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### NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY (Wednesday Evening)

**CAMPAIGN --** Indications are that the first impression that Mondale won the debate may be making a first concrete dent in Mr. Reagan's huge lead.

**FALWELL --** Rev. Falwell is quoted as saying he expects a reshaped Supreme Court during a second term by President Reagan that would outlaw most abortions.

**ARMS CONTROL --** Just when it seemed U.S.-Soviet relations might be heading back on track, President Reagan released a report that could derail them.

**EL SALVADOR --** The U.S. endorsement of peace talks was delivered by Shultz.

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## NATIONAL NEWS

## WHITE HOUSE RELEASES UPBEAT REAGAN MEDICAL REPORT

WARREN, Michigan -- Buffeted by new questions about President Reagan's health and stamina, White House officials released details of physicals they said showed Reagan, 73, "is a mentally alert, robust man." The President's aides released results of a battery of physical exams Reagan underwent last May, handing them out in response to the resurfacing of the issue of Reagan's age in the campaign. "The bottom line is he's in A-1 health," said Deputy Press Secretary Peter Roussel. He said the White House released details of the physicals because of requests from reporters. (Merrill Hartson, AP)

Reagan Releases Health Report

President Reagan is hitting the age and health issue head on, hoping to dispel any doubts that may have surfaced from his first debate. Capt. W.W. Karney, who supervised the examination at Bethesda Naval Medical Center, was quoted as saying in his report: "Mr. Reagan is a mentally alert, robust man who appears younger than his stated age" of 73. Despite the obvious attempts at damage control, Reagan insisted he did not believe age was an important issue. (Helen Thomas, UPI)

Reagan Criticizes Comments on Age

WARREN -- President Reagan assailed suggestions from some Democrats and news commentators that he showed signs of age in his debate. Moving to deal with those suggestions, the traveling White House also issued a statement that largely repeated the findings of the physical examination conducted May 18 by Capt. Karney. (Steven Weisman, New York Times, A1)

Health Issue Cuts Two Ways

Questions about Mondale's health were raised because he suffers from "moderately" high blood pressure, which must be kept within safe limits with medication. But he must take three medicines each day, and one of them -- a "beta blocker" called atenolol -- occasionally causes fatigue, lethargy, depression, nightmares and other unwanted side effects in some people. (Wesley Pruden, Washington Times, A1)

## PRESIDENT/DEBATE

WARREN -- President Reagan defended his debate performance and said Democrats were "reaching" when they raised issues about his ability to serve a second term. As the age issue took center stage for the second day, the President and his staff worked quickly to counter any suggestion that at 73 he is not in top shape, issuing new details on his latest physical. And Reagan, responding with some annoyance to suggestions about his age, needled Mondale about wearing makeup at the debate, with Mondale replying that Reagan's problem was not a lack of makeup, but "the makeup on those answers." The two also exchanged long-distance barbs over two other issues that dominated the debate, Social Security and Medicare. (Lou Peck, Gannett)

## REAGAN AND MONDALE EXCHANGE SALVOS ON DEFENSE

WARREN -- President Reagan charged that Mondale "has made a career out of weakening America's armed forces" and has "always found one reason or another for opposing vital weapons systems and the modernization of our forces." Reagan went on the offensive as he campaigned across Michigan, but the questions of his physical and mental fitness for another term lingered after his faltering performance in Sunday's debate. (David Hoffman, Washington Post, A1)

Blue Collar Auto Town Leans Toward President

FLINT -- Despite Flint's chronic unemployment and a proud union tradition, Mondale is finding it difficult to play the jobs issue to his full advantage. (Marc Lerner, Washington Times, A1)

## REAGAN BOUNCES BACK, HITS TWO-PART TAX PLAN

WARREN -- President Reagan kept the campaign burner on maximum heat, charging that Mondale admitted during the debate that he would seek more than one tax increase. The President campaigned through Michigan as the first poll measuring the impact of the debate, taken for ABC, indicated the debate had almost no effect at all. "It's nice that my opponent is willing to explain his two-part tax plan -- raise taxes and raise 'em again," said Mr. Reagan. The President quoted a statement made by Mondale during the debate that "As soon as we get the economy on a sound ground as well, I would like to see the total repeal of indexing." (John McCaslin, Washington Times, A1)

## MONDALE'S RATINGS IMPROVE

Walter Mondale significantly improved his rating with voters by his performance in the debate but did not immediately gain much ground on President Reagan, the latest Washington Post, ABC News poll indicates. In a trial heat, Mondale, who a majority of viewers said won the debate, shaved three points from Reagan's 18-point pre-debate advantage. The Post-ABC poll completed Oct. 3 had given Reagan a 55-37% lead. The survey taken Monday and Tuesday nights gave the President a 56-41% lead. But Mondale's personal rating with the voters improved dramatically, as a sizable majority rated him the winner of the debate. His favorable/unfavorable scores shifted from 41- to 49% before the debate to 54 to 43% after it, a net gain of 19 points. Reagan's personal rating remains high, but the past week has seen a narrowing of the gap between the approval scores of Vice President Bush and Rep. Ferraro.

(David Broder and Barry Sussman, Washington Post, A1)

## MONDALE CALLS REAGAN 'FRANTIC'

NEW YORK -- Walter Mondale, his polls up since the debate, says the popular incumbent is starting to sound frantic. Mondale ridiculed Reagan for criticizing his use of makeup during the debate and for issuing a jocular challenge for an arm-wrestling match. Mondale told a news conference: "I think the last day or two they are sounding frantic. It is a machinegun, scattershot approach that doesn't go to the issues."

(Thomas Ferraro, UPI)

## DEMOCRAT ALSO JABS ON MEDICARE FUNDS

PITTSBURGH -- Walter Mondale, saying he had "called President Reagan's bluff" on Social Security, challenged Reagan to promise no reductions in Medicare and dismissed the President's claim that Mondale looked better in Sunday's debate because he wore more makeup. "That's the same answer that Nixon gave when he debated Kennedy," Mondale told a boisterous crowd of more than 10,000 at a noontime rally. "Mr. President, the problem isn't makeup on the face. It's the makeup on those answers that gave you a problem." Mondale also countered Reagan's lighthearted challenge that the two candidates have an arm wrestling match. "We had a little brain wrestle on Sunday night, didn't we?" Mondale joked. "And in the next debate...he'll find that the issue that worries Americans is not arm wrestling but the need for arms control."

(Milton Coleman, Washington Post, A1)

## DEMOCRATS HOPEFUL DEBATE WILL HELP IN HOUSE RACES

In districts all around the country, Democrats hope to maximize and Republicans minimize the potential impact of Mr. Reagan's poor showing in the debate on their own races. At present, it is impossible to tell exactly what the impact might be. But in interviews with candidates and political professionals of both parties, it becomes evident that in addition to energizing Mondale's campaign, Mr. Reagan's performance has the potential to hurt Republican candidates who are counting on the President's coattails to bring them votes.

(News Analysis by Dave Doubrava, Washington Times, A2)

Debate Slows GOP's House Drive

A vision of national party realignment appears to have faded slightly in the aftermath of Sunday's debate. Although no official in either party is speaking seriously about a Reagan defeat, talk of a Republican wave sweeping GOP candidates into Congress has suddenly subsided in the capital. The Democratic cheer is based on hopes that a more defensive President Reagan will be occupied with his own race and leave House races alone.

(Julia Malone, Christian Science Monitor, A1)

## REAGAN, MONDALE MOVE OVER FOR RUNNING MATES' DEBATE

Vice President Bush, following his stated rule of deference to Reagan, downplayed the importance of tonight's face-off against Ferraro, saying the election will be determined by the presidential candidates.

