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NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY (Thursday Evening)

FEDERAL DEFICIT -- During the 1980 campaign, President Reagan promised to balance the budget. Under his Administration, there have been three straight years of deficits. So far, they don't appear to be hurting his political standing.

CAMPAIGN -- The men who manage the President's campaign appear to believe the race is virtually over and that Mr. Reagan has won.

NICARAGUA -- The State Department confirms that Nicaragua appears to be in the process of getting a new shipment of military supplies.

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NATIONAL NEWS

FOR MONDALE, THE POLLS TOLL CRUEL NUMBERS

The Democratic campaign appeared to be crumbling Thursday. Several new public opinion polls turned up numbers that one Democratic strategist described as "devastating." Louis Harris said his new findings give President Reagan a 14-point lead. Pollsters for the Reagan-Bush Committee said their polls show the President with a lead of 20 points. An ABC-Washington Post poll shows Mr. Reagan with a 12-point lead. Peter Hart, who polls for Mondale, said he now finds the President leading by 12 points. Time, for Mondale, is fast running out. He soldiered on gamely Thursday in the Midwest, taking note of his good crowds and invoking the memory of the Garrison finish that kept Harry Truman in the White House in 1948. (Wesley Pruden, Washington Times, A1)

MONDALE RISES TO PEAK FORM:
CANDIDATE ELOQUENT IN FIGHT FOR 'CARING' GOVERNMENT

CLEVELAND -- The distilled essence of Walter Mondale hit the campaign trail here. In as visually breathtaking a political event as his campaign has staged, in as firm a voice as the candidate as summoned in this long -- and long-shot -- quest for the presidency, Mondale laid out an eloquent argument for a government both activist and caring. He did it by taking one of the speeches President Reagan most likes to quote -- the "City Upon a Hill" sermon by John Winthrop. "Rev. Winthrop said to be a city on a hill, we must strengthen, defend, preserve and comfort one another. We must bear one another's burdens.....We must rejoice together, mourn together, labor and suffer together...." Some suggest he has been liberated by the certainty of defeat Nov. 6. More likely, though, he still harbors hope. And he has calculated his best chance here in the industrial heartland is to evoke the grand Democratic credo of caring for the young, the old, the sick, the poor.

(Paul Taylor, Washington Post, A1)

Mondale Redraws 'City on a Hill,' Says GOP's is 'Selfish'

Walter Mondale preached a stirring sermon about his vision of America as "the shining city on the hill," reclaiming the image that he said had been subverted by President Reagan to mean a "dictatorship" of "selfishness." A shower of confetti and balloons descended from tiered walkways to a courtyard of The Arcade downtown mall, and a roar of cheers and applause from thousands of supporters thundered through the building from the moment Mondale stepped to the podium.

(Nancy Schwerzler, Baltimore Sun, A1)

BOSTON GLOBE REPORTS MONDALE TOLD REAGAN HAS INSURMOUNTABLE LEAD

BOSTON -- Walter Mondale's campaign chairman told him two days ago that President Reagan has what appears to be an insurmountable lead in public opinion polls, according to the Boston Globe. While Mondale did not reject any of James Johnson's information, the candidate said there is enthusiasm for his candidacy that the polls do not yet reflect, the Globe said in Friday editions. (AP).

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POLLS DON'T VOTE, PEOPLE DO, MONDALE REMINDS OHIOANS

Although public opinion surveys show Mr. Reagan well ahead, the former vice president said, "The polls said Harry was done. He could forget it. But they forgot one thing. Polls don't vote, the people vote." As thousands, many of them students, roared their approval from the balconies encircling the building's courtyard, Mondale cited growing crowd enthusiasm of the past few days for the declaration, "The victory march begins here in Cleveland." (Alan McConagha, Washington Times, A2)

Mondale Ignores Polls as He Presses His Campaign

Mondale's message is being delivered repeatedly to enthusiastic crowds but his nonstop campaigning seems unable to make a dent in Reagan's lead. Charles Manatt said Mondale led Reagan in only four states, but he said Reagan could be beaten in a further 23 states where Mondale was running close or even. Meanwhile, the White House political experts were saying Reagan was ahead by some 20 points and has the potential of winning all 50 states. (William Scally, Reuter)

Education/Social Programs

Walter Mondale said President Reagan believes federal education and social programs are "a step toward bondage" and "dictatorship," as evidence mounted that Reagan is holding onto a substantial lead in the presidential race. In Cleveland, Mondale launched a major new attack on Reagan, telling a crowd of several thousand that Reagan sees dictators and repression as the eventual outcome of government programs designed to help people. (Evans Witt, AP)

BLUE-COLLAR WORKERS AND SUBURBANITES STILL BACK PRESIDENT FIRMLY

Mr. Reagan's popularity appears to remain strong among blue collar workers and suburbanites, according to national polls and to discussion sessions of 12 people convened in Akron and 13 in suburban Bala-Cynwyd, Pa., this week by The Wall Street Journal. While many of these voters still express concern about how fragile the economic upturn and world peace might be, earlier fears about these issues now seem largely overtaken by their own immediate sense of well-being.

(Ellen Hume, Wall Street Journal, A1)

FERRARO DEFENDS GRASP OF ISSUES:
DEFENSE NOT 'STRONGEST SUIT'

In a wide-ranging interview earlier this week, Ferraro acknowledged that national security "is not my strong suit." She conceded that "a good portion" of what she now knows has been learned during campaign tutorials in the last several months. Yet she vigorously defended herself as "having more than a sufficient amount of knowledge to match the President's knowledge." (Rick Atkinson, Washington Post, A1)

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IN CALIFORNIA, FERRARO PRESSES ON

STOCKTON, Calif. -- Geraldine Ferraro continued to sweep up and down California in pursuit of the state's 47 electoral votes, professing to be undaunted by new evidence that the Democrats' upset bid has been stalled. Ferraro has continued to drub the Reagan Administration on issues ranging from civil rights and education to arms control and the environment.

(Rick Atkinson, Washington Post, A4)

Ferraro Sees Foreign High-Tech Challenge

CUPERTINO, Calif. -- Ferraro, traveling to Silicon Valley, declared that "high-tech industries face the same competitive challenge as our smokestack industries" and would suffer under a second Reagan Administration. She said Reagan is putting the entire economy in jeopardy. "Across the board, we are being edged out of markets that should be ours....Either Ronald Reagan doesn't understand the problem, or he thinks it will simply go away."

(Cliff Haas, AP)

SAN JOSE -- Ferraro said government must "lend a hand" to troubled industries but those industries must then "do their part." She said the entire U.S. economy is threatened by imports edging out of the market all basic U.S. industries. Although Mr. Reagan did not create the problem, he has failed to help through his policy of allowing government deficits to rise, she said.

(Stephanie Nall, Washington Times, A2)

Ferraro Undaunted by Negative Polls

During a news conference, Ferraro also raised the possibility of filing lawsuits against news organizations, which she did not name, for stories linking her family with organized crime figures. She said she would decide this after the election. One incident marred her stop in Cupertino, where a maintenance worker at the Apple Computer Co. was arrested on charges of threatening to shoot her with a bow and arrow. According to court documents, two bows and numerous arrows were found in his car.

(Michael Posner, Reuter)

BUSH TAKES HIS QUESTIONS HARD AND FAST

SYRACUSE, N.Y. -- When a presidential election gets down to the wire, slugging can get tough. But Vice President Bush says he doesn't mind; tough questions get tough answers. In a forum at Syracuse Stage, a bristling young student stood up and fired a hard fast one at the ex-collegiate baseballer who is now Vice President. "...how do you think your voodoo economics and \$200B mortgage will affect the desperate people at the bottom of the ladder?" "I think they're getting help," Mr. Bush shot back without a blink. "I think they're getting help by a recovery that is so stimulating...." Mr. Bush also said President Reagan's recent meeting with FM Gromyko and strong leadership have reassured the public.

