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The White House NEWS SUMMARY

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TODAY'S HEADLINES

TRIP NEWS

PRESIDENT TELLS LEGION SOVIET EXPANSION OVER -- Addressing the 66th annual convention of the American Legion, President Reagan said: "We have completely reoriented American foreign policy, imbuing it with new energy and moral purpose. Our defenses are being restored and we have rallied our friends throughout the world."
(UPI, Reuter, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Washington Times)

NATIONAL NEWS

'AMERICA'S BACK AND SHE'S STRONG,' BUSH SAYS -- Vice President Bush declared that "America is No. 1 again" and that President Reagan will be re-elected because of it.
(Washington Post, Washington Times)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

VIET VETS VOLUNTEERED IN NICARAGUA -- A leader of a group of "gung-ho" Alabama-based Vietnam veterans that included two Americans killed in a weekend raids in Nicaragua said the men were volunteers devoted to stopping communism and were helping train anti-government rebels.
(AP, New York Times, Washington Post, Washington Times)

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY (Tuesday Evening)

REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN -- The President called religion a traditional value to be strengthened, but he pledged religious freedom as well.

DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN -- While the President had the flag-waving throngs cheering, Walter Mondale stayed in his suite on the Queen Mary, working on speeches, not even appearing until midday.

B-1/STEALTH -- The country's first new long-range nuclear bomber in more than 20 years rolled out, less than a week after a test-model crashed, killing the pilot.

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TRIP NEWS

REAGAN DEFENDS 'STAR WARS' PROPOSAL

SALT LAKE CITY (Lou Cannon, Washington Post, A1) -- President Reagan defended his call for a "Star Wars" anti-missile system in space, arguing that the United States has a "moral obligation" to develop such technology. He also claimed that his Administration had brought "new energy and moral purpose" to foreign policy that would eventually lead to nuclear arms reductions.

President Tells Legion Soviet Expansion Over

(Jeremiah O'Leary, Washington Times, A1) -- President Reagan declared the United States has successfully resisted Soviet expansionism and said his Administration has opened a wide range of diplomatic initiatives that will eventually produce both arms control and arms reduction treaties.

Reagan Reacts to Questions on Religion, Insists on Separation of Church and State

(Rich Jaroslovsky, Wall Street Journal, A60) -- The President told an American Legion convention that the right of every American "to choose and practice his or her own religion, or to choose no religion at all ... must not and shall not be questioned or violated by the state."

Reagan Reasserts Views on Religion

(Francis Clines, New York Times, A1) -- The President's remarks were a rebuttal to an assertion by Walter Mondale that Reagan's discussion of religious issues in his re-election campaign threatened to breach the constitutional wall between government and religion.

Reagan Defends Remarks on Religion

CHICAGO (Helen Thomas, UPI) -- President Reagan, winding up a four-day re-election swing today, says his remarks on ties between religion and politics that have been the subject of attacks by his Democratic opponents have been distorted.

Reagan and Mondale Form Their Battle Lines

(Rodney Pinder, Reuter) -- President Reagan and Walter Mondale closed off their opening skirmishes in the two-month presidential election campaign after firing probing rounds on issues of war and peace, the economy and religion.

REAGAN, MONDALE BID FOR JEWISH SUPPORT

(John McCaslin, Washington Times, A3) -- The two candidates for president will make a major pitch for the Jewish vote tomorrow with speeches to 1,200 delegates to the B'nai B'rith's International Convention as a dispute over the proper role of religion in politics rises to the top of the campaign agenda.

NATIONAL NEWS

MONDALE IS CULPRIT BEHIND ARMS-TALKS BREAKDOWN, BUSH SAYS

COLLEGE STATION, Tex. (Dale Russakoff, Washington Post, A7) -- Vice President Bush, in an unusually fiery speech aimed at seizing the war-and-peace issue from the Democrats, asserted that Walter Mondale -- not President Reagan -- is the culprit behind the breakdown in arms talks with the Soviet Union.

'America Is Back and She's Strong,' Bush Says

(Bill Kling, Washington Times, A3) -- Speaking to the Political Forum at Texas A&M University, the Vice President said President Reagan has led one of the most remarkable economic and national security recoveries in history, which he said was because the President has the leadership qualities his Democratic opponents lack.

WASHINGTON TODAY

(News Analysis by Evans Witt, AP) -- Facing the first female opponent of his political career, Vice President Bush raised the "commander-in-chief" issue just as carefully as other male politicians have done against women they have confronted across the ballot box. Sometimes the politician's prop has been a tank, not a plane, but the message has been the same -- this man, this candidate has dealt with the military, with the life-or-death decisions of combat, just like the tough decisions of a president or governor.

