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CONVENTION NEWS

NATIONWIDE COVERAGE OF THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH...

REAGAN PLEDGES LOWER TAXES;
GOP BECOMING "NEW MAJORITY," PRESIDENT SAYS
(Miami Herald, Lead Story)

Saying Democratic lawmakers "never met a tax they didn't like, or hike," Ronald Wilson Reagan launched an old-fashioned rhetorical broadside at Walter Mondale Thursday night and pledged to lower tax rates for all Americans so long as they "renew the mandate of 1980" and grant him 4 more years as President. (President pictured on podium with gavel.)

Reagan: Future Includes Good Old Days (Miami Herald, front page)

A month ago, in the euphoria of San Francisco, Democratic nominee Walter Mondale cautioned President Reagan against rerunning the campaign of 1980. If he did, Mondale said, he'd surely lose because the American voter is interested in the future, not the past. Reagan's response: Don't bet on it.

SPRINGTIME OF HOPE: REAGAN CALLS FOR MASSIVE VOTE VICTORY
(Chicago Sun-Times, lead story)

President Reagan promised the people last night that if reelected, he will lead the nation in its "springtime of hope," while Walter F. Mondale would condemn it to a new season of gloom and decline.

UPBEAT REAGAN OFFERS "FUNDAMENTAL" CHOICE
(Boston Globe, lead story)

Ronald Wilson Reagan embraced the Republican presidential nomination last night, promising to escort the nation "so she will carry on in the '80s unafraid, unashamed and unsurpassed."

The Globe also carried the Broder news analysis that appears in the Washington Post, "Looking Back, Not Ahead," on page one.

REAGAN ACCEPTS NOMINATION: ACCOLADES: RIDES WAVES
OF ADULATION: INVOKES HOPES, SPRINGTIME
(Hartford Courant, Lead Story)

President Reagan, proclaiming America is "in the midst of a springtime of hope" Thursday night accepted the nomination of a friendly, cheering Republican National Convention.

Other front page stories in the Courant include:

"Eager Candidates Line Up on Starting Line for 1988"
"(Connecticut) Delegation is Split on '88 Choices"
"Bush Says Yes, Rakes Democrats"
"Region's Moderate Party Leaders to Stand By Reagan"
"GOP Ticket Targets Northeast"

WHNS...

REAGAN VOWS "HOPE, GROWTH"
(Minneapolis Star and Tribune, lead story)

Saying that the United States is coming back, President Reagan accepted the Republican presidential nomination Thursday night with a warning that the country faces a choice this fall between a Democratic government of "pessimism, fear and limits, or ours of hope, confidence and growth."

The Star and the Tribune also carried a sidebar titled, "Religious Influence on New Right Emerges in Dallas."

(Atlanta Journal, lead story -- no headline given)

President Reagan, basking in the adulation of a decidedly conservative 1984 Republican National Convention, accepted the party's nomination for a second term Thursday night with a vow to continue America's military strength as a deterrent to communism worldwide.

(Atlanta Constitution, lead story -- no headline given)

Declaring that "not one inch of soil has fallen to the communists" since he took office, Ronald Reagan Thursday accepted the 1984 Republican presidential nomination with a pledge to retain America's military might to defend freedom at home and abroad.

"FOUR MORE" -- REPUBLICANS HAIL CHIEF ON REELECTION APPEAL
(Nashville Tennessean, AP story, lead story)

President Reagan accepted the presidential nomination of the Republican National Convention, declaring that the Democrats intend to raise taxes, but he's going to stop them.
(picture of Reagan on podium giving thumbs up sign.)

REAGAN HAILS HOPE, CONFIDENCE AND GROWTH
(Cincinnati Enquirer, lead story, Ann Devroy, Gannett)

Declaring that America is on the move again, President Reagan accepted his Party's nomination for a second term, beginning a campaign that he says offers the clearest political choice of half a century.
(picture of Reagan on podium with gavel.)

REAGAN PLEDGES TAX FIGHT: ACCEPTS SECOND NOMINATION
(Omaha World Herald, lead story)

Promising to lower tax rates further and keep "the mighty engine of this nation revved up", President Reagan accused the Democrats of pursuing the failed liberal policies of the past.
(color picture of Reagan on the podium. Story on Bush address inside with jump of Reagan story.)

LONG LIVE THE KING! REAGAN ACCEPTS SECOND TRY
(Las Vegas Sun, lead story, UPI story)

President Reagan, proclaiming "greatness lies ahead of us", accepted the Republican nomination for reelection and called on the nation to follow him through a "springtime of hope for America".
WHNS...

REAGAN SAYS HIS AGENDA UNFINISHED
PRESIDENT LISTS CONSERVATIVE CAMPAIGN IDEAS
(Raleigh News & Observer, lead story, NYT Story)

President Reagan, the choice of the Republican National Convention for the Presidential nomination, appealed in his acceptance speech for the Party's help in finishing the unfinished agenda of a conservative reformation of the government. (picture of Reagan on podium with gavel.)

REAGAN ACCEPTS PARTY NOD
(Daily Oklahoman, lead story by Allen Cromley)

Cheered at every pause, President Ronald Reagan accepted the Republican Presidential nomination in a wild extravaganza of adulation and pageantry that ended with the singing of God Bless America by Ray Charles and 17,000 others in the Dallas Convention Center. (picture of Reagan on podium.)

'COMING BACK,' REAGAN SLAMS FEARS, LIMITS, AND HAILS FUTURE
(Denver Post, page A1, combination of wire stories)

President Reagan accepted his party's nomination for a second term with a ringing attack on Democrats as a party of "pessimism, fear and limits," and an appeal to Americans to "renew the mandate of 1980."
(AP picture of President on podium giving thumbs up sign.)

NOMINEE REAGAN SAYS POLITICAL CHOICE IS CLEAR
(Portland Oregonian, lead story by Jack Nelson of LA Times)

President Reagan, accepting his party's presidential nomination from a Republican National Convention ecstatic at the scent of victory, declared that the '84 election presents the nation with "the clearest political choice of a half century."
(AP picture of President giving thumbs up sign. Text of speech inside.)

