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# The White House NEWS SUMMARY

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## TODAY'S HEADLINES

### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Soviets Arms Violations Downplayed -- Secretary Shultz told an NBC interviewer that although there "seemed to be" some direct violations, most alleged treaty breaches concerned cases in which Moscow had legitimately exploited loopholes in the SALT II Treaty.  
(Washington Post, Washington Times)

### NATIONAL NEWS

Polls Drench Mondale Campaign with Bad News -- A series of opinion polls poured more bad news onto Walter Mondale's campaign to wrest the presidency from Ronald Reagan.  
(Washington Post, Reuter)

President Waves Off Mondale Call that Tax Hike Won't Hurt Workers -- President Reagan described as a "fairy tale" Walter Mondale's claim that working Americans won't be hurt by the Democrat's proposed tax increases.  
(UPI, Washington Post, Washington Times)

Bush Says He Backs Reagan's Position on Banning Abortion -- Vice President Bush said that whatever he may have said on abortion in the past, he now goes along with President Reagan all the way.  
(Washington Post, Washington Times)

### NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY (Wednesday Evening)

**PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN** -- President Reagan gave three set speeches in upstate New York, and in each one he talked about the economy and his opponent's call for higher taxes.

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**FERRARO** -- Geraldine Ferraro's problems came on two separate fronts: church and state.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## CONSERVATIVES PRESS FOR DATA ON ARMS-PACT TRANSGRESSIONS

The White House, which plans next week to release one report on alleged Soviet violations of arms-control agreements, is under pressure from conservatives in Congress to release a second report as well.

(Walter Pincus, Washington Post, A26)

Soviet Arms Violations Downplayed

Secretary Shultz and his principal spokesman downplayed a report by President Reagan's General Advisory Committee charging the Soviet Union with 17 violations of arms treaties.

(Russell Warren Howe, Washington Times, A5)

## REAGAN-GROMYKO TALKS SIGNAL NO POLICY CHANGE, SOVIETS SAY

MOSCOW -- The decision by Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko to meet with President Reagan in Washington this month was made weeks ago, and does not signify any change in Moscow's foreign policy, informed Soviet sources said.

(Robert Kaiser, Washington Post, A1)

## SOVIET DISMISSAL NOW BEING LAID TO A POLICY SPLIT

A senior Soviet diplomat has told United States officials that Marshal Ogarkov was dismissed as chief of the General Staff because he was showing "unpartylike tendencies," Administration officials said.

(Bernard Gwertzman, New York Times, A1)

## SOVIETS ALLOW PUBLICATION OF SAKHAROV ARTICLE

MOSCOW -- Soviet authorities have allowed publication of a scientific article by Andrei Sakharov, but still have not provided credible proof of his well-being. The article published Aug. 28 on the origins of the universe was "designed to show the world and, in particular, his fellow scientists in the west that he is allowed to work," a Western diplomat said.

(Louise Branson, UPI)

## EL SALVADOR TIGHTENS RULES FOR BOMBING

SAN SALVADOR -- President Duarte announced he has tightened the rules for bombing by the Salvadoran Air Force in an effort to reduce civilian casualties in the four-year-old civil war.

(Edward Cody, Washington Post, A1)

Duarte Issues Rules for Air Attacks

Duarte added that he would also be issuing a general order defining the duties of government security forces and ordering them to respect both the law and human rights.

(James LeMoyne, New York Times, A3)

#### HOUSE TO GET BILL ON VOLUNTEER COMBAT BY RESERVES ABROAD

Any member of a military reserve unit who went on his own to Nicaragua or any other foreign country to engage in combat could be imprisoned for as long as two years under a bill introduced in the House.  
(George Wilson, Washington Post, A21)

#### AMERICANS AIDING CONTRAS DEFENDED BY KIRKPATRICK

American citizens privately aiding Contra forces warring against Nicaragua's Marxist Sandinista government are following an historic, American tradition of free people freely supporting a political cause in which they believe, Jeane Kirkpatrick said.  
(Bill Kling, Washington Times, A3)

#### U.S.-SOVIET VENTURE USING SATELLITES IN RESCUES MAY BE DISRUPTED

Opposition from the Office of Management and Budget threatens to disrupt the only current U.S.-Soviet space venture, a program that uses satellites in rescue operations. The program has become entangled in a dispute about its costs that could subject President Reagan to charges that he is more interested in saving money than lives and is not sincere about his professed desire to find areas of scientific cooperation with the Soviet Union.  
(John Goshko, Washington Post, A9)

#### U.S. WINDS DOWN MINE SEARCH WITH BLASTS STILL A MYSTERY

U.S. minesweeping helicopters raking the Gulf of Suez and waters off western Saudi Arabia are winding down their search without finding a single mine, but Pentagon officials say they do not feel the effort was futile. "It convinced the world that the waterway is open for passage," one official said of the search.  
(Robert Trautman, Reuter)



NATIONAL NEWS

## MONDALE, PRESIDENT VISIT STATE

President Reagan and Walter Mondale will battle for Tennessee's 11 electoral votes today, as Reagan covers business and music in Nashville while Mondale courts the West Tennessee farm vote.

(Jim O'Hara, The Tennessean, A1)

## EVERY REGION FOUND TO FAVOR PRESIDENT

President Reagan, drawing extraordinary support from Republican and independent voters, holds a 16-point lead over Walter Mondale, according to a new Washington Post-ABC News opinion poll. Reagan, doing well on basic pocketbook issues and aided strongly by Mondale's inability thus far to project himself as a leader, is ahead in every region, among women as well as men and among voters in all age groups, according to the poll.

(Barry Sussman, Washington Post, A1)

The ABC News-Washington Post survey gave Reagan a lead of 56 to 40 percent, up nine points since July. Gallup reported Reagan ahead 55-40 and Louis Harris 55-42. A sample taken for USA Today on Monday gave Reagan a 22 point advantage.

(Rodney Pinder, Reuter)

## OPINION POLLS POSE A CRUEL QUESTION FOR MONDALE'S STRATEGISTS

The latest round of public opinion polls pose a cruel question for Walter Mondale and his staff: whether to persist in strategies that so far have shown no visible payoff or to seek another way of whittling down President Reagan's growing lead.

(News analysis by David Broder, Washington Post, A4)

## REAGAN, IN DEMOCRATIC HEARTLAND, RIDICULES MONDALE'S TAX INCREASE

BUFFALO -- President Reagan ridiculed as "a fairy tale" Walter Mondale's claim that average Americans would not be affected by Mondale's proposed tax increases.

(David Hoffman, Washington Post, A7)

President Waves Off Mondale Call That Tax Hike Won't Hurt Workers

Mr. Mondale's argument is a "ball and chain" that Mr. Reagan won't let be looped around the neck of America, he said. "The American people aren't undertaxed, the government in Washington is overfed."

(Jeremiah O'Leary, Washington Times, A1)

The President, on a daylong, four-stop trip, said Mondale "contends that working Americans wouldn't be hurt by his tax increases. That's a fairy tale."

(Anne Saker, UPI)

With a huge American flag behind him and a sea of red, white and blue flags being waved in front of him -- most of them distributed by rally organizers -- Reagan hailed his record, blasted the Democrats and led the crowd into chants of "U.S.A., U.S.A."

(Laurence McQuillan, UPI)

BUSH, ASKING FOR END TO CONTROVERSY,  
IS PRESSED ON 1980 ABORTION REMARK

SAVANNAH, Ga. -- Vice President Bush, exhorting reporters to quit dwelling on controversy, found himself dogged again with questions about whether he has changed his position on federal financing of abortions since 1980.  
(Juan Williams, Washington Post, A6)

Bush Says He Backs Reagan's Position on Banning Abortion

During the end of a three-day campaign swing through the South, Bush also acknowledged that Mr. Reagan had scaled back his defense buildup in compromises with Congress but said "we are going to cut no further."  
(Don McLeod, Washington Times, A2)

GOP ACCUSED OF EXCEEDING SENATE AID LIMIT

The chairman of the Democratic Party accused the National Republican Senatorial Committee of violating federal campaign contribution limits by channeling cash to key state parties, which in turn provide back-door support to Republican Senate candidates.  
(Thomas Edsall, Washington Post, A5)

HOUSE ETHICS PANEL TO INVESTIGATE FERRARO

The House ethics committee voted unanimously to begin a formal investigation into charges that Rep. Geraldine Ferraro violated the financial disclosure requirements of the Ethics in Government Act.  
(Spencer Rich, Washington Post, A1)

Financial Disclosures Are Target

After the vote, Committee Chairman Louis Stokes described the investigation as similar "to that of a grand jury." The panel includes six Democrats and six Republicans. (Thomas Brandt, Washington Times, A1)

"We are simply saying (the charges) warrant investigation and we are undertaking the investigation," said Stokes, who refused to estimate how long it might take. It is considered unlikely the investigation would be finished in the seven weeks remaining before the election.  
(Paula Schwed, UPI)

Ferraro, campaigning in Scranton, Pa., said she would cooperate fully and expected to be exonerated.  
(David Nagy, Reuter)

FERRARO REITERATES HER ABORTION STAND

SCRANTON, Pa. -- Geraldine Ferraro, making a campaign swing through the heartland of the anti-abortion movement, invoked the memory of John F. Kennedy in defending her position denounced by the local Roman Catholic bishop as "absurd," "dangerous" and "unacceptable."  
(Rick Atkinson and Kathy Sawyer, Washington Post, A3)

## MONDALE CONCOCTS REAGAN DEFICIT PLAN

PEORIA, Ill. -- On Monday, Walter Mondale unveiled his deficit-reduction plan. Now, he's unveiled that of his opponent. As Mondale concocted it, President Reagan will introduce a 2 percent national sales tax next year and hit the most vulnerable Americans with more of the "cruel, uncaring and mean" budget cuts proposed in his first term.

(Paul Taylor, Washington Post, A8)

President is 'Stonewalling,' Mondale Says

Declaring there is a "strange silence" from Mr. Reagan on deficit reduction, the Democratic presidential nominee continued what aides describe as his public-education effort to show the federal budget deficit is an unseen hand in everybody's pocketbook.

(Alan McConagha, Washington Times, A3)

"Mr. Reagan is stonewalling the American people and that won't play in Peoria," Mondale, thumping the podium so hard the microphone shook, told 3,500 cheering supporters in front of the Peoria, Ill., county courthouse.

(Matthew Quinn, UPI)

Mondale Fights President's Grip on Southerners

With public opinion polls showing Reagan with a solid lead in every Southern state, the Mondale campaign has decided to make a major commitment of the candidate's time and resources in states where they believe Mondale has a fighting chance.

(Phil Gailey, New York Times, A1)

## PROBE FINDINGS ON MEESE SENT TO COURT PANEL

Independent council Jacob Stein turned over a draft of his findings to a three-judge panel of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, according to informed sources.

(Washington Post, A3)

## DEFENSE SPENDING COMPROMISE GAINING GROUND IN CONGRESS

Senate Republican and House Democratic leaders were moving toward a compromise \$295 billion defense authorization that would break a deadlock on the military spending bill and the controversial MX nuclear missile.

(Walter Andrews, Washington Times, A4)

## PENTAGON LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL, POSSIBLY FAULTY MICROCHIPS

The Pentagon has undertaken an urgent search into its defense inventory to determine if any weapons contain possibly faulty microcircuits that threaten their reliability.

(Robert Trautman, Reuter)

Editor's Note: The first of two articles by Stephanie Nell on "The Rise of Ferraro" appears on page A1 of The Washington Times.

GENOCIDE TREATY VOTE FACES DELAY IN COMMITTEE

Sen. Helms blocked a committee vote on the anti-genocide treaty by asking for 24-hours to convince the Reagan Administration that language should be added to limit the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice in U.S. cases. (Rita McWilliams, Washington Times, A4)

Chairman Charles Percy scheduled another meeting today in hopes of getting a vote, but the matter could be put off for as long as one week. With Congress aiming for final adjournment in early October, any delay could kill chances for action on the treaty by the full Senate this year. (Robert Shepard, UPI)



NEWS FROM TENNESSEE

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) -- Both President Reagan and Democratic challenger Walter Mondale will be campaigning in Tennessee Thursday, campaign officials have confirmed. Reagan will stop in Nashville to attend strategy meetings with state and regional GOP campaign officials. He also plans to visit country singer Roy Acuff in honor of the Grand Ole Opry star's 81st birthday.

Mondale will make his second Tennessee stop within a week when he visits Jackson Thursday. He is scheduled to conduct a citizens forum at 3 p.m. at the University of Tennessee Agricultural Experimental Station, according to state campaign director Betty Nixon. He appeared at a similar forum last Friday in Chattanooga. Mondale is scheduled to depart for St. Louis following the one-hour West Tennessee stop.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) -- The last time a president visited the Grand Ole Opry House, John W. Hinckley Jr. was arrested with three pistols at the Nashville airport -- a 10-minute drive away.

Today, President Ronald Reagan -- shot and wounded by Hinckley in a 1981 assassination attempt -- will be at the Grand Ole Opry to celebrate the 81st birthday of Roy Acuff, the "King of Country Music."

President Jimmy Carter was the last chief executive to visit the Opry. He held a "town meeting" at the building on Oct. 9, 1980. That afternoon, Hinckley was arrested at the Nashville airport with two .22 caliber pistols, one .38 caliber pistol and 50 rounds of ammunition.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) -- The Grand Ole Opry's top politician, Roy Acuff, doesn't plan on buying any new clothes, but promises to take a bath and trim his hair for his meeting with President Reagan Thursday. "Like the song almost says, 'take me as I am or let me be,'" Acuff said.

Reagan plans a three-hour stop in Nashville Thursday to discuss strategy with regional and state GOP campaign coordinators, and also to wish the ailing "king of country music" a happy 81st birthday three days early. Reagan will visit Acuff in his house, a small, white-frame structure in the midst of Opryland USA, a theme park that also is home to the Opry house. The two have a lot in common to chat about. Reagan and Acuff both have waged GOP gubernatorial campaigns, both have refused to accept retirement and both are leaders in their respective fields -- national politics and traditional country music.

Acuff has made no special plans for his special visitor. Maybe presidential visits are becoming old hat to the man known for twirling his walking cane on his fingers, bobbling the fiddle bow on his nose and "walking the dog" on his yo-yo almost every week for more than 40 years. "I didn't buy any new clothes for the visit. I'll wear what I wear on the Opry -- a jacket, slacks and of course shirt, tie and shoes. Of course, I'll have taken a bath, and my hair has been trimmed. ... Heck, how do I know how to react?" Acuff said. "No president has ever visited my house, except maybe Bud Wendell. He's president of Opryland, you know." "I suppose I'll be a little nervous," Acuff told his friend, Nashville Banner columnist Red O'Donnell, in an interview published Wednesday.

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NEWS FROM TENNESSEE (continued)

Primarily, Reagan is coming to Nashville to meet and greet some area Republican bigwigs like national party finance chairman Joe Rodgers and Republican Gov. Lamar Alexander in the Opryland Hotel. "I wanted to introduce him at that meeting," Acuff said. "I was going to say in my introduction that the president came in three days before my birthday because if he had come in Saturday my birthday would have overshadowed his visit," Acuff said. "Of course, I'm kidding." Acuff knows something about politics. Three times he ran under the GOP banner for governor of Tennessee, making it to the general election once in 1948. But he refused to even consider running for office until he was promised that politics would not interfere with his Saturday night radio broadcasts from the Grand Ole Opry.