GOP ANALYSTS HIT MONDALE BUDGET PROPOSALS

(Washington Post, A4) -- Secretary Regan unveiled a Reagan-Bush campaign committee analysis of what they considered to be Walter Mondale's budget proposals, and the Democratic presidential candidate denounced the Republicans for "cooking" the numbers.

(Denis Gulino, UPI) -- In a news conference organized by the Reagan-Bush '84 campaign committee, Regan said Mondale's pledge to cut the deficit by two-thirds in four years would force a Democratic Administration to raise taxes so high that economic growth would stop.

(AP) -- However, Mondale replied: "First they cooked their own (budget) numbers. Now they're trying to cook my numbers and it's all designed to avoid responsibility for \$200 billion-plus deficits, for a Republican platform that adds another \$100 billion to the deficits. I challenge them to put a fair and responsible plan on the table."

(Anne Saker, UPI) -- "One thing is painfully clear," Regan said. "Mr. Mondale's 'new realism' is nothing more than more taxes -- massive tax hikes that will force working Americans to empty their pocket books to pay for his expensive campaign promises."

Regan Attacks Mondale's Budget Figures

(George Archibald, Washington Times, A2) -- The Democrat's election-year promises would cost at least \$1,890 in higher taxes for the average household, and maybe as much as \$3,350, the Secretary warned.

CAMPAIGN RHETORIC SPARKS DEBATE AMONG RELIGIOUS LEADERS

(Marjorie Hyer, Washington Post, A4) -- This year's volatile mix of religion and politics has stirred at least as much controversy in churches and synagogues as on the campaign trail. Well before the last balloon popped at the Republican National Convention, religious leaders on both the right and the left were speaking out on the extraordinary role religion played in the political arena there.

REAGAN ENDORSED BY DEMOCRAT WHO FORMERLY LED BLACK BAPTISTS

(Bill Kling, Washington Times, A3) -- The Rev. Joseph Jackson, a lifelong Democrat and former president of the National Baptist Convention, personally endorsed President Reagan's candidacy for re-election and questioned the political leadership of Walter Mondale and Jesse Jackson.

FAMILY DEFENDS VEEP WITH LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(Christopher Connell, AP) -- Vice President Bush's sister and nephew have taken pen in hand to defend their kinsman against journalistic accounts depicting Bush as a preppe who is soft as "a cucumber sandwich." Three of the nation's leading newspapers, The Boston Globe, The Wall Street Journal and The Washington Post, have published in recent days separate letters from the Vice President's sister, Nancy Bush Ellis, and his nephew, James L. Bush, defending his honor and extolling his war record.

MONDALE FLAYS REAGAN ON RECOVERY

COMPTON, Calif. (Milton Coleman, Washington Post, A1) -- A "damned mad" Walter Mondale lashed out at President Reagan's claims of economic recovery, charging that the President has only put back to work those people who lost their jobs during the recession of 1981-82.

Reagan Tax Policies Unfair, Favor Rich, Mondale Asserts

(Alan McConagha, Washington Times, A1) -- The Democratic presidential nominee, who believes he has a chance in President Reagan's home state, met employees at Ralph's Grocery Company and conducted a forum on education at San Jose State University.

(Don Phillips, UPI) -- In his post-Labor Day campaign, Walter Mondale has assigned blame to President Reagan for, among other things, failures in arms control, huge budget deficits and inadequate funding of higher education. The issues are not new, but Mondale has turned the political screws tighter than before. The rhetoric has turned almost bitter.

SMALL BUT EXUBERANT CROWD SEES FERRARO ON OREGON STOP

EUGENE, Ore. (Rick Atkinson, Washington Post, A7) -- Geraldine Ferraro plunged into the Pacific Northwest on what she called "this campaign for economic justice" and was greeted with as much unalloyed exuberance as she has encountered.

HARRIS SURVEY

(Lou Harris, Gannett) -- Geraldine Ferraro has made a remarkable comeback in the view of voters and must be considered again as a major force in the 1984 election, according to results from a recent Harris Survey. In the latest Harris Survey taken after she released her own and her husband's income tax returns, a 71-23 percent majority of voters find her attractive and forceful and "a real leader."