REAGAN ACCEPTS REPUBLICAN NOMINATION,
SAYS THE ELECTION WILL OFFER CLEAR CHOICE
(Wall Street Journal, lead political story -- back page -- by James Perry)

President Reagan accepted the Republican Party's nomination by declaring "we are in the midst of a springtime of hope for America. Greatness lies ahead of us."

REAGAN, IN ACCEPTANCE, ASKS
HELP ON 'UNFINISHED AGENDA';
PROMISES TO OPPOSE TAX RISE
(New York Times, page A1, by Howell Raines)

President Reagan, accepting the Republican Party's nomination for a second term, appealed for the party's help in finishing the "unfinished agenda" of a conservative reformation of the government.
(New York Times picture of the President, Mrs. Reagan and Vice President Bush at prayer breakfast at the Reunion Arena.)

REAGAN ACCEPTS NOMINATION FOR SECOND TERM

DALLAS (Lou Cannon, Washington Post, A1) -- President Reagan accepted the nomination of the Republican Party for a second term with the claim that his Administration has brought peace, prosperity and "a springtime of hope for America."

(Jeremiah O'Leary, Washington Times, A1) -- He said he would campaign on the principles of the GOP although he did not commit himself to the party's conservative platform in its entirety.

(Norman Sandler, UPI) -- While laying a major emphasis on the bread-and-butter issues that proved the key to the 1980 election, the President reiterated a tough stand against communist expansion and the projection of American power around the globe.

(Clay Richards, UPI) -- The 55-minute speech by the President called the "Great Communicator" was the emotional highlight of a suspenseless convention that brought Republican delegates to Dallas for the sole purpose of renewing Reagan's mandate for four more years of conservative national leadership.

(Maureen Santini, AP) -- In his moment of acclamation, accepting his party's renomination, the President asked voters to reject the liberalism of Walter Mondale, saying the Democrats are committed to raising taxes.

(Leon Daniel, UPI) -- It was a love feast, with President Reagan finally shushing the delegates and accepting the nomination of the flag-waving, cheering Republicans who snake-danced through the aisles chanting "Four more years."

(David Espo and Jonathan Wolman, AP) -- Reagan's speech was designed as a "political valedictory," his speechmaker said, but it read like the re-election appeal it was and the crowd punctuated it enthusiastically.

(Ann Devroy, Gannett) -- Reagan aides had predicted the speech would be "vintage Reagan," and it was -- a conservative clarion call invoking all the themes he has stressed for 20 years.

(Helen Thomas, UPI) -- On his way back to Washington today, Reagan planned to stop briefly in Chicago to address the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He intends to spend the weekend resting at the Camp David Presidential retreat in Maryland.

Partisan Speech Dismays Some

DALLAS (News analysis by David Broder, Washington Post, A1) -- President Reagan made his last speech as a candidate before a Republican National Convention "a little stroll down memory lane," guaranteeing himself a night full of cheers for his memory book -- but disappointing those allies who hoped he would use the occasion mainly to set forth his plans for the future.

President's Speech Serves as Blueprint, Battle Cry

DALLAS (Don McLeod, Washington Times, A1) -- Republicans sang a thunderous finale to their most successful convention in three decades as President Reagan whipped them into a frenzy with a call for the victory "the size of the heart of Texas."

Reagan Speech Draws Battle Lines Over 2 Conflicting Views of U.S. Future

DALLAS (Hedrick Smith, New York Times, A10) -- In the emotional, sharply partisan speech he prepared for his acceptance of the Republican nomination, President Reagan joined the debate with Walter Mondale over two rival visions of American society and its future.

Reagan Urges Victory in Congress

DALLAS (Jeremiah O'Leary, Washington Times, A5) -- President Reagan openly predicted his victory in the November elections and called on American voters to elect a Republican Congress as well. Ordinarily, Reagan's campaign advisers insist on claiming the race for the presidency and legislative offices will be very close. But the President abandoned that stance in a speech to a \$1,000-a-plate Republican National Committee luncheon.

Reagan Declares that Faith Has Key Role in Political Life

DALLAS (Jeremiah O'Leary, Washington Times, A10) -- President Reagan declared that politics and morality are inseparable, and that religion and politics are necessarily related. In a speech at an ecumenical prayer breakfast, Reagan came closer than any president in modern times to challenging the separation of church and state that has been growing wider since the 1960s.

(Phil Gailey, New York Times, A1) -- At the conclusion of his speech, in which Mr. Reagan delivered his strongest attack yet on opponents of a proposed amendment for organized school prayer, chants of "four more years" erupted among the estimated 10,000 people at an event billed as an "ecumenical prayer breakfast."

Two Networks Refuse to Show Film

DALLAS (Martin Schram, Washington Post, A9) -- Two of the major television networks, CBS and ABC, decided not to show the 18-minute campaign film that introduced President Reagan's acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention.

(Fred Rothberg, AP) -- The \$425,000 film was produced by the advertising arm of the Reagan-Bush campaign committee. With Reagan as narrator, the sentimentally patriotic tribute included footage of the President's trips to China, South Korea and Normandy.

CAMPAIGNERS MAP SUN BELT BASE, MIDWEST BUILDUP

DALLAS (Washington Times, A5) -- President Reagan's re-election strategy is to anchor his campaign on California, Texas and Florida to build "an unprecedented political base" in the Sun Belt, the President's key campaign advisers said.

WHNS...

BUSH TAKES NOMINATION WITH DEFENSE OF RECORD
AND PRAISE FOR HIS BOSS

DALLAS (Bill Peterson, Washington Post, A8) -- George Bush, comfortable as a well-traveled backup player for the last four years, accepted the Republican Party's offer of another four years in that role, declaring that his boss needs "a second term to finish the job."

(Ira Allen, UPI) -- Bush, 60, the early favorite for the 1988 presidential nomination, told cheering delegates his promise in 1980 of "total dedication" to Reagan "has been an easy pledge to keep" and launched into a spirited recitation of the Administration's accomplishments at home and abroad.

