senate Majority Leader George J. Mitchell, the Maine Democrat, is close to accepting the post of White House chief of staff. Other reports have cited Mitchell as a candidate for a new position as the White House liaison officer with Congress in matters pertaining to Lewinsky.

There is precedent for the former: In the depths of the Iran-Contra scandal in February 1987, President Reagan named another former Senate majority leader, Tennessee Republican Howard H. Baker, as his chief of staff to help restore his standing.

Mitchell, a lawyer in private

practice in Washington, New York and Maine, most recently has served as Clinton's special representative to the Northern Ireland peace talks. His office said that he was out of the country Tuesday.

Clinton's meeting today with Democratic lawmakers, which may be followed by a bipartisan session later this week, is ostensibly to discuss the legislative calendar before Congress adjourns. But there was little doubt that the Lewinsky matter would be raised.

"That's certainly going to occupy some time in the next six weeks, so I imagine it will," White House Press Secretary Mike McCurry said.

A House Democratic leadership aide said that the group will meet the president with no single message, although some members "may have personal messages" to deliver.

The timing is important because later this morning, House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt (D-Mo.) will meet with House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) to discuss plans for handling possible impeachment proceedings. The House resumes its sessions today for the first time since Clinton addressed the nation on Aug. 17 about his relationship with Lewinsky.

The personal and political diplomacy that Clinton and his aides will undertake in coming weeks could be crucial as lawmakers prepare for Starr's report. The president's goal is to convince the House, which has the authority to prepare articles of impeachment or devise some other form of punishment such as censure, that he has suffered sufficiently for his conduct.

But in the Senate, which would consider an impeachment approved by the House, there were renewed signs of erosion among Clinton's Democratic allies.

Sen. Barbara Boxer of California, who has been blasted in her reelection campaign for not criticizing Clinton enough, said in a speech on the Senate floor that his relationship with Lewinsky was "immoral." But she praised his public policies.

"In the Senate, we must strive for private morality and we also should strive for public morality," said Boxer, whose daughter is married to Mrs. Clinton's brother.



Associated Press

A senior Democratic official said attacks on President Clinton will hurt Democrats in November.

In an interview, Boxer said she supports censure of Clinton's behavior.

"I don't think a censure resolution would even be controversial in the Senate. I don't think you'd have a dissenting vote," she said.

During his school visit, Clinton called for more school construction and modernization. But even in a suburb friendly to Democrats, Clinton received a not entirely warm welcome.

"Embarrassed, Disheartened, Disgusted by our President," read a large sign on a fence a few blocks from the school. A few dozen people greeted him with similar messages and Maureen Linnehan, 26, who held the "YOU'RE FIRED" sign, said: "The American people need to wake up and he needs to leave office."

But some Clinton supporters stood within the mostly hostile crowd and expressed anger at Democratic lawmakers who have spoken out against him.

"The Democrats have to shape up," said Alex Getachew, 23, whose sign read "Fire Ken Starr."

Later, a senior Democratic official said the impact of the attacks on Clinton, including those aimed by members of his party, will be to hurt Democrats in November.

Still, the political fallout was evident inside the school. Maryland's Democratic governor, Parris Glendening, who is up for reelection, stayed away.

Times staff writers Edwin Chen, Robert L. Jackson and Marc Lacey contributed to this story.

Britain advances terror bill

Tough law likely to pass, set up Ulster bomb arrests

By Ray Moseley

TRIBUNE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

LONDON—The House of Commons gave overwhelming approval Wednesday night to legislation that would set the stage for swift arrests of those involved in the Omagh massacre and other acts of violence in Northern Ireland.

The vote in favor of the bill was 391-17. Despite the size of the government majority, some members from all political parties expressed anger at the speed with which the government pushed it through, and some questioned whether the bill infringed civil rights.

In Dublin, the Dail, Ireland's parliament, began debating similar legislation and is expected to approve it Thursday.