(David Lawsky, UPI)

Bush, the Gentleman, Debates Ferraro, the Woman

George Bush, the gentlemanly Republican, faces Democrat Geraldine Ferraro, the first woman to run for the vice presidency, in a televised debate that could make the sparks fly. Bush, the vastly experienced Vice President, will be aiming to regain the initiative the once rampant Republican campaign has clearly lost since President Reagan's stumbling performance in his debate. The aggressive Ferraro is expected to attack Bush over a variety of issues that have worked well for the Democrats in the last few days. But a question remains over how many people will change their votes as a result of the debates. (Michael Conlon, Reuter)

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Bush-Ferraro Debate Today Seen As Vital by Opposing Campaigns

Strategists on both sides say that while the election will turn on presidential preferences, the outcome of the vice presidential debate could further alter the dynamics of the race at a time when some voters could be ready to reassess their feelings toward President Reagan and Walter Mondale. Mr. Bush is under pressure, as one Republican strategist put it, to "win one for the Gipper" and slow the opposition's newfound momentum.  
(Phil Gailey, New York Times, A1)

Bush, Ferraro To Air Differences

PHILADELPHIA -- Vice President Bush, who has debated at the UN and has conducted his own campaign for the presidency, runs well ahead of Rep. Ferraro in national political polls. And yet tonight's favorite is the inexperienced woman from Queens who only four months ago was virtually unknown beyond the world of Capitol Hill. "I think he's got a lot to lose with a debate with Ferraro," says Rep. Cheney. But some Democrats have begun worrying this week that, if Ferraro appears too flippant, or seems uninformed on foreign affairs, she could jeopardize the new surge of support Mondale earned with his own debate performance.  
(David Shribman and Laurie Ginley, Wall Street Journal, A64)

## REAGAN MIDEAST ROLE FAULTY, MONDALE SAYS

NEW YORK -- Walter Mondale emerged from a meeting with PM Peres saying that President Reagan's lack of involvement contributes to a deterioration of Middle East prospects. The Democratic nominee accused the White House of "vascillating," "inconsistent" and "unwise" approaches to the Middle East and charged that the Administration has pursued "policies founded on illusion."  
(Alan McConagha, Washington Times, A1)

NEW YORK -- Mondale took advantage of a bland courtesy call on PM Peres to attack President Reagan's Middle East policies with undiluted zeal. Mondale followed about 20 minutes of social chit-chat with Peres by blasting Reagan for failure to get personally involved in negotiations over Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon. Mondale criticized the Administration for selling AWACS planes, F-16 fighter jets, Sidewinder and Stinger missiles, and new tanks to Israel's Arab neighbors. "All these increase the cost of defense to Israel when the United States supplies her adversaries," complained Mondale. "Then we have to pay both ways by having to help her defend against the sophisticated weaponry we supplied." Mondale said new peace in the Middle East requires "direct, personal intervention by the President" to spur negotiations between Israel and Syria. (Gannett)

EDITOR'S NOTE: Elizabeth Kastor's article, "The Great Face-Off: Reagan & Mondale: The Makeup Issue Comes of Age," appears on page B1 of The Washington Post (Style).

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## CONFEREES APPROVE '85 FUNDS

House-Senate conferees approved a massive bill to finance most federal agencies for the next fiscal year that includes a six-month ban on further aid to guerrillas attempting to overthrow the government in Nicaragua. At the same time, the Senate, threatened by a filibuster, gave up on passing a treaty outlawing genocide. Republicans said they believe President Reagan will sign the measure now that the water projects have been eliminated. (Helen Dewar, Washington Post, A1)

Conferees Reluctantly Strip Water Projects from Spending Bill

Environmentalists, who have opposed the Administration on most issues, sided strongly with Reagan on this one, saying barge owners and others in the shipping industry, who benefit from the costly water projects, should foot the bill, not the general public. But "for some members, particularly in the West, water is more valuable than gold or silver," said Rep. Wright. (Margaret Shapiro, Washington Post, A4)

With Congress complying with the President's wishes on the water projects, said Rep. Conte (R.-Mass.), "there'll be a revolution" on Capitol Hill if the bill were vetoed. House Democratic leaders were the first to yield to the White House and give up on the water projects, but they met resistance from Sen. Hatfield. (Mark Rohner, Gannett)

U.S. House Votes 1985 Spending Bill

Opposition Democrats, unwilling to give Reagan ammunition to deride them on the campaign trail as the party of the "big spenders," bowed to his demand to drop costly new domestic water projects. But Rep. Wright told Reuters: "The need is going to be there for them. We can do them at a later date." (Carol Giacomo, Reuter)

## ARMS COSTS ROUTINELY RAISED, FITZGERALD SAYS

The Pentagon's premier whistle blower told a congressional panel that military contractors routinely mark up their hourly labor charges and materials costs, often tenfold, because of overhead costs on everything from spare parts to guided missiles. Speaking before the Joint Economic Committee of Congress, A. Ernest Fitzgerald, deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for management systems, said well-known "horror stories" were not isolated incidents, but evidence of systematic markups endemic to the entire defense procurement process.

(Keith Richburg, Washington Post, A8)

## WAREHOUSE SURVEILLANCE LED TO DONOVAN CASE

NEW YORK -- The charges against Secretary Donovan stem from FBI surveillance in 1979 of the south Bronx warehouse of reputed Mafia soldier William Masselli. It began as Masselli and a dirt-hauling company he had organized were preparing to begin work as a subcontractor for Donovan's construction firm on a subway job.

(George Lardner, Washington Post, A18)

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NATION'S 1983 MEDICAL BILL: \$355.4B

Nearly 11 cents out of every dollar Americans spent last year went for health care -- adding up to a record \$355.4B -- but the government says the tab increased by the smallest percentage in a decade. Secretary Heckler said the 10.3% increase over 1982 was the smallest in the decade -- proof, she said, that cost constraints by government and private business are working. (D'Vera Cohn, UPI)

NEW RIGHT'S REP. GINGRICH MAY BID FOR LEADERSHIP ROLE

Leaders of the House Republican establishment see New Right leader Rep. Gingrich, buoyed by a banner year of press coverage and party prominence, maneuvering to unseat one of their own stalwarts. Few members talk for attribution about intraparty power struggles, but those who advise men such as Rep. Michel believe that Gingrich's ambition has been whetted by his recent successes, and that Rep. Vander Jagt, cochairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee, is his likely target. (Thomas Brandt, Washington Times, A4)

BABY JANE DOE 1-YEAR-OLD TODAY

NEW YORK -- Baby Jane Doe celebrates her first birthday today. This week, her father told Newsday that Keri-Lynn smiles, plays with a toy clown and rattle and recognizes her mother and himself. (Lee Comegys, UPI)

WORLD SERIES

SAN DIEGO -- Kurt Bevaqua hit a three-run homer and relief pitcher Andy Hawkins retired 13 batters in a row as the San Diego Padres defeated the Tigers 5-3 to even the series at one game apiece. (AP)

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## SOVIETS' VIOLATIONS OF ARMS CURBS CITED

President Reagan sent Congress a controversial, long-awaited report charging that the Soviet Union over the past 25 years has broken half its arms control agreements with the U.S. through "violations, probable violations, or circumventions." (Walter Pincus, Washington Post, A6)

White House Releases Report on Soviet Treaty Violations

President Reagan, for whom arms control has been an elusive goal and troublesome political issue, yielded to conservatives in Congress by releasing a report on 25 years of suspected treaty violations by the Kremlin. Instead of seizing the report as new evidence to buttress his arguments, Reagan toned down his rhetoric in sending the document to Capitol Hill and was careful to avoid ruining any election-year atmosphere of good intentions created by recent talks with FM Gromyko.

(Norman Sandler, UPI)

Soviets Found to 'Disregard' Arms Treaties

A reluctant White House made public a potentially explosive report accusing the Soviets of 17 arms control violations over the last 25 years. Its release before the election was fought by some in the Administration because it might be used to support charges that President Reagan is against, or at least unenthusiastic about, arms control.

(Walter Andrews, Washington Times, A2)

The report itself, at least in its expurgated form, did not seem to contain any startling disclosures. Most of the facts appeared to have been made known in the past either by Government officials or by others interested in publicizing incidents questioning Soviet good faith.