(Terence Hunt, AP) -- Warming up the delegates for President Reagan, Bush uncorked a tough speech, calling Mondale "a gold medal winner" when it comes to taxes and deriding the Democrats as "the party of the past."

Bush Keeps One Eye on '88 In His Acceptance Speech

DALLAS (Ron Cordray, Washington Times, A3) -- Vice President Bush, with one eye on 1984 and the other on 1988, lashed out at Walter Mondale and Democrats from "the temple of doom" in accepting renomination by the Republican Party.

GOP Platform May Give Democrats Help
In Bid to Have Bush Disclose Tax Returns

DALLAS (Jane Mayer and Jeffrey Birnbaum, Wall Street Journal, A42) -- The Democrats may have an unexpected ally in the Republicans' own platform. Seeking to capitalize on the controversy over Geraldine Ferraro's financial disclosure, the GOP document states: "We will continue our support for full disclosure by all high officials of the government and candidates in positions of public trust." The Democrats hope to throw that platform language back at George Bush. The Vice President, claiming he's following the terms of his "blind trust," released his net worth, but won't disclose his income-tax returns.

THE DANGERS AHEAD

DALLAS (News analysis by Steven Weisman, New York Times, A11) -- With a united party behind him, President Reagan leaves the Republican National Convention heading toward an election that his aides do not see how he can lose, even as they struggle to overcome the dangers of overconfidence. Yet the dangers that lie ahead for Mr. Reagan are real, his advisers say.

Reagan's Youth Movement

DALLAS (Bill Peterson, Washington Post, A5) -- President Reagan is far more popular among the under-25 set than among his age group, and young Americans are identifying with the Republican Party in large numbers for the first time since the 1960s, according to recent public opinion polls.

Moderates' Dissent Rules Va. Leaders

DALLAS -- (Thomas Sherwood, Washington Post, A6) -- Despite an umbrella of unity over President Reagan's reelection campaign, some key Virginia Republicans are squabbling over the party's increasingly hardline conservative image.

Moderates Plan Fight for GOP Heart

DALLAS (Ron Cordray, Washington Times, A5) -- Moderate Republicans, feeling left out of the decision-making process, are launching a battle for the heart and soul of their party.

Religion Is Powerful GOP Theme

DALLAS (James Dickenson, Washington Post, A8) -- Religion was as powerful an issue in the Republican National Convention as the traditional secular themes of tax cuts and a strong national defense.

'Ladies Against Women' Serve Up Satire in Dallas

DALLAS (Washington Post, A11) -- Ladies Against Women, a satirical group that added a dash of fun to the Republican National Convention, cooked up a federal deficit bake sale featuring Hostess Twinkies at \$9 billion apiece.

DEMOCRATS SAY GOP PLATFORM 'WEAK SPOT'

(Thomas Brandt, Washington Times, A4) -- Congressional Democrats, unable to campaign against an enormously popular President Reagan, believe their political problem was solved when Republicans adopted a right-wing platform in Dallas that will cripple GOP candidates across the country.

Mondale Accuses Republicans of Holding a Negative Convention

MINNEAPOLIS (Michael Conlon, Reuter) -- Walter Mondale accused the Republican Party of conducting a negative convention which misrepresents the American public and avoids the key questions on which his campaign against President Reagan will be waged.

PENNSYLVANIA DELEGATES FEEL READY

DALLAS (Brad Bumsted, Gannett) -- Pennsylvania delegates leave Dallas supercharged for the fall campaign but sufficiently warned not to take a victory by President Reagan for granted -- especially in the Keystone state where Reagan's advisors say the race is close.

THE MAN BEHIND THE INTERVIEWS

DALLAS (Elisabeth Bumiller, Washington Post, B1) -- The real epicenter of the convention is a pair of 8 1/2-by-15 foot cubbyholes hidden under the podium -- a command post where the White House tries, although not always successfully, to control what the networks put on television. The White House calls it "alternate programming." James Lake, the campaign press secretary and convention communication director, is very proud of it.

Big D, On the Big Screen

(Tom Shales, Washington Post, B1) -- Oh this has been a television convention, all right. Wednesday night it threatened to come to life more than once. Perhaps the networks should have begun their coverage with the third night rather than the first. At least there was something happening on the podium worth covering. Well, not much, but something.

LEAH KLINE: QUOTED BY THE PRESIDENT

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa. (Carolee Nisbet and Lorrie DeFrank, Gannett) -- "Little Leah Kline," as President Reagan called her, never pictured herself as a political analyst. But the 8-year-old third-grader's cryptic description of Reagan's job as a frustrated caretaker of animals won her a spot in his acceptance speech, watched by millions, including Leah and her parents, Ted and Roberta Kline, who didn't know the President was going to quote her until the editor of her local newspaper called.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The "Convention Notes" column, by Robert Singer, appears on page A6 of the New York Times.

A complete transcript of the President's speech appears on page A10 of the Washington Post.

An interview by Donnie Radcliffe with the First Lady is on page B1 of the Washington Post.

On page B1 of the Washington Post there is a commentary by Myra MacPherson titled, "Party at the Crossroads."

"Reagan says speech in '64 for Goldwater got him into politics," a review of the President's political life in his words as reported by Ron P. Reagan, is on page A3 of the Washington Times.

NATIONAL NEWS

JET-FIGHTER RADAR DELIVERIES HALTED AFTER DEFECTS FOUND

(Fred Hiatt, Washington Post, A1) -- Hughes Aircraft Co., which has been suspended from selling three major missiles to the U.S. military, has also stopped delivering radar systems for the most advanced Navy and Air Force jet fighters, Pentagon officials said.

(John Machacek, Gannett) -- The Defense Department threatened to take the key missile contracts away from Hughes Aircraft Co., unless the company can show soon how it plans to correct poor workmanship and other manufacturing problems.

Air Force Stop-Payment Order Surprises Weinberger and Aides

(Walter Andrews, Washington Times, A1) -- Until they read it in the newspapers, Secretary Weinberger and his top aides were unaware of an Air Force announcement stopping payments to Hughes Aircraft Co. because of poor work, the Pentagon admitted.