Acuff is recovering from a heart attack suffered June 30. Doctors ordered him to "refrain from exertion" or any type of public performing. He doesn't plan to resume his Opry performances "until the doctor gives me the go-ahead sign." Politically, Acuff describes himself as an "independent Republican." He said he is going to vote for Reagan.

Thursday's visit will not be the first time that Reagan and Acuff have shared "billing." About 30 years ago, Acuff, Kitty Wells and an Opry troupe performed in New York's RKO Palace during an era when movie theaters featured stage acts and films. The top line on the theater marquee read: "Roy Acuff, Kitty Wells and Grand Ole Opry Show." The second line read: "Ronald Reagan and Rhonda Fleming in 'Tennessee's Partner.'" "This time Ronald Reagan gets the top and I get the second billing," the singer said.

Acuff, whose nasal rendition of such songs as "Wabash Cannonball" and "Great Speckled Bird" became country classics, was born Sept. 15, 1903 in Maynardsville, an East Tennessee mountain town where most of the 416 residents called each other neighbor. The thin-framed, curly-haired singer has enthralled millions of Grand Ole Opry fans for nearly half a century and is generally accepted as "the king of country music." Like Reagan, Acuff has refused to accept retirement. At age 70, he became the oldest performer to have a record -- "Back in the Country" -- on the country charts.

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CANDIDATE SCHEDULES

(UPI) - The schedules for the presidential and vice presidential candidates for Thursday, Sept. 13, and tentative schedules for Friday, Sept. 14, and the week ahead. All times are local unless noted.

Walter Mondale:

Thursday, Sept. 13: Noon Citizens forum, Tupelo High School gymnasium, 1009 Varsity Dr., Tupelo, Miss. 1 p.m. Departs High School for airport. 1:20 p.m. Private time, Air Services hanger, Tupelo airport. 2:15-2:55 p.m. Charter flight to McKeller Field, Jackson, Tenn., arriving Miller-Wills Aviation Service Center. 3:35-4:15 p.m. Citizens forum, University of Tennessee Agricultural Station, Jackson. 4:15-4:40 p.m. En route to McKeller Field. 4:40 p.m. Private time, McKeller Field. 5:30-6:25 p.m. Charter flight to Lambert International Airport, St. Louis. 6:40 p.m. Departs for Chase Park Plaza Hotel, 212 N. King Highway Blvd., St. Louis. Overnights there.

Friday, Sept. 14: Events in Mid-west, no locations available. Evening returns to Washington.

Geraldine Ferraro:

Thursday, Sept. 13: Private time, Queens, N.Y.

Friday, Sept. 14: Morning Private time, Queens. 2:25 p.m. Departs New York La Guardia Airport, Butler Aviation Marine Air Terminal, for Buffalo, N.Y. 7:30-9 p.m. Return flight to New York. Evening Dinner-dance, Coaliton of Italo-American Organizations, Inc., Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York; open coverage. 10 p.m. Returns to residence, Queens, for overnight.

Saturday, Sept. 14: Morning Departs New York for Syracuse, N.Y. Events in Syracuse and Elmira, N.Y. Evening Travels to Washington for event. Overnights Queens.

Sunday, Sept. 15: Private time, Queens.

President Reagan:

Thursday, Sept. 13: 10:10 a.m. EST-10:45 a.m. CDT En route from Andrews Air Force Base to Nashville Metropolitan Airport, Nashville, Tenn. 10:45-11 a.m. Motorcade from airport to Opryland Hotel, Nashville. 11-11:25 a.m. Speaks to High Technology Corridor Board Meeting. 11:25 a.m.-Noon Reception with Tennessee Republicans and state Reagan-Bush staff. 12:45-12:50 p.m. Motorcade to the residence of Grand Ole Opry star Roy Acuff. 1:05-1:10 p.m. Motorcade with Acuff to the Grand Ole Opry Theater. 1:15-1:30 p.m. Birthday celebration for Acuff, Grand Ole Opry Theater. 1:30 p.m. CDT-4:05 p.m. EST En route from Nashville to Andrews AFB.

Friday, Sept. 14: Hispanic Excellence in Education meeting, White House.

Saturday, Sept. 15: 8 p.m. National Italian-American Foundation dinner, ballroom, Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington.

Vice President George Bush:

Thursday, Sept. 13: No schedule available.

Friday, Sept. 14: Noon Addresses Jewish Republican Coalition luncheon, Four Seasons Hotel, Washington. 4:30 p.m. Addresses New York Conservative Party convention, Women's National Republican Club, 3 West 51st St., New York.

Saturday, Sept. 15: 8 p.m. National Italian American Foundation dinner, ballroom, Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington.

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## PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

CBS's Dan Rather: Walter Mondale campaigned before a group of students in Iowa and came equipped with his own low-tech visual aid, what he called a "Reagan charge card," to illustrate his charge that President Reagan's policies don't do anything to knock back the huge federal budget deficit. Mondale claimed that a second Reagan term would mean more taxes for those least able to afford it; either that, said Mondale, or President Reagan will make more deep cuts in social programs, including Medicare and Social Security. President Reagan fired back by long distance, doing so while campaigning in some Democratic strongholds in upstate New York. He called Mondale's deficit reducing plans a "fairy tale." Apparently sensitive to criticism that he is increasingly isolated by a too-tight security bubble, Mr. Reagan saw to it today that there were photographs of him walking down a street in Buffalo. (TV Coverage of Presidential party walking and waving to crowds.) But before that, the crowds -- supporters and protesters alike -- had to go through metal detectors. Although campaigning among Catholics, Italians and Polish, Mr. Reagan downplayed religious themes in favor of economics. (CBS-4)

ABC's Sam Donaldson: President Reagan gave three set speeches in upstate New York, and in each one he talked about the economy and his opponent's call for higher taxes. (President: "Now I don't believe, as my opponent most assuredly does, that government's greatest challenge is to convince us higher taxes will be good for America. With your support, we'll make sure that no one puts that ball and chain around America's neck." Applause.) No higher taxes, said the President, but once again he failed to spell out in detail just how he intends to reduce the deficit without them. While in Buffalo, the President campaigned before ethnic groups, which is not unusual, and he actually walked down the middle of the street, which is unusual. But he shook no hands and he took no questions. (Donaldson: "Mr. President, George Bush says he favors abortion in the case of rape. Do you agree?" President: "Sam, I can't talk about (voice fades out).") What he could talk about, as he did again in a giant rally in Endicott, was his opponent's call for higher taxes. (President: "We see an America where every day is the 4th of July, and they see an America where every day is April 15th.") Mondale may demand deficit reduction specifics, and the President answers with one liners. Mondale may warn of hard times ahead, and the President points to good times at hand. Mondale may issue a call to arms, and the President waves the American flag. If there are true issues in this campaign, they are being discussed, but not yet joined. (ABC-5)

ABC's Brit Hume: Mondale was an underdog under no illusions. He knew he needed to dramatize his case against Mr. Reagan on the budget deficit and at a community college in eastern Iowa, he tried his best. This, he said, is the "Reagan charge card." Bills payable to the U.S. Government.

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## PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN (continue)

Hume continues: (TV Coverage: Mondale before charts: "Now your family owes \$30,476 as your share of the debt. You may not know about it, but you and your family will be paying for this for years and years to come in your taxes.") At his next stop, Peoria, Ill., where unemployment is still above 10%, Mondale found one of the biggest crowds of the campaign and needed no gimmicks to make his case against Reaganomics. (Mondale: "It won't play in Peoria because it's not working in Peoria and we want a president who'll get with it and put America back to work. And that's why we're here, that's why we're here." Applause.) Mondale tried to make as little as possible of Ferraro's continuing difficulties by having his press secretary read a statement which he would only later reiterate in person, expressing full confidence in his running mate. Mondale knows he is well behind and he's fighting to get his message across. But every day seems to bring a new round of bad reviews or bad news. His only hope may be that things are bound to get better because it would be hard for them to get worse. (ABC-6)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: Mondale was making his sharpest attack yet on President Reagan and the deficit. Mondale pulled out what he called "the Reagan charge card." He accused the President of adding more than \$13,000 to each family's share of the national debt. He also said the President is planning a national sales tax. And in Illinois, Mondale stepped up his attack. (Mondale: "Mr. Reagan is stonewalling the American people, and that won't play in Peoria. You want plans, not alibis. You want answers, not arrogance. Mr. President, the American people are calling your hand. Let's see your cards. Let's see what you've got." Cheering.) (NBC-2)

Browkaw: For his part, Reagan was campaigning in the northeast, going after blue-collar and ethnic votes in that industrial area. Without mentioning Mondale by name, the President attacked his plan to reduce the deficit. (President: "The Democratic candidate contends that working Americans wouldn't be hurt by his tax increases. That's a fairy tale." Applause. "His plan would hurt working Americans by raising their taxes and by stifling economic growth. With your support, we'll make sure that no one puts that ball and chain around America's neck.") The President also said the main difference between the Democrats and his side is "We see an America where every day is the 4th of July. They see an America where every day is April 15th." (NBC-3)

## FERRARO

Rather: Geraldine Ferraro's campaign problems came on two separate fronts: church and state. The Reagan Justice Department has begun what it calls a routine preliminary investigation to determine whether any law was violated by Ferraro's claim of a right to be exempted from disclosing her husband's assets during six years in Congress. Also, Ferraro's stance on abortion was attacked again, by a Catholic bishop in Scranton.



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## FERRARO (continued)

CBS's Phil Jones: As the House Ethics Committee was voting unanimously to investigate ethics charges against Ferraro, a conservative Washington interest group was filing additional accusations that she failed to disclose financial information in 1978 on the sale of a business. Republicans wanted the investigation completed by October, but no deadline was set. Ferraro, on the campaign trail, issued a statement promising full cooperation and blaming conservative action groups for the investigation. (TV Coverage: Crowd chanting "Four more years" as Ferraro speaks in Scranton.) In heavily Catholic Scranton, Pa., a rally of thousands which included anti-abortion demonstrators, she attacked those who are, as she put it, using religion for partisan political purposes. (Ferraro: "When I take my oath of office, I accept the charge of serving people of every faith, not just some people of my faith. I would resign my office before I would betray my public trust.") Within moments after Ferraro's comments, her position was being attacked as absurd and not rational. (Bishop Timlin: "She is actually saying she is pro-choice, which means that she is pro-abortion as far as we're concerned.") Ferraro had hoped that by taking this issue into the heart of the pro-life movement, she might get beyond the abortion issue, but judging by today's reception, this and her financial matters will continue to follow her. (CBS-3)

ABC's Charles Gibson: The six Democrats and six Republicans on the committee voted unanimously to conduct the inquiry. (Paul Kamenar of the Washington Legal Foundation: "The voluminous material that she has put out is not voluminous under the law. She has yet to disclose her husband's financial assets, holdings, liabilities and transactions. The income tax returns frankly don't tell you anything.") Can the matter be resolved by the election? (Rep. Stokes: "We intend to do the same thorough job we've done in every other case, but there's no way for us to be able to place a timetable on an investigation.") (Rep. Spence: "We can't speed it up, we can't slow it down, and we have to go by the rules.") If precedent in the committee is any guide, this matter will likely still be unresolved come election day.

ABC's Lynn Sherr: Ferraro wouldn't talk about the investigation, but she issued a statement saying, "I will cooperate fully with the committee and I look forward to a favorable outcome." While she may be unable to shake the financial issue from her campaign, Ferraro spoke out decisively on the other controversy that's followed her around the country. In Scranton, Pa., former home of the New York archbishop who's been attacking her pro-choice position on abortion, the vice presidential candidate, a practicing Catholic, told several thousand people her duty as a public official overrides her personal religious beliefs. (Ferraro: "When I take my oath of office, I accept the charge of serving people of every faith, not just some people of my faith." Cheering.) But that didn't quiet the demonstrators. (TV Coverage: Demonstrators shout, "Reagan, Reagan.") And the man who replaced the archbishop here held his own news conference.

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Sherr continues: (Bishop Timlin: "Well, she would have to come out and say that she is personally against abortion and she would do all that she can within the law to stop the slaughter of innocent human beings.") Ferraro's staff said they weren't seeking a confrontation on the abortion issue, that the stop in Scranton was scheduled last August, but they also believe that by plunging into the heart of anti-abortion country, she also showed she is not afraid of the issue, even though it will probably be with her until the election.

(ABC-2)

NBC's Bob Kur: She knew that northeast Pennsylvania's anti-abortion demonstrators would be out in force. (TV Coverage: Demonstrators shout "Reagan, Reagan.") And she chose this predominantly Catholic city to answer her critics and say she does not want abortion to be an issue in this race. (Ferraro: "To me, my religion is a very personal and private matter. And when some people try to use religion to their partisan political advantage, then the freedom of all of us is at risk." Applause. "Twenty-four years ago, John F. Kennedy said, and I quote, 'I do not speak for my Church on public matters and the Church does not speak for me.'" Cheering.) Instead of avoiding the opposition, after the speech she headed straight for the most anti-abortion, pro-Reagan part of the crowd. A short time later in Scranton, Bishop James Timlin sought to keep the anti-abortion pressure on. (Timlin: "She feels that she's a good Catholic and I hope that she is. We're talking about her views...I'm just saying that these do not jive with the Catholic Church's position.") But religion was not the main concern of a standing-room-only crowd of women watching Ferraro in Ohio this morning. (Woman: "...I still will vote for Geraldine Ferraro, even though I disagree with abortion.") (Woman: "I think that's a personal thing that each woman should decide for herself.") Ferraro's aides don't think the election will be won or lost on the abortion issue, but they are concerned that each day they are forced to confront it, other issues get pushed aside. As one top Ferraro aide put it, it's not an advantage being in a debate with an archbishop when you want to debate George Bush and Ronald Reagan.

(NBC-Lead)

VICE PRESIDENT/ABORTION

Jennings: Vice President Bush has been getting a lot of questions about his views of abortion, specifically on how he differs with the President. Four years ago, Mr. Bush said he opposed abortion except in the cases of rape, incest or where the life of the mother is in danger. The President says abortion should only be permitted to protect the mother's life. Mr. Bush has gotten testy with reporters who've been asking the questions and in Atlanta he suggested they concentrate on more good news about the Reagan-Bush ticket.