BURFORD ASSERTS SHE GOT PURGE LIST

(Philip Shabecoff, New York Times, A18) -- The White House in 1981 sent the EPA a list of career officials that a leading business organization wanted purged from the agency, according to a document made public recently by a House investigating subcommittee. The document consisted of notes written by the agency's chief of staff, John Daniel, describing a telephone conversation with a Presidential assistant, Craig Fuller.

B1B IS ROLLED OUT; PROTOTYPE GROUNDED

PALMDALE, Calif. (Washington Post, A6) -- Rockwell International Corp. ceremoniously rolled out the first production model of its B1B bomber in a ceremony, while the Air Force announced that it was grounding the last flying B1 prototype because of a fatal crash last week.

(Robert Trautman, Reuter) -- It will ultimately join the Air Force's Strategic Air Command as the country's first-line intercontinental bomber.

After 14 Years, First B-1 Bomber Is Ready

(Washington Times, A4) -- Gen. Lawrence Skantze, head of the Air Force Systems Command, said the bomber was the dead B-1 prototype pilot's legacy.

FARMERS' SUBSIDIES SAID TO VARY WIDELY AMONG CROPS, AREAS

(Ward Sinclair, Washington Post, A2) -- To no one's surprise, and not unlike several studies of earlier programs, a forthcoming Senate Budget Committee review found that a handful of the largest farmers received disproportionate shares of government benefits. But it also found startling disparities between different crops and regions of the country.

TREASURY AT LAST ACCEPTS ROLE AS DRUG POLICEMAN

(Edmond Jacoby, Washington Times, A5) -- After nearly a year of behind-the-scenes maneuvering to shed its congressionally mandated role of policeman along international drug smuggling routes, the Treasury Department is expected to perform a smart about-face at a House hearing tomorrow.

WHNS...

FARM SCENE

(Don Kendall, AP) -- The Agriculture Department's outlook for 1984 farm income is about the same as it was in the second quarter, although there has been some weakening in the forecast.

DEATH THREAT

LOS ANGELES (UPI) -- A doctor turned transient pleaded innocent to charges he threatened to have President Reagan shot, stuffed and put on display in a gun shop. James Oliver Jackson, 62, entered his plea in federal court to charges of threatening the President and making a false statement while applying for a gun permit.

CANDIDATE'S SCHEDULES

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- The schedules for the presidential and vice presidential candidates for Wednesday, Sept. 5, and the tentative schedules for Thursday, Sept. 6, and the week ahead. All times are local unless noted.

WALTER MONDALE:

Wednesday: 8:55-9:35 a.m. addresses American Legion convention, Salt Palace, Salt Lake City; open. 10:10 a.m. MDT-11:05 PDT en route from Salt Lake City to Portland, Ore. Morning departs for Westin-Benson Hotel, Portland. 12:20 p.m. joins Geraldine Ferraro for rally, Terry Shrunken Park, Portland. 1-1:20 p.m. en route to Portland airport. 1:50 p.m. PDT-9:30 p.m. EST en route to Washington National Airport. Overnights at home, Washington.

Thursday: 8:30 a.m. addresses B'Nai B'Rith convention, Holmes Room, Sheraton Washington Hotel, Washington; open. Mid-morning addresses House and Senate Democratic caucuses, U.S. Capitol. Addresses National Baptist Convention, D.C., Convention Center. Afternoon private time. 5 p.m. charter flight to Atlanta, Ga.

GERALDINE FERRARO:

Wednesday: 9:10 a.m. departs Sheraton Spokane Hotel, Spokane, Wash., for airport. 9:45-10:45 en route to Portland, Ore. 12:20-1 p.m. joins Mondale for rally, Terry Shrunken Park, Portland. 1:50 p.m. PDT-7 p.m. CDT en route to Kansas City, Mo. Press availability on arrival. 7:45 p.m. Overnights Radisson-Muehlebach Hotel, 105 W. 12th St., Kansas City.

Thursday: 9:25-10:35 a.m. en route to Harry Truman High School, Kansas City. 9:50 a.m. speech, Harry Truman High School; open. 11:15 a.m. private time, Hilton Plaza Hotel. 11:25 a.m. press availability, Hilton. 1:05 p.m. departs hotel for airport. 1:50 p.m. CDT-5:20 p.m. EST en route to New York La Guardia airport. Overnights at home, Queens, N.Y.

Friday: Private time, Queens.

RONALD REAGAN:

Wednesday: Addresses a "Choosing the Future" conference in Chicago, sponsored by Ameritrust Bank of Cleveland and the Economic Club of Chicago. Evening returns to Washington.

Thursday: Addresses B'Nai B'Rith convention, Washington.