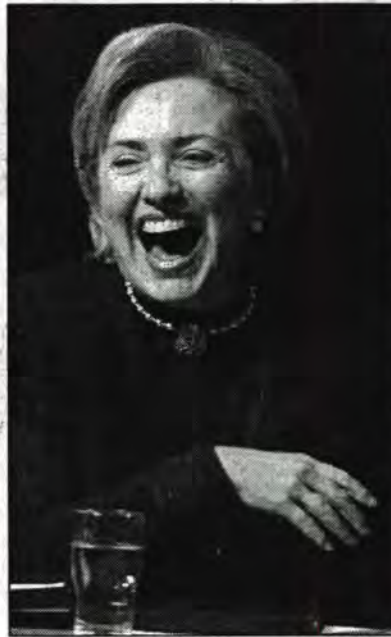
Both parliaments were called into emergency session to enact the legislation after 28 people were killed and 220 injured at Omagh in the deadliest atrocity of 30 years of conflict in Northern Ireland. The parliamentary debates coincide with President Clinton's second visit to Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic, which begins Thursday when he flies into Belfast from his Moscow summit.

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton flew into Belfast ahead of the president and gave the keynote address at a conference on women and democracy. She said "the courage and strength of women" had made possible the recent Northern Ireland peace agreement and urged her listeners to continue speaking out for peace and against injustices.

In another development, the political wing of the Irish Republican Army, Sinn Fein, announced it had appointed Vice President Martin McGuinness to be the liaison with a government commission set up to oversee the dismantling of paramilitary arsenals.

The announcement suggested the IRA might be prepared to hand in at least some of its weapons and came after a Sinn Fein statement Tuesday declaring that violence in Northern Ireland is at a permanent end.

A further conciliatory step by the IRA was to be announced in Thursday's issue of *An Phoblacht*, the republican newspaper in Belfast. The newspaper said the IRA is setting up a unit to search for the graves of about 20 people who were abducted and killed by IRA activists over the past 30 years.



Reuters photo

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton appears at a women's conference Wednesday in Belfast.

Families of the victims have been demanding to know for years the fates of their loved ones.

The legislation being enacted in Britain and Ireland would make it easier to convict terrorism suspects, with courts taking into consideration statements by senior police officers that the suspects belong to banned organizations and also taking account of any refusal of the suspects to cooperate in an investigation.

Another feature of the British bill, which now goes to the House of Lords for final action Thursday, would allow authorities to seize the homes and other assets of terrorist suspects if they are found to have been used by a banned group.

Yet another proviso is aimed at Middle Eastern Islamic groups based in Britain and would provide for the arrest of those conspiring to carry out acts of violence abroad.

The first Northern Ireland target of the bills is the Real IRA, a dissident offshoot of the IRA that has refused to accept the Northern Ireland peace agreement and has admitted responsibility for the Aug. 15 bombing in Omagh. It is also aimed at the Continuity IRA, a smaller dissident group.

Once the bills become law, arrests of known members of the

two organizations are expected to follow swiftly.

Prime Minister Tony Blair led off the parliamentary debate, telling the Northern Ireland terrorists: "You sought to wreck the peace agreement and you failed. You failed because violence and terror represent the past in Northern Ireland and democracy and peace represent the future."

Conservative leader William Hague, while backing the legislation, criticized the government for not including a provision that would allow internment of suspected terrorists without trial.

There were dissenting voices in the House of Commons, some of them members of Blair's Labor Party. They argued that the legislation was the most draconian introduced by any government since World War II and represented an assault on civil liberties.

They also attacked the proviso relating to Middle Eastern groups, saying it would stifle activity by those seeking the overthrow of despots in their own countries.

Laborite Tony Benn accused the government of acting like a Stalinist Central Committee, calling Parliament back to rubber-stamp legislation without proper deliberation.

In Dublin, Prime Minister Bertie Ahern told the Dail, in reference to the Omagh bombers: "These people are about to learn a lesson that will teach them about the strength of Irish democracy."

The first release of prisoners under the peace agreement was announced Wednesday by Britain's Northern Ireland secretary, Marjorie "Mo" Mowlam. She ordered the immediate and early release of two British soldiers who were convicted of having murdered an 18-year-old Catholic, Peter McBride, six years ago.

Families of the two soldiers, Scots Guardsmen James Fisher, 30, and Mark Wright, 25, were jubilant, but McBride's family condemned Mowlam.

More than 400 paramilitary prisoners are being held in Northern Ireland jails, and about 250 of them are expected to be free by Christmas.

ON THE INTERNET: Find background on issues surrounding the Northern Ireland peace talks at chicagotribune.com/go/ulster



AP photo

Wednesday through water in the Gulf of Mexico.

It's punch

"I'm not gonna drown, at least," he said. "I just decided I'd stay to see what it was going to ride one out."