PENTAGON PLANS MEDIA POOL TO COVER MISSIONS

(Fred Hiatt, Washington Post, A1) -- The Defense Department is preparing to designate a rotating pool of reporters who could be called at a moment's notice to cover military invasions or other operations, according to Michael Burch, assistant secretary of defense for public affairs.

(Walter Andrews, Washington Times, A2) -- The guidelines will include formation of a national contingency press pool -- to be selected by the Defense Department -- from which field reporters may be chosen for covering combat operations such as Grenada.

(Tim Ahern, AP) -- Secretary Weinberger announced he has ordered implementation of the guidelines, which call for the maximum news coverage of the armed forces "consistent with the military security and safety of U.S. forces.

(Richard Halloran, New York Times, A1) -- The panel, composed of officers and journalists, was headed by Maj. Gen. Winant Sidle, a retired chief of information for the Army. It was convened after the U.S. invasion of Grenada in October 1983.

ADMINISTRATION RIGHTS RECORD SCORED AS WORST IN OVER 50 YEARS

(Spencer Rich, Washington Post, A2) -- Civil rights leaders charged that the Reagan Administration has "the worst civil rights record in more than half a century" and accused it of joining "radical right" senators in an effort to kill a key rights bill by stalling.

NAVY TO MARK VICE PRESIDENT BUSH'S WORLD WAR II RESCUE-AT-SEA

(Reuter) -- The U.S. Navy will mark the 40th anniversary of Vice President Bush's rescue at sea during World War Two at a ceremony on September 2 at Norfolk Naval Station, in Virginia, the Pentagon announced.

WHNS...

ZACCARO DEFENDS BORROWING FROM ESTATE

NEW YORK (Charles Babcock, Washington Post, A2) -- John Zaccaro told a state judge that he borrowed \$175,000 from the estate of an elderly woman for whom he had been named conservator because he felt it was "a prudent investment and the estate would be enhanced" and he was not aware such self-dealing was prohibited.

(George Archibald, Washington Times, A1) -- "I felt I was doing the right thing at the time, and I still do," Zaccaro told Justice Edwin Kassofoff, who appointed the New York real estate broker as conservator of the \$1.1 million estate of Alice Phelan in December 1982.

(Sam Roberts, New York Times, A1) -- Zaccaro obtained postponement of a June hearing into his handling of the estate so the matter would not "interfere" with the Democratic National Convention, which subsequently chose his wife as the vice-presidential nominee, a court referee said.

Mondale's Aides Take Aim at GOP Tax-Cut Proposals

MINNEAPOLIS (Milton Coleman, Washington Post, A2) -- Aides to Walter Mondale used the Republican platform to renew debate on the federal budget deficit, saying that enactment of six key tax cuts promised by the GOP could nearly double the deficit in a single year.

EDITOR'S NOTE: A news analysis by Alex Jones, "Ferraro's Finances: Is the Press Being Fair," is on page A1 of the New York Times.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. SEES COVER-UP IN SAKHAROV TAPE

(Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A1) -- The State Department said that a videotape of Andrei Sakharov may have been sent to the West by Soviet authorities to cover up a secret trial and sentencing last week of the dissident physician's wife.

Internal Exile Ordered for Sakharov's Wife

(Bill Outlaw, Washington Times, A1) -- Ylena Bonner, wife of Andrei Sakharov, was tried by the Russians last week and sentenced to five years in internal exile for "slandering the state," the State Department announced.

(R. Gregory Nokes, AP) -- Alan Romberg, a State Department spokesman, said the Administration is concerned about a report that Mrs. Bonner was sentenced to internal exile after being convicted of "slandering the Soviet state." He said the trial apparently ended on Aug. 17.

U.S. OFFICIAL CHARGES 'APOLOGISTS'
ARE IGNORING CUBA'S RIGHTS ABUSES

Assistant Secretary of State Eliot Abrams fired a broadside at Americans who speak well of Cuba as he attacked church figures, human-rights groups, politicians and journalists as "apologists" whose views are "distorted by a seemingly invincible high anti-Americanism."

NICARAGUA SAID OPEN TO RESUMING TIES WITH ISRAEL

(Joanne Omang, Washington Post, A3) -- The government of Nicaragua is "open to mutual initiatives" toward re-establishing diplomatic relations with Israel, three human rights activists reported on returning from a visit to Nicaragua.

Nicaraguan Says Visit Confirms Discontent

(Roger Fontaine, Washington Times, A2) -- Promising to return soon to his country, Arturo Cruz Sr., leader of the largest opposition group in Nicaragua, predicted in a Washington Times interview that "in a real clean election ... the Sandinistas will lose."

WEST GERMANY REJECTS U.S. PLAN FOR EAST-WEST BARRIER

BONN (Reuter) -- West Germany rejected a U.S. proposal that members of NATO consider building a defensive barrier of explosive-filled pipes along the border dividing Western and Eastern Europe.

U.S. HOPES POLL SPEEDS RACE REFORM IN S. AFRICA

(Alan McConagha, Washington Times, A6) -- The United States, noting South Africa's black majority continues to be excluded from power, responded cautiously to the first elections in South Africa to send non-whites to a newly constituted parliament.

WHNS...

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY EVENING, August 23, 1984

CONVENTION

CBS's Dan Rather: From Dallas, the fourth and final day of the Republican National Convention...(TV coverage: Dallas skyline) The balloting is over, the balloons are ready, it's acceptance speech night for Ronald Reagan. But before accepting the Republican presidential nomination, President and candidate Reagan spent a busy day of it. A day featuring the power of politics, and the power of prayer, and Mr. Reagan said there was no reason to separate the two.

CBS's Bill Plante: (TV coverage: President and Mrs. Reagan singing "America.") Ronald Reagan's day of triumph began on a emotional note, at an ecumenical prayer breakfast. The President and First Lady appeared to be deeply moved by what they heard at the enormous gathering. After affirming his belief that religion has a place in the nation's political life, Mr. Reagan turned the rest of his day to good old-fashioned politics. (TV coverage: President at Hispanic luncheon with Ms. Ortega in background -- "Buenos Tardes.")