Friday: Meets with Emile van Lennep, secretary general of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, White House. Addresses women executives of major corporations.

GEORGE BUSH:

Wednesday: 7:55-9:45 a.m. en route to Paducah Barkley Regional Airport, Paducah, Ky. 10:15 a.m. addresses Lone Oak High School, Paducah. 11:20 a.m. press availability, Executive Inn, Paducah. 12:45-2:50 p.m. en route to Lexington Bluegrass Airport, Lexington, Ky. 3:20 p.m. attends ground-breaking ceremony, Transylvania University Library, Lexington. 4:15 p.m. press availability, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Lexington. 7 p.m. departs Lexington for Andrews Air Force Base.

Thursday: Washington.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

TWO AMERICANS CALLED VOLUNTEERS

(Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A1) -- The two Americans killed in a clash with government troops in Nicaragua were volunteers who traveled to Central America at their own expense to "fight communism," the leader of a year-old Alabama paramilitary organization said.

(Robert Parry, AP) -- "They were concerned about communism winning and went down to stop it," said Thomas Posey, spokesman for an Alabama-based group called Civilian Military Assistance.

Viet Vets Volunteered in Nicaragua

(Washington Times, A4) -- A U.S. government official said the two Americans killed in the incident were Dana Herbert Parker Jr. and James Powell III.

2 Nicaragua Dead Are Called Unpaid Volunteers

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (Philip Taubman, New York Times, A12) -- Nicaraguan rebel leaders, based in Miami and New Orleans, said the two men and four other Americans who traveled with them to Honduras last week volunteered their help and received no pay. Previously it had been reported that the group consisted of seven men.

USE OF U.S. MERCENARIES IS TERMED LIMITED

MIAMI (Joseph Treaster, New York Times, A13) -- In the last few years a number of American civilians have taken part in military activities in Central America, paramilitary experts said, but the experts said they know of no concerted effort to recruit American mercenaries or to use them extensively in the region.

CUBAN-U.S. TALKS COULD AFFECT WAR IN EL SALVADOR

SAN SALVADOR (Jay Mallin Sr., Washington Times, A8) -- Fidel Castro's delicate negotiations with the United States on the Marielitos and other immigration issues are emerging as a possible factor in whether El Salvador's leftist guerrillas launch their long-expected offensive. A fall offensive is certain to involve a command decision by the guerrilla leadership. The most important questions are whether Mr. Castro wants anything to occur that might disturb his government's delicate negotiations with the United States, and whether he can influence the guerrillas one way or another.

HONECKER POSTPONES BONN VISIT

BONN (William Drozdiak, Washington Post, A1) -- East German head of state Erich Honecker, apparently bowing to Soviet pressure, postponed a planned visit to West Germany later this month.

Honecker Cancels W. German Visit

(Bill Outlaw, Washington Times, A1) -- The planned visit, which had been viewed as an attempt to open at least one new corridor of reconciliation between East and West, came to be viewed by the Soviet Union instead as an effort to undermine its uncompromising stand against the Reagan Administration.

Honecker Decides to Postpone Visit to West Germany

(James Markham, New York Times, A1) -- East Germany's decision was disclosed by Ewald Moldt, the head of the East German mission, after a two-hour meeting with Philipp Jenninger, an aide to Chancellor Kohl.

Moscow Behind East German Decision to Call Off Visit

BONN (Reuter) -- Christian Democrat parliamentarian Volker Ruehe suggested that Moscow was behind East German leader Erich Honecker's decision to put off a historic visit to West Germany.

East German's Delay of a Trip to the West Shows Moscow's Hand

BONN (Roger Thurow, Wall Street Journal) -- Recently, the ever-obedient Mr. Honecker has tried marching to the beat of a different drum. While the Soviet Union has gone into hibernation, withdrawing from many contacts with the West, Honecker, seeking to carve out a more independent profile for himself and his state, has been trying to keep alive the dialogue with the West, particularly with West Germany. However, the Soviet Union whistled its little drummer boy back into step.

Russians Pleased by Ally's Decision

MOSCOW (Serge Schmemmann, New York Times, A9) -- The Soviet press took no notice of reports that Erich Honecker had put off a visit to West Germany, just as the Russians had not reported his plans to begin with.