Lawton Chiles declared a state of emergency, and a tornado covered more than half of Florida's 67 counties late Wednesday.

Mandatory evacuations were ordered for barrier islands south of Tallahassee and coastal Alachua County southeast of Tallahassee.

Army fighter jets at Eglin Air Force Base near Pensacola were ordered to safety in Oklahoma. Gulf Medical Center in Panama canceled elective surgery, and generators, sent many employees home and brought in additional workers before nightfall. Ports throughout the region closed from Tallahassee to Pensacola and major highways nearby deserted.

A small army of volunteers from the American Red Cross, company crews and rescue personnel were poised across the state to move toward damaged areas Thursday.

Panhandle took a double whammy from Hurricanes Erin and Opal in 1995 for the region's first major hits in 69 years. Erin killed 11 lives, and Opal killed people and damaged more than 100 buildings.

(UPI Spotlight)

Hillary forgives husband

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (UPI) A spokeswoman says (Wednesday) Hillary Rodham Clinton ``loves her husband deeply and has forgiven him'' but has no plans to speak out to the American people at this time. Press secretary Marsha Berry says the first lady believes her husband will survive calls for his resignation and impeachment, and says she is ``very supportive'' of her husband.

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Hillary Clinton forgives husband - spokeswoman

By Jonathan Wright

WASHINGTON, Sept 10 (Reuters) - U.S. first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton has forgiven her husband the president for his infidelity, her press secretary said on Thursday.

"She stresses her support, her love and her forgiveness of him," Marsha Berry told reporters after Mrs. Clinton appeared at a cancer campaign event in the White House.

The remark seemed to go one step beyond what Berry last said about Mrs. Clinton's attitude towards President Bill Clinton's sexual relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky, a woman half his age.

After Clinton admitted in August what he called an improper relationship with Lewinsky, Berry said: "She is committed to her marriage and loves her husband and daughter very much."

"She believes in the president, and her love for him is compassionate and steadfast," she added at that time.

Asked if forgiveness was a new element in Mrs. Clinton's attitude, Berry said: "She said that three weeks ago... Maybe not that exact word but the similar meaning was there."

Reporters thronged to the cancer event in the East Room in the hope of hearing the first lady say the words herself but they received an unexpected offer instead.

Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala welcomed what she called "the terrific press turnout" and said the White House had arranged for them colon cancer tests -- a procedure in which the doctor inserts an endoscope up the rectum.

"I invite the press to go for their test in the Green Room," Mrs. Clinton, a twinkle in her eye, said at the end of the meeting. The audience laughed.

Berry said Mrs. Clinton had no immediate plans to speak about her husband's troubles and any predictions that she would were purely press speculation.

Some analysts believe she could strengthen Clinton's political position if she told the world she has forgiven him.

Throughout the eight months of the scandal, and when Clinton faced accusations of infidelity in the 1992 election campaign, Mrs. Clinton's support helped dispel doubts about his fitness to hold high office.

"She's said all she's going to say," Berry said. Asked if Mrs. Clinton had anything to say about the possibility that Congress might impeach Clinton for perjury or other offences, she said: "She doesn't comment on it."

On Wednesday special prosecutor Kenneth Starr sent Congress his report on his investigation. Many congressmen predict that impeachment procedures will start if the Starr report contains evidence of crimes and if Clinton does not resign.

Mrs. Clinton, famous for her composure in times of trouble, conducted the event without betraying any sign of stress.

"She's doing well. She's really focusing on her work," said Berry, reciting a long list of engagements the first lady has over the next few weeks.

In the absence of President Clinton, it was impossible to judge the state of the body language between them. On vacation on Martha's Vineyard and later on visits to Russia and Ireland, she tended to keep her distance from her husband.

The organisers screened a preview of a public service announcement in which Mrs. Clinton urges Americans to seek early screening for colon cancer, which kills 56,000 people a year.

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U.S. First Lady Clinton Focuses On Family Values At Event

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She worked in a reference to her own family in recalling a visit she paid last year to foster children and their advocates in California.

'My staff, my friends, my husband and my daughter know that I have talked about that meeting many times since then,' she said.

Health and Human Services administrator Carol Williams also touched on the Clinton family in her introduction of Mrs. Clinton:

'I believe that she wants for each of you what she and the president have been able to provide for Chelsea - love, security, opportunity,' Williams said.