(Don McLeod, Washington Times, A3)

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BUSH TO TURN NOW TO PARTY'S BATTLES FOR SEATS IN HOUSE

Reagan political aides, claiming that the President has opened up a 20-point post-debate lead and has the edge in every state but two, said Vice President Bush would spend the rest of the campaign working for Republican House candidates. President Reagan, aides said, may soon start campaigning in selected states for Republican senatorial candidates, but would continue for the moment to pursue his own reelection efforts.
(Robert Timberg, Baltimore Sun, A1)

GOP VOTERS GAIN MAY ENSURE REAGAN'S VICTORY IN FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE -- Florida Republicans have gained more than 30% in registration since 1980 and GOP leaders believe the gains will ensure a victory here for President Reagan. (Ed Rogers, Washington Times, A4)

CARDINAL BERNARDIN URGES REJECTION OF 'SINGLE-ISSUE POLITICS'

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, considered the most influential leader of the nation's 52M Catholics, said last night there is no place for "single-issue politics" in the church's support for a "consistent moral vision" that includes all aspects of life. In a speech prepared for delivery at Georgetown University, Bernardin's address was a significant rebuttal of the stand taken by some Catholic bishops who have urged voters to make political choices based on a candidate's position on abortion or nuclear arms.
(Marjorie Hyer, Washington Post, A15)

22 AMBASSADORS ENDORSE HELMS;
SHULTZ ISSUES CAUTION OVER UNUSUAL ACTION

Twenty-two U.S. ambassadors took the extraordinary step of endorsing Sen. Helms for reelection, praising him for "a strong, close relationship with the Reagan Administration." The 22, all appointed by President Reagan, are not career Foreign Service officers and are not subject to laws limiting participation in politics by employees. Most are conservatives, and some have come under fire for openly expressing conservative opinions. The State Department issued a statement indicating that Secretary Shultz had cautioned the ambassadors about making the endorsement, but observing they had the legal right to do so.
(Don Phillips, Washington Post, A1)

SUPERFUND RECORD CHALLENGED

The EPA is misleading the public when it says it has cleaned up six of the nation's worst toxic-waste dumps under the "Superfund" law, according to a national citizens' group that has reviewed the agency's records. The National Campaign Against Toxic Hazards said the cleanups of three sites were inadequate, that two posed "only minor hazards" and probably should not have been on the Superfund priority list and that a sixth was cleaned up under the Clean Water Act, not under the Superfund law. In one case, the material from one site was moved to another nearby site. While the report gives the EPA credit for taking quick and effective emergency action on most of the six sites, it is less charitable about the finished product.
(Cass Peterson, Washington Post, A3)

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FEMA TRANSFERRED BRANCH CHIEF WHOSE COMPLAINTS SPARKED PROBE

FEMA last year removed a branch chief whose repeated complaints of mismanagement led to the internal and congressional investigations enveloping the agency. Donna Darlington, who supervised some of the agency's largest contracts as chief of the telecommunications division, was transferred to a lesser job after questioning whether FEMA has awarded wasteful contracts and made too many noncompetitive awards. FEMA executive administrator Gerald Martin said he transferred Darlington because of her "abrasiveness" in dealing with colleagues and a major contractor, AT&T, which complained about her conduct.

(Howard Kurtz, Washington Post, A4)

DAIRY FARMERS MILKING PROFITS

Dairy farmers continue to make money this year while some other livestock producers are milking red ink, says a new Agriculture Department analysis. New projections for 1984 show that dairy farmers, on the average, will have about \$3.60 left over from the sale of 100 pounds of milk after paying cash expenses. That would be down from \$4.14 per hundred pounds in 1983.

(Don Kendall, AP)

SANTA BARBARA EARTHQUAKE

SANTA BARBARA -- An earthquake near President Reagan's ranch spilled 2,000 gallons of wine at a nearby winery and sent one couple sloshing around in their waterbed, but there were no major injuries reported, officials said. Rancho Del Cielo was not damaged. The earthquake struck at 3:36 p.m. PDT.

(UPI)

EDITOR'S NOTE: Myra MacPherson's article, "Bush's Battle Cry: In the Last Laps, Boosting the Ticket and Coping with Ferraro," appears on page C1 of The Washington Post (Style).

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. SAID PLANNING MORE EXERCISES FOR LATIN AMERICA

The State Department, after a period of relative inactivity in Central America, plans to conduct military exercises in the region later this year and early next year, including one maneuver that will send U.S. forces into El Salvador, knowledgeable officials said. The Pentagon has stepped up its intelligence-gathering activities in the region, officials said. The Reagan Administration has played down military activities in Central America during the election campaign, scaling back its exercises and neglecting to announce some of the smaller maneuvers that take place. After the election, however, Gen. Gorman, chief of the U.S. Southern Command in Panama, and other Pentagon leaders are expected to push for a more active and visible U.S. military role in the region.

(Fred Hiatt, Washington Post, A1)

NICARAGUA GETS RADAR FOR BASING FIGHTER JETS

Nicaragua this week received sophisticated radar necessary for completion of the support system that makes possible the basing of MiG fighter aircraft in that country, according to intelligence sources. Even while the Sandinistas says they will accept the Contadora peace plan, they have continued to build what has become by far the largest military organization in the region. A State Department spokesman said, "We have information that indicates a continuing flow of Soviet bloc arms into Nicaragua, including a current shipment. We deplore the continuing buildup in Nicaragua, especially when that country already has created an overwhelmingly military imbalance in the region."

(Jay Mallin, Washington Times, A7)

DEATH SQUAD STORY RETRACTED

SAN SALVADOR -- The peasant union official who early this week reported the gruesome death squad killing of his 14-year-old son and two other Salvadoran youths admitted the story was false. The admission by Alirio Montes, the publicity director of the U.S. supported Salvadoran Command Union, was made much to the embarrassment of the U.S. Embassy, and appeared likely to exacerbate tensions over the incident between the embassy and the Duarte government.

(Loren Jenkins, Washington Post, A26)

SHULTZ BIDS PUBLIC AID TERRORISM FIGHT

Secretary Shultz said the American public must give its approval "before the fact" to U.S. military action against terrorism, even if innocent lives may be lost, so that the U.S. will not become "the Hamlet of nations, worrying endlessly over whether and how to respond." In calling for public support of a military approach to combating terrorism, Shultz warned the U.S. response could require not only "swift and sure retaliation" but military strikes against presumed terrorists who have not yet done anything. The harshly worded speech, to be delivered at the Park Avenue Synagogue in New York, was the closest thing to a warning of impending military action that an Administration figure has given since President Reagan signed a secret presidential directive last April authorizing an undefined "offensive" against terrorism.

(Joanne Omang, Washington Post, A1)

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Shultz/Terrorism (continued)

The U.S. must be willing to use military force to combat terrorism even though it could mean "the loss of life of some innocent people," Secretary Shultz said. But Shultz made no mention of the Reagan Administration's support for alleged terrorist activities by anti-government guerrillas in Nicaragua. (AP)

In remarks that seemed to be aimed at the shock and criticism that followed the bombing of the U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut a year ago, Shultz said that widespread public anguish and self-condemnation only convinced the terrorists they were on the right track.

(William Scally, Reuter)

Shultz Says Countering Terrorism Will Cost

Secretary Shultz said the U.S. should go beyond "passive resistance" and use military force to combat terrorism but warned Americans must consider the inherent risk of "active prevention, pre-emption and retaliation." He warned some U.S. military men or "innocent people" may lose their lives in striking terrorists. (Tito Davila, UPI)

Shultz Says U.S. Should Use Force Against Terrorism

Shultz praised the way Israel has handled terrorists. Administration officials said the views expressed by Shultz were his own and were not necessarily shared by other senior officials, even within the State Department. Shultz, almost alone of senior officials, has been waging virtually a one-man campaign since last spring for a policy of force toward terrorists. (New York Times, A1).

SENATE REPORT SAYS ONE ERROR LED TO BOMBING OF EMBASSY

A Senate committee inquiry into the Sept. 20 Beirut embassy bombing says the attack succeeded because U.S. diplomats and security officers had failed to take one simple security precaution -- erection of a barrier -- and casts doubt on recent assertions that they had received specific, reliable intelligence warnings. According to the bipartisan Foreign Relations committee report, a visiting Defense Intelligence Agency team's survey of security in Beirut prior to the bombing "contained no intelligence findings or specific recommendations on security measures, and indeed did little more than recite what all concerned already knew: that Beirut is a dangerous place and buildings such as the annex are vulnerable to terrorist attack." (herbert Denton, Washington Post, A1)

POSSIBLE ARRESTS IN ABDUCTION OF EMPLOYEES

BEIRUT -- Four Lebanese employees of the AP were released unharmed but exhausted more than 30 hours after they were seized by gunmen in Beirut. Lederal hours later, Lebanon's state radio said suspects had been detained in connection with the abduction. (AP)

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'STAR WARS' WILL BRING SOVIETS TO TABLE, ROWNY SAYS

America's increasing "prowess" in space-based defense and military technology in general will be a major spur to bringing the Soviets back to the nuclear arms talks, the chief U.S. negotiator for those talks said. President Reagan knows the "fundamentals...a hell of a lot better than other presidents I've worked for. I've worked for other presidents who got up at 5:30 in the morning and got all the details down, and really didn't understand the big picture, didn't understand what the whole strategy was about," says Edward Rowny.