OFFICIAL SAYS SOVIETS VIOLATING ARMS PACTS

(Jim Anderson, UPI) -- A member of a Presidential advisory committee says evidence the Soviet Union is cheating on a wide array of arms agreements "casts doubt on the wisdom of persisting in arms control" with the Kremlin. Colin Gray, a member of the Administration's General Advisory Committee on Arms Control and Disarmament, said in an article in the forthcoming issue of Foreign Policy magazine that classified information provided to the committee provides proof the Soviets are violating arms agreements.

(Reuter) -- "No one who saw the complete technical evidence amassed could doubt that the violations are so significant as to call into question the very notion that the superpowers could retain enough common interests in arms control to warrant continuing negotiations," Gray said.

(Barry Schweid, AP) -- Gray urged Reagan to make a public commitment that he will give the Soviet Union "a last chance" to show that the alleged violations have stopped and will not recur. Otherwise, Gary said, the President should announce the United States will withdraw from the treaties that it believes are being violated.

WHNS...

JOURNALIST SAYS CHERNENKO WILL APPEAR IN PUBLIC TODAY

MOSCOW (John Iams, UPI) -- A prominent Soviet journalist says President Chernenko, rumored to be seriously ill, will attend a ceremony honoring three Cosmonauts today, his first public appearance in seven weeks.

(Reuter) -- Viktor Louis, a well-connected Soviet journalist who has filed many exclusives to the West, reported in British and West German newspapers that Chernenko was expected to appear today at a medal ceremony honoring three cosmonauts, including Svetlana Savitskaya, the first woman to walk in space.

Chernenko Is Expected to Welcome Cosmonauts

(Washington Times, A8) -- A bylined story by Mr. Louis appeared in the Standard of London saying Chernenko was expected to present medals to the cosmonauts. Telephoned at his home in Moscow, Louis said Chernenko "is expected" to make the presentations.

U.S. AIDE RAISES RIGHTS ISSUE DURING HIS TALKS IN UGANDA

ENTEBBE, Uganda (New York Times, A3) -- The State Department's top official for Africa, Chester Crocker, ending a visit here, expressed United States concern over the human rights situation in Uganda.

U.S. EXPECTS TO END MINESWEEPING IN 10 DAYS

(Bernard Gwertzman, New York Times, A8) -- State Department officials said that the United States would probably complete its minesweeping operations in the Gulf of Suez and the Red Sea in about 10 days and leave the area.

NICARAGUAN BANANAS SURGE HERE

(Washington Times, A2) -- The Administration, involved in a covert war against Nicaragua, has done nothing to halt a sixfold rise in banana imports from the Marxist nation in the first half of 1984.

EDITOR'S NOTE: A story by David Ottaway about the changes in the rule of Muammar Qaddafi, "After Scare, Qaddafi Sets Tight Reins," appears on page A1 of The Washington Post.

A similar article by Judith Miller is on page A1 of The New York Times under the title, "Qaddafi Said to Tighten Rule as Resistance Grows."

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR TUESDAY EVENING, September 4, 1984

REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN

CBS's Dan Rather: When asked in Chicago why he hasn't even mentioned Walter Mondale by name for two days running, President Reagan responded, "Why should I?" Mondale said Reagan economic policy makes him "damn mad."

CBS's Bill Plante: President Reagan mixed some religion into his politics; first, a courtesy call on officials of the Mormon Church. A spokesman said Mr. Reagan told the elders he felt divine providence had intervened in his life as President. The Church says it has invited Mondale to drop by as well. So has the American Legion. Mondale speaks to them tomorrow, but today they were a sympathetic audience for the President as he denied charges by Mondale and Ferraro that he doesn't understand the separation of Church and State.

(TV Coverage: Audience applauding President. President: "I can't think of anyone who favors the government establishing a religion in this country. I know I don't. But what some would do is to push the concept of religion, freedom of religion, to mean freedom against religion." Applause.)

The President called religion a traditional value to be strengthened, but he pledged religious freedom as well.

(President: "The unique thing about America is that every single American is free to choose and practice his or her own religion or to choose no religion at all. And that right must not and shall not be questioned or violated by the State." Applause.)

That's how the President will respond to Mondale and Ferraro when he chooses to do so without mentioning them by name and without saying too much about the specifics of their charges, thus setting his own tone above the fray. Elsewhere in the political battlefield, though, people were down in the trenches. Secretary Regan delivered a blistering attack on Mondale's plan to raise taxes.

(Secretary Regan: "He has not asked for any increase in taxes and we don't intend to ask for any increase in taxes. Mondale does. That's our whole point. He's asking for massive tax increases, the largest tax increases in the history of mankind.")

President Reagan will leave attacks such as that to his subordinates. His strategists plan to keep him on the high road, looking and acting presidential.

