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Despite past differences, Jesse Jackson and Coretta Scott King were cordial at CNN.

CONVENTIONAL DEMOCRATS PROVE IN ATLANTA THAT WHEN IT COMES TO PARTIES, THEY'RE PLURALISTS

In August 1968, activist Tom Hayden made history by rallying thousands of antiwar demonstrators outside the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. Twenty years later, California Assemblyman Tom Hayden made a less tumultuous splash, '80s-style: He and his wife, Jane Fonda, showed up at the Democrats' latest fest, in Atlanta, trailing a star-studded entourage that included Rob Lowe, Judd Nelson and Ally Sheedy. This time Hayden's recruits hadn't come to protest. "We're just observing, learning and trying to get informed about the political process," said Sheedy. "Tom brought 50 of us," added Alec (*Knots Landing*) Baldwin. "It's wonderful!"

Other guests doing the circuit of pre-convention parties in Atlanta seemed to agree. "I'm so excited that lots of celebrities are here," cooed Demo-

cratic National Committee Vice-Chair Lynn Cutler, who snagged one of them, Ed Asner, to accompany her to Jimmy Carter's Saturday night bash at the Carter Center. The next night, the *Atlanta Constitution* hosted such media and political heavies as Jane Pauley, Dan Rather, Bruce Babbitt and Paul (not the singer) Simon at the Woodruff Arts Center, while Ted Turner's fete for 3,000 at CNN headquarters across town was so celebrity-studded that the belated arrival of Michael Dukakis with running mate Lloyd Bentsen was something of an anticlimax. Cracked D.C. satirist Mark Russell: "Dukakis is going to have to get Ted Turner to colorize Lloyd Bentsen." □

Working wife Jane Pauley turned in early, but *Doonesbury's* Garry Trudeau (left, with Larry King) had no a.m. wake-up call.

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His guests broke into applause when Jimmy Carter, above, stopped talking and grabbed Rosalynn for an onstage fox-trot.



"I'm having a marvelous time at my party," said Ted Turner, above, the only host to guarantee an appearance by the Duke.



Ed Asner, above, squired Democratic National Committee Vice-Chair Lynn Cutler to the Carter party. About their relationship, Asner said, "We are known to date."



Is it real or is it television? Telegenic Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry, left, chatted with *Tanner* star Michael Murphy.



Washington Post's Ben Bradlee shmoozed with Tom Brokaw; Bradlee's wife, Sally Quinn, gathered material for a novel.



Rob Lowe (with Laura Turner, Ted's 27-year-old daughter) said he might run for President someday but admitted, "I have to learn a lot more about acting first."



"I'm not supposed to be here," Gloria Steinem said cryptically. But she was, with erstwhile beau Mort Zuckerman.



Linda and Chuck Robb brought daughter Lucinda, left, who doesn't want Dad to follow granddad LBJ to the White House.



Sometime news commentator Julian Bond, left, attempted a reading of columnist Art Buchwald's body language.