(New York Times, A1)

## REAGAN PRAISES DUARTE'S PEACE EFFORT

SAN SALVADOR -- The Reagan Administration sought to use pending talks between leftist guerrillas and the president of El Salvador as a challenge to Nicaragua to take a similar initiative with its own opponents and as an indirect criticism of the more protracted peace process of the Contadora negotiations. The U.S. approach was outlined aboard Secretary Shultz's airplane en route here for a visit with Duarte. It appeared to be an effort to regain the peace-making initiative seized last month by Nicaragua when it announced it would sign unconditionally the proposed Contadora treaty for regional peace.

(Joanne Omang, Washington Post, A32)

Duarte's Peace Offer is Praised by Shultz

SAN SALVADOR -- Secretary Shultz opened talks with President Duarte, promising unqualified U.S. support for the Salvadoran leader's initiative to negotiate peace with leftist rebels. Shultz began his four-hour visit to San Salvador by calling Duarte's proposal to go unarmed to a rebel stronghold for talks a bold and courageous bid to end the nation's civil war.

(Washington Times, A5)

## NATO DEFENSE MINISTERS MEET TODAY

STRESA, Italy -- NATO defense ministers meeting to review the East-West nuclear balance were expected to focus on the deployment of U.S. medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe. About 100 pacifists shouting slogans and carrying banners demonstrated outside Stresa's Palace of Congresses as the NATO delegations began arriving, police said. (UPI)

## ALLIES LEAVE U.S. BEHIND IN REVIVING POLISH TIES

BONN -- Western European governments are making a concerted effort, despite the Reagan Administration's reservations, to revive high-level diplomatic contacts with Poland this fall. The Europeans have decided to respond to Poland's July amnesty for political prisoners by lifting a diplomatic quarantine imposed on the Warsaw government after martial law was declared in December 1981.

(William Drozdiak, Washington Post, A1)

## PENTAGON AND SOME MEDIA AGREE ON COVERAGE POOL

The Pentagon and several media representatives have reached a tentative agreement on the highly controversial issue of future coverage of "small military actions" such as last year's invasion of Grenada. The plan calls for the creation of an 11-member "core" group, or "pool," of correspondents and cameramen to accompany American forces to the battlefield. The pool members would be selected by their own organizations, transported by military aircraft and allowed to use military communications facilities.

(Richard Harwood, Washington Post, A1)

## PERES EXPRESSES PLEASURE OVER U.S. TALKS

NEW YORK -- PM Peres says he is satisfied with his talks with the Reagan Administration on Israel's economic crisis and says he does not foresee Israel living forever on U.S. aid. Peres told Jewish leaders that Israel wanted to withdraw its troops from Lebanon but that depended on whether Syria would be realistic, whether U.N. troops would fill "the vacuum of our withdrawal," and whether measures to insure the safety of Israel's northern border could be agreed upon.

(Arthur Spiegelman, Reuter)

Peres Asks American Jewish Leaders for Help

NEW YORK -- Peres "invited" American Jewish leaders to help establish a militarily strong and economically sound Israel. But while he said private donations could help his country achieve this "double challenge," Peres stressed it was his government's responsibility to corral runaway inflation and not the American government's or American Jews'.

(AP)

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## ISRAELIS SAY PERES WILL SEEK BIG RISE IN AID NEXT YEAR

Israeli officials said PM Peres intended to press next year to obtain a dramatic increase in American grants to Israel, from the current level of \$2.6B to more than \$4B a year. Administration officials said an increase to \$4B would amount to an extraordinary 50% rise in assistance to a country that already has been the largest beneficiary of American assistance, not only this year but throughout the history of the foreign aid program. (Bernard Gwertzman, New York Times, A1)

## PERES OFFERS TO PULL OUT OF BEKAA VALLEY

PM Peres offered to withdraw Israeli troops from the Bekaa Valley, where "they are 16 or 17 miles from the doorstep of Damascus," if Syria agrees to placement of a U.N. peacekeeping force in the area. (John Goshko, Washington Post, A26)

Israel Drops Demands on Syrian Army Withdrawal

Israel wants U.N. forces to replace its army in the Bakaa Valley -- alongside Syrian forces -- and it no longer is calling for prior Syrian withdrawal, PM Peres told a press conference. (Russell Howe, Washington Times, A1)

## EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ENDS JORDAN STAY, SAYS MAY VISIT IRAQ

AMMAN -- President Mubarak will fly home after a three-day state visit to Jordan and talks with Hussein which, the official news agency PETRA said, covered seeking a just solution to the Palestinian issue. There was speculation among some diplomats that Mubarak might fly to Iraq. But Mubarak said no such visit was planned, adding: "There is nothing to stop me going to Iraq, maybe soon...." (Ibrahim Noori, Reuter)

## HESELTINE AFFIRMS SUPPORT FOR TRIDENT

BRIGHTON -- British Defense Minister Michael Heseltine pledged that the Conservative government would not abandon plans to build new U.S.-designed Trident missile submarines and attacked the "curious morality" of the opposition Labor Party's commitment to unilateral disarmament. (Michael Getler, Washington Post, A34)

## ARGENTINES THANK CARTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

BUENOS AIRES -- Jimmy Carter has found in Argentina the praise and official expressions of gratitude for his activist human rights policy that have often eluded him at home. here on a two-day leg of a 10-day swing through Latin America, the former President repeatedly won warm words from Argentina's civilian leadership, which took over from a far-right junta Dec. 10. In contrast, his reception in Brazil was marked by restrained enthusiasm among politicians and the press and mixed reviews of his Administration, which raised tensions between the U.S. and Brazil. (Martin Anderson, Washington Post, A25)

NEWS FROM THE STATESSTUDENTS CHEER PRESIDENT

REDFORD TOWNSHIP, Mich. (UPI) -- Students at a small Catholic school cheered President Reagan in a stuffy gymnasium Wednesday, shouting loudest for tuition tax credits, prayer, elimination of nuclear weapons and the Detroit Tigers. Reagan responded to an invitation from St. Agatha's junior Carol Tumidanski, who gave him a cap and football jersey and got a kiss in return. "It's something I'll remember all my life," she said. Reagan's "pen pal," as he called her, said his visit everything she had hoped "and much more." "I'm really excited and really glad he came," she said. She had an opportunity to talk with the president after his talk and said he thanked her for the invitation and gave him an autograph for her nephew. Her work in getting the president to her school, she said, had brought "a lot of attention from fellow students and everybody."

Other students said they were thrilled as well, and that they felt the president was talking directly to them.

"It was neat because it was as if he was talking to us," said Julie Belleville. "You felt like you knew him a really long time."

Kathy Gushman said, "It's like he's your best friend, the way he was talking, not like to a million people on TV."

"I thought he was really on the level with the students," Anne Grebeck said.

COLOMBUS DAY PARADE SPONSORS  
DEMAND APOLOGY FROM MONDALE-FERRARO

NEW YORK (UPI) -- The head of the group that sponsored the Columbus Day parade has demanded that Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro apologize for seizing center stage during the annual march up Fifth Avenue. John Loconsolo, president of the Columbus Citizens Foundation, charged that the Mondale-Ferraro campaign staff literally took over Monday's parade and even eclipsed Italian film star Sophia Loren, the parade's grand marshal. "This is not a political event. We are a charitable organization," he said at a news conference Tuesday. "We are saying, 'Mr. Politician, please gives us back our parade.'" "This had never happened before," said Loconsolo, who demanded a public apology from the Democratic candidates for the "outrageous performance of their over zealous campaign workers."

Loconsolo was not critical of Vice President George Bush, who also marched in the parade with Miss Loren. "I did not see any Reagan-Bush signs," he said. Mondale and Ferraro supporters, Loconsolo charged, delayed the start of the parade for 35 minutes. And, he said, the candidates' supporters dawdled and refused to move for another 25 minutes at the reviewing stand between 68th and 69th streets as Mondale and Ferraro basked in the lights of television cameras.

He said the candidates had "hundreds of people milling around and refusing to move." The resulting delay, he said, caused the parade to get a full hour less of television coverage that was originally slated. In addition, he said, some of the Mondale-Ferraro staff infiltrated the parade route with phony security badges and waved political signs as they marched along the avenue with the candidates. He said three press trucks, driven by Mondale-Ferraro staffers, deliberately held up the march as it made its way up Fifth Avenue to get maximum exposure for the candidates.