(ABC-3)

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## POLL

Jennings: The first major ABC News-Washington Post poll since before the political conventions shows Ronald Reagan leads Mondale by a substantial 16 points. That is the largest margin, 56-40%, since Mr. Mondale entered the presidential sweepstakes. Mr. Reagan runs strongest among the young, the college educated and people with higher incomes. He is the clear leader among men (61-37%). And he also leads Mr. Mondale among women (52-44%). The poll shows Ferraro has not made a significant difference to the Democratic ticket, although more than 60% think she has put her financial difficulties behind her. Mr. Reagan is the very clear leader on the question of who would best handle foreign policy (58-37%). He has a smaller lead on the question of who would best handle the deficit (52-40%). Though Mr. Mondale has tried to blame the deficits on Mr. Reagan, most people blamed former presidents and the Democrats in Congress. (ABC-4)

## TWO VOTERS

ABC's James Wooten reports from Columbus, Ohio on two men, one for the President and one for Mondale. John McConnell built his Fortune 500 steel company from a shoestring. He's very happy with Ronald Reagan. (McConnell: "He's got the country going in the right direction and I think he can keep it going in the right direction.") (Rex Hamlets: "I only see the rich getting richer.") Rex Hamlets, a blue-collar union man, works for the phone company. He's worried about college for his son and he sees little fairness in the White House. (Hamlets: "I believe the rich put President Reagan in power and they're the ones that are going to benefit the most from his programs.") (McConnell: "I don't agree with that. I think he's helped, I think he's given people the opportunity to help themselves.") McConnell doesn't blame the President for the mounting deficit. He blames the Soviets for current world tensions and he's as impressed with Reagan's psychological impact on the country as with anything else. So McConnell headed confidently home to dinner last night while Rex Hamlett went out to cheer for Ferraro at a local union hall. Separate lives with separate visions of an American campaign. (ABC-7)

## COMMENTARY -- RELIGION AND POLITICS

CBS's Bill Moyers: The Christian community in America is not of one mind and the Republican Party has been a tent of many stripes. In time, nothing but trouble is likely to come of a major political party's commitment to the doctrinal triumph of one sectarian notion of God's will for America. We have in this country an admirable alternative to civil war, a holy civil war. It's called the Constitution. Religion and politics mix in this delicate balance, but only if they serve to check one another's pretensions. (CBS-10)

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## PAPAL TRIP

Rather: In remarks prepared for delivery this evening, the Pope indicated religious teachings should be part of the public school system and he implied that public funds should be made available to parochial schools. (ABC-9, CBS-5)

## CHERNENKO

Rather: There is speculation in Moscow that Chernenko may have been hospitalized again. A West German newspaper reported the ceremony for Soviet cosmonauts so overtaxed him that he again had to be taken under medical care. It added that Chernenko "is not in any condition to carry out his work." (ABC-7, CBS-6)

## COMMENTARY -- GROMYKO MEETING

NBC's John Chancellor: Why is Mr. Gromyko coming to call? The answer is that the Reagan Administration has maneuvered the Soviet Union into an extremely weak propaganda position on the control of nuclear weapons. The Soviets have walked out on two sets of arms talks, and a third conference on weapons in space is not about to come off. The Soviets have allies and friends who are worried about the arms race and some blame the tension more on Moscow than Washington. Talking with the Americans has become a political imperative for the Kremlin. (NBC-14)

## SOVIET ARTISTS

NBC's John Hart continues the series on "the new Cold War" between the U.S. and USSR, talking with Soviet-born artists who are glad to be living now in the U.S. (NBC-15)

## HURRICANE DIANA

CBS's Dan Rather: The fringes of the hurricane battered Carolina coasts. Weathermen continued to warn the hurricane still may come ashore full force. (ABC-Lead, NBC-4, CBS-Lead)

## IRAN-IRAQ

Rather: For the third day in a row, Iraq has claimed attacks on ships using Iranian ports. Iraq said it hit a ship near Kharg island and destroyed a four-ship convoy. (CBS-7)

## BANKING BILL

Rather: Yet to agree on a much-debated major banking bill, the Senate did pass an amendment to it that would put a lid on how much the interest rates on adjustable rate mortgages could be hiked: no more than a 5% increase over the life of the loan. (CBS-9)

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## PORNOGRAPHY/SEXUAL ABUSE

ABC's Bill Greenwood: Victims of sexual abuse told one horror story after another before a Senate committee. Greenwood reports women testified that pornographic reading material and movies led men to abuse them. Linda Marciano wants "Deep Throat" banned, and does not care about the First Amendment rights of porn movie makers. Senators admit that such victims of sexual abuse have for now few mechanisms with which to fight back, so what they're trying to do is build a record that not only dramatizes the extent of the problem, but provides a base to support new legislation.  
(ABC-9)

## AIRLINE AGREEMENT

Jennings: The nation's major airlines agreed on a plan to reduce rush-hour traffic at six major airports (Kennedy and LaGuardia in New York, Newark, O'Hare, Atlanta's Hartsfield and Denver's Stapleton).  
(ABC-12)

## GENERIC DRUGS

Jennings: The Senate gave final congressional approval to a bill which will make it easier for consumers to buy generic drugs. Sponsors of the bill say it could save consumers \$1B over the next several years.  
(CBS-8, ABC-10)

## UNEMPLOYED IN PEORIA

CBS's Meredith Vierra reports on a man who was called back to work at a tractor company after a two-year layoff, only to be laid off again.  
(CBS-10)

## UAW

Brokaw: The UAW announced it has extended its Ford contract until it settles with GM.  
(NBC-6)

## AUTOS/MEXICAN WORKERS

NBC's Jim Cummins: The Big Three auto makers have doubled the number of cars and parts made in Mexico during the past year. There is a huge labor pool in Mexico, people eager to work for as little as \$5 a day.  
(NBC-6)

## MANDRELL

Rather: Tennessee officials said a fastened seatbelt may have saved the life of country singer Barbara Mandrell, who suffered a broken leg and a concussion when another car swerved into hers, killing the other driver.  
(ABC-15, NBC-7, CBS-11)



EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

## GROMYKO MEETING

Gromyko's visit -- "There are risks in this for the White House. It brings into question the wisdom of campaigner Reagan's repeatedly raising the issue of Soviet violation of the Yalta Agreement, as he does in Polish or other East European ethnic communities. Publication of alleged Soviet violations of arms agreements at this time likewise hardly seems like a fit welcome for Gromyko. And what if Mr. Gromyko uses the occasion to scold his Washington hosts? Dealing with the Soviets is no tailgate picnic, even without the stadium roar of a presidential election in the background. Still, better talks up close than growling from afar."

(Christian Science Monitor, 9/12)

The Big Handshake -- "Western diplomats in Moscow say that the Gromyko visit could mark the start of a thaw in relations. So far the White House is wisely trying to dampen any unrealistic expectations. But at the least the meeting does offer hope that the two sides will start talking and stop growling at each other. It is unfortunate that the Administration chose this week to schedule the release of a report on Soviet violations of arms control agreements during the last 25 years. The people are entitled to this information, but by releasing it now the Administration is increasing the risk that the Reagan-Gromyko meeting will produce only more growls."

(Los Angeles Times, 9/12)

Guess who's coming to tea? -- "The Soviets are by no means blind to the political ramifications of Mr. Gromyko's visit. In reaching out to Mr. Reagan, the Kremlin very well could be signaling a shift in its foreign policy objectives....Let us hope that some good will come from this meeting between Mr. Reagan and Mr. Gromyko. If the Soviets want a sensible relationship with the United States -- one based on fair-dealing and mutual interest, not intrigue and bullying -- they could scarcely have a more receptive host."

(The Washington Times, 9/12)

A pre-summit meeting -- "It's clear Gromyko is expecting Reagan to win. The meeting may even help Reagan: He will be able to boast he's holding negotiations with the Soviets, even though it's mere verbal sparring. Gromyko calculates he will have to deal with Reagan for four more years, so he might as well start now."

(New York Daily News, 9/12)

## MONDALE BUDGET PLAN

Mondale's Tax Gamble -- "We do not question the need for new revenues, especially since Mr. Mondale would earmark them for deficit reduction. But we would prefer bolder, more forward-looking tax reforms and a greater emphasis on cuts in government spending. At least, Mr. Reagan's outsized deficits have had the effect of turning Mr. Mondale into a bit of an economic conservative, a budgetbalancer in what used to be good old Republican tradition. It is too bad the deficits are not having the same effect on the President himself."

(Baltimore Sun, 9/12)

An Old Trick -- "This is not a deficit reduction plan. It is a plan to increase taxes, cut defense and not whittle a dime out of domestic spending. If that sounds familiar, it is. It is what Mondale has championed for years. It is what Mondale, indeed, is all about."

(New York Post, 9/12)

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Mondale's budget plan -- "The success of the program would depend in considerable part on the cooperation of the Federal Reserve in easing credit as the government applied the brakes to the deficit. Otherwise, this shift might throw the economy into a recession. The more immediate question is not that of the Federal Reserve's attitude but whether President Reagan will descend from the clouds of euphoria and join the debate."  
(Boston Globe, 9/11)

Mondale vs. the deficit -- "Soaking the rich used to be good politics, but the American people may be shrewd enough by now to realize that punishing success by individuals is a good way to promote failure in the economy. There is considerable evidence that Mr. Reagan's tax cut, despite its flaws, has spurred both work and savings -- the foundations of economic growth. A better way to raise taxes is to repeal most of the loopholes that now riddle the tax code, which would permit tax rates to be cut still further while yielding greater revenues....So Mr. Mondale's plan to cut the deficit is not a good one. Still, it is the only one in town. The President, for his part, continues to pretend that his combination of tax cuts and military spending increases represent fiscal sanity. They do not, and there is little reason to hope that mere economic growth will boost federal receipts enough to solve the problem."  
(Chicago Tribune, 9/12)

Snake oil again -- "This year's tax issue is whether the toilers and sacrificers want taxes as a first resort or a last resort. For them, looking at numbers isn't always useful. The balanced budget remains a mirage, always over the next hill....The Mondale tax plan is what the late U.S. Sen. Dirksen used to call 'a statistical snow job.' Its benefits are in mirage dollars, but its costs are in real ones."  
(Chicago Sun-Times, 9/12)

The Trust-Me Budget -- "If Mr. Mondale wants to choke off investment and job growth he has figured out a good way to do it. His quest for 'fairness' will achieve the kind of 'fairness' that results when the rich go hunting for tax shelters and workers achieve equality by standing together in unemployment lines."  
(Wall Street Journal, 9/12)

Reagan Is Reagan on the Economy -- "My observations during the past two years made it clear to me that President Reagan is an active leader and shaper of economic policy. Indeed, I was surprised when I joined the Administration by just how frequently the President became involved in specific economic decisions....There are those who do not agree with the thrust of the policies that constitute Reaganomics. I for one think that our economic policies are on the right track. But however one judges the substance of the policies, there should be no doubt about the active role that the President himself has played in the shaping of Reaganomics."  
(Martin Feldstein, Wall Street Journal, 9/12)

A question for Reagan -- "It doesn't seem right. Mr. Mondale has presented his program. It calls for tax increases that reach down to the middle class, relatively restrained domestic spending and cuts in defense. The voters can examine it, they can debate it and they can approve or disapprove of it. Doesn't the man who said in 1980 that the 'first task of national leadership is to set honest and realistic priorities in our policies and our budget' have the same task in 1984?" (Philadelphia Inquirer, 9/12)



# The White House NEWS SUMMARY

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## TODAY'S HEADLINES

### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Soviets Arms Violations Downplayed -- Secretary Shultz told an NBC interviewer that although there "seemed to be" some direct violations, most alleged treaty breaches concerned cases in which Moscow had legitimately exploited loopholes in the SALT II Treaty.  
(Washington Post, Washington Times)

### NATIONAL NEWS

Polls Drench Mondale Campaign with Bad News -- A series of opinion polls poured more bad news onto Walter Mondale's campaign to wrest the presidency from Ronald Reagan.  
(Washington Post, Reuter)

President Waves Off Mondale Call that Tax Hike Won't Hurt Workers -- President Reagan described as a "fairy tale" Walter Mondale's claim that working Americans won't be hurt by the Democrat's proposed tax increases.  
(UPI, Washington Post, Washington Times)

Bush Says He Backs Reagan's Position on Banning Abortion -- Vice President Bush said that whatever he may have said on abortion in the past, he now goes along with President Reagan all the way.  
(Washington Post, Washington Times)

### NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY (Wednesday Evening)

**PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN** -- President Reagan gave three set speeches in upstate New York, and in each one he talked about the economy and his opponent's call for higher taxes.

Walter Mondale campaigned before a group of students in Iowa and came equipped with a low-tech visual aid, what he called a "Reagan charge card," to illustrate his charge that President Reagan's policies don't do anything to knock back the huge federal budget deficit.

**FERRARO** -- Geraldine Ferraro's problems came on two separate fronts: church and state.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## CONSERVATIVES PRESS FOR DATA ON ARMS-PACT TRANSGRESSIONS

The White House, which plans next week to release one report on alleged Soviet violations of arms-control agreements, is under pressure from conservatives in Congress to release a second report as well.

(Walter Pincus, Washington Post, A26)

Soviet Arms Violations Downplayed

Secretary Shultz and his principal spokesman downplayed a report by President Reagan's General Advisory Committee charging the Soviet Union with 17 violations of arms treaties.

(Russell Warren Howe, Washington Times, A5)

## REAGAN-GROMYKO TALKS SIGNAL NO POLICY CHANGE, SOVIETS SAY

MOSCOW -- The decision by Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko to meet with President Reagan in Washington this month was made weeks ago, and does not signify any change in Moscow's foreign policy, informed Soviet sources said.

(Robert Kaiser, Washington Post, A1)

## SOVIET DISMISSAL NOW BEING LAID TO A POLICY SPLIT

A senior Soviet diplomat has told United States officials that Marshal Ogarkov was dismissed as chief of the General Staff because he was showing "unpartylike tendencies," Administration officials said.

(Bernard Gwertzman, New York Times, A1)

## SOVIETS ALLOW PUBLICATION OF SAKHAROV ARTICLE

MOSCOW -- Soviet authorities have allowed publication of a scientific article by Andrei Sakharov, but still have not provided credible proof of his well-being. The article published Aug. 28 on the origins of the universe was "designed to show the world and, in particular, his fellow scientists in the west that he is allowed to work," a Western diplomat said.

(Louise Branson, UPI)

## EL SALVADOR TIGHTENS RULES FOR BOMBING

SAN SALVADOR -- President Duarte announced he has tightened the rules for bombing by the Salvadoran Air Force in an effort to reduce civilian casualties in the four-year-old civil war.

(Edward Cody, Washington Post, A1)

Duarte Issues Rules for Air Attacks

Duarte added that he would also be issuing a general order defining the duties of government security forces and ordering them to respect both the law and human rights.

(James LeMoyne, New York Times, A3)

#### HOUSE TO GET BILL ON VOLUNTEER COMBAT BY RESERVES ABROAD

Any member of a military reserve unit who went on his own to Nicaragua or any other foreign country to engage in combat could be imprisoned for as long as two years under a bill introduced in the House.  
(George Wilson, Washington Post, A21)

#### AMERICANS AIDING CONTRAS DEFENDED BY KIRKPATRICK

American citizens privately aiding Contra forces warring against Nicaragua's Marxist Sandinista government are following an historic, American tradition of free people freely supporting a political cause in which they believe, Jeane Kirkpatrick said.  
(Bill Kling, Washington Times, A3)

#### U.S.-SOVIET VENTURE USING SATELLITES IN RESCUES MAY BE DISRUPTED

Opposition from the Office of Management and Budget threatens to disrupt the only current U.S.-Soviet space venture, a program that uses satellites in rescue operations. The program has become entangled in a dispute about its costs that could subject President Reagan to charges that he is more interested in saving money than lives and is not sincere about his professed desire to find areas of scientific cooperation with the Soviet Union.  
(John Goshko, Washington Post, A9)

#### U.S. WINDS DOWN MINE SEARCH WITH BLASTS STILL A MYSTERY

U.S. minesweeping helicopters raking the Gulf of Suez and waters off western Saudi Arabia are winding down their search without finding a single mine, but Pentagon officials say they do not feel the effort was futile. "It convinced the world that the waterway is open for passage," one official said of the search.  
(Robert Trautman, Reuter)



NATIONAL NEWS

## MONDALE, PRESIDENT VISIT STATE

President Reagan and Walter Mondale will battle for Tennessee's 11 electoral votes today, as Reagan covers business and music in Nashville while Mondale courts the West Tennessee farm vote.