(CBS-Lead)

ABC's Sam Donaldson: President Reagan hit all his familiar themes of a strong defense and national resolve as he appeared before the American Legion Convention in Salt Lake City. But there was more.

(TV Coverage of audience applauding President.)

Worried that Mondale's attack on the religious issue was beginning to hurt, the President sought to allay fears that he can't be trusted to keep religion and government separate.

(President: "We must protect the rights of all our citizens to their beliefs, including the rights of those who choose no religion. That is why our Administration opposes any required prayers in schools. At the same time, we call for the right of children once again to pray voluntarily in our public schools.")

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REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN (continued)

Donaldson continues: But if the President tried harder to hold religion at arms length, he went to great lengths to use both hands to scoop in patriotism.

(President: "What a change from only a few years ago, when patriotism seemed so out of style. How about those young men and women on our Olympic team this summer. Who's ever said more about this country than those young Americans?" Applause.)

The President gave other examples of the new patriotism, including the Lake Placid U.S. Olympic hockey team, the Grenada student homecoming scene, the TV show "Call to Glory," the Lee Greenwood country song, "God Bless the USA," and he ran through a roll-call of dead military heroes.

(President: "Nimitz and Halsey, MacArthur, Bradley, Patton, Ike. They're all gone now. Well I know you join me in a prayer today that for America, such days and places are gone forever.")

After only two days in the West, the President leaving for Chicago is convinced he's nailed down his home base and he's ready to do battle in the critical industrial states of the East, carrying with him a message of patriotic fervor, suggesting to people that voting for the Democrats is not only unwise, it's un-American. (ABC-Lead)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: Tonight President Reagan has a softer line on religion and politics. The President had a different tone.

NBC's Chris Wallace: (TV Coverage: Audience applauds President.)

Aides said the President wasn't backing away from his religious views, just clarifying Democratic distortions. But in a speech to the American Legion, Mr. Reagan softened remarks he made two weeks ago in Dallas linking religion and government. Top campaign advisers admit those remarks sparked a heavy Jewish protest and handed Mondale an issue. Today, the President tried to calm the storm.

(President: "I can't think of anyone who favors the government establishing a religion in this country. I know I don't.")

Mr. Reagan said he supports religious freedom, even the right to be an atheist, but that some people want freedom against religion.

(President: "Our Administration opposes any required prayers in schools. At the same time, we call for the right of children once again to pray voluntarily in our public schools.")

In fact, the President supports a constitutional amendment permitting organized prayer in schools. And the tone was very different from the one he used at that Dallas prayer breakfast. There, the President said opponents of school prayer are intolerant of religion.

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

Cheering. "Religion and politics are necessarily related.")

If the President was soft-pedaling religion today, he was hard-line on national security. But he may have really won these Legionnaires talking emotionally of what he called the new patriotism, and the contribution of old soldiers.

(President: "Nimitz and Halsey, MacArthur, Bradley, Patton, Ike.

They're all gone now." President: "And as much as we honor those who died to make us free, we also fervently hope that such sacrifice will never again have to be asked for.")

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WHNS...

REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN (continued)

Wallace continues: NBC has learned the President's men are also taking a tough line on holding any more Reagan news conferences before the election. The President's last news conference was in July. Top campaign advisers say before he holds another, they want to make sure the TV networks won't give Mondale equal time. A top campaign adviser says, "Why give the Democrats that exposure?"

Brokaw: As it has in the past, NBC would treat a presidential news conference as a news event, which means it is not subject to equal time provisions. In other words, the Reagan campaign explanation for not holding a news conference is based on an invalid premise.

Brokaw: Secretary Regan joined the campaign, charging that Mondale's economic plan would cost the average American household an extra \$380 to \$660 a year in extra taxes over five years. Regan, however, would not spell out how the President would cut the deficit if he's reelected.

(NBC-Lead)

DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN

CBS's Susan Spencer: While the President had the flag-waving throngs cheering, Mondale stayed in his suite on the Queen Mary, working on speeches, not even appearing until midday -- his staff still down over yesterday's faltering Labor Day kickoff. A rally last night in Long Beach had done little to cheer anyone up. It was hours late, the sound system failed, the crowd was nowhere near President Reagan's 50,000 earlier in the day. But Mondale's aides insist such comparisons are meaningless, that this is to be a campaign of ideas, not media events. But today Mondale did do what advisers think works best for him on TV: he talked informally with a small group of workers. And in blasting President Reagan's tax program as unfair, he seemed to be trying to follow advice to loosen up.