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## RESIDENTS ATTACK REAGAN'S CRITICISM OF BUSING

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (UPI) -- Charlotte residents are calling President Reagan's recent denouncement of school busing shortsighted and are standing up for the area's plan, which has become a national model of successful integration. Reagan departed from his speech script at a campaign rally in Charlotte Monday to blast Democrats who "favor busing that takes innocent children out of the neighborhood school and makes them pawns in a social experiment that nobody wants. And we've found out that it failed." Republicans packed in a mall to cheer the candidate did not applaud Reagan's criticism. "There wasn't much response," Judy Vinroot said Tuesday. "There are undoubtedly a lot of people who agree with what the president said. But there are some of us who believe that integration has been a success."

## HISPANICS OPPOSE SIMPSON-MAZZOLI

EL PASO, Texas (UPI) - Representatives of Hispanic organizations in El Paso vowed Wednesday they will continue to oppose the controversial Simpson-Mazzoli immigration reform bill until the measure is dead.

## BLACK REPUBLICANS SUPPORT REAGAN

OAKLAND, Calif. (UPI) -- Black voters should be supporting President Reagan because he is working to put money in their pockets, according to a group of black Republicans traveling the country to stir up support for the President. "What the black community needs is increased wealth -- and that's where the Reagan administration is succeeding," said Stephanie Lee-Miller, assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. She was one of several local and national black Republicans in Oakland Tuesday to "correct misconceptions among black voters about the Reagan administration."

## SECRETARY DOLE SAYS WOMEN WILL VOTE FOR REAGAN

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (UPI) -- Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole says a majority of women recognize that President Reagan has done more for women than any other president and predicts most women will vote for Reagan's re-election. "Polls say the gender gap is gone and 56 percent of women are going to vote for President Reagan," Dole said Tuesday in a speech at the Beverly Hills Hotel.

## STEINEM BLASTS REAGAN, PRAISES MONDALE-FERRARO

AMES, Iowa (UPI) -- Feminist author Gloria Steinem has issued a blistering attack on the Reagan administration's attitude toward women and says Democrat Walter Mondale has earned women's support by choosing a female running mate. "President Reagan is the first U.S. president to be not only ignorant of equality issues -- we've had those before -- but to actually turn the clock backward on women's issues," Steinem told an overflow crowd of 2,000 Tuesday at Iowa State University.

NEWS FROM THE STATES (continued)

## MONDALE STRONG SHOWING WINDFALL FOR IOWA DEMOCRATS

DES MOINES, Iowa (UPI) -- Democratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale's strong showing against President Reagan in Sunday night's debate has proved to be a windfall for state Democrats, party officials said Tuesday. Iowa Democratic Party Chairman David Nagle reported a "significant boost" in ticket sales for the party's annual Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner on Saturday in Ames. Vice presidential nominee Geraldine Ferraro will be the featured speaker at the Ames event. She also will make a stop in Davenport Saturday afternoon.

## ILLINOIS FARM GROUP SPONSORS VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (UPI) -- An Illinois farm group said Wednesday it is sponsoring an education project to make rural voters aware of farm problems and of where candidates in the November election stand on those issues. The project, sponsored by the Illinois Farm Alliance, is part of a 12-state drive coordinated by the League of Rural Voters of Minnesota, officials said. Drives also are being held in other Midwest states, including Iowa, Michigan, Missouri and Ohio, they said. Alliance chairman Dale Nass said the project was non-partisan, though he said the farm economy has grown worse during President Reagan's term in office.

## BALDRIGE SAYS ECONOMIC RECOVER STRONGEST ON RECORD

CHICAGO (UPI) -- The economic recovery of the past two years is the strongest on record and will continue to improve, Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige says. Speaking at the 18th annual meeting of the International Iron and Steel Institute Tuesday night, Baldrige said the Reagan administration must now pare down the \$180 billion budget deficit and tackle the growing \$130 billion trade deficit. "I think the outcome will depend a good deal on the size of the president's mandate in November," Baldrige said of reducing the budget deficit. "We sorely need congressional cooperation to reduce spending."

## UNION WORKERS PLAN PROTEST RALLY

CHICAGO (UPI) -- More than 2,000 unionized clothing and apparel workers plan to walk off their jobs to attend a rally in protest of President Reagan's import quotas, a union official said Wednesday. But not all Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Worker Union members are willingly taking part in the walkout to attend the rally that will feature Joan Mondale, wife of Democratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale. The ACTWU maintains the Reagan's trade policies have resulted in the loss of 500,000 domestic jobs in the clothing and textile industries and stiffer quotas are needed to retrieve them and save other jobs. But one worker at Hart Schaffner and Marx in Chicago said although workers agree "we need stiffer quotas" they are not all in agreement in taking part in a protest that will result in the loss of pay. "We're going to walk off our jobs, but not voluntarily," said the woman, asking that her name not be used. "We're walking because the union is telling us to."

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## ORTEGA AND JACKSON SAY U.S. PLANS TO INVADE NICARAGUA

ATLANTA (UPI) -- Daniel Ortega, the leader of Nicaragua's Sandinista government, and Jesse Jackson both said Tuesday that the United States plans to invade Nicaragua. "One day before the invasion of Grenada they were saying they would not invade Grenada," Ortega said. "Therefore, we cannot discount this aggression against Nicaragua." Jackson said the Reagan administration does not want peace, "it wants to overthrow the Sandinista government."

## JACKSON SAYS REAGAN POLICIES HURT THE POOR

ATLANTA (UPI) -- Campaigner Jesse Jackson, addressing a voter registration rally at Emory University, says the policies of President Reagan cut across racial lines to hurt all of the poor and weak of America. Jackson told about 600 students Tuesday that deceit by government leaders was to blame for the deaths of Marines in Lebanon and said Reagan is gagging on the "sleaze" of his own administration. "Why was Reagan choking the other night?" Jackson asked, referring to the president's cough Sunday night during his nationally televised debate against Democratic presidential contender Walter Mondale. "He was choking because the sleaze was rising in his throat."

## FALWELL ENDORSES PERCY

CHICAGO (UPI) -- The Rev. Jerry Falwell says "anything is better" than Sen. Charles Percy's Democrat opponent, Rep. Paul Simon, and has thrown his support behind Percy's bid for re-election. Falwell, head of the Moral Majority, also took issue with colleagues in the New Christian Right, who recently endorsed Libertarian candidate Steve Givot. Falwell told the City Club of Chicago Tuesday his conservative colleagues, Richard Viguerie, Howard Phillips and Terry Dolan, demonstrated "suicide tendencies" when they backed Givot. "It's foolish for conservatives to fight each other," Falwell said.

## SMITH SAYS REAGAN ENDORSEMENT WILL HELP

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (UPI) -- Republican senatorial nominee Albert Lee Smith says his polls show him closing in on Democratic incumbent Sen. Howell Heflin and he predicts an endorsement from President Reagan will be push him to victory. Smith, in Huntsville to open his campaign headquarters, said his polls show him trailing Heflin by only a single point. Other polls give Heflin a comfortable margin. "When President Reagan endorses me in Tuscaloosa ... with his given popularity in this state ... we're going to win," Smith said.

Reagan is scheduled to speak at the University of Alabama Monday on a brief trip to the state. The president's address will be followed by a question-and-answer session with students.



NEWS FROM THE STATES (continued)

## MONDALE TO CAMPAIGN IN OHIO

COLUMBUS (UPI) -- Democratic presidential nominee Walter F. Mondale will address a noontime rally on the steps of the Ohio Statehouse Thursday. Campaign officials said today that Mondale will arrive shortly before noon from New York and will leave immediately after the speech for Florida. Gov. Richard F. Celeste will appear with Mondale, but campaign officials said no private meetings are planned. Campaign officials say the appearance comes at an excellent time because support in Ohio has been boosted by Mondale's performance in his debate with President Reagan.