(Walter Andrews, Washington Times, A5)

Top Bargainer Outlines Arms Talks Flexibility

Rowny says the Reagan Administration would consider raising its proposed ceiling of 5,000 U.S. and Soviet strategic nuclear warheads in order to reach an agreement. Rowny said the U.S. would make no concessions to draw the Soviets back to negotiations. But he said if they returned they could expect flexibility from the U.S. (Barry Scweid, AP)

NCPAC INVADES GRENADA

ST. GEORGE'S -- NPAC Chairman John Dolan this week ordered his own "invasion" of Grenada, with a 10-member delegation of well-heeled Americans and leading NCPAC officials. "We're here to emphasized the liberation of Grenada from communism," Brent Bozell, commander of the Dolan forces on Grenada, reported. U.S. officials on the island, sensing the momentousness of the occasion, pulled out all the stops. An interview was arranged with Dr. Bourne of the St. George's University School of Medicine, who regaled the visitors with the inside story of last year's rescue of 650 medical students from the school.

(Gus Constantine, Washington Post, A6)

TALKS TO START ON REVIVING INNER CORE OF WEST EUROPEAN ALLIES

ROME -- Defense and foreign ministers from seven West European countries gather today to decide how to revive an old but dormant military pact as a European core of the NATO alliance. Among the aims of the seven countries (Belgium, Britain, France, Italy Luxembourg, the Netherlands and West Germany) are closer European discussion of security and defense issues, East-West relations and matters of concern to the European NATO partners such as the U.S.'s 7-1 lead over them in alliance military sales.

(John Rogers, Reuter)

IRAQ REPORTED TO RENEW DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH U.S.

Iraq has informed the U.S. that it is ready to reestablish full diplomatic relations later this year after a 17-year interruption, according to official sources. The Iraqi decision was conveyed to Secretary Shultz by FM Aziz at the U.N. early this month, the sources said. Aziz reportedly expressed a willingness to come to Washington at an early date to cement the resumed relationship and make a public announcement but was asked to put off the visit until after the U.S. election because of the "tight schedule" of President Reagan.

(Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A1)

U.S. POLICY ON GRENADA SUPPORTED, DECRIED IN RALLIES ACROSS COUNTRY

Holding campus rallies, teach-ins, vigils and forums on foreign policy, college students here and across the country squared off on the question of whether the U.S. military action in Grenada was a rescue mission or an invasion. The pro- and anti-Grenada demonstrations, many of which drew smaller numbers of counterdemonstrations and hecklers, marked the anniversary of U.S. intervention.

(Karlyn Barker, Washington Post, A14)

PAPANDREOU SAYS U.S. TRYING TO DESTABILIZE EAST WITH POLAND

ATHENS -- Socialist Premier Papandreou has accused the U.S. of "attempting to destabilize" the Soviet bloc by continuing economic sanctions against Poland. Papandreou, returning from a three-day official visit to Poland, told Greek reporters aboard his plane that the U.S. criticized Poland on human rights issues but had not isolated Turkey, "which imprisons, tortures, and executes on a daily basis." (AP).

THOUSANDS PROTEST FINDINGS OF BOARD ON AQUINO MURDER

MANILA -- Thousands of protesters demanded President Marcos's resignation as special prosecutors drew up charges against top military officials accused in the Aquino murder. Led by Aquino's widow, some 5,000 people marched through Manila to protest a report by a special commission that named the armed forces chief in a wide-ranging military conspiracy to kill Aquino but made no mention of Marcos.

(Washington Times, A7)

CHURCH LEADERS TO INVESTIGATE IRA FUND-RAISING

DUBLIN -- Four U.S. Roman Catholic bishops said they would investigate fund-raising in the U.S. for the outlawed Irish Republican Army. The bishops, ending a four-day visit to Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic, also said they were concerned about allegations they heard of judicial irregularities and mistreatment of prisoners in Northern Ireland. The delegation's leader, Bishop James Malone of Youngstown, Ohio, said the group was told that a substantial portion of money sent by Americans to Northern Ireland was being used to buy weapons for the IRA to assist its violent campaign to oust the British. (AP)

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NEWS FROM THE STATES

PRESIDENT VISITS CONNECTICUT

HARTFORD, Conn. (UPI) -- President Reagan has planned a second visit to Connecticut where campaign strategists believe a victory could help influence elections in other states where polls close later. Reagan is scheduled to be in the state Friday for a brief speech from the steps of Fairfield Town Hall before leaving for another campaign stop in Hackensack, N.J., officials said Monday. J. Brian Gaffney, state chairman of Reagan's re-election campaign, said he was "flattered and delighted that the president realizes how important Connecticut is." Polls give Reagan a comfortable in Connecticut and his campaign has targeted the state for victory, partly because it traditionally reports results early on election night. Walter Mondale has yet to visit the state in the general election campaign, although he made two brief stops prior to the state's Democratic primary in March.

FAIRFIELD, Conn. (UPI) -- Fairfield braced for thousands of people expected to jam the historic Town Hall Green Friday when President Reagan was scheduled to visit the affluent suburb.

GOP SIGNS UP 50,000 VOTERS

HARTFORD, Conn. (UPI) -- State Republicans have predicted their success in registering new voters may help President Reagan in Connecticut Nov. 6 and other GOP candidates in elections to come. The registration results from 137 of the state's 169 towns and cities were announced by Republican State Chairman Thomas J. D'Amore Jr., who called it "the most successful drive in modern Republican history."

SENATOR MITCHELL HITS ADMINISTRATION ON ACID RAIN

HARTFORD, Conn. (UPI) -- Sen. George J. Mitchell, D-Maine, Tuesday attacked President Reagan's stands on acid rain legislation and efforts to clean up hazardous wastes. Sen. George J. Mitchell, D-Maine, said he has proposed legislation to deal with acid rain but has been unable to get the measure to the full Senate debate because of opposition from the Reagan administration. Mitchell, who made campaign stops in Hamden and Hartford on behalf of Democrat Walter Mondale and state Democratic candidates, said Reagan was failing to provide the leadership needed to deal with acid rain.

BLACK ATTORNEY RIPS REAGAN

JACKSON, Miss. (UPI) -- The president-elect of America's oldest black bar association attacked President Reagan's civil rights record Thursday and called for increased state and national support for traditionally black colleges. Fred D. Gray, a Tuskegee, Ala., attorney, told a news conference the Reagan administration's record on civil rights "has been miserable and a failure to everyone." If Reagan is re-elected, Gray said blacks can look for him to appoint three to five conservative justices "to the increasingly right-wing U.S. Supreme Court." "Black America cannot afford for our high court to move any further from justice," he said.

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NEWS FROM THE STATES (continued)

UNION TRIES TO GET OUT VOTE FOR MONDALE

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (UPI) -- Union leaders who were outside a Birmingham plant at daybreak Wednesday trying to drum up support for Walter Mondale plan to do the same thing at other plants in Alabama, despite the odds. A.G. "Ace" Trammell, president of the Alabama Labor Council, said polls may indicate it's a futile gesture, but he wants to know he tried all he could to get out the vote for the Mondale ticket. A Birmingham News survey conducted by the Univ. of Alabama's Capstone Poll last week showed President Reagan with a 9 percent lead among blue collar workers and a 16 percentage point lead overall. Reagan is expected to carry the state.

JACKSON SAYS CIA MANUAL WILL PROVE REAGAN'S WATERGATE

PINE BLUFF, Ark. (UPI) -- Rev. Jesse Jackson, campaigning in South Arkansas for Walter Mondale on Wednesday, said a special prosecutor should determine who was responsible for the controversial CIA manual written for Nicaraguan rebels. "The murder manual in Nicaragua is going to be Reagan's Watergate, whether it comes out before the election or after the election," Jackson told a cheering crowd of about 1,500 at a rally at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. "Reagan is closer to the crime of Nicaragua than Nixon was to the crime of Watergate," Jackson said.