(Jim O'Hara, The Tennessean, A1)

## EVERY REGION FOUND TO FAVOR PRESIDENT

President Reagan, drawing extraordinary support from Republican and independent voters, holds a 16-point lead over Walter Mondale, according to a new Washington Post-ABC News opinion poll. Reagan, doing well on basic pocketbook issues and aided strongly by Mondale's inability thus far to project himself as a leader, is ahead in every region, among women as well as men and among voters in all age groups, according to the poll.

(Barry Sussman, Washington Post, A1)

The ABC News-Washington Post survey gave Reagan a lead of 56 to 40 percent, up nine points since July. Gallup reported Reagan ahead 55-40 and Louis Harris 55-42. A sample taken for USA Today on Monday gave Reagan a 22 point advantage.

(Rodney Pinder, Reuter)

## OPINION POLLS POSE A CRUEL QUESTION FOR MONDALE'S STRATEGISTS

The latest round of public opinion polls pose a cruel question for Walter Mondale and his staff: whether to persist in strategies that so far have shown no visible payoff or to seek another way of whittling down President Reagan's growing lead.

(News analysis by David Broder, Washington Post, A4)

## REAGAN, IN DEMOCRATIC HEARTLAND, RIDICULES MONDALE'S TAX INCREASE

BUFFALO -- President Reagan ridiculed as "a fairy tale" Walter Mondale's claim that average Americans would not be affected by Mondale's proposed tax increases.

(David Hoffman, Washington Post, A7)

President Waves Off Mondale Call That Tax Hike Won't Hurt Workers

Mr. Mondale's argument is a "ball and chain" that Mr. Reagan won't let be looped around the neck of America, he said. "The American people aren't undertaxed, the government in Washington is overfed."

(Jeremiah O'Leary, Washington Times, A1)

The President, on a daylong, four-stop trip, said Mondale "contends that working Americans wouldn't be hurt by his tax increases. That's a fairy tale."

(Anne Saker, UPI)

With a huge American flag behind him and a sea of red, white and blue flags being waved in front of him -- most of them distributed by rally organizers -- Reagan hailed his record, blasted the Democrats and led the crowd into chants of "U.S.A., U.S.A."

(Laurence McQuillan, UPI)

BUSH, ASKING FOR END TO CONTROVERSY,  
IS PRESSED ON 1980 ABORTION REMARK

SAVANNAH, Ga. -- Vice President Bush, exhorting reporters to quit dwelling on controversy, found himself dogged again with questions about whether he has changed his position on federal financing of abortions since 1980.  
(Juan Williams, Washington Post, A6)

Bush Says He Backs Reagan's Position on Banning Abortion

During the end of a three-day campaign swing through the South, Bush also acknowledged that Mr. Reagan had scaled back his defense buildup in compromises with Congress but said "we are going to cut no further."  
(Don McLeod, Washington Times, A2)

GOP ACCUSED OF EXCEEDING SENATE AID LIMIT

The chairman of the Democratic Party accused the National Republican Senatorial Committee of violating federal campaign contribution limits by channeling cash to key state parties, which in turn provide back-door support to Republican Senate candidates.  
(Thomas Edsall, Washington Post, A5)

HOUSE ETHICS PANEL TO INVESTIGATE FERRARO

The House ethics committee voted unanimously to begin a formal investigation into charges that Rep. Geraldine Ferraro violated the financial disclosure requirements of the Ethics in Government Act.  
(Spencer Rich, Washington Post, A1)

Financial Disclosures Are Target

After the vote, Committee Chairman Louis Stokes described the investigation as similar "to that of a grand jury." The panel includes six Democrats and six Republicans. (Thomas Brandt, Washington Times, A1)

"We are simply saying (the charges) warrant investigation and we are undertaking the investigation," said Stokes, who refused to estimate how long it might take. It is considered unlikely the investigation would be finished in the seven weeks remaining before the election.  
(Paula Schwed, UPI)

Ferraro, campaigning in Scranton, Pa., said she would cooperate fully and expected to be exonerated.  
(David Nagy, Reuter)

FERRARO REITERATES HER ABORTION STAND

SCRANTON, Pa. -- Geraldine Ferraro, making a campaign swing through the heartland of the anti-abortion movement, invoked the memory of John F. Kennedy in defending her position denounced by the local Roman Catholic bishop as "absurd," "dangerous" and "unacceptable."  
(Rick Atkinson and Kathy Sawyer, Washington Post, A3)

## MONDALE CONCOCTS REAGAN DEFICIT PLAN

PEORIA, Ill. -- On Monday, Walter Mondale unveiled his deficit-reduction plan. Now, he's unveiled that of his opponent. As Mondale concocted it, President Reagan will introduce a 2 percent national sales tax next year and hit the most vulnerable Americans with more of the "cruel, uncaring and mean" budget cuts proposed in his first term.

(Paul Taylor, Washington Post, A8)

President is 'Stonewalling,' Mondale Says

Declaring there is a "strange silence" from Mr. Reagan on deficit reduction, the Democratic presidential nominee continued what aides describe as his public-education effort to show the federal budget deficit is an unseen hand in everybody's pocketbook.

(Alan McConagha, Washington Times, A3)

"Mr. Reagan is stonewalling the American people and that won't play in Peoria," Mondale, thumping the podium so hard the microphone shook, told 3,500 cheering supporters in front of the Peoria, Ill., county courthouse.

(Matthew Quinn, UPI)

Mondale Fights President's Grip on Southerners

With public opinion polls showing Reagan with a solid lead in every Southern state, the Mondale campaign has decided to make a major commitment of the candidate's time and resources in states where they believe Mondale has a fighting chance.

(Phil Gailey, New York Times, A1)

## PROBE FINDINGS ON MEESE SENT TO COURT PANEL

Independent council Jacob Stein turned over a draft of his findings to a three-judge panel of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, according to informed sources.

(Washington Post, A3)

## DEFENSE SPENDING COMPROMISE GAINING GROUND IN CONGRESS

Senate Republican and House Democratic leaders were moving toward a compromise \$295 billion defense authorization that would break a deadlock on the military spending bill and the controversial MX nuclear missile.

(Walter Andrews, Washington Times, A4)

## PENTAGON LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL, POSSIBLY FAULTY MICROCHIPS

The Pentagon has undertaken an urgent search into its defense inventory to determine if any weapons contain possibly faulty microcircuits that threaten their reliability.

(Robert Trautman, Reuter)

Editor's Note: The first of two articles by Stephanie Nell on "The Rise of Ferraro" appears on page A1 of The Washington Times.

GENOCIDE TREATY VOTE FACES DELAY IN COMMITTEE

Sen. Helms blocked a committee vote on the anti-genocide treaty by asking for 24-hours to convince the Reagan Administration that language should be added to limit the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice in U.S. cases. (Rita McWilliams, Washington Times, A4)

Chairman Charles Percy scheduled another meeting today in hopes of getting a vote, but the matter could be put off for as long as one week. With Congress aiming for final adjournment in early October, any delay could kill chances for action on the treaty by the full Senate this year. (Robert Shepard, UPI)

NEWS FROM TENNESSEE

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) -- Both President Reagan and Democratic challenger Walter Mondale will be campaigning in Tennessee Thursday, campaign officials have confirmed. Reagan will stop in Nashville to attend strategy meetings with state and regional GOP campaign officials. He also plans to visit country singer Roy Acuff in honor of the Grand Ole Opry star's 81st birthday.

Mondale will make his second Tennessee stop within a week when he visits Jackson Thursday. He is scheduled to conduct a citizens forum at 3 p.m. at the University of Tennessee Agricultural Experimental Station, according to state campaign director Betty Nixon. He appeared at a similar forum last Friday in Chattanooga. Mondale is scheduled to depart for St. Louis following the one-hour West Tennessee stop.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) -- The last time a president visited the Grand Ole Opry House, John W. Hinckley Jr. was arrested with three pistols at the Nashville airport -- a 10-minute drive away.

Today, President Ronald Reagan -- shot and wounded by Hinckley in a 1981 assassination attempt -- will be at the Grand Ole Opry to celebrate the 81st birthday of Roy Acuff, the "King of Country Music."

President Jimmy Carter was the last chief executive to visit the Opry. He held a "town meeting" at the building on Oct. 9, 1980. That afternoon, Hinckley was arrested at the Nashville airport with two .22 caliber pistols, one .38 caliber pistol and 50 rounds of ammunition.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) -- The Grand Ole Opry's top politician, Roy Acuff, doesn't plan on buying any new clothes, but promises to take a bath and trim his hair for his meeting with President Reagan Thursday. "Like the song almost says, 'take me as I am or let me be,'" Acuff said.

Reagan plans a three-hour stop in Nashville Thursday to discuss strategy with regional and state GOP campaign coordinators, and also to wish the ailing "king of country music" a happy 81st birthday three days early. Reagan will visit Acuff in his house, a small, white-frame structure in the midst of Opryland USA, a theme park that also is home to the Opry house. The two have a lot in common to chat about. Reagan and Acuff both have waged GOP gubernatorial campaigns, both have refused to accept retirement and both are leaders in their respective fields -- national politics and traditional country music.

Acuff has made no special plans for his special visitor. Maybe presidential visits are becoming old hat to the man known for twirling his walking cane on his fingers, bobbling the fiddle bow on his nose and "walking the dog" on his yo-yo almost every week for more than 40 years. "I didn't buy any new clothes for the visit. I'll wear what I wear on the Opry -- a jacket, slacks and of course shirt, tie and shoes. Of course, I'll have taken a bath, and my hair has been trimmed. ... Heck, how do I know how to react?" Acuff said. "No president has ever visited my house, except maybe Bud Wendell. He's president of Opryland, you know." "I suppose I'll be a little nervous," Acuff told his friend, Nashville Banner columnist Red O'Donnell, in an interview published Wednesday.

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NEWS FROM TENNESSEE (continued)

Primarily, Reagan is coming to Nashville to meet and greet some area Republican bigwigs like national party finance chairman Joe Rodgers and Republican Gov. Lamar Alexander in the Opryland Hotel. "I wanted to introduce him at that meeting," Acuff said. "I was going to say in my introduction that the president came in three days before my birthday because if he had come in Saturday my birthday would have overshadowed his visit," Acuff said. "Of course, I'm kidding." Acuff knows something about politics. Three times he ran under the GOP banner for governor of Tennessee, making it to the general election once in 1948. But he refused to even consider running for office until he was promised that politics would not interfere with his Saturday night radio broadcasts from the Grand Ole Opry.

Acuff is recovering from a heart attack suffered June 30. Doctors ordered him to "refrain from exertion" or any type of public performing. He doesn't plan to resume his Opry performances "until the doctor gives me the go-ahead sign." Politically, Acuff describes himself as an "independent Republican." He said he is going to vote for Reagan.

Thursday's visit will not be the first time that Reagan and Acuff have shared "billing." About 30 years ago, Acuff, Kitty Wells and an Opry troupe performed in New York's RKO Palace during an era when movie theaters featured stage acts and films. The top line on the theater marquee read: "Roy Acuff, Kitty Wells and Grand Ole Opry Show." The second line read: "Ronald Reagan and Rhonda Fleming in 'Tennessee's Partner.'" "This time Ronald Reagan gets the top and I get the second billing," the singer said.

Acuff, whose nasal rendition of such songs as "Wabash Cannonball" and "Great Speckled Bird" became country classics, was born Sept. 15, 1903 in Maynardsville, an East Tennessee mountain town where most of the 416 residents called each other neighbor. The thin-framed, curly-haired singer has enthralled millions of Grand Ole Opry fans for nearly half a century and is generally accepted as "the king of country music." Like Reagan, Acuff has refused to accept retirement. At age 70, he became the oldest performer to have a record -- "Back in the Country" -- on the country charts.

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CANDIDATE SCHEDULES

(UPI) - The schedules for the presidential and vice presidential candidates for Thursday, Sept. 13, and tentative schedules for Friday, Sept. 14, and the week ahead. All times are local unless noted.

Walter Mondale:

Thursday, Sept. 13: Noon Citizens forum, Tupelo High School gymnasium, 1009 Varsity Dr., Tupelo, Miss. 1 p.m. Departs High School for airport. 1:20 p.m. Private time, Air Services hanger, Tupelo airport. 2:15-2:55 p.m. Charter flight to McKeller Field, Jackson, Tenn., arriving Miller-Wills Aviation Service Center. 3:35-4:15 p.m. Citizens forum, University of Tennessee Agricultural Station, Jackson. 4:15-4:40 p.m. En route to McKeller Field. 4:40 p.m. Private time, McKeller Field. 5:30-6:25 p.m. Charter flight to Lambert International Airport, St. Louis. 6:40 p.m. Departs for Chase Park Plaza Hotel, 212 N. King Highway Blvd., St. Louis. Overnights there.

Friday, Sept. 14: Events in Mid-west, no locations available. Evening returns to Washington.

Geraldine Ferraro:

Thursday, Sept. 13: Private time, Queens, N.Y.

Friday, Sept. 14: Morning Private time, Queens. 2:25 p.m. Departs New York La Guardia Airport, Butler Aviation Marine Air Terminal, for Buffalo, N.Y. 7:30-9 p.m. Return flight to New York. Evening Dinner-dance, Coaliton of Italo-American Organizations, Inc., Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York; open coverage. 10 p.m. Returns to residence, Queens, for overnight.

Saturday, Sept. 14: Morning Departs New York for Syracuse, N.Y. Events in Syracuse and Elmira, N.Y. Evening Travels to Washington for event. Overnights Queens.

Sunday, Sept. 15: Private time, Queens.

President Reagan:

Thursday, Sept. 13: 10:10 a.m. EST-10:45 a.m. CDT En route from Andrews Air Force Base to Nashville Metropolitan Airport, Nashville, Tenn. 10:45-11 a.m. Motorcade from airport to Opryland Hotel, Nashville. 11-11:25 a.m. Speaks to High Technology Corridor Board Meeting. 11:25 a.m.-Noon Reception with Tennessee Republicans and state Reagan-Bush staff. 12:45-12:50 p.m. Motorcade to the residence of Grand Ole Opry star Roy Acuff. 1:05-1:10 p.m. Motorcade with Acuff to the Grand Ole Opry Theater. 1:15-1:30 p.m. Birthday celebration for Acuff, Grand Ole Opry Theater. 1:30 p.m. CDT-4:05 p.m. EST En route from Nashville to Andrews AFB.

Friday, Sept. 14: Hispanic Excellence in Education meeting, White House.

Saturday, Sept. 15: 8 p.m. National Italian-American Foundation dinner, ballroom, Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington.

Vice President George Bush:

Thursday, Sept. 13: No schedule available.

Friday, Sept. 14: Noon Addresses Jewish Republican Coalition luncheon, Four Seasons Hotel, Washington. 4:30 p.m. Addresses New York Conservative Party convention, Women's National Republican Club, 3 West 51st St., New York.

Saturday, Sept. 15: 8 p.m. National Italian American Foundation dinner, ballroom, Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington.