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Earlier Friday, Mrs. Clinton joined her husband at a prayer breakfast, where the president acknowledged he had sinned in the Lewinsky matter and asked for forgiveness. She also joined him at a memorial service for victims of U.S. embassy bombings. She planned to appear with him later at an Irish Peace event.

At the foster child event, Mrs. Clinton spoke of her mother's experience as a child her parents couldn't keep, who was grateful for the experience of working as a teen-ager in another family home.

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First lady appears calm, benign on day of Starr report

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By ROBERT GREENE= Associated Press Writer=

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The audience thought Mrs. Clinton was handling the Lewinsky situation well.

'I'm sure she's upset about it,' said Tammi Cunningham, 32, of Nashville, Tenn., who helps train foster parents. 'I'm sure she's angry and hurt. She's chosen to deal with it in her own way and we don't need to know.'

'I think it's between her and her husband,' said Carol Hale, 48, a social worker from Chickasha, Okla. 'She seems to be holding herself up very well.'

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At the foster child event, Mrs. Clinton spoke of her mother's experience as a child her parents couldn't keep, who was grateful for the experience of working as a teen-ager in another family home.

'She got to see a real family,' Mrs. Clinton said. 'She got to watch what happens inside the home where parents and children went through all that you go through as a family because she had never had that before.'

'I think there's a lot you can help teach Americans about resilience, hope, grit and determination,' she said.

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HEADLINE: RUSSIA IN CRISIS;
FIRST LADY GETS EARFUL OF BUSINESSWOMEN'S WOES;
ENTREPRENEURS: AT A CLOTHING FACTORY, MRS. CLINTON HEARS HOW DOLDRUMS ARE
AFFECTING FREE-MARKET PIONEERS.

BYLINE: ELIZABETH SHOGREN, TIMES STAFF WRITER

DATELINE: MOSCOW

BODY:

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton had a street-level view of Russia's economic crisis Tuesday, as she visited a privately owned clothing factory that has been hard hit and talked to a rare breed--Russian women entrepreneurs--about the struggles they confront.

Since it was the first time Mrs. Clinton had faced reporters since her husband's televised admission of marital infidelity, she also answered a delicately worded question about how she is coping with the personal impact of President Clinton's political crisis.

"I've been getting along fine," she said with what appeared to be a forced smile.

That was more of a mask than the first lady's Russian hosts put on their own, very different crisis, which began Aug. 17--the same day the president made his admission after seven months of denial.

Sitting next to Mrs. Clinton, Russian First Lady Naina I. Yeltsin opened the meeting with businesswomen by referring to her country's economic collapse.

"In this difficult time, much lies on women's shoulders," she said.

The director of the small clothing factory where the meeting took place, Tatiana Nedzvetskaya, was even more direct.

"Before the crisis, we had such high hopes," she said. But since it hit, she added, there is only uncertainty.

Nedzvetskaya's business grew from a mom-and-pop shop in 1988 to a factory with 60 full-time workers. Demand for her reasonably priced clothes has been so high in recent months that she contracted with three other factories to keep up with orders from across the country.

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But all that changed Aug. 17, when Russia's currency, the ruble, was devalued and payments on some government debts were frozen. Since then, political upheaval has caused the value of the ruble to plummet further. The price of the imported fabric that Nedzvetskaya uses for her suits and dresses soared overnight. Her targeted market--Russian women with modest incomes--cannot afford to pay more than her current prices, so she faces a formidable dilemma: If she raises prices, she will lose her customers; if she doesn't, she will be unable to make ends meet.

"We had planned to introduce two new lines this fall because everything was going so well this summer," Nedzvetskaya said in an interview. Now, for the first time in a decade as a pioneering private businesswoman, she faces serious doubts that she will be able to keep the doors of her enterprise open.

"The situation is much more critical than it has ever been before," Nedzvetskaya said. "It was not so difficult in the beginning. We had nothing to lose. Now, 60 women will be on the street if we fail. What is so sad and frustrating is that none of this depends on you. It's all up to the idiotic decisions of the government."

Mrs. Clinton's visit with the businesswomen offered her a microcosm of the problems facing many thousands of private enterprises that have struggled into existence as Russia has been engaged in a transition from the Soviet-era command economy to a free-market system.