COALITION TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION  
UNLESS EQUAL ACCESS PROVED DURING REAGAN VISIT

DAYTON, Ohio (UPI) -- A coalition of people opposed to President Reagan say they will take legal action unless Republican campaign coordinators assure them equal access to Courthouse Square during a presidential visit Friday. Coalition spokeswoman Christine Schroeder claims the Republican campaign has tried to blunt protests during presidential visits to other cities. "Detractors (were) not allowed anywhere near Reagan," she said. "They do pass out tickets, rope off areas, take signs away. We don't think that's fair and we think all Americans ought to have access to a public speech," she said.

## OHIO GOVERNOR SAYS REAGAN WON'T SHOW FOR SECOND DEBATE

COLUMBUS (UPI) -- Gov. Richard F. Celeste predicted Wednesday that President Reagan would not debate Democratic presidential nominee Walter Mondale again because Reagan made such a poor showing in their first encounter. "The next presidential debate will not take place," Celeste said during a news conference called to discuss Mondale's visit to Columbus Thursday. "The president's handlers will see to it that he will not stand on the same stage with Walter Mondale to debate foreign policy." Celeste said, "They will seek any reason not to debate. It could be national security, it could be laryngitis."

## TOLEDO REPUBLICANS WANT REAGAN VISIT

TOLEDO, Ohio (UPI) -- Lucas County Republicans say they are disappointed that President Reagan is not including Toledo among the stops on his whistle-stop tour of western Ohio Friday. "They feel Perrysburg obviously is part of Toledo as a suburb, while some people consider it in another county (Wood) and on the other side of the (Maumee) river," Lucas County Republican Chairman Mike Baker said Wednesday. "We are disappointed that his committee doesn't see fit to know the difference between Perrysburg and Toledo," he said. Baker said county Republicans have attempted to convince Reagan's staff to schedule a presidential visit to Toledo.

## REAGAN MOVIE CANCELED

CINCINNATI (UPI) -- A Cincinnati television station has cancelled its planned showing of "Knute Rockne -- All American," because Ronald Reagan's appearance could force the station to award other presidential candidates equal air time.

NEWS FROM THE STATES (continued)

## RHODES ATTACKS MONDALE-CARTER ADMINISTRATION

CINCINNATI (UPI) -- Former Gov. James A. Rhodes said Wednesday the policies of the Mondale-Carter administration turned Ohio into an industrial wasteland with an atmosphere that was anti-business and anti-jobs. Rhodes, in a statement released as he campaigned for President Ronald Reagan said Democratic presidential nominee Walter Mondale and former president Jimmy Carter were the "engineers, architects and contractors of the so-called rust bowl" for which Mondale is attempting to blame Reagan.

## ANTI-ABORTIONISTS TAKE ON CROWD

PITTSBURGH (UPI) -- A small group of anti-abortionists got into a shouting match Wednesday with a crowd of Walter Mondale supporters at a huge downtown rally for the Democratic presidential candidate. A group of about six women, carrying signs reading, "Choose life, vote for Reagan," were confronted by an angry crowd of about 100 people.

## CONGRESSIONAL POLL

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (UPI) -- Democratic Rep. Harold Volkmer from Missouri's 9th District disputes the validity of a poll that shows his lead for re-election to Congress rapidly dwindling. Carrie Francke, Volkmer's Republican opponent, released a poll Tuesday showing her trailing Volkmer by only 8 percentage points. She is regarded as one of the rising female GOP politicians in the state. Francke, a former assistant state attorney general, has received campaign financial assistance from national Republican groups. Major GOP figures and officials, including Vice President George Bush and Maureen Reagan, daughter of President Reagan, have made campaign appearances on her behalf.

## JODY POWELL TO TEACH IN BOSTON

NEWTON, Mass. (UPI) -- Jody Powell, White House press secretary for former President Jimmy Carter, will teach political science at Boston College in the spring term in 1985, the school has announced. Powell, 41, has been appointed to a one-year tenure as Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. professor of political science and will teach a course on politics and the media starting next January, the college said.

## OFFERS BLOCK PERSONAL TOUR OF DROUGHT LAND

AUSTIN, Texas (UPI) -- Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower has offered to personally escort U.S. Agriculture Secretary John Block on a tour of drought-stricken West Texas later this month to show the need for a cheap source of cattle feed. Hightower, who has sparred with Block for the past two years on Reagan administration farm policies, said he would personally escort Block on a West Texas tour when the secretary visits Amarillo on Oct. 23 to address the Texas Cattlefeeders Association. A spokesman for Block in Washington said Tuesday the secretary currently has no plans to extend his visit.

NEWS FROM THE STATES (continued)

## HUNT ASSAILS HELMS "RIGHT WING" CONNECTIONS

RALEIGH, N.C. (UPI) -- Gov. James Hunt attacked the political "empire" of Sen. Jesse Helms Wednesday, saying the conservative Republican has neglected North Carolina in favor of his right-wing causes.

## KNOX SAYS GOP MADE NO PROMISES

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (UPI) -- Democrat Eddie Knox says he would accept money from Republicans to pay off his \$300,000 campaign debt but denied the GOP made promises so he would work for President Reagan's re-election. "There ain't been any deals made," said Knox, named one of four national co-chairmen of Democrats for Reagan. Charles Black, a Reagan campaign consultant who helped recruit Knox, said Tuesday he knew of no one who mentioned paying the debt Knox mounted in running for governor. But Black said, "after the election, if he's still got a debt, I'm sure any of us would be happy to help him."

## FIRST LADY TO VISIT GEORGIA

ATLANTA (UPI) -- First Lady Nancy Reagan will visit Georgia Wednesday and her husband, President Reagan, will make a campaign appearance in the state next week. Mrs. Reagan is scheduled to attend the official kickoff of a drug abuse program sponsored by the McDonald's hamburger restaurant chain.

## FIRST LADY LUNCHES WITH SCHOOL KIDS

COLUMBIA, S.C. (UPI) -- First Lady Nancy Reagan lunched with elementary school children and tried her hand at charades Wednesday during a Southern swing in her campaign to fight drug abuse in the nation's schools. Between the fourth-grade classroom where the first lady participated in an anti-drug program and the lunchroom where corn dogs and french fries were served, she met briefly with Jihan Sadat, widow of slain Egyptian leader Anwar Sadat, who was in town to speak at the University of South Carolina. Reagan called the trip non-political even though it came three weeks before the general election and was funded by the campaign to re-elect the president.

## FIRST LADY RAPS WITH TEENS

CHATTANOOGA (UPI) -- First lady Nancy Reagan held a "rap session" with 15 young men at a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center Wednesday, telling them problems are a part of life but drugs and booze don't solve problems. The men, ranging in age from 16 to 35, are trying to kick drugs and alcohol addictions with the help of the Teen Challenge program.

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(UPI) -- Schedules for the presidential and vice presidential candidates for Thursday, Oct. 11, and tentative schedules for the week ahead.

Walter Mondale:

Thursday, Oct. 11: 8:20 a.m. EDT departs Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York City, for private meeting, New York. 8:30 a.m. private meeting.  
9:15 a.m. departs for LaGuardia Airport.  
9:50 a.m. arrives Marine Air terminal, LaGuardia Airport.  
10:20 a.m. departs for Columbus, Ohio.  
Noon EDT arrives Port Columbus International Airport, Columbus.  
12:15 p.m. departs airport for state capitol, State House and High streets.  
12:35 p.m. rally, capitol.  
1:20 p.m. departs for airport.  
1:40 p.m. arrives airport for private time.  
2:45 p.m. departs for Orlando, Fla.,  
4:45 p.m. EDT arrives Orlando Intl. Airport, Page Aviation terminal.  
5:05 p.m. departs for private meeting, Orlando.  
5:30 p.m. private meeting; closed.  
6:15 p.m. departs for airport.  
6:40 p.m. arrives airport.  
7 p.m. departs for Miami.  
7:55 p.m. arrives Miami International Airport, Aeroplex terminal.  
8:10 p.m. departs airport for Fontainebleu Hotel.  
8:30 p.m. arrives hotel for overnight.