(Mondale: "I'm mad. I'm angry. I'm damn mad, because I don't think it's right.")

Before a made-for-cameras chart, which he said made it clear the President's tax programs hurt the middle class, Mondale repeated his demand for debates.

(Mondale: "Why shouldn't the two of us have to stand there toe-to-toe? If he says that chart's wrong, let's debate about it. If he thinks the average American ought to pay more taxes while his rich friends are running free, let him argue it. I'll be glad to take him on.")

In the meantime, Mondale will take on tough audiences, like the American Legion tomorrow, tough issues like religion and politics the next day. The idea: make people think beyond the President's great communicating.

(CBS-2)

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DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN (continued)

ABC's Brit Hume: Mondale got in front of the kind of audience he likes best, blue collar workers, many of them union members in the meatcutting plant of a southern California grocery chain. In shirtsleeves with tie loosened, Mondale wanted to show he identified with them.

(Mondale: "How many of you are meat-cutters? Let me see your hands; I want to see how many fingers you've got on them." Laughter. Man raises his hand with half a finger missing. Mondale: "There's one. Did that go into the sausage or what?") His audience was attentive, if not excited, as Mondale gave them a graphs-and-charts demonstration that the Reagan tax cuts have helped the big-shots at the expense of the little guy.

(Mondale, pointing to chart: "If you're up here, you've got enough tax relief to get a free Lincoln car every year, with all the stuff. But if you're here, they didn't even give you hubcaps.")

Mondale then answered the President's charge that Mondale's attacks on such issues are an appeal to envy.

(Mondale: "I wouldn't blame you for being envious, when you see that your taxes went up and these wealthy went clear down. But I don't think envy's the real word. I think it's anger. I'm mad. I'm angry. I'm damn mad.") Mondale would like to cast this race as a class struggle between him and the working people against Mr. Reagan and his rich friends. With the economy in a booming recovery that has generated millions of jobs, it won't be easy to get Americans to see it that way, but it could be Mondale's only chance.

(ABC-2)

NBC coverage: (Mondale: "Under Mr. Reagan, the rich will get richer and average Americans will get poorer. I think that's dead wrong. Now yesterday Mr. Reagan said when I talk this way I'm appealing to envy. In other words I should shut up, I think is what he's saying. And if I were him I'd want me to shut up because people don't agree with this. I wouldn't blame you for being envious when you see that your taxes went up and these wealthy went clear down. But I don't think envy's the real word. I think it's anger. I'm mad. I'm angry. I'm damn mad because I don't think it's right.")

NBC's Don Oliver: The Mondale effort to get to California did not get off to a good start. A curious visit to a grocery company. A puny crowd of 1,500 at the kickoff rally in Long Beach. Microphones that failed. A few hours earlier, a few miles away, 50,000 had cheered Mondale's rival. (TV Coverage: Crowds shout "Four more years." President Reagan gives thumbs-up sign.) California Democratic leaders don't like to admit it, but most don't see how President Reagan can lose here. (Journalist Robert Fairbanks: "Privately, they'll all tell you that California belongs to Ronald Reagan.") At the California State Fair, a mock election, perhaps indicative of nothing, but at last count Reagan-Bush led Mondale-Ferraro by 7%. Some say Mondale is just wasting his money in California, but to write off this state might be to write off the whole election. Things don't look very good here, but there are few states where they look any better. The Mondale forces are moving into California to make a stand, grasping for all the good news they can get. California's unorthodox lifestyle and politics prompt hope Mondale can make cutting issues out of the nuclear freeze or opposition to offshore oil drilling.

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DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN (continued)

Oliver continues: (TV Coverage: Signs and with anti-nuclear, anti-oil slogans.) They are counting on a favorable Ferraro factor and a lot of help from Sen. Hart. In September alone, Hart will campaign eight days in California for Mondale. As Ronald Reagan waved goodbye to California, his advisers were supremely confident. (NBC-2)

B-1/STEALTH

CBS's David Martin: The country's first new long-range nuclear bomber in more than 20 years rolled out today, less than a week after a test-model crashed, killing the pilot. The Air Force acknowledged the other test models have been grounded until the investigation into the crash is completed. (Sen. Nunn: "I don't know how we can afford both a B-1B program and a Stealth bomber program.") At some point, the Air Force will have to choose between building more B-1s and starting production on the Stealth bomber. For the moment, the B-1 stands as the most visible symbol yet of Ronald Reagan's plan to rearm America. (NBC-4, CBS-3)