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## PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

CBS's Dan Rather: Walter Mondale campaigned before a group of students in Iowa and came equipped with his own low-tech visual aid, what he called a "Reagan charge card," to illustrate his charge that President Reagan's policies don't do anything to knock back the huge federal budget deficit. Mondale claimed that a second Reagan term would mean more taxes for those least able to afford it; either that, said Mondale, or President Reagan will make more deep cuts in social programs, including Medicare and Social Security. President Reagan fired back by long distance, doing so while campaigning in some Democratic strongholds in upstate New York. He called Mondale's deficit reducing plans a "fairy tale." Apparently sensitive to criticism that he is increasingly isolated by a too-tight security bubble, Mr. Reagan saw to it today that there were photographs of him walking down a street in Buffalo. (TV Coverage of Presidential party walking and waving to crowds.) But before that, the crowds -- supporters and protesters alike -- had to go through metal detectors. Although campaigning among Catholics, Italians and Polish, Mr. Reagan downplayed religious themes in favor of economics. (CBS-4)

ABC's Sam Donaldson: President Reagan gave three set speeches in upstate New York, and in each one he talked about the economy and his opponent's call for higher taxes. (President: "Now I don't believe, as my opponent most assuredly does, that government's greatest challenge is to convince us higher taxes will be good for America. With your support, we'll make sure that no one puts that ball and chain around America's neck." Applause.) No higher taxes, said the President, but once again he failed to spell out in detail just how he intends to reduce the deficit without them. While in Buffalo, the President campaigned before ethnic groups, which is not unusual, and he actually walked down the middle of the street, which is unusual. But he shook no hands and he took no questions. (Donaldson: "Mr. President, George Bush says he favors abortion in the case of rape. Do you agree?" President: "Sam, I can't talk about (voice fades out).") What he could talk about, as he did again in a giant rally in Endicott, was his opponent's call for higher taxes. (President: "We see an America where every day is the 4th of July, and they see an America where every day is April 15th.") Mondale may demand deficit reduction specifics, and the President answers with one liners. Mondale may warn of hard times ahead, and the President points to good times at hand. Mondale may issue a call to arms, and the President waves the American flag. If there are true issues in this campaign, they are being discussed, but not yet joined. (ABC-5)

ABC's Brit Hume: Mondale was an underdog under no illusions. He knew he needed to dramatize his case against Mr. Reagan on the budget deficit and at a community college in eastern Iowa, he tried his best. This, he said, is the "Reagan charge card." Bills payable to the U.S. Government.

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## PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN (continue)

Hume continues: (TV Coverage: Mondale before charts: "Now your family owes \$30,476 as your share of the debt. You may not know about it, but you and your family will be paying for this for years and years to come in your taxes.") At his next stop, Peoria, Ill., where unemployment is still above 10%, Mondale found one of the biggest crowds of the campaign and needed no gimmicks to make his case against Reaganomics. (Mondale: "It won't play in Peoria because it's not working in Peoria and we want a president who'll get with it and put America back to work. And that's why we're here, that's why we're here." Applause.) Mondale tried to make as little as possible of Ferraro's continuing difficulties by having his press secretary read a statement which he would only later reiterate in person, expressing full confidence in his running mate. Mondale knows he is well behind and he's fighting to get his message across. But every day seems to bring a new round of bad reviews or bad news. His only hope may be that things are bound to get better because it would be hard for them to get worse. (ABC-6)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: Mondale was making his sharpest attack yet on President Reagan and the deficit. Mondale pulled out what he called "the Reagan charge card." He accused the President of adding more than \$13,000 to each family's share of the national debt. He also said the President is planning a national sales tax. And in Illinois, Mondale stepped up his attack. (Mondale: "Mr. Reagan is stonewalling the American people, and that won't play in Peoria. You want plans, not alibis. You want answers, not arrogance. Mr. President, the American people are calling your hand. Let's see your cards. Let's see what you've got." Cheering.) (NBC-2)

Browkaw: For his part, Reagan was campaigning in the northeast, going after blue-collar and ethnic votes in that industrial area. Without mentioning Mondale by name, the President attacked his plan to reduce the deficit. (President: "The Democratic candidate contends that working Americans wouldn't be hurt by his tax increases. That's a fairy tale." Applause. "His plan would hurt working Americans by raising their taxes and by stifling economic growth. With your support, we'll make sure that no one puts that ball and chain around America's neck.") The President also said the main difference between the Democrats and his side is "We see an America where every day is the 4th of July. They see an America where every day is April 15th." (NBC-3)

## FERRARO

Rather: Geraldine Ferraro's campaign problems came on two separate fronts: church and state. The Reagan Justice Department has begun what it calls a routine preliminary investigation to determine whether any law was violated by Ferraro's claim of a right to be exempted from disclosing her husband's assets during six years in Congress. Also, Ferraro's stance on abortion was attacked again, by a Catholic bishop in Scranton.

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## FERRARO (continued)

CBS's Phil Jones: As the House Ethics Committee was voting unanimously to investigate ethics charges against Ferraro, a conservative Washington interest group was filing additional accusations that she failed to disclose financial information in 1978 on the sale of a business. Republicans wanted the investigation completed by October, but no deadline was set. Ferraro, on the campaign trail, issued a statement promising full cooperation and blaming conservative action groups for the investigation. (TV Coverage: Crowd chanting "Four more years" as Ferraro speaks in Scranton.) In heavily Catholic Scranton, Pa., a rally of thousands which included anti-abortion demonstrators, she attacked those who are, as she put it, using religion for partisan political purposes. (Ferraro: "When I take my oath of office, I accept the charge of serving people of every faith, not just some people of my faith. I would resign my office before I would betray my public trust.") Within moments after Ferraro's comments, her position was being attacked as absurd and not rational. (Bishop Timlin: "She is actually saying she is pro-choice, which means that she is pro-abortion as far as we're concerned.") Ferraro had hoped that by taking this issue into the heart of the pro-life movement, she might get beyond the abortion issue, but judging by today's reception, this and her financial matters will continue to follow her. (CBS-3)

ABC's Charles Gibson: The six Democrats and six Republicans on the committee voted unanimously to conduct the inquiry. (Paul Kamenar of the Washington Legal Foundation: "The voluminous material that she has put out is not voluminous under the law. She has yet to disclose her husband's financial assets, holdings, liabilities and transactions. The income tax returns frankly don't tell you anything.") Can the matter be resolved by the election? (Rep. Stokes: "We intend to do the same thorough job we've done in every other case, but there's no way for us to be able to place a timetable on an investigation.") (Rep. Spence: "We can't speed it up, we can't slow it down, and we have to go by the rules.") If precedent in the committee is any guide, this matter will likely still be unresolved come election day.

ABC's Lynn Sherr: Ferraro wouldn't talk about the investigation, but she issued a statement saying, "I will cooperate fully with the committee and I look forward to a favorable outcome." While she may be unable to shake the financial issue from her campaign, Ferraro spoke out decisively on the other controversy that's followed her around the country. In Scranton, Pa., former home of the New York archbishop who's been attacking her pro-choice position on abortion, the vice presidential candidate, a practicing Catholic, told several thousand people her duty as a public official overrides her personal religious beliefs. (Ferraro: "When I take my oath of office, I accept the charge of serving people of every faith, not just some people of my faith." Cheering.) But that didn't quiet the demonstrators. (TV Coverage: Demonstrators shout, "Reagan, Reagan.") And the man who replaced the archbishop here held his own news conference.

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Sherr continues: (Bishop Timlin: "Well, she would have to come out and say that she is personally against abortion and she would do all that she can within the law to stop the slaughter of innocent human beings.") Ferraro's staff said they weren't seeking a confrontation on the abortion issue, that the stop in Scranton was scheduled last August, but they also believe that by plunging into the heart of anti-abortion country, she also showed she is not afraid of the issue, even though it will probably be with her until the election.

(ABC-2)

NBC's Bob Kur: She knew that northeast Pennsylvania's anti-abortion demonstrators would be out in force. (TV Coverage: Demonstrators shout "Reagan, Reagan.") And she chose this predominantly Catholic city to answer her critics and say she does not want abortion to be an issue in this race. (Ferraro: "To me, my religion is a very personal and private matter. And when some people try to use religion to their partisan political advantage, then the freedom of all of us is at risk." Applause. "Twenty-four years ago, John F. Kennedy said, and I quote, 'I do not speak for my Church on public matters and the Church does not speak for me.'" Cheering.) Instead of avoiding the opposition, after the speech she headed straight for the most anti-abortion, pro-Reagan part of the crowd. A short time later in Scranton, Bishop James Timlin sought to keep the anti-abortion pressure on. (Timlin: "She feels that she's a good Catholic and I hope that she is. We're talking about her views...I'm just saying that these do not jive with the Catholic Church's position.") But religion was not the main concern of a standing-room-only crowd of women watching Ferraro in Ohio this morning. (Woman: "...I still will vote for Geraldine Ferraro, even though I disagree with abortion.") (Woman: "I think that's a personal thing that each woman should decide for herself.") Ferraro's aides don't think the election will be won or lost on the abortion issue, but they are concerned that each day they are forced to confront it, other issues get pushed aside. As one top Ferraro aide put it, it's not an advantage being in a debate with an archbishop when you want to debate George Bush and Ronald Reagan.

(NBC-Lead)

## VICE PRESIDENT/ABORTION

Jennings: Vice President Bush has been getting a lot of questions about his views of abortion, specifically on how he differs with the President. Four years ago, Mr. Bush said he opposed abortion except in the cases of rape, incest or where the life of the mother is in danger. The President says abortion should only be permitted to protect the mother's life. Mr. Bush has gotten testy with reporters who've been asking the questions and in Atlanta he suggested they concentrate on more good news about the Reagan-Bush ticket.

(ABC-3)



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## POLL

Jennings: The first major ABC News-Washington Post poll since before the political conventions shows Ronald Reagan leads Mondale by a substantial 16 points. That is the largest margin, 56-40%, since Mr. Mondale entered the presidential sweepstakes. Mr. Reagan runs strongest among the young, the college educated and people with higher incomes. He is the clear leader among men (61-37%). And he also leads Mr. Mondale among women (52-44%). The poll shows Ferraro has not made a significant difference to the Democratic ticket, although more than 60% think she has put her financial difficulties behind her. Mr. Reagan is the very clear leader on the question of who would best handle foreign policy (58-37%). He has a smaller lead on the question of who would best handle the deficit (52-40%). Though Mr. Mondale has tried to blame the deficits on Mr. Reagan, most people blamed former presidents and the Democrats in Congress. (ABC-4)

## TWO VOTERS

ABC's James Wooten reports from Columbus, Ohio on two men, one for the President and one for Mondale. John McConnell built his Fortune 500 steel company from a shoestring. He's very happy with Ronald Reagan. (McConnell: "He's got the country going in the right direction and I think he can keep it going in the right direction.") (Rex Hamlets: "I only see the rich getting richer.") Rex Hamlets, a blue-collar union man, works for the phone company. He's worried about college for his son and he sees little fairness in the White House. (Hamlets: "I believe the rich put President Reagan in power and they're the ones that are going to benefit the most from his programs.") (McConnell: "I don't agree with that. I think he's helped, I think he's given people the opportunity to help themselves.") McConnell doesn't blame the President for the mounting deficit. He blames the Soviets for current world tensions and he's as impressed with Reagan's psychological impact on the country as with anything else. So McConnell headed confidently home to dinner last night while Rex Hamlett went out to cheer for Ferraro at a local union hall. Separate lives with separate visions of an American campaign. (ABC-7)

## COMMENTARY -- RELIGION AND POLITICS

CBS's Bill Moyers: The Christian community in America is not of one mind and the Republican Party has been a tent of many stripes. In time, nothing but trouble is likely to come of a major political party's commitment to the doctrinal triumph of one sectarian notion of God's will for America. We have in this country an admirable alternative to civil war, a holy civil war. It's called the Constitution. Religion and politics mix in this delicate balance, but only if they serve to check one another's pretensions. (CBS-10)

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## PAPAL TRIP

Rather: In remarks prepared for delivery this evening, the Pope indicated religious teachings should be part of the public school system and he implied that public funds should be made available to parochial schools. (ABC-9, CBS-5)

## CHERNENKO

Rather: There is speculation in Moscow that Chernenko may have been hospitalized again. A West German newspaper reported the ceremony for Soviet cosmonauts so overtaxed him that he again had to be taken under medical care. It added that Chernenko "is not in any condition to carry out his work." (ABC-7, CBS-6)

## COMMENTARY -- GROMYKO MEETING

NBC's John Chancellor: Why is Mr. Gromyko coming to call? The answer is that the Reagan Administration has maneuvered the Soviet Union into an extremely weak propaganda position on the control of nuclear weapons. The Soviets have walked out on two sets of arms talks, and a third conference on weapons in space is not about to come off. The Soviets have allies and friends who are worried about the arms race and some blame the tension more on Moscow than Washington. Talking with the Americans has become a political imperative for the Kremlin. (NBC-14)

## SOVIET ARTISTS

NBC's John Hart continues the series on "the new Cold War" between the U.S. and USSR, talking with Soviet-born artists who are glad to be living now in the U.S. (NBC-15)

## HURRICANE DIANA

CBS's Dan Rather: The fringes of the hurricane battered Carolina coasts. Weathermen continued to warn the hurricane still may come ashore full force. (ABC-Lead, NBC-4, CBS-Lead)

## IRAN-IRAQ

Rather: For the third day in a row, Iraq has claimed attacks on ships using Iranian ports. Iraq said it hit a ship near Kharg island and destroyed a four-ship convoy. (CBS-7)

## BANKING BILL

Rather: Yet to agree on a much-debated major banking bill, the Senate did pass an amendment to it that would put a lid on how much the interest rates on adjustable rate mortgages could be hiked: no more than a 5% increase over the life of the loan. (CBS-9)

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## PORNOGRAPHY/SEXUAL ABUSE

ABC's Bill Greenwood: Victims of sexual abuse told one horror story after another before a Senate committee. Greenwood reports women testified that pornographic reading material and movies led men to abuse them. Linda Marciano wants "Deep Throat" banned, and does not care about the First Amendment rights of porn movie makers. Senators admit that such victims of sexual abuse have for now few mechanisms with which to fight back, so what they're trying to do is build a record that not only dramatizes the extent of the problem, but provides a base to support new legislation.  
(ABC-9)

## AIRLINE AGREEMENT

Jennings: The nation's major airlines agreed on a plan to reduce rush-hour traffic at six major airports (Kennedy and LaGuardia in New York, Newark, O'Hare, Atlanta's Hartsfield and Denver's Stapleton).  
(ABC-12)

## GENERIC DRUGS

Jennings: The Senate gave final congressional approval to a bill which will make it easier for consumers to buy generic drugs. Sponsors of the bill say it could save consumers \$1B over the next several years.  
(CBS-8, ABC-10)

## UNEMPLOYED IN PEORIA

CBS's Meredith Vierra reports on a man who was called back to work at a tractor company after a two-year layoff, only to be laid off again.  
(CBS-10)

## UAW

Brokaw: The UAW announced it has extended its Ford contract until it settles with GM.  
(NBC-6)

## AUTOS/MEXICAN WORKERS

NBC's Jim Cummins: The Big Three auto makers have doubled the number of cars and parts made in Mexico during the past year. There is a huge labor pool in Mexico, people eager to work for as little as \$5 a day.  
(NBC-6)

## MANDRELL

Rather: Tennessee officials said a fastened seatbelt may have saved the life of country singer Barbara Mandrell, who suffered a broken leg and a concussion when another car swerved into hers, killing the other driver.  
(ABC-15, NBC-7, CBS-11)

EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

## GROMYKO MEETING

Gromyko's visit -- "There are risks in this for the White House. It brings into question the wisdom of campaigner Reagan's repeatedly raising the issue of Soviet violation of the Yalta Agreement, as he does in Polish or other East European ethnic communities. Publication of alleged Soviet violations of arms agreements at this time likewise hardly seems like a fit welcome for Gromyko. And what if Mr. Gromyko uses the occasion to scold his Washington hosts? Dealing with the Soviets is no tailgate picnic, even without the stadium roar of a presidential election in the background. Still, better talks up close than growling from afar."