Friday, Oct. 12: 7:40 a.m. campaign breakfast, Fountain Room, Fontainebleu 8:05 a.m. private time, hotel.  
8:45 a.m. departs for airport.  
9:50 a.m. departs Miami for Madison, Wis.  
Late morning arrives Madison - Dane County airport.  
Noon EDT rally, state house steps, state capitol, Madison.  
2:15 p.m. departs for Minneapolis. Overnights at home, North Oaks, Minn.

Saturday, Oct. 13: Morning no public schedule. Evening event, St. Paul, Minn. Overnights North Oaks.

Sunday, Oct. 14: Private time, North Oaks,

Geraldine Ferraro:

Thursday, Oct. 11: Morning private time, Queens, N.Y.  
2:35 p.m. EDT departs for LaGuardia, Butler Aviation, Marine Air term.  
3 p.m. departs for Philadelphia.  
3:40 p.m. arrives Philadelphia Intl. Airport, gate 25, Cargo City terminal.  
4:20 p.m. goes to Pennsylvania Hall, Civic Center Drive, view debate site.  
5 p.m. departs for Bellevue Stratford Hotel, Broad and Walnut streets.  
5:15 p.m. private time, hotel.  
8:15 p.m. departs for Pennsylvania Hall.  
8:30 p.m. arrives hall.  
9 p.m. vice presidential candidate debate.  
10:30 p.m. private time, Pennsylvania Hall.  
10:55 p.m. departs for The Bourse, 21 S. Fifth St., Philadelphia.  
11:10 p.m. rally, The Bourse.  
11:35 p.m. departs for hotel and overnights there.

Friday, Oct. 12: 10:55 a.m. EDT Departs Philadelphia for Madison, Wis.  
11:45 a.m. arrives Madison. Noon joins Mondale for rally, steps of the state capitol, Madison.

2 p.m. Departs for Chicago, where she has an event and stays overnight.  
Saturday, Oct. 13: Departs Chicago for campaign trip to Davenport and Des Moines, Iowa, no time or events given. Returns Queens for overnight.

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CANDIDATES' SCHEDULES (continued)

President Reagan:

Thursday, Oct. 11: White House.

Friday, Oct. 12: 11:35 a.m. EDT rally, downtown Dayton, Ohio, to kick off whistle stop train trip through Ohio.

1:10 p.m. rally in Sidney, Ohio.

2:50 p.m. rally in Lima, Ohio.

3:40 p.m. rally in Ottawa, Ohio.

4:40 p.m. rally in Deshler, Ohio.

6 p.m. rally in Perrysburg, Ohio.

6:50 p.m. departs Toledo Express Airport for Andrews Air Force Base.

8:05 p.m. EDT Returns to White House.

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Vice President George Bush:

Thursday, Oct. 11: 1:10 p.m. EDT departs Washington for Philadelphia.  
2 p.m. arrives Philadelphia.

9 p.m. Vice presidential candidate debate, Pennsylvania Hall, Philadelphia.  
Overnights Philadelphia.

Friday, Oct. 12: 9 a.m. EDT rally, the port of Elizabeth, N.J.

10:30 a.m. departs for Birmingham, Ala.

12:20 p.m. EDT speech, Southeast U.S. -- Japan Annual Conference luncheon, Birmingham, Ala.

4:30 p.m. departs for Washington.

Saturday, Oct. 13: Washington.

Sunday, Oct. 14: Campaigns in Tuscon, Ariz.

Monday, Oct. 15: Campaigns in Los Angeles.

Tuesday, Oct. 16: Campaigns in Bakersfield, Sacramento and San Francisco.

Wednesday, Oct. 17: Campaigns in Portland, Ore.

Thursday, Oct. 18: Campaigns in Spokane and Seattle, Wash.

Friday, Oct. 19: Campaigns in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

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## PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

CBS's Dan Rather: Indications tonight that the first impression that Walter Mondale won his Showdown Sunday match-up with President Reagan may be making a first concrete dent in Mr. Reagan's huge lead in the polls. The latest CBS News-New York Times poll shows Mondale has edged back President Reagan's whopping 26-point lead by six points. Still, a 20-point lead for Mr. Reagan. But still, from all indications today, it was another rare up-and-over-the-hurdles day for Walter Mondale. Another day of damage control for the President.

CBS's Leslie Stahl: (TV Coverage: The President departing from the White House) The White House planned a day of hard political punches by a vigorous and robust Ronald Reagan. But he kept running into the age issue, and here's the big performance. (President: "No, I wasn't tired. And, with regard to the age issue and everything, if I had as much makeup on as he did, I'd look younger too.") At a parochial school just outside Detroit, the President himself brought up the age issue when a student asked about teenage alcohol abuse. (President: "You only get this piece of machinery once. Take care of it. Really take care of it. And I'm prepared to tell you from personal experience, because I've been 39 years old now for about 30-odd -- one-odd years.") The President's doctor, Daniel Ruge, seemed to make matters worse for the President. (Dr. Ruge: "Well, I think he was tired. Everybody was tired." Reporter: "Has he lost any of his stamina over the four years?" Ruge: "I don't know.") (TV Coverage: The President walking from one event to another.) Today, a show of stamina. The President walking when normally he would take his limousine. Campaigning among ethnic groups, Mr. Reagan tried to regain the offensive, swinging hard at Mondale on taxes and defense. At a loud and enthusiastic college rally, he swung again. (President: "Whenever I talk about Franklin Delano Roosevelt or Harry Truman or John F. Kennedy, my opponents start tearing their hair out. They just can't stand it. Well, of course they can't, because it highlights how far they, the leadership today of the Democratic Party, has strayed from the strength of the Democratic political tradition.") The first commandment of the President's campaign strategy: Thou shall let no negative issue fester. And so the President's aides made public for the first time today the results of Mr. Reagan's last medical exam, which was done five months ago. It confirms the President is mentally alert and robust. Now Mr. Reagan and his aides wait to see if this and more television pictures of an energetic campaigner are enough to put the age issue behind them. (CBS-Lead)

ABC's Peter Jennings: It was only a few days ago that most political analysts in this country thought Walter Mondale was on the ropes. Then came Sunday's debate, a hard fight on the issues, and later the first talk about the President's age. Today Mr. Reagan's campaign has been working hard to get the age issue behind it.

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ABC's Sam Donaldson: President Reagan campaigned in the suburbs of Detroit today, hoping to regain the offensive against Walter Mondale. But the age issue raised by the Sunday night debate continued to dog him. Leaving the White House, Mr. Reagan was asked if the debate had tired him. (President: "I wasn't -- no, I wasn't tired. And, with regard to the age issue and everything, if I had as much make up on as he did, I'd have looked younger too." Reporter: "You didn't have any make up on?" President: "No, I never did wear it. I didn't wear it when I was in pictures.") The President said his opponents were showing desperation in building up the age issue. And his personal physician, Dr. Daniel Ruge, told reporters Mr. Reagan's health is excellent. The White House released the raw laboratory data from the President's physical examination last May to prove it, and all the tests were normal. But Dr. Ruge said the President did look tired to him at the end of the Sunday debate. (Dr. Ruge: "Well, I thought he was tired. Everybody was tired." Donaldson: "Compared to Mondale? Mondale didn't seem to be as tired." Ruge: "Um, I don't know." Reporter: "Has he lost any of his stamina over the four years?" Ruge: "I don't know." Reporter: "Well, what -- ah." (Laughter) Ruge: "Ask him. He would know that." Mark Weinberg: "We've got to go to the helicopter, Daniel. All right. Thank you.") On the stump today, the President seemed his usual self, hitting Mondale at one stop on national defense. (President: "My opponent in this campaign has made a career out of weakening America's armed forces.") Hitting Mondale at every stop on taxes. (President: "My opponent has another plan. He says he'll raise your taxes." Audience: "Boo!" President: "Now, it's tempting to figure, when you hear that, that it's the other fella's taxes that'll be raised. But let me tell you, they've been getting away with that for years. It's yours that will be raised.") And the President gleefully pointed to Mondale's debate statement that he wants eventually repeal tax indexing as additional proof of a tax grab. The Reagan campaign would like to get back to the issue of taxes. They think they have the best of that. But the wild card of the President's age is now face-up on the table, and the scrutiny of his every word and move from that standpoint is likely to remain intense until election day. (ABC-Lead)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: The White House today did everything but put a Superman cape on President Reagan as it wrestled with questions about his age and fitness, questions that Democrats have been raising every day since the President's sub-par performance in Sunday's debate. Even the President's doctor was involved in today's counterattack.