POLLSTER SAYS MONDALE'S BLACK SUPPORT WANES

ATLANTA (UPI) -- A black pollster says enthusiasm for Mondale among black voters is waning because of the Rev. Jesse Jackson's "lukewarm" support. Harry Ross, president of Management International of Atlanta, said Mondale will carry Georgia only if 70 percent of the state's black voters turn out. Ross said this was unlikely and told a group of students at Clark College he doesn't believe enough blacks will join white Mondale supporters to give the Democrat a victory. "Jesse Jackson's lukewarm support of Mondale has filtered down to where there is not a strong interest in the candidate, especially in Georgia," he said. Ross said he believes President Reagan will be re-elected and echoed Republican assertions that Reagan will carry Georgia. Gov. Joe Frank Harris said that the Democratic presidential ticket "still has an uphill fight."

STUDY SUGGESTS FERRARO INFLUENCE SLIGHT

ST. LOUIS (UPI) -- A sociologist said Thursday Geraldine Ferraro's gender probably will influence only a few voters in the election. Voters most influenced by the sex of a woman candidate are women who agree with the candidate's support of issues important to women, said John F. Zipp, a specialist in electoral behavior and assistant professor of sociology at Washington Univ. "A number of people who are thoroughly pleased with Ronald Reagan will vote for him under any circumstances," Zipp said. "Those who are thoroughly displeased will vote for anyone else. For those in between, Ferraro's candidacy might make an impact in either direction." Zipp said Walter Mondale might have attracted all the women voters he will get before he named Ferraro as his vice presidential candidate. Women tend to vote Democratic because the party favors less military spending and more social spending, he said. "Reagan, on the other hand, did so well among men in 1980, that even if Mondale gains some votes from women, it may not make much difference," Zipp said.

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NEWS FROM THE STATES (continued)

HECKLER SAYS REAGAN POLICIES HAVE HELPED LOW INCOME PEOPLE

CLEVELAND (UPI) -- Secretary of Health and Human Services Margaret Heckler said Thursday that President Reagan's policies have helped low- and moderate-income people. Speaking to the Cleveland City Club in a campaign stop for the president, she said, "In fact his tax proposals, his tax indexing reforms will benefit low-and medium-income wage earners, preventing them from being pushed into higher tax brackets as happened in the Carter administration." If Democratic candidate Walter Mondale is elected, there will be tax increases, which could mean a return to recession and unemployment, she said.

FARMERS HOLD MOCK AUCTION AT BLOCK'S FARM

KNOXVILLE, Ill (UPI) -- Angry Midwest farmers pounded a foreclosure sign in the yard of John Block's family farm in western Illinois and hold mock auction at the Knox County fairgrounds to protest the farm policies of the Reagan administration.

WHITE HOUSE ASSISTANCE HELPS CANCER PATIENT

PITTSBURGH (UPI) -- Five-year-old Jeremiah Potter of Sandwich, Ill., whose fight against liver cancer prompted the "Miracle for Miah" fundraising campaign, received a new liver Thursday at Children's Hospital. When he was 14-months-old, Jeremiah developed a rare blood disease that doctors warned could lead to cancer. In August, the prediction came true and the Potters were told their son would need a liver transplant within six months... When President Reagan campaigned in his native state last month, he told a White House official to contact the Potters to offer assistance, said Pat Miller, a spokeswoman for Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. Michael Batten, White House liaison, may have made some telephone calls to cut red tape, a service he "routinely" provides in these kind of cases, said Sue Mathis, a spokeswoman for Batten's office.

BAKER CALLS FOR BETHUNE'S ELECTION

JONESBORO, Ark. (UPI) -- Senate majority leader Howard Baker says Arkansas should come into the fold and elect a Republican senator to help assure that President Reagan is able to continue his economic and national defense policies. "You should be less concerned with how your fathers and grandfathers voted and more concerned with how you vote will affect your grandchildren," Baker said.

CRAIG CALLED 'A RIGHT WING EXTREMIST'

BOISE (UPI) -- Democrat Bill Hellar has launched another salvo in his attempt to unseat Rep. Larry Craig, charging the two-term Republican is ineffective because he is on the "right-wing fringe" of the Republican Party. But Craig says the challenger has distorted his congressional voting record, and he charges Hellar is trying to disguise his own liberal leanings.

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PRESIDENT MAY VISIT IOWA AGAIN

DES MOINES, Iowa (UPI) -- A third visit to Iowa this year by President Reagan is likely during the final week of the campaign, Gov. Terry Branstad said today. Branstad, who chairs Reagan's re-election effort in Iowa, said final details of the trip have not been worked out, but he said he is trying to convince the president to visit western Iowa. The visit would follow on the heels of a final visit from Democratic presidential nominee Walter Mondale, scheduled for Friday in Des Moines. His running mate, Geraldine Ferraro, plans a visit Saturday to Waterloo -- her second visit to the state in less than two weeks. Branstad said he is confident that Reagan will maintain his lead over Mondale in Iowa, which is now put at 5 points, and that a final Reagan visit to the state should increase that margin. "Another visit to the state of Iowa before election day could put icing on the cake," Branstad said.

MONDALE CAMP BANKING ON HIS IOWA RALLY

DES MOINES, Iowa (UPI) -- The Mondale-Ferraro ticket is banking on one final Iowa campaign appearance by Democratic presidential nominee Walter Mondale to give him the support he needs to carry Iowa Nov. 6th. Mondale is scheduled to hold a rally in Des Moines Friday, that organizers hope will draw 15,000 people. A Mondale campaign poll shows that Mondale still trails President Reagan in Iowa, but the gap has narrowed from more than 20 points in September to only four points now. Aides said one last appearance in Iowa may put Mondale in front, and that it could create a ripple in other states. "Everybody looks at this state," Mondale organizer Mike Murray said. "You get a lot of press coverage nationally." Attorney General Tom Miller, a co-chairman for the Mondale campaign in Iowa, said that the polls have shown Iowans have been ahead of the nationwide trends in candidate support in this election.

MORE REPUBLICAN WOMEN TO BE ELECTED

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (UPI) -- Voters will elect more Republican women to public office at all levels of government this November than ever before, Maureen Reagan predicted Wednesday. "This president plans on riding on the coattails of some great women," President Reagan's daughter said. She spoke at a fund-raising luncheon attended by 250 people. Of 1,000 women who hold political office today, 440 are Republican, she said. There also are more than 400 new female Republican candidates, and both the GOP and the president are dedicated to their election, she said.

MONDALE HARVESTS VOTES FROM MISSISSIPPI RIVER VALLEY

BURLINGTON, Iowa (UPI) -- Walter Mondale's Mississippi River harvest caravan added political color to the autumn hues in the rural river corridor by making one last play for the midwest farm vote. Turnouts Wednesday were predictably large along the 100-mile tour route with many farmers begrudgingly taking time off from harvesting on the first sunny, dry day in a while to support Mondale. Republican opposition present at the rallies in Quincy, Ill., Canton, Mo., and Burlington remained quiet but visible at each of Mondale's rallies.

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WEICKER ENDORSES JEPSEN, CRITICIZES CIVIL RIGHTS

IOWA CITY, Iowa (UPI) -- Sen. Lowell Weicker, R-Conn., appeared at a fundraiser to endorse Sen. Roger Jepsen, but spent more of his time in Iowa talking about civil rights. Weicker, a liberal Republican, spoke to University of Iowa law students in a non-partisan event Wednesday and then appeared at the fundraiser for Jepsen, who is involved in a tough re-election fight with challenger Tom Harkin. Weicker urged partisans to support the conservative Jepsen, although he admitted the two senators don't always vote the same. "I didn't come here to tell you I agree with Jepsen, but I think he's a decent man who listens," Weicker said. Before the students, Weicker labeled the current state of civil rights "wretched" and called for improved domestic relations throughout the nation. Weicker said the Reagan Administration can take no credit for improving civil rights within the nation.

