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REV. JACKSON TO GIVE MAJOR ADDRESS ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 28TH WILL JOIN STRIKING YALE HOSPITAL WORKERS AND SEEK TO MEET WITH HOSPITAL OFFICIALS

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Rev. Jesse Jackson, the country's preeminent civil rights leader, will give a national address on the 40the anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1963 "I have a dream" March on Washington from the strike line at Yale University <u>Thursday</u>, <u>August 28 at the Congress Avenue Building</u>, <u>Congress Ave. and Cedar Streets</u>, <u>New Haven</u>, <u>CT.</u>

Thousands of secretaries, food service workers, maintenance workers, and researchers walked off their jobs on the day students return to school because of the Yale Corporation's refusal to provide its employees decent pensions, competitive wages and job security.

Rev. Jackson has called the strike at Yale a microcosm of the struggles of ordinary working people in urban America. "Surely, Dr. King would rejoice at this site," Rev. Jackson told Yale strikers at a rally today in front of the Yale Investment Office.

The University-wide strike highlights the key issues facing American workers this Labor Day—job security and retirement. Workers are increasingly finding their living standards under attack. The workers at Yale are fighting back.

After his address Rev. Jackson will lead a <u>march to Yale New Haven Hospital</u> where he will join with striking hospital dietary workers and others who are trying to unionize. He will also seek to meet with hospital administrators about reaching a fair contract and respecting the rights of hospital workers to organize.

THURS:

11:30 a.m. Corner of Congress Ave. and Cedar Street. Jesse Jackson to give national address on 40th Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I have a dream" March on Washington from the Yale picket line Thursday, August 27, 2003.

12:15 p.m. Cedar and York Streets. Jesse Jackson to join with striking Yale New Haven Hospital workers and will seek to meet with hospital officials.