At a special appearance before Hispanic Republicans, the President denied that he was playing special interest politics.

(President: "The other Party considers Americans of Hispanic descent a separate interest group, but we Republicans see you as representative of the mainstream of our Party and of our country.")

To a \$1,000-a-plate Republican National Committee lunch, Mr. Reagan served up partisan red meat, charging that the Democrats have abandoned their rank and file.

(President: The leadership of the Democratic Party -- and by that I mean the eccentric clique that was calling the shots in San Francisco, and not the rank-and-file members -- the leadership of the Party has abandoned the principles that formed their Party.)

At the convention hall, preparations were underway for tonight's climactic event -- the President's acceptance speech. Signs were stacked and ready for the demonstrators; red balloons prepared to drop from the rafters on cue; the Vice President, too, getting ready for his appearance. (TV coverage: Vice President Bush shown at podium.)

Mr. Reagan's Chief-of-Staff says the President's speech will address the question of war-and-peace.

(James Baker: "He's going to point out that in 1980 he told the American people that strength was the best path to peace. Since he's been President, he's achieved that strength. He's rebuilt America's defenses, and he's going to make the point that today America is prepared for peace.")

But we're told that the President won't make any specific proposals tonight. Instead, he's expected to make an emotional appeal at this key moment, attempting to invoke and identify with what his aides are calling "the Spirit of America."

Rather: In just a short while, Ronald Reagan stands and speaks at the podium here, and stands as a symbol of all things to all Republicans. But what will the Republican ticket be standing for in the election campaign?

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY EVENING, August 23, 1984

CONVENTION (continued)

CBS's Bruce Morton: The most important speech at this convention comes later tonight, but the Reagan-Bush campaign has had a hand in just about all the speeches here, and it's easy to find some themes Republicans will be using this fall. One, running against Jimmy Carter was gang-busters in 1980; let's do it again.

(Jeane Kirkpatrick to convention hall: "It wasn't malaise we suffered from; it was Jimmy Carter -- and Walter Mondale.")

Two: if you do speak of Mondale separately, say he is weak and wimpy.

(Paul Laxalt: "If Walter Mondale can't even run his own campaign, how in the world can we expect him to negotiate successfully with the Soviets?")

Three: portray the Democratic standard-bearers as kook-left liberals.

(Frank Fahrenkopf: "And along the way, we will extend our hand to the legions of independent voters, and to Democrats.")

Four: stress pride. Coming back. Walking tall.

(Gov. Thompson: "America is coming back, and we're not going backwards in November.")

Both parties stress the value of religion.

(President Reagan: "The truth is, politics and morality are inseparable.")

The Republicans are in favor of government prescribing behavior in Church-related areas like school prayer, abortion and pornography. The Democrats, by and large, are not.
(CBS-Lead)

Rather on the film which is to introduce the President tonight: In a letter sent to Frank Fahrenkopf, CBS said it will not broadcast in its entirety and without interruptions an 18-minute film produced by Madison Avenue for the Republicans. A letter from CBS News President Edward Joyce said that in covering both parties' conventions, "We believe we are all best served if the two parties produce the conventions as they choose, and we produce our news coverage based on our best judgments." Joyce went on to say, "We do intend to take note of the issues surrounding the broadcast of the film," and that brief out-takes from the film will be used in CBS convention coverage. Fahrenkopf's reaction: "I'm unhappy about it."

CBS's Bill Moyers -- Commentary: A political commercial for the President is not the same kind of news event as a speech by a president. A speech attempts to woo us, too, but it's by the man himself, flesh and blood, not a motion picture about it. This is a difference increasingly difficult to keep in an age of hype and image, but it's a difference worth fighting for. Politicians trying to persuade us on their own must reveal their style, argument, thought and language. Democracy continues a conversation of citizens, a very human transaction, and not the work of hidden wizards who look upon us as objects of manipulation instead of thinking men and women.
(CBS-10)

ABC's Sam Donaldson: It was a day for Republican superlatives, from the 2,000-voice choir at the morning prayer breakfast to the anticipated valedictory presidential acceptance speech at the evening convention session. And all of it designed to reinforce the main themes of the Reagan-Bush reelection campaign. Example: the President will continue his fight for bible-based conservative principles such as prayer in the schools.

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY EVENING, August 23, 1984

CONVENTION (continued)

Donaldson continues: (President Reagan: "The truth is politics and morality are inseparable. We need religion as a guide. We need it because we are imperfect.")

At noontime, the President dropped in for a speech to the Republican Hispanic Caucus to address economic recovery and his claim that it has benefited everyone.

(President Reagan: "In the past 19 months, 6.5M people have found jobs and our recovery is benefiting a cross section of America.")

And for 2,200 supporters at lunch, each of whom had paid \$1,000 to get in, Mr. Reagan served up partisan red meat.

(President Reagan: "We are the party of the future and they are the party of the past. We are the party of new ideas and they are the party of tired old cliches. Well, the truth is we are in this year 1984 a new thing in history, a new Republican Party, a giant reemerging on the scene.")

These themes and more will be on display in the President's acceptance speech tonight, a speech described by aides as partisan but future oriented, one that lays out the agenda for the next 4 years, but none of the potentially controversial details. It is said this speech will contain a good bit of nostalgia, but no particularly memorable or catchy phrase. The Republicans, of course, hope this speech will contain the old Reagan television magic. It may be the President's swan song at one of these conventions, but his supporters hope he will go out with a roar.

ABC's Charles Gibson reports on the role of religion, particularly fundamentalist religion, in the party and the platform this year.

(Jerry Falwell in prayer before the convention: "We're glad for a party that has committed itself to the liberation of the unborn.")

(Sen. Weicker: "They're trying to write a code of behavior for the United States of America.")