MAIL-IN POLL SHOWS REAGAN LANDSLIDE

EMMETSBURG, Iowa (UPI) -- A mail-in poll of voters from one township in bellweather Palo Alto County indicates Ronald Reagan is heading for his second-straight landslide over the Democrats just two weeks before the election. The poll was taken by Emmetsburg radio station KEMB in Silver Lake Township, the area with the most reliable voting record in the northern Iowa county. The township of 441 eligible voters is dominated by prosperous grain farms and its largest town is Ayrshire, population 243. The poll of township residents gives the president a 59 percent to 41 percent lead over Walter Mondale. Four years ago, township voters gave Reagan a 61 percent to 35 percent edge. Palo Alto joins an Oregon county as one of the nation's two bellweather districts. Residents have given the winning presidential candidate a majority every election since 1896.

FORD CAMPAIGNS IN KANSAS

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (UPI) -- Former President Gerald Ford, campaigning for 3rd District candidate Jan Meyers Thursday, said the White House and Democratic congressional leaders must begin work immediately after the election to reduce federal deficits. Ford predicted Reagan would win the election Nov. 6 and said the primary concern of the next president should be to tackle the country's chief economic problem, burgeoning deficits. The White House must sit down with Democratic congressional leaders and work out a consensus to reduce the deficits, Ford said.

BUSINESS GROUPS FOR REAGAN-BUSH CHAIRMAN NAMED

BATON ROUGE, La. (UPI) -- Louisiana's leading business lobbyist, Ed Steimel, has been named chairman of Business Groups for Reagan-Bush. Steimel, president of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, said the business committee would concentrate on getting out the vote for President Reagan on election day.

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(UPI) -- Schedules for the presidential and vice presidential candidates for Friday, Oct. 26, and tentative schedules for the weekend:

Walter Mondale:

Friday, Oct. 26: 9 a.m. CDT reception, Northern High School Gymnasium, Flint, Mich. Departs for Des Moines, Iowa, no time given. Noon CDT event, Nolan Plaza, Third and Lucas streets, Des Moines. 3:30 p.m. CDT arrives El Paso, Texas. Evening rally, Yaleta Mission, El Paso. Departs El Paso for San Diego. Overnights San Diego.

Saturday, Oct. 27: Morning events, San Diego and Riverside, Calif. Travels to San Francisco, Calif.; no schedule available for San Francisco.

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Geraldine Ferraro:

Friday, Oct. 26: 7 a.m. PDT departs St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, for San Francisco International Airport.

8 a.m. departs for Medford, Ore.

9 a.m. arrives Medford airport, south ramp.

9:25 a.m. forum, Holiday Inn, 2300 Crater Lake Highway, Medford.

10 a.m. private time, Holiday Inn.

11:05 a.m. departs for airport.

11:30 a.m. departs for Eugene, Ore.

11:55 a.m. arrives Eugene airport.

12:30 p.m. rally, East Lawn, University of Oregon, Eugene.

1 p.m. departs for the Valley River Inn, 1000 Valley River Way, Eugene.

1:10 p.m. private time, Valley River Inn.

1:40 p.m. departs for Eugene airport.

2:10 p.m. departs for Portland, Ore.

2:45 p.m. arrives Portland airport.

3:20 p.m. private time Portland Hilton Hotel, 921 S.W. 6th St., Portland.

5:25 p.m. departs for Northwest Service Center, 1819 Everett, Portland.

5:25 p.m. open reception, service center.

6 p.m. departs for Hilton Hotel.

6:10 p.m. private reception, Hilton.

6:40 p.m. open reception, Hilton.

7:30 p.m. departs for Portland airport.

8 p.m. departs for Tacoma, Wash. 8:30 p.m. arrives King County Airport, Tacoma.

9:15 p.m. arrives Sheraton Takoma Hotel, 1320 Broadway Plaza, for overnight.

Saturday, Oct. 27: 9:10 a.m. PDT departs Sheraton Hotel for Takoma Dome.

9:20 a.m. rally, Dome.

10 a.m. private time, Dome.

10:30 a.m. departs for King County Airport.

11:15 a.m. departs for Waterloo, Iowa.

4 p.m. CDT arrives Waterloo airport.

4:15 p.m. rally, airport.

4:45 p.m. private time, airport.

5:25 p.m. departs for Detroit.

7:25 p.m. EDT arrives Detroit airport.

8:05 p.m. rally, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 58, Hall.

8:40 p.m. private time, IBEW hall.

9:05 p.m. departs for airport.

9:40 p.m. departs for New York City.

11 p.m. arrives LaGuardia airport.

11:25 p.m. arrives Queens, N.Y. residence for overnight.

Sunday, Oct. 28: private time, Queens.

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CANDIDATES' SCHEDULES (continued)

President Reagan:

Friday, Oct. 26: Morning addresses the Temple Hillel, New York. Afternoon attends two rallies, Fairfield, Conn., Town Hall and Hackensack, N.J., City Hall. Evening returns to Washington.

Saturday, Oct. 27 and Sunday, Oct. 28: Washington or Camp David; no public schedule.

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Vice President George Bush:

Friday, Oct. 26: 7:30 a.m. market walk-through, Cincinnati.
9 a.m. departs for Bowling Green, Ky.
10 a.m. arrives Bowling Green.
12:30 p.m. rally, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green.
3:30 p.m. departs for Washington.
4:35 p.m. EDT arrives Andrews Air Force Base.

Saturday, Oct. 27: 12:30 p.m. EDT addresses Zionist Organization of America, East Room, Mayflower Hotel, Washington.
8:45 p.m. attends annual United Nations Association Dinner, Sheraton Washington Hotel Ballroom, Washington.

Sunday, Oct. 28: Washington.

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FEDERAL DEFICIT

NBC's Tom Brokaw: The federal government added up its checkbook balance today and it came up short. Way short. The deficit for fiscal 1984 is just over \$175 billion. That's the second largest deficit in history. During the 1980 presidential campaign, President Reagan promised to balance the federal budget. Now, under his Administration, there have been three straight years of huge deficits. So far they don't appear to be hurting his political standing.

NBC's Irving R. Levine: The government was borrowing billions of dollars today, as every day, to cover the second-biggest deficit in history. A billion more than the Administration had forecast. The Bureau of the Public Debt, one of the places where the government sells bonds and Treasury bills to Americans and pays high interest to use their money. The huge deficit has expert worried. (Peter Peterson: "These deficits and government borrowing drain our pool of savings dry. That means there's very little left over investment in our future -- factories, housing, computers -- which means fewer jobs, lower income and higher interest rates.") The accumulated deficits, the national debt, now amounts to \$1.6 trillion, a third of it since the Reagan inauguration. It amounts to a debt of \$6,500 for every man, woman and child in the United States. It results from lavish spending on defense, Social Security and other government programs, and from the \$750 billion tax cut that President Reagan signed in the first year of his Administration. But the Reagan Administration isn't worried. The President argues that if government spending continues to decline and recovery keeps income rising, the two lines will cross. The result: a balanced budget. But interest payments on the debt keep climbing, the fastest growing part of the federal budget. In 1980, of every dollar the government spent, nine cents went just to pay interest on money borrowed. This year, 13 cents. And by 1989 -- (Charles Shultze: "A very, very large fraction, perhaps 40 percent, of our personal income taxes will go for nothing but paying interest on the debt.") Economists warn big government borrowing will push up interest rates and could result in a new recession as early as 1985 or '86. (NBC-Lead)

Brokaw interviews Larry Chimerine, the chief economist and chairman of Chase Econometrics. If the deficit is such a bad thing, why is the prime interest rate dropping?

Chimerine: The prime interest rate is dropping because the economy has softened very sharply in the last several months, and when the economy tends to soften, deficits have a smaller impact because borrowing by the private sector tends to decline. So you cannot measure the performance of the last three months as indicative of the effect of deficits....The long-term impact of deficits haven't really begun yet, or if they have, they've been very, very modest.

Brokaw: The President says that economic growth will wipe out the deficit, that the government will realize enough revenue from that to take of it.

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Chimerine: I don't think it's possible. The probability of that happening is probably 1 in 100. Even if you assume continued economic growth during the years ahead, the deficits in fact will start rising.

Brokaw: So what does that mean for a year from now, for example, for interest rates in this country?

Chimerine: Tom, I think as long as these deficits exist, it is going to be difficult to have a sustained economic recovery in the United States because every time the economy starts picking up, it will mean interest rates will go up and that would simply short circuit the recovery. My own view is we'll see the economy start picking again in early '85. With deficits as large as they are, rates will start rising all over again.