(Christian Science Monitor, 9/12)

The Big Handshake -- "Western diplomats in Moscow say that the Gromyko visit could mark the start of a thaw in relations. So far the White House is wisely trying to dampen any unrealistic expectations. But at the least the meeting does offer hope that the two sides will start talking and stop growling at each other. It is unfortunate that the Administration chose this week to schedule the release of a report on Soviet violations of arms control agreements during the last 25 years. The people are entitled to this information, but by releasing it now the Administration is increasing the risk that the Reagan-Gromyko meeting will produce only more growls."

(Los Angeles Times, 9/12)

Guess who's coming to tea? -- "The Soviets are by no means blind to the political ramifications of Mr. Gromyko's visit. In reaching out to Mr. Reagan, the Kremlin very well could be signaling a shift in its foreign policy objectives...Let us hope that some good will come from this meeting between Mr. Reagan and Mr. Gromyko. If the Soviets want a sensible relationship with the United States -- one based on fair-dealing and mutual interest, not intrigue and bullying -- they could scarcely have a more receptive host."

(The Washington Times, 9/12)

A pre-summit meeting -- "It's clear Gromyko is expecting Reagan to win. The meeting may even help Reagan: He will be able to boast he's holding negotiations with the Soviets, even though it's mere verbal sparring. Gromyko calculates he will have to deal with Reagan for four more years, so he might as well start now."

(New York Daily News, 9/12)

## MONDALE BUDGET PLAN

Mondale's Tax Gamble -- "We do not question the need for new revenues, especially since Mr. Mondale would earmark them for deficit reduction. But we would prefer bolder, more forward-looking tax reforms and a greater emphasis on cuts in government spending. At least, Mr. Reagan's outsized deficits have had the effect of turning Mr. Mondale into a bit of an economic conservative, a budgetbalancer in what used to be good old Republican tradition. It is too bad the deficits are not having the same effect on the President himself."

(Baltimore Sun, 9/12)

An Old Trick -- "This is not a deficit reduction plan. It is a plan to increase taxes, cut defense and not whittle a dime out of domestic spending. If that sounds familiar, it is. It is what Mondale has championed for years. It is what Mondale, indeed, is all about."

(New York Post, 9/12)

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Mondale's budget plan -- "The success of the program would depend in considerable part on the cooperation of the Federal Reserve in easing credit as the government applied the brakes to the deficit. Otherwise, this shift might throw the economy into a recession. The more immediate question is not that of the Federal Reserve's attitude but whether President Reagan will descend from the clouds of euphoria and join the debate." (Boston Globe, 9/11)

Mondale vs. the deficit -- "Soaking the rich used to be good politics, but the American people may be shrewd enough by now to realize that punishing success by individuals is a good way to promote failure in the economy. There is considerable evidence that Mr. Reagan's tax cut, despite its flaws, has spurred both work and savings -- the foundations of economic growth. A better way to raise taxes is to repeal most of the loopholes that now riddle the tax code, which would permit tax rates to be cut still further while yielding greater revenues....So Mr. Mondale's plan to cut the deficit is not a good one. Still, it is the only one in town. The President, for his part, continues to pretend that his combination of tax cuts and military spending increases represent fiscal sanity. They do not, and there is little reason to hope that mere economic growth will boost federal receipts enough to solve the problem." (Chicago Tribune, 9/12)

Snake oil again -- "This year's tax issue is whether the toilers and sacrificers want taxes as a first resort or a last resort. For them, looking at numbers isn't always useful. The balanced budget remains a mirage, always over the next hill....The Mondale tax plan is what the late U.S. Sen. Dirksen used to call 'a statistical snow job.' Its benefits are in mirage dollars, but its costs are in real ones." (Chicago Sun-Times, 9/12)

The Trust-Me Budget -- "If Mr. Mondale wants to choke off investment and job growth he has figured out a good way to do it. His quest for 'fairness' will achieve the kind of 'fairness' that results when the rich go hunting for tax shelters and workers achieve equality by standing together in unemployment lines." (Wall Street Journal, 9/12)

Reagan Is Reagan on the Economy -- "My observations during the past two years made it clear to me that President Reagan is an active leader and shaper of economic policy. Indeed, I was surprised when I joined the Administration by just how frequently the President became involved in specific economic decisions....There are those who do not agree with the thrust of the policies that constitute Reaganomics. I for one think that our economic policies are on the right track. But however one judges the substance of the policies, there should be no doubt about the active role that the President himself has played in the shaping of Reaganomics." (Martin Feldstein, Wall Street Journal, 9/12)

A question for Reagan -- "It doesn't seem right. Mr. Mondale has presented his program. It calls for tax increases that reach down to the middle class, relatively restrained domestic spending and cuts in defense. The voters can examine it, they can debate it and they can approve or disapprove of it. Doesn't the man who said in 1980 that the 'first task of national leadership is to set honest and realistic priorities in our policies and our budget' have the same task in 1984?" (Philadelphia Inquirer, 9/12)





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## TODAY'S HEADLINES

### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Soviets Arms Violations Downplayed -- Secretary Shultz told an NBC interviewer that although there "seemed to be" some direct violations, most alleged treaty breaches concerned cases in which Moscow had legitimately exploited loopholes in the SALT II Treaty.  
(Washington Post, Washington Times)

### NATIONAL NEWS

Polls Drench Mondale Campaign with Bad News -- A series of opinion polls poured more bad news onto Walter Mondale's campaign to wrest the presidency from Ronald Reagan.  
(Washington Post, Reuter)

President Waves Off Mondale Call that Tax Hike Won't Hurt Workers -- President Reagan described as a "fairy tale" Walter Mondale's claim that working Americans won't be hurt by the Democrat's proposed tax increases.  
(UPI, Washington Post, Washington Times)

Bush Says He Backs Reagan's Position on Banning Abortion -- Vice President Bush said that whatever he may have said on abortion in the past, he now goes along with President Reagan all the way.  
(Washington Post, Washington Times)

### NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY (Wednesday Evening)

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## CONSERVATIVES PRESS FOR DATA ON ARMS-PACT TRANSGRESSIONS

The White House, which plans next week to release one report on alleged Soviet violations of arms-control agreements, is under pressure from conservatives in Congress to release a second report as well.

(Walter Pincus, Washington Post, A26)

Soviet Arms Violations Downplayed

Secretary Shultz and his principal spokesman downplayed a report by President Reagan's General Advisory Committee charging the Soviet Union with 17 violations of arms treaties.

(Russell Warren Howe, Washington Times, A5)

## REAGAN-GROMYKO TALKS SIGNAL NO POLICY CHANGE, SOVIETS SAY

MOSCOW -- The decision by Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko to meet with President Reagan in Washington this month was made weeks ago, and does not signify any change in Moscow's foreign policy, informed Soviet sources said.

(Robert Kaiser, Washington Post, A1)

## SOVIET DISMISSAL NOW BEING LAID TO A POLICY SPLIT

A senior Soviet diplomat has told United States officials that Marshal Ogarkov was dismissed as chief of the General Staff because he was showing "unpartylike tendencies," Administration officials said.

(Bernard Gwertzman, New York Times, A1)

## SOVIETS ALLOW PUBLICATION OF SAKHAROV ARTICLE

MOSCOW -- Soviet authorities have allowed publication of a scientific article by Andrei Sakharov, but still have not provided credible proof of his well-being. The article published Aug. 28 on the origins of the universe was "designed to show the world and, in particular, his fellow scientists in the west that he is allowed to work," a Western diplomat said.

(Louise Branson, UPI)

## EL SALVADOR TIGHTENS RULES FOR BOMBING

SAN SALVADOR -- President Duarte announced he has tightened the rules for bombing by the Salvadoran Air Force in an effort to reduce civilian casualties in the four-year-old civil war.

(Edward Cody, Washington Post, A1)

Duarte Issues Rules for Air Attacks

Duarte added that he would also be issuing a general order defining the duties of government security forces and ordering them to respect both the law and human rights.

(James LeMoyne, New York Times, A3)

#### HOUSE TO GET BILL ON VOLUNTEER COMBAT BY RESERVES ABROAD

Any member of a military reserve unit who went on his own to Nicaragua or any other foreign country to engage in combat could be imprisoned for as long as two years under a bill introduced in the House.  
(George Wilson, Washington Post, A21)

#### AMERICANS AIDING CONTRAS DEFENDED BY KIRKPATRICK

American citizens privately aiding Contra forces warring against Nicaragua's Marxist Sandinista government are following an historic, American tradition of free people freely supporting a political cause in which they believe, Jeane Kirkpatrick said.  
(Bill Kling, Washington Times, A3)

#### U.S.-SOVIET VENTURE USING SATELLITES IN RESCUES MAY BE DISRUPTED

Opposition from the Office of Management and Budget threatens to disrupt the only current U.S.-Soviet space venture, a program that uses satellites in rescue operations. The program has become entangled in a dispute about its costs that could subject President Reagan to charges that he is more interested in saving money than lives and is not sincere about his professed desire to find areas of scientific cooperation with the Soviet Union.  
(John Goshko, Washington Post, A9)

#### U.S. WINDS DOWN MINE SEARCH WITH BLASTS STILL A MYSTERY

U.S. minesweeping helicopters raking the Gulf of Suez and waters off western Saudi Arabia are winding down their search without finding a single mine, but Pentagon officials say they do not feel the effort was futile. "It convinced the world that the waterway is open for passage," one official said of the search.  
(Robert Trautman, Reuter)

NATIONAL NEWS

## MONDALE, PRESIDENT VISIT STATE

President Reagan and Walter Mondale will battle for Tennessee's 11 electoral votes today, as Reagan covers business and music in Nashville while Mondale courts the West Tennessee farm vote.

(Jim O'Hara, The Tennessean, A1)

## EVERY REGION FOUND TO FAVOR PRESIDENT

President Reagan, drawing extraordinary support from Republican and independent voters, holds a 16-point lead over Walter Mondale, according to a new Washington Post-ABC News opinion poll. Reagan, doing well on basic pocketbook issues and aided strongly by Mondale's inability thus far to project himself as a leader, is ahead in every region, among women as well as men and among voters in all age groups, according to the poll.

(Barry Sussman, Washington Post, A1)

The ABC News-Washington Post survey gave Reagan a lead of 56 to 40 percent, up nine points since July. Gallup reported Reagan ahead 55-40 and Louis Harris 55-42. A sample taken for USA Today on Monday gave Reagan a 22 point advantage.

(Rodney Pinder, Reuter)

## OPINION POLLS POSE A CRUEL QUESTION FOR MONDALE'S STRATEGISTS

The latest round of public opinion polls pose a cruel question for Walter Mondale and his staff: whether to persist in strategies that so far have shown no visible payoff or to seek another way of whittling down President Reagan's growing lead.

(News analysis by David Broder, Washington Post, A4)

## REAGAN, IN DEMOCRATIC HEARTLAND, RIDICULES MONDALE'S TAX INCREASE

BUFFALO -- President Reagan ridiculed as "a fairy tale" Walter Mondale's claim that average Americans would not be affected by Mondale's proposed tax increases.

(David Hoffman, Washington Post, A7)

President Waves Off Mondale Call That Tax Hike Won't Hurt Workers

Mr. Mondale's argument is a "ball and chain" that Mr. Reagan won't let be looped around the neck of America, he said. "The American people aren't undertaxed, the government in Washington is overfed."

(Jeremiah O'Leary, Washington Times, A1)

The President, on a daylong, four-stop trip, said Mondale "contends that working Americans wouldn't be hurt by his tax increases. That's a fairy tale."

(Anne Saker, UPI)

With a huge American flag behind him and a sea of red, white and blue flags being waved in front of him -- most of them distributed by rally organizers -- Reagan hailed his record, blasted the Democrats and led the crowd into chants of "U.S.A., U.S.A."

(Laurence McQuillan, UPI)

BUSH, ASKING FOR END TO CONTROVERSY,  
IS PRESSED ON 1980 ABORTION REMARK

SAVANNAH, Ga. -- Vice President Bush, exhorting reporters to quit dwelling on controversy, found himself dogged again with questions about whether he has changed his position on federal financing of abortions since 1980.  
(Juan Williams, Washington Post, A6)

Bush Says He Backs Reagan's Position on Banning Abortion

During the end of a three-day campaign swing through the South, Bush also acknowledged that Mr. Reagan had scaled back his defense buildup in compromises with Congress but said "we are going to cut no further."  
(Don McLeod, Washington Times, A2)

GOP ACCUSED OF EXCEEDING SENATE AID LIMIT

The chairman of the Democratic Party accused the National Republican Senatorial Committee of violating federal campaign contribution limits by channeling cash to key state parties, which in turn provide back-door support to Republican Senate candidates.

(Thomas Edsall, Washington Post, A5)

HOUSE ETHICS PANEL TO INVESTIGATE FERRARO

The House ethics committee voted unanimously to begin a formal investigation into charges that Rep. Geraldine Ferraro violated the financial disclosure requirements of the Ethics in Government Act.

(Spencer Rich, Washington Post, A1)

Financial Disclosures Are Target

After the vote, Committee Chairman Louis Stokes described the investigation as similar "to that of a grand jury." The panel includes six Democrats and six Republicans. (Thomas Brandt, Washington Times, A1)

"We are simply saying (the charges) warrant investigation and we are undertaking the investigation," said Stokes, who refused to estimate how long it might take. It is considered unlikely the investigation would be finished in the seven weeks remaining before the election.

(Paula Schwed, UPI)

Ferraro, campaigning in Scranton, Pa., said she would cooperate fully and expected to be exonerated.

(David Nagy, Reuter)

FERRARO REITERATES HER ABORTION STAND

SCRANTON, Pa. -- Geraldine Ferraro, making a campaign swing through the heartland of the anti-abortion movement, invoked the memory of John F. Kennedy in defending her position denounced by the local Roman Catholic bishop as "absurd," "dangerous" and "unacceptable."

(Rick Atkinson and Kathy Sawyer, Washington Post, A3)

## MONDALE CONCOCTS REAGAN DEFICIT PLAN

PEORIA, Ill. -- On Monday, Walter Mondale unveiled his deficit-reduction plan. Now, he's unveiled that of his opponent. As Mondale concocted it, President Reagan will introduce a 2 percent national sales tax next year and hit the most vulnerable Americans with more of the "cruel, uncaring and mean" budget cuts proposed in his first term.

(Paul Taylor, Washington Post, A8)

President is 'Stonewalling,' Mondale Says

Declaring there is a "strange silence" from Mr. Reagan on deficit reduction, the Democratic presidential nominee continued what aides describe as his public-education effort to show the federal budget deficit is an unseen hand in everybody's pocketbook.

(Alan McConagha, Washington Times, A3)

"Mr. Reagan is stonewalling the American people and that won't play in Peoria," Mondale, thumping the podium so hard the microphone shook, told 3,500 cheering supporters in front of the Peoria, Ill., county courthouse.