Given their deep economic fears, it was incomprehensible to Nedzvetskaya and her employees that the U.S. political system is in crisis over the relationship between Clinton and former White House intern Monica S. Lewinsky.

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SOURCE: News Services

DATELINE: Moscow, Russia

BODY:

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Today, Hillary Clinton is scheduled to participate in a roundtable discussion on women in Russian society, and a U.S. official said several of the women selected to participate were interested in asking the First Lady about the controversy and its effect on her.

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A scene to rival

American talk shows

As the Clintons prepared to retire Tuesday night at the Marriott Hotel near the banks of the Moscow River, a car pulled over not far from the hotel entrance. The doors opened, and Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the ultranationalist who controls a bloc of seats in Russia's parliament, climbed out.

Zhirinovsky turned toward the hotel and yelled, in so many exceptionally unprintable words, "Clinton, you are an idiot!" After applying the coarsest description of sexual relations to the president, he added, "Your dollar is dirt, and this dirt is all over the world!"

He then produced a dollar in his hand and told his supporters, "Burn it." They did.

Moscow television broadcast videotape of the event in its entirety, barely-bleeped epithets and all.

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HEADLINE: N. Ireland must keep peace hopes alive, Clinton says;
Lawmakers' meeting will test Good Friday accord, he wants

SOURCE: Washington Bureau of The Dallas Morning News

BYLINE: Kathy Lewis

DATELINE: ARMAGH, Northern Ireland

BODY:

During a long day of quiet mourning and wary celebration, Mr. Clinton and first lady **Hillary** Rodham **Clinton** witnessed firsthand the signs of hope and the reminders of despair.

They walked up Market Street in Omagh, where a car bomb ...

GRAPHIC:

... new Northern Ireland Assembly gathered Thursday. 2. (2ST-Photo -p. 23A)
President Clinton and first lady **Hillary** Rodham **Clinton** tour the site of a
terrorist bombing in Omagh, Northern Ireland. 3. Prime Minister Tony Blair,
President ...

PERSON: WILLIAM JEFFERSON 'BILL' **CLINTON** (94%); **HILLARY** RODHAM **CLINTON** (92%);



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HEADLINE: Clinton urges Northern Ireland to stay on the path of peace
Blairs, first couple offer solace to relatives of 28 bomb victims killed Aug. 15

BYLINE: TERENCE HU
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SOURCE: Associated Press

DATELINE: Omagh, Northern Ireland

BODY:

... men of violence and terror and bombings and killings are over. But the days of peace are beginning here in Northern Ireland, and that is the future."

Clinton and his wife, **Hillary** Rodham Clinton, and Blair and his wife, Cherie, went out into the crowd, stopping at each table with words of solace and encouragement, aides said.

The ...

... Seamus, said Clinton told her "to keep up her good work on the piano, to keep fighting, to keep her chin up. **Mrs. Clinton** actually said to Claire that if she ever came to America that she would get her to come play the piano for her."

Clinton has made Northern Ireland peacemaking ...



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SERIES: Metro Final

HEADLINE: Irish eyes smile on Clinton;
But president flies home to face the music

BYLINE: Bert Roughton Jr.

DATELINE: Limerick, Ireland

BODY:

... insistence of her boyfriend, Philip Ryan, who said too much was being made of Clinton's relationship with Monica Lewinsky and its messy aftermath.

Hillary Rodham **Clinton** was also welcomed warmly, with each expression subjected to analysis. The Clintons were far from cuddly during the trip, but there was no sign of of hostility. The ...



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LENGTH: 730 words

HEADLINE: WOMEN WITH WINGS; Female aviators kept flying despite efforts to shut them out

BYLINE: Carolyn Nizzi Warmbold

BODY:

... Aviators From World War II to the Dawn of the Space Age

Leslie Haynsworth and David Toomey

Morrow, 322 pages, \$24

When **Hillary** Rodham **Clinton** announced in March that Air Force Lt. Col. Eileen Collins would be the first woman to command an American space ...

PERSON: **HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON** (57%);



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HEADLINE: Baking Your Cookie And Eating It Too

BYLINE: JOAN RYAN

BODY:

Folks across America have never liked **Hillary Rodham Clinton** as much as they do now. In one recent New York Times/CBS poll, 73 percent of Americans approve of her, up ...

Either way, **Hillary Clinton** continues to be a human Rorschach test. People see in her what they want to see, revealing their own feelings about women ...