Brokaw: Up to what -- 14, 15 percent?

Chimerine: I think we'll see at least 2 percentage points during the first half or three-quarters of 1985, yes. (NBC-2)

CBS's Dan Rather: While the arguing continues over who's to blame and how bad the problem is, the numbers officially came out today. The federal budget deficit for fiscal 1984 was \$175.3 billion, 10 percent below the record deficit last year. Still the second largest deficit in all of U.S. history. (CBS-3)

ABC's Peter Jennings: There is something the Democrats are certainly going to be talking about. The federal deficit in fiscal 1984 was the second largest ever in American history. The Treasury Department announced late today that, for the year ending Sept. 30, the deficit was \$175.3 billion. That is higher than the Administration had predicted. (ABC-3)

PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

Jennings: The men who manage the President's re-election campaign appear to believe the race is virtually over and that Mr. Reagan has won. The President took a break from campaigning today. With 12 days remaining until election day, Mr. Reagan will obviously continue to campaign, but there will now be a shift in emphasis.

ABC's Sam Donaldson: The Reagan-Bush campaign managers looked into their crystal ball today and found it brimming with good news. Campaign Director Edward Rollins reported on their new poll findings and a new strategy for these last 12 days. (Ed Rollins: "Our polls indicate the President has in excess of 20 points, that we're very strong in just about every state." Donaldson: "What does this allow you to do in terms of the President's time?" Rollins: "Well I think, Sam, that we still want to be very competitive and campaign hard. We don't take anything for granted. But it also gives us the opportunity of going out and helping some incumbent senators who may have some significant challenges, and can help some House

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Donaldson (continued): members and some challengers get elected." Donaldson: "So the President would go into states that he might not otherwise target if in fact you were in a very close presidential race, maybe?" Rollins: "No question.") The President is traveling to New York, Connecticut and New Jersey tomorrow, to Pennsylvania and West Virginia on Monday. West Virginia features a Senate race. And now Mr. Reagan's strategists are planning for him to go to Massachusetts and Iowa later next week, two more Senate race states. And he will probably touch down in Illinois and Michigan before election day, two more Senate race states, in addition to a visit to Missouri and, on election eve, his native state of California. (Donaldson: "Mr. Rollins, are we looking at 50-state sweep?" Rollins: "The potential certainly is there. If the election were held today, it would probably be a 50-state sweep.") Many polls do not give the President a margin as wide as 20 points, and a 50-state sweep would be an historic first. Still, the Republicans are acting as if the presidential race is all but over, and there are few political observers in this town tonight who are willing to challenge that. (ABC-Lead)

ABC's Brit Hume: The Reagan camp may think it's all over, but Walter Mondale doesn't. And on his second visit to Ohio in three days, he was as loose as he gets. (Mondale, holding baby up to press microphones at airport: "Please tell them how much you like the press. (Laughter) No, you're too young to lie.") And he was as firey as he gets in a spectacular indoor rally in Cleveland that had enough flags and banners and bunting to meet even the high hoopla standards of the Reagan campaign. Mondale, though, was trying to seem as different from Mr. Reagan as possible today, blasting the President on every liberal cause from civil rights to Social Security and playing the underdog role to the hilt. (Mondale: "The pundits and the pollsters are telling you that it's over, your vote doesn't count, forget it. Stay home. But they forgot one thing. And that is that public opinion polls don't vote, the people vote.") Mondale was so far down in this race for so long it seemed he would never be taken seriously. The first debate changed that, and even though his progress seems to have stalled since the second debate, he is in high spirits, campaigning with more vigor and emotion than he has shown all year. Grateful, it seems, that at least loyal Democrats are hearing and cheering him now. (ABC-2)

Rather: With 12 days to go to election day, President Reagan was off the road, making plans for his final campaign push. Walter Mondale is making his final campaign push in a part of the country he needs to win bad, among blocks of voters he needs to win back.

CBS's Susan Spencer: You can always tell when an election is near. (Mondale, holding baby up to microphones: "Will you please tell them why you're for Mondale?") The polls in Ohio are bad for Mondale, but you'd never have known that today in Cleveland. (Mondale, amid cheering at rally: "The victory march begins here in Cleveland today. I can feel it. We're on our way. We're gonna' win.") In a heartfelt, at times passionate, speech, Mondale said he and the President simply have different ideas about the role of government.

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Spencer (continued): (Mondale: "I believe in a government that helps. I believe in a government that cares. I believe in a president who feels, who knows, who tries, who's with you when you need it.") This is Mondale's second trip to Ohio this week, and yet Ohio should be part of his Democratic base. That's part of the problem. In fact, he's in trouble with Democratic voters in virtually every area of the country. Mr. Reagan leads in all the key industrial states, with Mondale closing the gap so far only in Pennsylvania and New York. The South, which Mondale once thought winnable, has now all but been written off. In California, however, long considered safe for the President, Mondale appears to be within striking distance. He leads right now only in Minnesota and in the District of Columbia. Fortunately for Mondale, he seems to campaign best when his back's to the wall. (Mondale: "Let us end this selfishness. Let's freeze this new championship of caring only for yourself. It's time for America to move on.") Aides concede privately though that, with polls showing no big boost from the last debate, it's hard to see how Mondale puts together a win. (CBS-5)

Brokaw: Charles Manatt said today that Walter Mondale is leading Ronald Reagan in only four of the 50 states. They are Minnesota, Massachusetts, New York and Oregon, according to Manatt. But he also said that Mondale is within striking distance of Reagan in 23 states. He predicted he'll pull a Truman-style upset. Mondale also spoke optimistically today as he campaigned in the Midwest before large crowds. But in some of his harshest attacks yet, Mondale accused President Reagan of considering Social Security, Medicare and federal student loans as steps towards dictatorship and bondage. And although some polls show Mondale trailing by 14 points, he refused to concede. (Mondale, at rally: "And, you know, the pundits and the pollsters are telling you that it's over, your vote doesn't count, forget it. Stay home. Public opinion polls don't vote, the people vote.")

NBC's John Chancellor comments that the ratings show a great hunger for political information. All the news coverage and all the advertising didn't satisfy that hunger. people wanted to see that candidates themselves. There has to be a better way. More debaters of shorter duration would be one answer. Replacing the reporters with a moderator would be another. The political parties should agree now on a format which would get the candidates together without forcing them into a heart-thumping shootout. (NBC-10)

VOTER REGISTRATION

Rather: One way (the Democrats) had planned to put it together: get millions to register to vote -- register as Democrats -- then get out the vote election day. The Democrats say they and other groups put about 6 million new voters in the Democratic Party column. For their part, Republicans haven't exactly been sitting still, either. They say they've registered the Democrats at least to a draw with up to 5½ million new Republicans signed up to vote. The two parties don't agree on each other's claims of new voters. They also disagreed

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Rather (continued): today on the impact from election day. (Ed Rollins: "We directly have contacted, registered -- we have the names, addresses, telephone numbers, the whole shooting match, so that we can turn 'em out." Charles Manatt: "The Republicans are halucinating on their claims now in the voter registration area. We know why, of course, because they're getting desperately close to being caught in about 25 of the states that we need to win to win the election.") The deadline has passed in almost all states for registering new voters. Many don't register by party. Most haven't finished tallying the numbers. One state that has is the key state of California, with the largest single block of electoral votes. There state officials estimate the registration drive ended dead even -- 800,000 new Democrats, 800,000 new Republicans. (CBS-5)

PRESIDENTIAL TV ADS

Brokaw: All week the Reagan and Mondale campaigns have been at war on television about the issue of war and peace. You've probably seen the President's ad with the bear. (TV commercial: "There is a bear in the woods --") The commercial never mentions the Russians or Walter Mondale by name, but the message is unmistakable. (Ad: "Some people say the bear is tame. Others say it's vicious.") This subtle but memorable television message was sent into every home in America this week on the average of four times. (Ad: "Since no one can really be sure who's right, isn't it smart to be as strong as the bear?") The message: Don't mess with Ronald Reagan. And in this commercial he is a strong, silent Ronald Reagan. He's not some kind of trigger-happy gunslinger. By the way, campaign officials, who said the commercial was made with a tame bear in Oregon last spring, describe it as one of the most successful ever produced. They say that they tested the impact of this message and the ability of people to recall the ad. And in both cases, they say, this commercial scored the highest of any political ad that they have ever tested. This is the main Mondale war and peace commercial for the week. (Mondale ad: "Ronald Reagan is determined to put killer weapons in space. The Soviets will have to match us, and the arms race --") The red phone. Remember it from the primaries? Well, now it's aimed at a president who takes naps. (Ad: "There'll be no time to wake a president.") This commercial concludes by saying Mondale would draw the line at putting weapons in the heavens. That is theme of course that Mondale used again and again in his debate against President Reagan on Sunday and his campaign reports that this commercial has made more people more aware of the Star Wars controversy. But judging from several polls, it did nothing to close the gap for Mondale. (NBC-9)

GRENADA

Jennings: It was a year ago today that we woke up to the news that American forces had landed on (Grenada) to overthrow the remanent of a Cuban-backed government. (TV Coverage: File tape of the invasion.) Some people called it an invasion, the Reagan Administration called it a rescue of American medical students. 19

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Jennings (continued): Americans died in the fighting and so did 24 Cubans. This is Port Rupert, it was then a Grenadian stronghold. One year later, the island is at least more peaceful.