(TV Coverage of Christian Voice commercial: "Militant homosexuals are on the march.") (ABC-2)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: Big D -- Dallas. The final day of the Republican National Convention and today the city belonged to President Reagan. President Reagan tonight appears in person for the first time at this Republican National Convention, to formally accept the nomination of his Party. Today in Dallas he warmed up for tonight's appearance by meeting with three groups important to the fall election. As Andrea Mitchell reports now, you could hear the themes of the campaign.

NBC's Andrea Mitchell: A two thousand voice choir gave it the spirit of an old fashioned revival meeting as the Republican National Committee brought 17,000 of their faithful to this basketball arena for a prayer breakfast. It was the President's first stop on a day during which he touched almost every political base. First, the Christian fundamentalists.

(TV coverage shows the President saying: "I believe that faith and religion play a critical role in the political life of our nation, and always have. And that the church, and by that I mean all churches, all denominations, has had a strong influence on the state and this has worked to our benefit as a nation.")

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Mitchell continues: Religion is a big part of this campaign and the crowd gave the President a political benediction. Next stop, Hispanic Republicans, another important voting block, especially in key states like Texas.

(TV coverage shows the President greeting the audience in Spanish, then saying, "The other Party considers Americans of Hispanic descent a separate interest group, but we Republicans see you as representative of the mainstream of our Party and of our country.")

The final stop helped pay the bills. Two thousand Republicans paid \$1,000 each -- \$2,000,000 -- to hear the President appeal for working class Democratic votes.

(TV coverage of the President saying: "The leadership of the Party has abandoned the principles that formed their Party. They're no longer the Party of Jefferson and Jackson, and they speak no more for the working people of this country.")

Today's events were a run-through of the themes the President will lay out in his acceptance speech tonight. He'll be tough and partisan in attacking the Democrats, who Republican strategists now think are far behind nearly everywhere in the country.

NBC's James Polk covered the court hearing in New York for John Zaccaro in the case in which he loaned himself \$175,000 from the estate of an elderly woman which he served as a caretaker. He said he wasn't familiar with the technicalities of the law, but the court referee said Zaccaro had made no written records of the loans and did not list them in the woman's file. The woman's closest relative, a nephew, said the loan was improper.

Brokaw: President Reagan signed legislation that gives women greater pension and retirement rights. The signing was announced in a brief statement. There were none of the usual photographs and ceremonies. But then this legislation was originally introduced by Geraldine Ferraro.

NBC's Roger Mudd did a feature on the Reagan Presidency: "Ronald Reagan has made a career of being underestimated. Ask former Governor Brown of California. Ask former President Carter. Ask any number of professional politicians in Washington who snickered at the idea of a washed-up actor running the government. Instead, Ronald Reagan, in just four years, has left an indelible mark on the Presidency and on the Republican Party. And he has made his mark by using television and his considerable camera skills to recapture for the Presidency control of the national agenda. Once again it is the President of the United States who is setting the tone and setting the priorities. After a decade of punyness in the Oval Office, Ronald Reagan has put some backbone in it. And the nation, including the Democrats, now talk openly about hard work and patriotism and pride. And the people, including the Democrats, now talk openly about limiting the size of government and its programs. Walter Mondale said the other day the lesson from 1980 was that the voters wanted some hard-headed people running the government. And, finally, Ronald Reagan has demonstrated that personality can count as much in the Presidency as policy, and that optimism and good cheer can count for as much as brains and mastery of detail. Ronald Reagan has done all of that in four years. Now he owes the nation an explanation of what he will do during the next four years."

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NBC News did a short piece on the loneliness this week of liberal Republicans, in particular Senator Mathias, who remarked that he'd like to see a political convention that went his way for once, and that "it is not without some possibility that we could be driven on the rocks" in this election because of right wing domination of the Party.

WOMEN/PENSION BILL

Rather: President Reagan signed a bill giving women greater access to pension programs and benefits. A prime sponsor of that bill was Ferraro.
(NBC-3, CBS-8)

ZACCARO

CBS's Richard Wagner: In today's hearing, court-appointed referee Jonathan Weinstein said John Zaccaro acted improperly as the conservator of a million-dollar estate of an 83-year-old woman. He said Zaccaro should not have made loans totaling \$175,000 to his real estate management firm from the estate's assets. But Zaccaro's lawyer said instructions Zaccaro received as guardian of the estate said nothing to prohibit such loans. They were paid back on time with 12% interest, resulting, Zaccaro claimed, in more interest for the estate than it otherwise would have earned. A ruling by the court is expected next week. Zaccaro's handling of the state has angered some of the members of the woman's family.
(ABC-7, NBC-2, CBS-9)

TEHRAN BOMBING

Rather: There was a terrorist bombing in Tehran at the height of the rush hour. 18 were killed and more than 300 wounded. Two groups opposed to the Khomeini regime claimed responsibility for the most serious terrorist attack in Tehran in 2 years.
(ABC-9, NBC-5, CBS-3)

RED SEA/SUEZ

CBS's Alan Pizzey: Soviet naval might weighed into the mine hunt today. The carrier Leningrad with 500 men and several helicopters came in with a companion destroyer.
(ABC-10, NBC-7, CBS-4)

HUGHES AIRCRAFT

NBC's Jack Reynolds reported that the Pentagon has stopped \$38 million in progress payments to the Hughes Aircraft Company because of poor performance in making Phoenix missiles for the Navy, the Air Force Maverick missile and an anti-tank missile system for the Army.
(NBC-8)

THATCHER/NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Brokaw reported that the left wing New Statesman magazine reported in Great Britain that the Thatcher government was prepared to use nuclear weapons from a Polaris submarine against Argentina during the Falklands Islands war. The government had no comment on the report.
WHNS...TV

SAKHAROV

Jennings: ABC has acquired videotapes which show the Sakharovs within the last month in Gorky.