(Matthew Quinn, UPI)

Mondale Fights President's Grip on Southerners

With public opinion polls showing Reagan with a solid lead in every Southern state, the Mondale campaign has decided to make a major commitment of the candidate's time and resources in states where they believe Mondale has a fighting chance.

(Phil Gailey, New York Times, A1)

## PROBE FINDINGS ON MEESE SENT TO COURT PANEL

Independent council Jacob Stein turned over a draft of his findings to a three-judge panel of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, according to informed sources.

(Washington Post, A3)

## DEFENSE SPENDING COMPROMISE GAINING GROUND IN CONGRESS

Senate Republican and House Democratic leaders were moving toward a compromise \$295 billion defense authorization that would break a deadlock on the military spending bill and the controversial MX nuclear missile.

(Walter Andrews, Washington Times, A4)

## PENTAGON LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL, POSSIBLY FAULTY MICROCHIPS

The Pentagon has undertaken an urgent search into its defense inventory to determine if any weapons contain possibly faulty microcircuits that threaten their reliability.

(Robert Trautman, Reuter)

Editor's Note: The first of two articles by Stephanie Nell on "The Rise of Ferraro" appears on page A1 of The Washington Times.

GENOCIDE TREATY VOTE FACES DELAY IN COMMITTEE

Sen. Helms blocked a committee vote on the anti-genocide treaty by asking for 24-hours to convince the Reagan Administration that language should be added to limit the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice in U.S. cases. (Rita McWilliams, Washington Times, A4)

Chairman Charles Percy scheduled another meeting today in hopes of getting a vote, but the matter could be put off for as long as one week. With Congress aiming for final adjournment in early October, any delay could kill chances for action on the treaty by the full Senate this year. (Robert Shepard, UPI)



NEWS FROM TENNESSEE

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) -- Both President Reagan and Democratic challenger Walter Mondale will be campaigning in Tennessee Thursday, campaign officials have confirmed. Reagan will stop in Nashville to attend strategy meetings with state and regional GOP campaign officials. He also plans to visit country singer Roy Acuff in honor of the Grand Ole Opry star's 81st birthday.

Mondale will make his second Tennessee stop within a week when he visits Jackson Thursday. He is scheduled to conduct a citizens forum at 3 p.m. at the University of Tennessee Agricultural Experimental Station, according to state campaign director Betty Nixon. He appeared at a similar forum last Friday in Chattanooga. Mondale is scheduled to depart for St. Louis following the one-hour West Tennessee stop.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) -- The last time a president visited the Grand Ole Opry House, John W. Hinckley Jr. was arrested with three pistols at the Nashville airport -- a 10-minute drive away.

Today, President Ronald Reagan -- shot and wounded by Hinckley in a 1981 assassination attempt -- will be at the Grand Ole Opry to celebrate the 81st birthday of Roy Acuff, the "King of Country Music."

President Jimmy Carter was the last chief executive to visit the Opry. He held a "town meeting" at the building on Oct. 9, 1980. That afternoon, Hinckley was arrested at the Nashville airport with two .22 caliber pistols, one .38 caliber pistol and 50 rounds of ammunition.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) -- The Grand Ole Opry's top politician, Roy Acuff, doesn't plan on buying any new clothes, but promises to take a bath and trim his hair for his meeting with President Reagan Thursday. "Like the song almost says, 'take me as I am or let me be,'" Acuff said.

Reagan plans a three-hour stop in Nashville Thursday to discuss strategy with regional and state GOP campaign coordinators, and also to wish the ailing "king of country music" a happy 81st birthday three days early. Reagan will visit Acuff in his house, a small, white-frame structure in the midst of Opryland USA, a theme park that also is home to the Opry house. The two have a lot in common to chat about. Reagan and Acuff both have waged GOP gubernatorial campaigns, both have refused to accept retirement and both are leaders in their respective fields -- national politics and traditional country music.

Acuff has made no special plans for his special visitor. Maybe presidential visits are becoming old hat to the man known for twirling his walking cane on his fingers, bobbling the fiddle bow on his nose and "walking the dog" on his yo-yo almost every week for more than 40 years. "I didn't buy any new clothes for the visit. I'll wear what I wear on the Opry -- a jacket, slacks and of course shirt, tie and shoes. Of course, I'll have taken a bath, and my hair has been trimmed. ... Heck, how do I know how to react?" Acuff said. "No president has ever visited my house, except maybe Bud Wendell. He's president of Opryland, you know." "I suppose I'll be a little nervous," Acuff told his friend, Nashville Banner columnist Red O'Donnell, in an interview published Wednesday.

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NEWS FROM TENNESSEE (continued)

Primarily, Reagan is coming to Nashville to meet and greet some area Republican bigwigs like national party finance chairman Joe Rodgers and Republican Gov. Lamar Alexander in the Opryland Hotel. "I wanted to introduce him at that meeting," Acuff said. "I was going to say in my introduction that the president came in three days before my birthday because if he had come in Saturday my birthday would have overshadowed his visit," Acuff said. "Of course, I'm kidding." Acuff knows something about politics. Three times he ran under the GOP banner for governor of Tennessee, making it to the general election once in 1948. But he refused to even consider running for office until he was promised that politics would not interfere with his Saturday night radio broadcasts from the Grand Ole Opry.

Acuff is recovering from a heart attack suffered June 30. Doctors ordered him to "refrain from exertion" or any type of public performing. He doesn't plan to resume his Opry performances "until the doctor gives me the go-ahead sign." Politically, Acuff describes himself as an "independent Republican." He said he is going to vote for Reagan.

Thursday's visit will not be the first time that Reagan and Acuff have shared "billing." About 30 years ago, Acuff, Kitty Wells and an Opry troupe performed in New York's RKO Palace during an era when movie theaters featured stage acts and films. The top line on the theater marquee read: "Roy Acuff, Kitty Wells and Grand Ole Opry Show." The second line read: "Ronald Reagan and Rhonda Fleming in 'Tennessee's Partner.'" "This time Ronald Reagan gets the top and I get the second billing," the singer said.

Acuff, whose nasal rendition of such songs as "Wabash Cannonball" and "Great Speckled Bird" became country classics, was born Sept. 15, 1903 in Maynardsville, an East Tennessee mountain town where most of the 416 residents called each other neighbor. The thin-framed, curly-haired singer has enthralled millions of Grand Ole Opry fans for nearly half a century and is generally accepted as "the king of country music." Like Reagan, Acuff has refused to accept retirement. At age 70, he became the oldest performer to have a record -- "Back in the Country" -- on the country charts.

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CANDIDATE SCHEDULES

(UPI) - The schedules for the presidential and vice presidential candidates for Thursday, Sept. 13, and tentative schedules for Friday, Sept. 14, and the week ahead. All times are local unless noted.

Walter Mondale:

Thursday, Sept. 13: Noon Citizens forum, Tupelo High School gymnasium, 1009 Varsity Dr., Tupelo, Miss. 1 p.m. Departs High School for airport. 1:20 p.m. Private time, Air Services hanger, Tupelo airport. 2:15-2:55 p.m. Charter flight to McKeller Field, Jackson, Tenn., arriving Miller-Wills Aviation Service Center. 3:35-4:15 p.m. Citizens forum, University of Tennessee Agricultural Station, Jackson. 4:15-4:40 p.m. En route to McKeller Field. 4:40 p.m. Private time, McKeller Field. 5:30-6:25 p.m. Charter flight to Lambert International Airport, St. Louis. 6:40 p.m. Departs for Chase Park Plaza Hotel, 212 N. King Highway Blvd., St. Louis. Overnights there.

Friday, Sept. 14: Events in Mid-west, no locations available. Evening returns to Washington.

Geraldine Ferraro:

Thursday, Sept. 13: Private time, Queens, N.Y.

Friday, Sept. 14: Morning Private time, Queens. 2:25 p.m. Departs New York La Guardia Airport, Butler Aviation Marine Air Terminal, for Buffalo, N.Y. 7:30-9 p.m. Return flight to New York. Evening Dinner-dance, Coaliton of Italo-American Organizations, Inc., Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York; open coverage. 10 p.m. Returns to residence, Queens, for overnight.

Saturday, Sept. 14: Morning Departs New York for Syracuse, N.Y. Events in Syracuse and Elmira, N.Y. Evening Travels to Washington for event. Overnights Queens.

Sunday, Sept. 15: Private time, Queens.

President Reagan:

Thursday, Sept. 13: 10:10 a.m. EST-10:45 a.m. CDT En route from Andrews Air Force Base to Nashville Metropolitan Airport, Nashville, Tenn. 10:45-11 a.m. Motorcade from airport to Opryland Hotel, Nashville. 11-11:25 a.m. Speaks to High Technology Corridor Board Meeting. 11:25 a.m.-Noon Reception with Tennessee Republicans and state Reagan-Bush staff. 12:45-12:50 p.m. Motorcade to the residence of Grand Ole Opry star Roy Acuff. 1:05-1:10 p.m. Motorcade with Acuff to the Grand Ole Opry Theater. 1:15-1:30 p.m. Birthday celebration for Acuff, Grand Ole Opry Theater. 1:30 p.m. CDT-4:05 p.m. EST En route from Nashville to Andrews AFB.

Friday, Sept. 14: Hispanic Excellence in Education meeting, White House.

Saturday, Sept. 15: 8 p.m. National Italian-American Foundation dinner, ballroom, Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington.

Vice President George Bush:

Thursday, Sept. 13: No schedule available.

Friday, Sept. 14: Noon Addresses Jewish Republican Coalition luncheon, Four Seasons Hotel, Washington. 4:30 p.m. Addresses New York Conservative Party convention, Women's National Republican Club, 3 West 51st St., New York.

Saturday, Sept. 15: 8 p.m. National Italian American Foundation dinner, ballroom, Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington.

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## PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

CBS's Dan Rather: Walter Mondale campaigned before a group of students in Iowa and came equipped with his own low-tech visual aid, what he called a "Reagan charge card," to illustrate his charge that President Reagan's policies don't do anything to knock back the huge federal budget deficit. Mondale claimed that a second Reagan term would mean more taxes for those least able to afford it; either that, said Mondale, or President Reagan will make more deep cuts in social programs, including Medicare and Social Security. President Reagan fired back by long distance, doing so while campaigning in some Democratic strongholds in upstate New York. He called Mondale's deficit reducing plans a "fairy tale." Apparently sensitive to criticism that he is increasingly isolated by a too-tight security bubble, Mr. Reagan saw to it today that there were photographs of him walking down a street in Buffalo. (TV Coverage of Presidential party walking and waving to crowds.) But before that, the crowds -- supporters and protesters alike -- had to go through metal detectors. Although campaigning among Catholics, Italians and Polish, Mr. Reagan downplayed religious themes in favor of economics. (CBS-4)

ABC's Sam Donaldson: President Reagan gave three set speeches in upstate New York, and in each one he talked about the economy and his opponent's call for higher taxes. (President: "Now I don't believe, as my opponent most assuredly does, that government's greatest challenge is to convince us higher taxes will be good for America. With your support, we'll make sure that no one puts that ball and chain around America's neck." Applause.) No higher taxes, said the President, but once again he failed to spell out in detail just how he intends to reduce the deficit without them. While in Buffalo, the President campaigned before ethnic groups, which is not unusual, and he actually walked down the middle of the street, which is unusual. But he shook no hands and he took no questions. (Donaldson: "Mr. President, George Bush says he favors abortion in the case of rape. Do you agree?" President: "Sam, I can't talk about (voice fades out).") What he could talk about, as he did again in a giant rally in Endicott, was his opponent's call for higher taxes. (President: "We see an America where every day is the 4th of July, and they see an America where every day is April 15th.") Mondale may demand deficit reduction specifics, and the President answers with one liners. Mondale may warn of hard times ahead, and the President points to good times at hand. Mondale may issue a call to arms, and the President waves the American flag. If there are true issues in this campaign, they are being discussed, but not yet joined. (ABC-5)

ABC's Brit Hume: Mondale was an underdog under no illusions. He knew he needed to dramatize his case against Mr. Reagan on the budget deficit and at a community college in eastern Iowa, he tried his best. This, he said, is the "Reagan charge card." Bills payable to the U.S. Government.

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## PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN (continue)

Hume continues: (TV Coverage: Mondale before charts: "Now your family owes \$30,476 as your share of the debt. You may not know about it, but you and your family will be paying for this for years and years to come in your taxes.") At his next stop, Peoria, Ill., where unemployment is still above 10%, Mondale found one of the biggest crowds of the campaign and needed no gimmicks to make his case against Reaganomics. (Mondale: "It won't play in Peoria because it's not working in Peoria and we want a president who'll get with it and put America back to work. And that's why we're here, that's why we're here." Applause.) Mondale tried to make as little as possible of Ferraro's continuing difficulties by having his press secretary read a statement which he would only later reiterate in person, expressing full confidence in his running mate. Mondale knows he is well behind and he's fighting to get his message across. But every day seems to bring a new round of bad reviews or bad news. His only hope may be that things are bound to get better because it would be hard for them to get worse. (ABC-6)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: Mondale was making his sharpest attack yet on President Reagan and the deficit. Mondale pulled out what he called "the Reagan charge card." He accused the President of adding more than \$13,000 to each family's share of the national debt. He also said the President is planning a national sales tax. And in Illinois, Mondale stepped up his attack. (Mondale: "Mr. Reagan is stonewalling the American people, and that won't play in Peoria. You want plans, not alibis. You want answers, not arrogance. Mr. President, the American people are calling your hand. Let's see your cards. Let's see what you've got." Cheering.) (NBC-2)

Browkaw: For his part, Reagan was campaigning in the northeast, going after blue-collar and ethnic votes in that industrial area. Without mentioning Mondale by name, the President attacked his plan to reduce the deficit. (President: "The Democratic candidate contends that working Americans wouldn't be hurt by his tax increases. That's a fairy tale." Applause. "His plan would hurt working Americans by raising their taxes and by stifling economic growth. With your support, we'll make sure that no one puts that ball and chain around America's neck.") The President also said the main difference between the Democrats and his side is "We see an America where every day is the 4th of July. They see an America where every day is April 15th." (NBC-3)

## FERRARO

Rather: Geraldine Ferraro's campaign problems came on two separate fronts: church and state. The Reagan Justice Department has begun what it calls a routine preliminary investigation to determine whether any law was violated by Ferraro's claim of a right to be exempted from disclosing her husband's assets during six years in Congress. Also, Ferraro's stance on abortion was attacked again, by a Catholic bishop in Scranton.



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## FERRARO (continued)

CBS's Phil Jones: As the House Ethics Committee was voting unanimously to investigate ethics charges against Ferraro, a conservative Washington interest group was filing additional accusations that she failed to disclose financial information in 1978 on the sale of a business. Republicans wanted the investigation completed by October, but no deadline was set. Ferraro, on the campaign trail, issued a statement promising full cooperation and blaming conservative action groups for the investigation. (TV Coverage: Crowd chanting "Four more years" as Ferraro speaks in Scranton.) In heavily Catholic Scranton, Pa., a rally of thousands which included anti-abortion demonstrators, she attacked those who are, as she put it, using religion for partisan political purposes. (Ferraro: "When I take my oath of office, I accept the charge of serving people of every faith, not just some people of my faith. I would resign my office before I would betray my public trust.") Within moments after Ferraro's comments, her position was being attacked as absurd and not rational. (Bishop Timlin: "She is actually saying she is pro-choice, which means that she is pro-abortion as far as we're concerned.") Ferraro had hoped that by taking this issue into the heart of the pro-life movement, she might get beyond the abortion issue, but judging by today's reception, this and her financial matters will continue to follow her. (CBS-3)

ABC's Charles Gibson: The six Democrats and six Republicans on the committee voted unanimously to conduct the inquiry. (Paul Kamenar of the Washington Legal Foundation: "The voluminous material that she has put out is not voluminous under the law. She has yet to disclose her husband's financial assets, holdings, liabilities and transactions. The income tax returns frankly don't tell you anything.") Can the matter be resolved by the election? (Rep. Stokes: "We intend to do the same thorough job we've done in every other case, but there's no way for us to be able to place a timetable on an investigation.") (Rep. Spence: "We can't speed it up, we can't slow it down, and we have to go by the rules.") If precedent in the committee is any guide, this matter will likely still be unresolved come election day.