NBC's Chris Wallace: The President tried today to regain the offensive, but he was hounded by new questions about his age. As he left the White House, Mr. Reagan was asked if he got tired toward the end of his debate with Mondale. (President: "No, I wasn't tired. And with regard to the age issue and everything, if I had as much make up on as he did, I'd look younger too.") Reagan advisers say their polls show the President's lead has dropped three points in the

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Wallace (continued): three days since the debate. They still have a big lead, but as he flew to Michigan they said Reagan would now get tougher with Mondale. The problem was the age issue followed him. The President's own doctor disagreed with him about the debate. (Reporter: "Did you think he tired during the last part?" Ruge: "Well, I think he was tired. Everybody was tired." Reporter: "Has he lost any of his stamina over the four years?" Ruge: "I don't know.") Ruge also released the full results of an examination of the President last May. Previously, the White House had only released a summary. The new detailed report showed all results in the normal range. And the White House released a statement from the examining doctor calling Mr. Reagan a mentally alert, robust man who appears younger than his stated age. At a Catholic school outside Detroit, the 73-year-old President seemed to keep his humor about the age issue, even if he got his math wrong. (President: "I've been 39 years old now for about 30-odd -- one-odd years.") Almost lost in all this was a colorful of ethnic campaigning and Mr. Reagan's new hard line on Mondale, attacking his tax policy and his defense record. (President: "My opponent in this campaign has made a career out of weakening America's armed forces.") Until the debate, the Republicans felt they controlled this campaign, keeping voters focused on issues that favor the President. But this week the big issues are Social Security and age -- Democratic issues. The President's men are learning sometimes campaigns have a life of their own. (NBC-Lead)

CBS's Bob Schieffer: Walter Mondale was in Pittsburgh, a Democratic stronghold, when he replied to the President's charges. So the huge partisan crowd loved it when he said Mr. Reagan's attempts to link himself to late Democratic heroes amounted to grave robbing. And as for Mr. Reagan's charge that Mondale had better make up at the debate, Mondale said he'd heard that one before. (Mondale: "That's the same answer Nixon gave against Kennedy. Mr. President, the problem isn't make up on the face, it's the make up on those answers that gave me a problem.") He also had an answer to the President's challenge yesterday to arm wrestle. (Mondale: "Well, we had a little brain wrestle on Sunday night, didn't we. He'll find that the issue that worries Americans is not arms (sic) wrestling, but the need for arms control.") Mondale brushed off the President's more serious charges on taxes and defense, and later, in New York, said the Reagan campaign team's attitude suggests they're getting worried. (Mondale: "I think the last day or two they're sounding frantic.") But it was the poll findings that put the icing on today's cake for Mondale's people. Last night, CBS News and The New York Times called back 515 voters who had been polled before the debate, and the survey was full of good news for Mondale. 66 percent of the people thought Mondale won it. More voters than before, 53 percent, agreed with Mondale that taxes must be raised to lower the deficit. By a margin of nearly two-to-one, Mondale was seen as the candidate most likely to preserve Social Security and Medicare. And almost half (48 percent) the people polled thought the President was not as sharp as he was four years ago. On balance, these past four days have

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Schieffer (continued): been the best four days of the Mondale campaign. With the polls finally beginning to show some improvement, the Mondale people are beginning to believe that the Teflon Presidency can be scratched after all. (CBS-2)

ABC's Brit Hume: You will never hear Walter Mondale raise the issue of President Reagan's age. But at a large and loud rally in downtown Pittsburgh today, he couldn't wait to answer the President's remark about make up. (Mondale: "This morning the President said the problem in the debate was make up. That's the same answer Nixon gave when he debated Kennedy. Mr. President, the problem isn't make up on the face, it's the make up on those answers that gave me a problem.") And he was just as eager to reply to another Reagan wisecrack, made in response to the age issue, that gave Mondale another chance to mention the debate. (Mondale: "Yesterday, he said he wants to arm wrestle me. Well, we had a little brain wrestle on Sunday night, didn't we.") The President's counterattack on the tax indexing issue didn't catch up with Mondale until he got to New York later in the day. Yes, he readily acknowledged, he hadn't meant to say repeal indexing in Sunday's debate. Just the opposite. (Mondale: "I didn't realize it until I read the transcript. I did not state accurately what my position is. If you read the intent of that paragraph, it's obvious that I was talking about further tax relief.") Despite his slip of the tongue on indexing, Mondale seems not at all worried the President will get him in trouble on the tax issue. And while he will not say that the President is too old, Mondale knows that the age issue is helping to rejuvenate his campaign. (ABC-2)

NBC's Lisa Myers: To the delight of one of the biggest crowds of the campaign, Mondale ridiculed Reagan's claim that he looked younger in the debate because of make up. (Mondale: "That's the same answer Nixon gave when he debated Kennedy. Mr. President, the problem isn't make up on the face, it's the make up on those answers that gave me a problem.") And as for the President's challenge to arm wrestle. (Mondale: "Well, we had a little brain wrestle on Sunday night, didn't we. And in the next debate a week from Sunday, when we debate foreign policy, he'll find that the issue that worries Americans is not arms wrestling but the need for arms control.") Mondale continued to hammer Reagan on Social Security, charging that while he apparently was born again about protecting everyone's Social Security benefits, he had another plan to sock it to the elderly. (Mondale: "Look at what he said yesterday about Medicare. No promises at all. And the reason is that they intend to increase the cost that old folks must pay when they're ill.") So Mondale issued another challenge. (Mondale: "Today, Mr. President, I demand, the American people demand, tell us right now, before the election, whether you're going to continue to go after Medicare, undermine the support for seniors, or whether you will pledge to support that program. Let's hear it.") Mondale and his aides are almost giddy that they finally have Reagan on the defensive. They are equally pleased that the White House has become an unexpected ally by reacting in a way that this campaign calls petty and unpresidential. (NBC-2)

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ABC's Barry Serafin: The new (ABC-Washington Post) poll indicates that voters now overwhelmingly think Walter Mondale won Sunday's debate. But President Reagan still holds a wide lead over the challenger. 55 percent of the registered voters we've surveyed think Mondale won the debate. Only 18 percent think Mr. Reagan was the winner. 28 percent say it was a tie. Among the reasons cited: Mondale was seen as honest, more at ease and more knowledgeable. Only 2 percent of those who thought Mondale won said it was because President Reagan looked too old. Mondale's favorable rating jumped from 41 percent last week to 54 percent. But Mr. Reagan's favorable rating remains high, 61 percent. And our new survey shows the President still out in front by 15 points, 56 to 41, down just slightly from the 18-point lead he had before the debate. What's more, 53 percent of those we questioned say the debate will have no influence on their vote at all. So while Mondale has proclaimed it a brand new race, it is as of now a race in which he still has a lot catching up to do. (ABC-4)

ABC's Richard Threlkeld reports on the fairness issue, talking to two Grand Rapids, Mich., families as examples. The Silveris agree with the President that they are better off now than four years ago. (Gene Silveri: "Business has grown, jobs have been created. We have more income available, and I think we're on our way.") But Dan Pupel, schoolteacher, and his family think Mondale has it right. (Dan Pupel: "I can't say I'm one penny off any better (sic), and I know a lot of people who are certainly worse off than we are.") The Pupels and the Silveris have each sensed what the researchers have discovered. After all the finagling with social spending cuts and taxes, after the recession and recovery, Americans on the whole are doing a little better than four years ago, but a lot depends on who you are. The Urban Institute recently found that the richest fifth of Americans have about nine percent more to spend than in 1980, the middle fifth just about one percent, and the poorest are about eight percent poorer than they were. The mixed result of Reaganomics is seven million new jobs and six million new poor people. By 53 to 40 percent, voters agree with the Pupels that Walter Mondale would be fairer with the poor than Ronald Reagan. But, just as important, voters like Mrs. Silveri think they themselves will be better off financially with Ronald Reagan than Walter Mondale. And the Reagan campaign commercials are frankly catering to the self-interest in each of us. In the past four years, the rich have gotten richer and the poor have gotten poorer. Still, the vast majority in between, the people who decide elections, are holding their own. It's to Mr. Reagan's advantage and it's Mr. Mondale's problem that, for most Americans, that seems to be fair enough. (ABC-5)