ABC's Barrie Dunsmore: It must be taken for granted that this is Soviet propaganda, complete with narration, designed to counter world criticism of its treatment of the Sakharovs. The videotape tries to make several points: Mrs. Bonner is shown apparently leading an active, healthy life. As for Sakharov, they want to make the point he is no longer on a hunger strike. Dunsmore reports that in order to pin down the time of the pictures, recent American and Soviet magazine covers show up in some of the pictures. (TV Coverage shows Newsweek, with 6-week old cover featuring singer Michael Jackson.) Whether Sakharov is being drugged is arguable.

Jennings: In Washington, a group of high-ranking State Department officials and Soviet experts viewed the videotape of Sakharov and Bonner. (Richard Burt: "I think that we agree with Barrie Dunsmore's conclusion that Andre Sakharov was probably alive when the film was shot, which appears to be 6 weeks ago. There is a very good chance, as he said, that he was possibly under drugs. We have no evidence that he is alive today and we have no evidence that he is in contact with his wife. I think the bottom line is that the Soviet Union owes the world far more than this KGB film.")

(NBC-4, ABC-Lead)

DEFICIT

Jennings: The government said that with 2 months left in this fiscal year, the 1984 deficit is already up to \$159B and the interest alone has cost the country \$129B in the last 10 months.

(ABC-4)

LEBANON

Rather: The chief of staff of Lebanon's newly re-made army was killed in a helicopter crash north of Beirut, along with 8 others. The general was the army's highest ranking Druze Moslem. Walid Jumblatt urged an immediate investigation.

(CBS-5)

GRENADA

Rather: The Pentagon issued guidelines that it said would prevent the exclusion of reporters from happening again.

CBS's David Martin: Creation of a national news pool of reporters and cameramen would be taken along on a military operation, provided they did not file any reports until the military commanders said it was all right. Military commanders would be required to include the press in all their war plans. The Pentagon made it clear these steps do not guarantee reporters will be taken on future operations. The new procedures will be tested first in exercises. Pentagon officials acknowledge it will take more than new procedures to dispel the atmosphere of distrust and antagonism which goes back to Vietnam.

(CBS-6)

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GERMANY

CBS's Doug Tunnel: These are not normal times along the frontier dividing the two Germanys. East Germany has started to loosen up. Communist officials are implementing a whole range of new border regulations designed to make the East a less hostile place for Germans from the West. They are dismantling deadly electronic firing devices designed to discourage defectors. They will not be replaced. The cost of a visit for elderly West Germans has been reduced. And for the first time, citizens of the communist state will be able to visit not just relatives, but friends living in the little towns along West Germany's side of the frontier. The changes amount to the biggest improvement in inter-German relations in a decade, an improvement that has already unsettled allies of both Germanys. Pravda accuses West Germany of trying to undermine socialism in the East, and cautioned East Germany to take care. And in Western Europe, too, the warming of relations has renewed some old anxieties. Looking closely behind the budding friendship and you will find some very pragmatic and self-interested politicians in both Bonn and East Berlin. Kohl and his political opponents from right and left know the romantic vision of a united Germany is popular among most West German voters. For East Germany, the payoff is hard currency. The border restrictions were eased in exchange for a \$330M credit from West German banks. The loan is expected to buy exit visas for another 5,000 East Germans before the end of the year. But there are 500,000 more, according to human rights groups in the West, who have applied to leave East Germany. (CBS-11)

MEDIA

ABC's Jeff Greenfield: It's a familiar sight: the press in full flight pursuing public personalities with cameras blazing. (TV Coverage of press mobbing Ferraro.) To a lot of the Republicans in Dallas, there is something unusual about this picture: the media, which many of the conservatives see as dominated by liberals, is pursuing a liberal Democrat. (Former NSC Adviser Richard Allen: "You guys, you people, have to become fair. You're not fair now and the American public knows it.") Journalists say the press is simply an equal opportunity harasser. (ABC-8)

DALLAS SCHOOLBOOK DEPOSITORY

Jennings: The famous landmark was damaged by fire. Authorities say a fire in the Texas Schoolbook Depository was deliberately set. It was from the depository that Lee Harvey Oswald shot President Kennedy. (NBC-11, ABC-6)

COMMENTARY FOLLOWING PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

ABC

David Brinkley: Full of emotion, touched every chord, got a tremendous response.

Peter Jennings: A very evocative ending, using the Olympic Torch to shine a little light all over the country. As much as anything, of course, it is that personality of the President and that ability to communicate which is now commonly accepted by everybody in the country and certainly every politician in the country, that the Democrats are going to have to campaign against. The President telling these delegates, but more important from their point of view in a speech that lasted almost an hour, telling the country that it has a clear political choice, and of course the Democrats would agree. The President saying the Democrats are in the past, the Democrats saying the Republicans under Mr. Reagan's leadership are going to mortgage the future.

Sam Donaldson: I was struck by the fact that his speech tonight did more than just send the message of the clear political choice and argue the record and tell the country what the President thinks the Democrats would do if they were elected. It sends the message that he at 73 is still very vigorous and healthy. I think age can be an issue in this campaign if once he gets up and makes a speech and people say, 'My goodness, he's aging, something's happening to him.' Well that didn't happen tonight. He may be 73, Peter and David, but I think the message went forth tonight that he's still up to another term.

George Will: We've all spent about eight days at political conventions in the last month or so and I think we've seen something that's very rare in our recent political experience and that is both parties very united and very at peace with themselves. Only three incumbent Presidents seeking reelection have been defeated in this century and each one had a sort of special calamity going on around him at the time. It remains to be seen whether Walter Mondale can affect this, but his big message is clear. It's that Ronald Reagan is unsafe and unfair, and Ronald Reagan's message is that the other party's pessimistic and afraid, and what we've seen on both sides is something very encouraging and makes all this great fun, as you can see on the screen. It is that American politics can be serious without being sullen.

Martin Nolan (Boston Globe): The balloons remind me of what Joan Rivers always asks: 'Can he talk?' Well, can he ever. The President is the Great Communicator because he's a great simplifier. He makes taxes, economics, foreign policy all seem rather simple, David. And Walter Mondale's task, I think, is to try to say that he's making it too simple. That life is more complicated than that. In the meantime, of course, President Reagan is going after every single Democrat he can find in order to make him a former Democrat. That's Mondale's trouble. As the President says, it's getting late, but it's getting awfully late for Walter Mondale and the Democrats.