ABC's Mark Potter: Grenada is quiet now, at least on the surface. The Grenadian military base that was the scene of fierce fighting has been leveled. The airport the U.S. feared would become a Cuban military base is nearly completed, primarily by the Americans. The dreaded hilltop prison now houses the coup leaders who are still awaiting trial. And the only military activity on the island today was a memorial service for the Americans who died in the invasion. In the capital city, St. Georges, the markets are bustling. Cruise ships arrive in the harbor, filled with tourists the Grenadians hope will be the backbone of their new economy, even though there is a shortage of hotel space -- partly because two hotels are occupied by the U.S. military and the U.S. Embassy. But still, most here like the Americans. (Grenadian compliments Americans) There are about a thousand Americans in Grenada now, including 430 students at the St. Georges medical school. It was the evacuation of those students that the U.S. gave as its reason for the invasion. And with much of Grenada falling apart now, U.S. officials say they are trying to rebuild the island from top to bottom. Although \$57 million have been promised, there is little sign of progress. American soldiers are also to train a Grenadian police force. There are still 250 American troops on the island providing security until at least the middle of next year. The U.S. says it is not training a new Grenadian army, although it is preparing an 80-man SWAT team. With unemployment at 30 percent, American investors are being encouraged to bring new businesses here. But so far only Virginia toymaker Bill Ingles has set up shop, at the request of the Reagan Administration. (Ingles: "Whenever I have a problem that I need to refer and I don't what to do with, I call the White House and they help me.") But the Grenadian elections on Dec. 3 could present a problem even the White House couldn't solve. More than anything, the Americans want a democracy here. But the democratic elections could yield a Grenadian leader most embarrassing to the United States. He is former prime minister Sir Eric Gairy, whose corrupt and brutal government fell during the socialist takeover in 1979. Although he is ridiculed for his obsession with mysticism and UFOs, Gairy has a loyal following. (Gairy: "I lead with love. That's what I have done. And the people sing to see my presence.") But the U.S. government and the potential investors favor Herbert Blaize, a more moderate candidate. And so the Grenadians wait and reflect and pray they make the right decision. (Reverend: "And come Dec. 3, the decision is ours.") It is certainly more peaceful here than it was a year ago. But the invasion did not settle everything, and Grenada faces more turmoil before it becomes the island paradise it and the United States would like it to be. (ABC-4)

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NBC's Dennis Murphy: The bells called the people to an ecumenical church service, a year-after prayer of thanks. (Reverend: "And let us not for a moment forget those American servicemen who gave their lives that we might live.") American and Caribbean soldiers shared several pews near the front. (U.S. Charge d'Affairs Loren Lawrence: "Spend the morning with a tear in your eye, a catch in your throat, thinking what happened. Really, what the future here is.") By official count, 19 Americans died in the invasion. Their names are recorded on a bronze plaque that will be dedicated Monday on the beachfront campus of the medical school attended by young Americans. The anniversary of the invasion was observed quietly. Many shops and businesses closed for the morning. The government called for a day of quiet reflection. But Grenadians are more concerned about the future than the past. The country is bankrupt. Electricity works only eight hours a day. The election of a new government is just five weeks off, and many islanders see that event as a crucial turning point in their history. There is hope that things will get better. On an island hungry for tourist dollars and a new beginning, it is a good sign that this year the Americans arrive wearing, not combat gear, but T-shirts and sandals. (NBC-5)

Jennings: There are likely to be unsettled issues having to do with Grenada for some time, and there is an active one at the moment which has to do with some of the actual American fighting men who took part in the invasion. The men of Delta Group landed very early in the mission.

ABC's Dennis Troute: (TV Coverage: Videotape of Hughes helicopters rocketing hillside) This videotape, shot by a Grenada resident, shows helicopters attached to the super-secret Delta Force going into action on Grenada. An elite group of counterterrorist commandoes drawn from all the services, its men are angry about widely reported accusations that they failed in a critical pre-rescue mission and that their failure cost the lives of others. The charges are that Delta Force suffered six dead and 22 wounded in a secret effort to take the Port Salinas airport prior to the arrival of the main U.S. force on Grenada. Critics say that alerted the Cubans there, who greeted U.S. Rangers parachuting in on Oct. 25 with withering anti-aircraft fire. (Dr. Richard Gabriel: "They were dropped in to seize the airhead, a mission for which they're not trained. Anyway, they failed to do it. They were discovered. As a consequence, the Rangers couldn't land on the runway, they had to make an unplanned parachute drop.") Sources within the Delta Force claim Gabriel and other critics are way off the mark. They say the Delta Force hit Grenada at the same time the Rangers did, not before -- some in fact in the same aircraft. Only one man attached to the unit was killed, Capt. Keith Lucas, as he ferried Delta Force members in a Blackhawk helicopter. His passengers were saved. But Delta Force did have some problems. At least part of the unit was late, and once at the airport they were held down because Cuban resistance was so fierce. Delta Force members say they were not provided information widely available in the intelligence community about a strong Cuban anti-aircraft capability at the airport -- one reinforced just before the U.S. invasion. U.S. intelligence sources admit the CIA had a problem on that score: an agent who left the island at just the wrong time. (ABC-5)

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Brokaw: Specialist Fourth Class Shawn Lutina was one of the American soldiers who died as a result of wounds received in the invasion of Grenada. You may recall that yesterday President Reagan recalled that, as he lay dying, Lutina told his father that the sacrifice was worth it, and -- in his words -- Hell, yes, he would do it again. But today the White House confirmed that Lutina was killed by so-called friendly fire from U.S. Navy fighter jets and said that Mr. Reagan presumably knew that at the time. (NBC-6)

ABC's George Will comments that the whole country has made too much of Grenada. It's been used as an excuse for saying America's back and standing tall, that the Vietnam syndrome has been put aside and that we're prepared again to play our role as a superpower. That's untrue for two reasons: First of all, listen to the stress placed on the rescue of the students. The Administration still doesn't want to call it an invasion, which it manifestly was. That means, had there been no American students there, we presumably would acquiesce in the establishment of yet another Soviet satellite in this hemisphere. Second, it came immediately after Beirut, which was a far more significant event. American prestige and power was committed and irregular militia drove the United States offshore, practically into the sea. (ABC-6)

NICARAGUA

Jennings: The State Department confirms today that Nicaragua appears to be in the process of getting a new shipment of military supplies, but they say the U.S. has no indication the shipment includes high-performance Eastern bloc aircraft. Nicaragua itself denied that the cases, which are being unloaded from a Bulgarian freighter in the port of El Bluff, contain Soviet-built MiG fighters. (ABC-8)

LEBANON

CBS's Larry Pentaque says four Lebanese employees of the AP were released after the intervention of the main Shi'ite militia, Amal. The kidnap victims say they don't know who took them or why, but their captors did ask the men about their jobs with the AP. The kidnapping comes at a time of increased concern about Americans in Beirut. (CBS-2, ABC-7)

CHEMICAL CONTAMINATION

ABC's Ann Compton: For years the EPA has studied what to do about waste and chemical runoffs threatening the ground water that supplies drinking water to half the country. But environmentalists are alarmed that the EPA admits in a draft report the government has checked only 200 of 5,000 of the most dangerous threats: toxic waste sites. (Bill Drayton, environmental activist: "As study after study makes clear -- government studies -- that the job is not being done. People are not being protected as a result.") Earlier this month, the Senate killed the Safe Drinking Water Act, which would have put the