NBC's Irving R. Levine looks at the Medicare issue. Fact: One part of Social Security is head for trouble unless benefits are cut or taxes raised. Deductions from your paycheck for Social Security go into three funds -- part of the money into the retirement fund, part into the disability fund and part into the Medicare fund. Retirement and disability are in good shape, but Medicare will run out of money in

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Levine (continued): six or seven years because benefits have been constantly growing. Even the Reagan Administration acknowledges something has to be done. With President Reagan ruling out cuts in benefits, will Social Security taxes be raised? (Secretary Regan: "Well, that's possible if we don't get the costs under control.") But higher Social Security taxes on workers would fly in the face of the Reagan pledge not to raise taxes. And Social Security payments loomed so large in the budget, that it's impossible to reduce the deficit significantly by cutting remaining smaller items. But the President opposes cuts in Social Security and defense. That leaves two options: higher taxes or the Medicare part of Social Security running out of money. (NBC-10)

ABC's George Will comments that it's fascinating the age issue is big because the last candidate to fight an age issue was John Kennedy, who was said to be too young, and the one person who tried to make an issue of Ronald Reagan's age in 1980 was George Bush. But it is an important issue. The evidence on older leaders is very mixed. (ABC-3)

## JERRY FALWELL

Rather: Moral Majority founder Rev. Jerry Falwell is quoted as saying he expects a reshaped Supreme Court during a second term by President Reagan would outlaw most abortions. However, Falwell insisted that, no matter what Walter Mondale claims, he doesn't expect President Reagan to consult him about naming any new justices. (CBS-4)

## ARMS CONTROL

Rather: Just when it seemed that U.S.-Soviet relations might be heading back on track, President Reagan today released a report that could derail them. He sent to Congress an unclassified summary of a report that accuses Moscow of -- quote -- selective disregard of arms control agreements. The report accuses the Soviets of 17 outright violations over the last 23 years. The report's release had been delayed until after Mr. Reagan met with Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko. (CBS-6, ABC-6)

NBC's Marvin Kalb reports the report had to be released because of the demands of a small group of conservatives on Capitol Hill. A senior official describes this report as a turkey, implying that there's nothing really substantive in it. (NBC-7)

## EL SALVADOR

Rather: The U.S. endorsement of scheduled peace talks in El Salvador next Monday was delivered personally today by Secretary Shultz. His first stop on a brief Central American tour was San Salvador. There he was greeted by President Duarte. The two then met to discuss the political gains and physical dangers of the peace talks, which Duarte proposed and leftist rebels accepted. The talks are the first chance of ending El Salvador's five-year-old civil war. (CBS-7)

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ABC's John McWethy reports the excitement over the talks continued as Secretary Shultz arrived in El Salvador reading a message from President Reagan. (Secretary Shultz: "I applaud his leadership and support his decision.") But there was more than just praise. Shultz turned the Duarte peace initiative in El Salvador into a challenge aimed at Nicaragua. (Shultz: "If only the commandantes in Nicaragua would make the same offer to resistance forces there, we would all be much closer to true peace in Central America.") Salvadoran sources say Duarte, who was with Shultz for more than two hours, did not tell the U.S. in advance about his surprise invitation to meet with the guerrillas because he did not want the U.S. to derail his initiative. U.S. officials confirmed that in private they have expressed strong reservations about the Duarte move because it was done so fast with so little preparation and could easily blow up in his face. But now there is nothing but praise from the United States.

(ABC-7)

## FEDERAL FUNDING

Rather reports Congress is on the verge of a spending bill to keep the government going. There will be a ban on money for CIA-backed rebels in Nicaragua through March 1. Still being settled: whether to kill almost \$100 million worth of local water projects.

(CBS-3, NBC-3))

## SUPREME COURT

Security at the Supreme Court was increased while the FBI investigates death threats against Justice Harry Blackmun.

(CBS-5, ABC-11)

## MILITARY PRESS POOL

Brokaw: The American press will have its own platoon for now on. Whenever United States military forces launch operations like last year's invasion of Grenada, the Pentagon said today that a poll of 11 photographers and reporters will be taken along secretly....

(NBC-6)

## LEBANON

ABC's Charles Glass reports that three kidnapped Americans in Lebanon are being held by militiamen in the Bekaa Valley.

(ABC-8)

## IRAN-IRAQ

CBS's David Martin reports that commercial satellite photos of the border region between Iran and Iraq show the Iraqis have built a giant canal blocking any Iranian advance into Iraq.

(CBS-8)

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AQUINO ASSASSINATION

NBC's Steven Frazier says the report of the commission investigating the assassination of Benigno Aquino will cite eyewitness testimony and a careful analysis of videotape to prove that Aquino's killer was one of the soldiers escorting him off the plane. The report names two of the soldiers as the most likely killers and names 17 other people as members of a conspiracy to carry out the murder. 16 are soldiers, one is a low-level government worker. The report traces the conspiracy high into the military, and all but one of the commissioners believe it extends all the way to the top, to the armed forces chief of staff. (NBC-8)

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EDITORIALS

## PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

Changing the Tenor -- "Most insiders still assume Ronald Reagan will win. But there's far less confidence -- or fear -- that the Republicans will make major gains in the congressional elections.... Certainly most Republican challengers will still be happy to see the President in their districts and will not shy away from him on the platform. But on the other side, you'll be seeing more Democrats cozying up to Walter Mondale...." (Washington Post, 10/10)

Mondale's Scorecard -- "Viewers were not enlightened much further on what either candidate would do if elected. Mr. Reagan said he would pursue the unfinished business of this Administration, but didn't go much beyond that. Mr. Mondale stood by his promise to raise taxes, but became cautious when asked by Baltimore Sun correspondent Fred Barnes whether the middle class is 'undertaxed....'" (Wall Street Journal, 10/10)

Real Fritz debated Real Reagan -- "Is this a turning point? There were no knockout punches in the debate, points that might sway the die-hard followers of either candidate to switch camps. But there probably will be a change in the way the public perceives Walter Mondale (and a change in that perception was called for; that was the real Fritz Mondale up there); surely in the way the public perceives Ronald Reagan (also appropriate, for that -- finally -- was the Real Ronald Reagan); maybe in the way the public thinks about the deficit." (Dayton Daily News, 10/8)

The non-debate -- "In the presidential non-debate in Louisville -- it really was a glorified joint news conference -- Walter Mondale needed a knockout to save his foundering campaign. He slightly outpointed President Reagan.... Both men showed a brazen disinclination to answer the thoughtful and intelligent questions posed by the panel. One of the journalists would ask a question and one of the candidates would reply with a neat little canned speech -- on another subject.... The League of Women Voters ought to talk to them before the Oct. 21 debate on foreign affairs. Otherwise we risk hearing answers about outer space to questions about El Salvador." (Pittsburgh Press, 10/8)

## JERRY FALWELL

Jerry and Fritz -- "...Near the end of the campaign, the Democrats have devised a multi-faceted threat that combines what they consider to be the worst aspects of the rich, the past, and even the future: Jerry Falwell.... Mr. Mondale again makes the mistake of attempting to separate religious values from political and legal ones, which would require, for example, rethinking the origins of laws against theft and adultery. Surely Mr. Mondale, who is forever reminding us that he is a preacher's son, could not have that in mind. It's just that, in his attempts to blast the President, Mr. Mondale doesn't mind picking off a few bystanders, great and small." (Washington Times, 10/10)