ABC COVERAGE (continued)

Sander Vanocur: Peter, you're dead on the mark on this: This was an address addressed to the Republicans here and the Democrats outside and when he referred to the Statue of Liberty at the end, I thought to myself this will go down as his Emma Lazarus speech. She is the poet who wrote the poem at the bottom of the Statue of Liberty which said 'Give me your huddled masses...'. And what he was saying tonight to the Democratic Party is "give me your huddled masses...", saying to the Democrats, "You can desert the faith of your fathers and your mothers, because I, Ronald Reagan, have finally turned the New Deal upside down, and I'm about to perform great miracles of political alignment." And if they play "Happy Days Are Here Again", I think he stands more supreme in political life in this country than possibly any figure we've had since Franklin D. Roosevelt.

CBS COVERAGE

Dan Rather: Ronald Wilson Reagan, 40th President of the United States, in nomination speech at the convention hall in Dallas, Texas.
(Break for commercials.)

And as the star-studded flag-filled celebration of the renomination of Ronald Reagan and George Bush continues in the Dallas convention hall, the candidates turn to see themselves on that huge screen up behind the podium. Those of you who were watching the coverage last night, you'll recall that's the screen to which Nancy Reagan waved to her husband, who has been in the hotel, up on that giant screen. Bob Michel, the congressman from Illinois and Howard Baker come to the podium. Now there will be a string of Republican dignitaries doing just that. Walter Cronkite, no question there's plenty to celebrate. Ronald Reagan with a long, long lead in the polls, such a long lead that Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro can barely see their tail lights at the moment. What is it?

Walter Cronkite: 16 points at the moment, according to our New York Times-CBS News poll.

Rather: I was distracted, what a shot that is of some of the balloons...all this, what was billed as the most spectacular end-of-convention spectacular in the history of the country. Whether that's true or not, who knows? It's pretty impressive as confetti and balloon drops go.

Cronkite: It is indeed.

Rather: Walter...you've taken a look at the polls...while it's impressive, that lead, it doesn't necessarily mean that the election is over.

CBS COVERAGE (continued)

Cronkite: No, as a matter of fact, the party leaders here have been trying to warn these delegates not to sink in euphoria, but to get out and work, because actually post-convention polls down through history since World War II have not proved to be terribly accurate. Out of 9 elections since World War II, they've called the wrong winner actually in 3, and in only 3 elections were they within 6 points. All the rest of those, they were 11 to 15 points off, and in several cases calling the wrong winner by considerable margins. So a lot of things change between the nights like this and the time when the American people go to the polls. It's still 75 days off as the President pointed out tonight. And a lot of things can happen, a lot of things that he cannot control. In international affairs, some things could happen. Mondale has yet to mount his full offensive.

Rather: But on the other hand, if you had to choose between the 2 positions, no politician I know would choose to be 16 points behind in the polls.

Cronkite: No, as a matter of fact, the nearest comparison to this would be 1956, when a president as popular as Reagan, Dwight Eisenhower, was running for reelection. And he came out of the convention with a whopping lead and increased it before he got to November. So, the Republicans still have a lot to look forward to.

Rather: The biggest applause line of the speech was when President Reagan said, I think, that not one inch of territory had fallen to the communists since he took over as president. And when he said, not right or left but up or down, that was straight out of President Reagan's 1964 speech on behalf of Barry Goldwater. So, tonight the balloons come down right on cue, the delegates let their hair down right on schedule, Mr. Reagan's speech brought down the house and brought the delegates to their feet in what may be one of the few for-real crackles of convention electricity, electricity that will spark back and forth across this hall for quite awhile to come yet. But beyond all that, this was a made-for-television convention and a made-for-the-TV audience speech by President Reagan tonight, going beyond accepting the nomination and adulation of his party, going beyond standing on the podium as the great unifier of a party that has 3 wings, all of them conservative, some more conservative than others, perhaps, but all 3 wings conservative. This was a convention, and an acceptance speech, designed to make the White House safe for Republicans and for the party, to make the party the majority party, for the rest of the century. The guns of August have been fired in what promises to be a hard-fought battle for the ballots of November. And as President Reagan and George Bush leave the hall tonight with a long lead in the polls, they will have in mind what President Reagan is supposed to have said to George Bush some time ago, and that is, "You know, in politics, what you least expect often happens."

NBC COVERAGE

Tom Brokaw: ...It was a quite a detailed defense of his economic policies. Then he went on to repeat other familiar Reagan phrases about peace through strength. And then he ended, as you heard, on the Olympic theme which the Republicans hope to capture for their own during the course of this campaign. We're in Dallas and those are the Reagan cheerleaders. Vice President George Bush on the podium with him now. Mrs. Reagan and Mrs. Bush will have to leave their boxes in this hall to come down to the podium and they will join their husbands at the podium as well. This is expected to go on for some time. Incidentally, one of our staff has discovered a remarkable similarity between a line President Reagan said tonight and the man he so often attacks -- Jimmy Carter. Mrs. Reagan now at the podium. President Reagan said tonight, "We are here to see the government continue to serve the people and not the other way around." In 1976, Jimmy Carter said in his acceptance speech, "It is time for the people to run the government and not the other way around." Well, speechwriters everywhere borrow from each other. We hear "Happy Days Are Here Again" for about the third time or fourth time this week -- traditional music being played. In San Francisco, you recall, the Democrats had "Rocky," the theme from "Star Wars," "Chariots of Fire." "Happy Days Are Here Again" most often associated with Franklin D. Roosevelt. Ronald Reagan once admired him...whether they're just trying to cop the song from the Democrats, I'm not sure. Now here come the balloons and up go the balloons. They've got them coming from every direction. This will be going on for some time yet, then we'll here from Ray Charles and Vicki Carr. And we'll be back with more from Dallas on the night that President Reagan and Vice President Bush formally accepted the nomination of the Republican Party. (Editor's Note: NBC switched to local news in Washington.)