ABC's Rick Inderfurth: The Secretary of the Air Force read a letter from President Reagan. (Secretary reading letter: "With the rollout of the first B-1B, a benchmark in the defense of our nation has been reached.") Some critics say the Air Force may wind up buying more than the 100 planes ordered because as many as 60,000 jobs could be lost otherwise. (ABC-7)

SPACE SHUTTLE

Rather: A National Academy of Sciences study panel disagreed with NASA's insistence that the shuttle is all the Pentagon needs for putting secret military satellites and other gear into orbit. The research panel said the Pentagon is right about asking for one-time only use rockets as more secure and more flexible for the military's purposes. This poses a major money worry for the shuttle program. Fewer military payloads means the shuttle's other cash-paying customers will have to pay more for their payloads. (NBC-3, CBS-4)

ABC's Jules Bergman: Vice President Bush, visiting Mission Control, kidded with the astronauts about their problem. (TV Coverage: Vice President and Mrs. Bush at Mission Control. Vice President: "It's read well from down here ever since you got your plumbing problems fixed, too. That's very good.") (ABC-5)

GERMANY

Rather: East German leader Eric Honecker abruptly called off plans for an unprecedented and controversial cross-border visit to West Germany. No reason was given for what East Germany called an "indefinite postponement" but the Soviet Union in recent months had waged an increasingly strident campaign opposing any visit. (ABC-13, NBC-7, CBS-8)

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NICARAGUA

Koppel: One of the Americans who was shot down over Nicaragua this weekend is identified as Dana Parker Jr. of Huntsville, Ala. He was a member of a private, para-military organization. The Alabama National Guard tells us Parker was also a guard-captain heading a Special Forces detachment. The State Department has insisted there was no American government involvement in the raid into Nicaragua. (ABC-8)

Brokaw: The Nicaraguan government said 12 civilians and government soldiers were killed in a new offensive by rebels, rebels they said are backed by the CIA.

NBC's Fred Francis reports the CIA had no knowledge of the men who were shot down in Nicaragua over the weekend. (NBC-10)

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Koppel: After a two-year fight with organizers of the fundamentalist Faith Christian School in Nebraska, the state legislature passed a special exemption from state teacher standards for schools offering religious instruction. (ABC-10)

SCHOOL STATUS

ABC's Richard Threlkeld reports on low teacher salaries, boring textbooks and states' efforts to improve schools. What role should Washington play in our school crisis? According to the prime mover of Tennessee's school reform, Gov. Alexander, not very much. The Reagan Administration agrees. It's school policy has been more symbol than substance. In the past four years, the federal contribution to public school budgets has dropped by a fourth. Still, the states can't go it alone or go off in 50 different directions. Better schools will require federal leadership and probably more federal money. (ABC-11)

ECONOMY

ABC's Dan Cordtz reports the value of the dollar is now at a record high against British, Italian and Spanish currencies. There were signs today U.S. interest rates may go even higher. Banks boosted the federal funds rate, and the value of U.S. Government securities went down as buyers demanded a bigger return on their funds. The government also reported that because of high mortgage interest rates, spending on new home construction last month fell 1.9% from July, the second decline in a row. And the Dow lost more than 12 points. (ABC-12)

CHERNENKO

Koppel: Chernenko may make an appearance tomorrow. A Soviet journalist says Chernenko will appear at a public ceremony honoring cosmonauts. (NBC-9, ABC-12)

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ISRAEL

Koppel: A spokesman for PM Shamir announced Shamir and Peres will meet tomorrow to finalize an agreement to share power. (CBS-7, ABC-14)

CHILE

Rather: Demonstrators in Chile marshalled a big protest march. They said they were hoping for two days of peaceful protests against prolonged military rule.

CBS's Richard Wagner reports from Santiago: Club-swinging police attacked the unarmed marchers. The policemen set upon any group in the plaza in central Santiago; some were demonstrators, some were not. The decisiveness with which Pinochet crushed today's would-be demonstration should answer any inquiries about a further softening of his policies. (NBC-10, CBS-10)

SOUTH AFRICA

Koppel: The South African government increased its show of force in an effort to stop a second day of rioting in black-segregated townships. More than two-dozen blacks have died in the fighting. (NBC-7, ABC-17)

OLYMPIC TORCH

Koppel: The commercially-sponsored cross-country relay of the torch has paid off for charity. The Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee announced it's giving \$11M raised by the relay to boys' and girls' clubs, YMCAs and the Special Olympics. (ABC-17)

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