... most interesting, and for me most disappointing, has been what some feminists say they see in her now. They're disappointed, again.

"The name **Hillary Rodham Clinton** no longer stands for self-determination, but for the loyal, betrayed wife," playwright Wendy Wasserstein wrote ...

... model, Eleanor Roosevelt, who used her perch as first lady to be an independent advocate."

Wasserstein and others seem to feel that **Hillary Rodham Clinton's** loyalty to her husband points up just how far short she has fallen from the feminist ideal. Women of her generation had dreamed of carving ...

... plays so well in church halls and coffee houses doesn't always stand up to the test of real life. **Hillary Clinton** isn't at Wellesley anymore. Out in the world, choices aren't as black-and-white as career or husband, self-fulfillment or ...

... for us. Now some feminists are drawing up their own maps that are as narrow as any society once handed us.

Because **Hillary Rodham Clinton** has chosen to blast her lying, cheating, narcissistic husband in private and not on "Good Morning America," suddenly she's not ...

... never to marry but that she can stick with a husband, no matter how repugnant he might be to the rest of us.

Maybe **Hillary Rodham Clinton** doesn't live the life you or I would live, or the one her most ardent fans would have hoped. But as any true feminist knows, ...



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Hillary Clinton's visit with the businesswomen offered her a microcosm of the problems facing many thousands of private enterprises that have struggled into existence as Russia makes the ...

... crisis over the relationship between Clinton and former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

"I feel such sympathy for **Mrs. Clinton**," said Lyuda Kalinina, who was sewing a woman's suit jacket as the First Lady started her tour of the enterprise. "It's such ...

... delicate situation. If one of us was going through it, maybe our best girlfriend would know about it. But in **Mrs. Clinton's** case, the whole world knows. I feel so sorry for her."

Today, **Hillary Clinton** is scheduled to participate in a roundtable discussion on women in Russian society, and a U.S. official said ...

PERSON: **HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON** (95%);



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BYLINE: By Elizabeth Shogren, Los Angeles Times

BODY:

MOSCOW - First lady **Hillary** Rodham **Clinton** had a street-level view of Russia's economic crisis Tuesday, visiting a privately owned clothing factory that has been hard ...

PERSON: **HILLARY** RODHAM **CLINTON** (74%); WILLIAM JEFFERSON 'BILL' CLINTON (56%);



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HEADLINE: Young journalist gets her interview with the first lady;
Julia Cotton, of East Greenwich, enjoys the thrill of an hour-long meeting with
Hillary Rodham Clinton and a tour of the White House after winning a contest.

BYLINE: S. ROBERT CHIAPPINELLI; Journal Staff Writer

DATELINE: EAST GREENWICH

BODY:

The door to the White House Map Room opened loudly and Julia M. Cotton, 17, thought the moment had arrived for her interview with Hillary Rodham Clinton.

But the stir proved a false alarm. "It was just a man bringing sugar in for tea," Cotton said.

It was last Tuesday, and the co-editor of the East Greenwich High School newspaper, The Spectrum, was about to reap her reward for winning a nationwide contest. Sponsored by The 21st Century, a newspaper written by teenagers and distributed free to junior and senior high schools, the competition featured a grand prize of an interview with the first lady.

Earlier this year Cotton interviewed presidential aspirant Steve Forbes, who is a friend of her grandfather, Alan R. Schonberg, chairman of the board of Management Recruiters International, and his wife, Carole. Cotton's presentation of that hour-long telephone conversation topped hundreds of other contest entries and was printed in the June issue of The 21st Century.

Now she sat in the White House, accompanied by John and Stephanie Meyer, who publish The 21st Century, and their son, who was to record the meeting.

"All of a sudden she came in," Cotton said. "It was so weird being in the same room with her."

The high school senior took a second to adjust, then bolted upright and shook hands with the woman who introduced herself as Hillary Clinton, although obviously no introduction was needed.

The confident and polite first lady just commands a room, Cotton said.

"There's just like an aura about her," she said.

A White House photographer took pictures and then John Meyer described his magazine. Clinton very politely cut in, turned to Cotton and said she knew she had a lot of questions to ask. Clinton sat in a red satin wing-back chair across from Cotton, who was seated on a couch covered with the same material.

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Cotton had whittled nearly 100 questions to 28 and put them on index cards but had been forewarned that there would not be time for all of them. She can't remember her opening question but said most inquiries concerned teenage issues. She garnered little specific about Chelsea Clinton because Mrs. Clinton explained she likes to preserve her daughter's privacy.