ABC's Lynn Sherr: Ferraro wouldn't talk about the investigation, but she issued a statement saying, "I will cooperate fully with the committee and I look forward to a favorable outcome." While she may be unable to shake the financial issue from her campaign, Ferraro spoke out decisively on the other controversy that's followed her around the country. In Scranton, Pa., former home of the New York archbishop who's been attacking her pro-choice position on abortion, the vice presidential candidate, a practicing Catholic, told several thousand people her duty as a public official overrides her personal religious beliefs. (Ferraro: "When I take my oath of office, I accept the charge of serving people of every faith, not just some people of my faith." Cheering.) But that didn't quiet the demonstrators. (TV Coverage: Demonstrators shout, "Reagan, Reagan." ) And the man who replaced the archbishop here held his own news conference.

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Sherr continues: (Bishop Timlin: "Well, she would have to come out and say that she is personally against abortion and she would do all that she can within the law to stop the slaughter of innocent human beings.") Ferraro's staff said they weren't seeking a confrontation on the abortion issue, that the stop in Scranton was scheduled last August, but they also believe that by plunging into the heart of anti-abortion country, she also showed she is not afraid of the issue, even though it will probably be with her until the election.

(ABC-2)

NBC's Bob Kur: She knew that northeast Pennsylvania's anti-abortion demonstrators would be out in force. (TV Coverage: Demonstrators shout "Reagan, Reagan.") And she chose this predominantly Catholic city to answer her critics and say she does not want abortion to be an issue in this race. (Ferraro: "To me, my religion is a very personal and private matter. And when some people try to use religion to their partisan political advantage, then the freedom of all of us is at risk." Applause. "Twenty-four years ago, John F. Kennedy said, and I quote, 'I do not speak for my Church on public matters and the Church does not speak for me.'" Cheering.) Instead of avoiding the opposition, after the speech she headed straight for the most anti-abortion, pro-Reagan part of the crowd. A short time later in Scranton, Bishop James Timlin sought to keep the anti-abortion pressure on. (Timlin: "She feels that she's a good Catholic and I hope that she is. We're talking about her views...I'm just saying that these do not jive with the Catholic Church's position.") But religion was not the main concern of a standing-room-only crowd of women watching Ferraro in Ohio this morning. (Woman: "...I still will vote for Geraldine Ferraro, even though I disagree with abortion.") (Woman: "I think that's a personal thing that each woman should decide for herself.") Ferraro's aides don't think the election will be won or lost on the abortion issue, but they are concerned that each day they are forced to confront it, other issues get pushed aside. As one top Ferraro aide put it, it's not an advantage being in a debate with an archbishop when you want to debate George Bush and Ronald Reagan.

(NBC-Lead)

## VICE PRESIDENT/ABORTION

Jennings: Vice President Bush has been getting a lot of questions about his views of abortion, specifically on how he differs with the President. Four years ago, Mr. Bush said he opposed abortion except in the cases of rape, incest or where the life of the mother is in danger. The President says abortion should only be permitted to protect the mother's life. Mr. Bush has gotten testy with reporters who've been asking the questions and in Atlanta he suggested they concentrate on more good news about the Reagan-Bush ticket.

(ABC-3)

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## POLL

Jennings: The first major ABC News-Washington Post poll since before the political conventions shows Ronald Reagan leads Mondale by a substantial 16 points. That is the largest margin, 56-40%, since Mr. Mondale entered the presidential sweepstakes. Mr. Reagan runs strongest among the young, the college educated and people with higher incomes. He is the clear leader among men (61-37%). And he also leads Mr. Mondale among women (52-44%). The poll shows Ferraro has not made a significant difference to the Democratic ticket, although more than 60% think she has put her financial difficulties behind her. Mr. Reagan is the very clear leader on the question of who would best handle foreign policy (58-37%). He has a smaller lead on the question of who would best handle the deficit (52-40%). Though Mr. Mondale has tried to blame the deficits on Mr. Reagan, most people blamed former presidents and the Democrats in Congress. (ABC-4)

## TWO VOTERS

ABC's James Wooten reports from Columbus, Ohio on two men, one for the President and one for Mondale. John McConnell built his Fortune 500 steel company from a shoestring. He's very happy with Ronald Reagan. (McConnell: "He's got the country going in the right direction and I think he can keep it going in the right direction.") (Rex Hamlets: "I only see the rich getting richer.") Rex Hamlets, a blue-collar union man, works for the phone company. He's worried about college for his son and he sees little fairness in the White House. (Hamlets: "I believe the rich put President Reagan in power and they're the ones that are going to benefit the most from his programs.") (McConnell: "I don't agree with that. I think he's helped, I think he's given people the opportunity to help themselves.") McConnell doesn't blame the President for the mounting deficit. He blames the Soviets for current world tensions and he's as impressed with Reagan's psychological impact on the country as with anything else. So McConnell headed confidently home to dinner last night while Rex Hamlett went out to cheer for Ferraro at a local union hall. Separate lives with separate visions of an American campaign. (ABC-7)

## COMMENTARY -- RELIGION AND POLITICS

CBS's Bill Moyers: The Christian community in America is not of one mind and the Republican Party has been a tent of many stripes. In time, nothing but trouble is likely to come of a major political party's commitment to the doctrinal triumph of one sectarian notion of God's will for America. We have in this country an admirable alternative to civil war, a holy civil war. It's called the Constitution. Religion and politics mix in this delicate balance, but only if they serve to check one another's pretensions. (CBS-10)

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## PAPAL TRIP

Rather: In remarks prepared for delivery this evening, the Pope indicated religious teachings should be part of the public school system and he implied that public funds should be made available to parochial schools. (ABC-9, CBS-5)

## CHERNENKO

Rather: There is speculation in Moscow that Chernenko may have been hospitalized again. A West German newspaper reported the ceremony for Soviet cosmonauts so overtaxed him that he again had to be taken under medical care. It added that Chernenko "is not in any condition to carry out his work." (ABC-7, CBS-6)

## COMMENTARY -- GROMYKO MEETING

NBC's John Chancellor: Why is Mr. Gromyko coming to call? The answer is that the Reagan Administration has maneuvered the Soviet Union into an extremely weak propaganda position on the control of nuclear weapons. The Soviets have walked out on two sets of arms talks, and a third conference on weapons in space is not about to come off. The Soviets have allies and friends who are worried about the arms race and some blame the tension more on Moscow than Washington. Talking with the Americans has become a political imperative for the Kremlin. (NBC-14)

## SOVIET ARTISTS

NBC's John Hart continues the series on "the new Cold War" between the U.S. and USSR, talking with Soviet-born artists who are glad to be living now in the U.S. (NBC-15)

## HURRICANE DIANA

CBS's Dan Rather: The fringes of the hurricane battered Carolina coasts. Weathermen continued to warn the hurricane still may come ashore full force. (ABC-Lead, NBC-4, CBS-Lead)

## IRAN-IRAQ

Rather: For the third day in a row, Iraq has claimed attacks on ships using Iranian ports. Iraq said it hit a ship near Kharg island and destroyed a four-ship convoy. (CBS-7)

## BANKING BILL

Rather: Yet to agree on a much-debated major banking bill, the Senate did pass an amendment to it that would put a lid on how much the interest rates on adjustable rate mortgages could be hiked: no more than a 5% increase over the life of the loan. (CBS-9)

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NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING, September 12, 1984

## PORNOGRAPHY/SEXUAL ABUSE

ABC's Bill Greenwood: Victims of sexual abuse told one horror story after another before a Senate committee. Greenwood reports women testified that pornographic reading material and movies led men to abuse them. Linda Marciano wants "Deep Throat" banned, and does not care about the First Amendment rights of porn movie makers. Senators admit that such victims of sexual abuse have for now few mechanisms with which to fight back, so what they're trying to do is build a record that not only dramatizes the extent of the problem, but provides a base to support new legislation.  
(ABC-9)

## AIRLINE AGREEMENT

Jennings: The nation's major airlines agreed on a plan to reduce rush-hour traffic at six major airports (Kennedy and LaGuardia in New York, Newark, O'Hare, Atlanta's Hartsfield and Denver's Stapleton).  
(ABC-12)

## GENERIC DRUGS

Jennings: The Senate gave final congressional approval to a bill which will make it easier for consumers to buy generic drugs. Sponsors of the bill say it could save consumers \$1B over the next several years.  
(CBS-8, ABC-10)

## UNEMPLOYED IN PEORIA

CBS's Meredith Vierra reports on a man who was called back to work at a tractor company after a two-year layoff, only to be laid off again.  
(CBS-10)

## UAW

Brokaw: The UAW announced it has extended its Ford contract until it settles with GM.  
(NBC-6)

## AUTOS/MEXICAN WORKERS

NBC's Jim Cummins: The Big Three auto makers have doubled the number of cars and parts made in Mexico during the past year. There is a huge labor pool in Mexico, people eager to work for as little as \$5 a day.  
(NBC-6)

## MANDRELL

Rather: Tennessee officials said a fastened seatbelt may have saved the life of country singer Barbara Mandrell, who suffered a broken leg and a concussion when another car swerved into hers, killing the other driver.  
(ABC-15, NBC-7, CBS-11)

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EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

## GROMYKO MEETING

Gromyko's visit -- "There are risks in this for the White House. It brings into question the wisdom of campaigner Reagan's repeatedly raising the issue of Soviet violation of the Yalta Agreement, as he does in Polish or other East European ethnic communities. Publication of alleged Soviet violations of arms agreements at this time likewise hardly seems like a fit welcome for Gromyko. And what if Mr. Gromyko uses the occasion to scold his Washington hosts? Dealing with the Soviets is no tailgate picnic, even without the stadium roar of a presidential election in the background. Still, better talks up close than growling from afar."

(Christian Science Monitor, 9/12)

The Big Handshake -- "Western diplomats in Moscow say that the Gromyko visit could mark the start of a thaw in relations. So far the White House is wisely trying to dampen any unrealistic expectations. But at the least the meeting does offer hope that the two sides will start talking and stop growling at each other. It is unfortunate that the Administration chose this week to schedule the release of a report on Soviet violations of arms control agreements during the last 25 years. The people are entitled to this information, but by releasing it now the Administration is increasing the risk that the Reagan-Gromyko meeting will produce only more growls."

(Los Angeles Times, 9/12)

Guess who's coming to tea? -- "The Soviets are by no means blind to the political ramifications of Mr. Gromyko's visit. In reaching out to Mr. Reagan, the Kremlin very well could be signaling a shift in its foreign policy objectives....Let us hope that some good will come from this meeting between Mr. Reagan and Mr. Gromyko. If the Soviets want a sensible relationship with the United States -- one based on fair-dealing and mutual interest, not intrigue and bullying -- they could scarcely have a more receptive host."

(The Washington Times, 9/12)

A pre-summit meeting -- "It's clear Gromyko is expecting Reagan to win. The meeting may even help Reagan: He will be able to boast he's holding negotiations with the Soviets, even though it's mere verbal sparring. Gromyko calculates he will have to deal with Reagan for four more years, so he might as well start now."

(New York Daily News, 9/12)

## MONDALE BUDGET PLAN

Mondale's Tax Gamble -- "We do not question the need for new revenues, especially since Mr. Mondale would earmark them for deficit reduction. But we would prefer bolder, more forward-looking tax reforms and a greater emphasis on cuts in government spending. At least, Mr. Reagan's outsized deficits have had the effect of turning Mr. Mondale into a bit of an economic conservative, a budgetbalancer in what used to be good old Republican tradition. It is too bad the deficits are not having the same effect on the President himself."

(Baltimore Sun, 9/12)

An Old Trick -- "This is not a deficit reduction plan. It is a plan to increase taxes, cut defense and not whittle a dime out of domestic spending. If that sounds familiar, it is. It is what Mondale has championed for years. It is what Mondale, indeed, is all about."

(New York Post, 9/12)



Editorials/Columnists (continued)MONDALE BUDGET PLAN (continued)

Mondale's budget plan -- "The success of the program would depend in considerable part on the cooperation of the Federal Reserve in easing credit as the government applied the brakes to the deficit. Otherwise, this shift might throw the economy into a recession. The more immediate question is not that of the Federal Reserve's attitude but whether President Reagan will descend from the clouds of euphoria and join the debate." (Boston Globe, 9/11)

Mondale vs. the deficit -- "Soaking the rich used to be good politics, but the American people may be shrewd enough by now to realize that punishing success by individuals is a good way to promote failure in the economy. There is considerable evidence that Mr. Reagan's tax cut, despite its flaws, has spurred both work and savings -- the foundations of economic growth. A better way to raise taxes is to repeal most of the loopholes that now riddle the tax code, which would permit tax rates to be cut still further while yielding greater revenues....So Mr. Mondale's plan to cut the deficit is not a good one. Still, it is the only one in town. The President, for his part, continues to pretend that his combination of tax cuts and military spending increases represent fiscal sanity. They do not, and there is little reason to hope that mere economic growth will boost federal receipts enough to solve the problem." (Chicago Tribune, 9/12)

Snake oil again -- "This year's tax issue is whether the toilers and sacrificers want taxes as a first resort or a last resort. For them, looking at numbers isn't always useful. The balanced budget remains a mirage, always over the next hill....The Mondale tax plan is what the late U.S. Sen. Dirksen used to call 'a statistical snow job.' Its benefits are in mirage dollars, but its costs are in real ones." (Chicago Sun-Times, 9/12)

The Trust-Me Budget -- "If Mr. Mondale wants to choke off investment and job growth he has figured out a good way to do it. His quest for 'fairness' will achieve the kind of 'fairness' that results when the rich go hunting for tax shelters and workers achieve equality by standing together in unemployment lines." (Wall Street Journal, 9/12)

Reagan Is Reagan on the Economy -- "My observations during the past two years made it clear to me that President Reagan is an active leader and shaper of economic policy. Indeed, I was surprised when I joined the Administration by just how frequently the President became involved in specific economic decisions....There are those who do not agree with the thrust of the policies that constitute Reaganomics. I for one think that our economic policies are on the right track. But however one judges the substance of the policies, there should be no doubt about the active role that the President himself has played in the shaping of Reaganomics." (Martin Feldstein, Wall Street Journal, 9/12)

A question for Reagan -- "It doesn't seem right. Mr. Mondale has presented his program. It calls for tax increases that reach down to the middle class, relatively restrained domestic spending and cuts in defense. The voters can examine it, they can debate it and they can approve or disapprove of it. Doesn't the man who said in 1980 that the 'first task of national leadership is to set honest and realistic priorities in our policies and our budget' have the same task in 1984?" (Philadelphia Inquirer, 9/12)