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Compton (continued): EPA and local governments on a five-year timetable to track 70 chemicals. That legislation will be back in January along with a new study that shows tap water is increasingly contaminated. (Dr. Paula Stone: "At the moment, we only know what we're looking for, and we're beginning to look for it more and more. We are beginning to find it more and more." John Skinner, EPA: "We have a process underway that's attempting to deal with the problem that we're focusing our attention on these facilities. Where we find contamination, we will require that that contamination be abated and be eliminated.") The environmentalists still charge the government with wholesale failure to enforce existing laws and say millions of Americans cannot assume their water supplies are safe. (ABC-12)

ETHIOPIA

NBC's John Cochran: Some help has arrived, and these Ethiopians will not starve. But it may take the biggest food relief program in history to feed another 6 million people hit by drought and famine. Last year, the United States provided \$53 million in food assistance, but it's still only a fraction of what is needed. The U.S. has plenty of surplus grain -- enough to feed Ethiopia's hungry -- and in most of Africa, America has been generous. In pro-Western, democratic Senegal, the United States not only provided food, but helped distribute it, a difficult task in remote areas of Africa. Again, in Mozambique, the U.S. came to rescue and politics seemed to play no part. Mozambique, after all, is a Marxist country. But at the prospect of American help, Mozambique promised Washington not to provide military bases for the Soviets -- to stay neutral. Ethiopia is also a Marxist country. But it is not neutral. It is openly pro-Moscow, and last year the Reagan Administration wanted to stop food grants to Ethiopia. But Congress insisted on feeding at least some of the starving. The Reagan Administration says it did not play politics, that its reluctance to provide food was the fault of the Ethiopian government, which seemed unconcerned about its people. The government spent \$200 million on celebrating a Marxist anniversary. It also seemed to care little about getting food to dangerous areas where guerrillas are fighting government troops. But both the Ethiopian and American governments now realize a tragedy is unfolding and both now seem willing to work together. The Reagan Administration has more than doubled its assistance this month, and State Department officials are holding daily crisis meetings. The man in charge of the program could not resist taking a shot at Ethiopia's ally, the Soviets. (M. Peter McPhereson: "We just don't understand why the Soviets can't respond more. It almost seems like callous indifference to be providing billions of dollars in military assistance to this country, and nothing for practical purposes in terms of food.") The Reagan Administration still refuses to distribute food directly to Ethiopia. It relies on private groups like the Catholic Relief Organization to do that. But a Catholic relief official says Western governments must also help get the food to the needy. (Kenneth Hackett: "But the voluntary agencies, or the non-governmental agencies cannot solve the problem by themselves.") If relations between communist Ethiopia and Washington improve, then

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Cochran (continued): the U.S and other Western governments may provide not only food but the transportation and workers to distribute it. All sides will have to forget politics and remember what is at stake. (TV Coverage: Close up of a smiling child.)

Brokaw: Last year, the United States gave less aid to Ethiopia than did Canada and Western Europe combined, but the United States did give four times more than the Soviet Union. (NBC-4)

CENSUS

Rather reports the Census Bureau will start counting robots in January so that the bureau can keep tabs on automation and other industry trends. (CBS-6)

THE SHOOTING OF POPE JOHN PAUL II

CBS's Richard Roth reports an Italian judge has decided there is now evidence to convince a jury that the gunman who shot Pope John Paul II did not act alone. CBS News has learned the judge tomorrow will formally issue new criminal indictments in the case, setting the stage for a full-court trial of the so-called Bulgarian connection. Sources say seven men will be charged with complicity in the attack on the Pope. (CBS-Lead)

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EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

ENDORSEMENTS

Reagan Has Earned Second Term -- "Leadership, without doubt, is the most important contribution among many that Mr. Reagan has made to American life....The Birmingham News believes Ronald Reagan has turned the country in the direction it needs to go to broaden prosperity, improve the quality of life of all Americans, restore standards of performance and self-confidence as well as improve the nation's military security to the point necessary to ensure a real peace. We urge Alabama voters to examine the President's record, both his successes and mistakes, and judge whether his leadership is vital to our continued progress. We believe it is and recommend his reelection."

(Birmingham (Ala.) News, 10/21)

President Reagan Deserves Re-election -- "Stability in the White House is essential, and President Ronald Reagan has been symbolic of an American commander who believes in and stands for the principles of a nation whose people cherish freedom and the opportunity to live the American dream. President Reagan is symbolic of this nation's past and its hope for the future. He has rekindled the American spirit. He deserves another term in the White House." (Catahoula News-Booster, Jonesville, La., Concordia Sentinel, Ferriday, La., Franklin Sun, Winnsboro, La., 10/18)

The Presidency -- "The past four years, the recession notwithstanding, constitutes one of the most vital periods in recent American history -- a time of national recovery and renewal. The American people themselves are partly responsible. So is a president named Ronald Reagan....In our judgment, his achievements entitle him to a second term in the White House....No one, least of all Reagan, would call his record perfect. For one thing, the federal deficit is too large. Nor has Reagan always been well-served by his staff and political allies. In the main, though, Americans 'are' better off than they were when Reagan succeeded Carter. America itself is better off. 'Four more years' is more than a political slogan. It is the space needed to complete work in progress, to do new things that need doing for a country newly proud of its values, traditions and opportunities." (Dallas Morning News, 10/14)

ELECTION

It's Not Quite Over Yet...Another Suicide Attack Could Turn It Around -- "The killing of the Marines is still the most volatile factor in the election. If the Islamic fanatics pull another Beirut, and they're just liable to, Reagan could find himself trying to straighten out the record, with damn little time left to do it in."

(Adrian Lee, Philadelphia Daily News, 10/25)

EUROPEAN REACTION

Rooting for Ron -- "Skeptical at first, European leaders have come to respect Reagan's steadfastness, and to find it a welcome change from the confusion and naivete of the Carter-Mondale years. And this goes not only for the leaders of conservative governments, but for the heads of socialist governments." (Dallas Morning News, 10/25)

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THE SECOND PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

The Second Debate -- Armageddon -- "Mr. Reagan may well have been only engaging in 'philosophical discussions' when he made those comments (about Armageddon). Nonetheless we would feel a lot better about the whole thing if the man whose finger is on the nuclear button had not referred to the Soviet Union as an 'evil empire' (a characterization Mr. Reagan declined to retract Sunday night) and if his thoughts did not run so frequently to that final biblical day when the forces of good rise up to destroy the forces of evil." (St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 10/25)

Debate Postscript -- "With all hands still floundering around in the aftermath of various debates, I was surprised to hear what I trust is a minority opinion that 'debaters' should be scrapped altogether. I can't imagine anyone thinking that this year's version of political debates was satisfactory in either form or content; on the other hand, they are easily the most concrete and helpful form of campaigning known to late 20th century America." (Molly Ivins, Dallas Times Herald, 10/24)

What a President Knows -- "By all odds, the key national security matter demanding presidential attention concerns nuclear arms....If the debate gives us no hard answers, it raises hard questions, focuses attention on issues that matter and examines the nature of presidential leadership. That's a good night's work." (Baltimore Sun, 10/23)

C.I.A.

Danger for the C.I.A. -- "If, as a result of all this (questioning of C.I.A. activity), the public should again lose confidence in the C.I.A., the agency may well lose its confidence in itself, leading to a repetition of the unwillingness of the professionals to take the risks associated with good espionage. That could be a disaster for intelligence on terrorism in Beirut and on everything else."

(Stansfield Turner, Baltimore Evening Sun, 10/25)

GRENADA

The Meaning of Grenada -- "The entire Grenada caper was wrapped in layers of unreality. The Reagan advisers who carried it off dared not speak openly about the real intentions, or the real effects, of their long-planned liquidation of a left-wing side-show in the Caribbean. For those hard-liners, the invasion signified a willingness to use force -- at least in this hemisphere and at least when the odds were stacked in favor of success. The invasion of Grenada was a meaningless bluff to Assad. It did nothing to solve the strategic and political problems the Reaganites have created in Central America. But it has been an undisputed triumph of public relations." (Boston Globe, 10/25)