The first lady's responses were thorough, Cotton said, and embraced several topics beyond the six questions that Cotton got to ask, but broke no new ground.

Clinton made a great deal of eye contact, Cotton said. "I listened to what she was saying," she said, "but it was hard to concentrate."

Near the end of the hour, Clinton asked what grade Cotton was entering and what her interests are. When told that Cotton plans to pursue journalism the first lady urged her to take a factual approach and report the truth.

A transcription of the interview and an essay that Cotton plans to write are scheduled for the September issue of The 21st Century.

Later Cotton and the Meyers received a two-hour backroom tour of the White House that included views of the kitchen, the presidential limo and the presidential pooch, Buddy. Not being a dog person, Cotton satisfied herself with a picture, but not a pat.

She also visited the press room and was surprised to see newspapers littering the floor and journalists just sitting, waiting for something to happen. She got to have her picture taken at the lecturn where the president stands during news conferences.

When she entered the White House it was hot and humid. A fierce storm howled while she was inside but, when she left, a rainbow graced the sky. She took that as a special exclamation point on the day, because rainbows had been the theme of her bat mitzvah, a Jewish rite of passage for girls.

On Wednesday, she toured the News Museum and the Shakespeare Museum and visited the FDR Memorial, then flew home alone Wednesday night.

"I wanted to shout out to the airplane what I just did," she said.

But she kept quiet and jotted notes for her essay.

Her parents, Leslie and Peter Cotton, of 50 Locust Drive, and her sister Rochelle, 14, greeted her with a congratulatory balloon bouquet.

"She was incredibly talkative and excited when she stepped off the plane," Peter Cotton said.

She begins a two-week internship at The Warwick Beacon this week and continues to contribute freelance articles to the The East Greenwich Pendulum. Later she will attend a family reunion cruise and return for her senior year at East Greenwich High School with more than enough material for any "How I Spent My Summer Vacation" question that may come her way.

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HEADLINE: Hillary seems to give cold shoulder

BYLINE: Warren P. Strobelt; THE WASHINGTON TIMES

DATELINE: LIMERICK, IRELAND

BODY:

LIMERICK, Ireland - They've been on the same trip, at the same events, sharing the same stage, but they've been on vastly different wavelengths.

In public appearances with President Clinton, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton has gone out of her way to signal the world in none-too-subtle gestures that all is not forgiven about her husband's relationship with intern Monica Lewinsky.

The woman whose political fortunes are inextricably tied to Mr. Clinton and his now-shaky hold on office barely deigned to acknowledge his presence as they traveled through Russia, Ireland and Northern Ireland last week. It was their first extended time in public since his admission of an extramarital affair with the former White House intern half his age.

She brushed past when he offered a hand or arm in support. She strode yards ahead of him as they greeted crowds of well-wishers. She avoided even making eye contact.

It's always dangerous to try to interpret such body language, particularly regarding a White House obsessed with appearances. It could serve White House purposes, after all, for the public to get the impression that Mr. Clinton is in the doghouse for his admitted sins.

Some aides say what has really changed is the amount of media attention now being given to every glance or lack thereof between the first couple. "I just think the light's being shined a little brighter," said a White House official.

By week's end, the ice - or the public impression of ice - had cracked a little. Mrs. Clinton tried to smile more and purchased an Irish sweater for her husband, which he wore aboard Air Force One.

Still, those who know the first lady say she has not yet recovered from her husband's admission of unfaithfulness to the entire world.

"They're still working through these things," said one. "These things take time."

The Washington Times, September 6, 1998

The notoriously press-wary Mrs. Clinton has had just three words to say publicly about her mood. "I'm doing fine," was her only comment, and that was back in Moscow, on Tuesday.

The Clintons have forgone much of their usual evening socializing on this trip, just as they did on their vacation on Martha's Vineyard, which immediately followed the president's Aug. 17 admission of an affair. An official dinner in Moscow on Tuesday night ended an hour early. The next evening, Mrs. Clinton flew into Belfast a half-day ahead of her husband.

The Clintons always pursue separate schedules, whether they are in Washington or halfway around the world. But on this trip, Mrs. Clinton has seemed to come alive only when she is out on her own, addressing issues she has cared about for a lifetime.

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