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(Baltimore Sun, Washington Post, Washington Times, UPI)

A Rebel Says CIA Pledged Help in War Against Sandinistas -- A senior director of the largest Nicaraguan rebel force says the CIA recruited him to serve as a director two years ago and told him, "We are going to help you change the Government in Managua and do it within a year."

(New York Times)

NATIONAL NEWS

Mondale Criticizes Reagan's Remark on Ferraro -- Walter Mondale, angered by President Reagan's criticism, sprang to the defense of his running mate and said she is better qualified for her job than Reagan was when he was elected to his.

(Washington Post, Washington Times, UPI)

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INTERNATIONAL NEWSGANDHI'S SON SWORN IN

NEW DELHI -- Clashes erupted between Hindus and Sikhs within hours of the assassination of PM Gandhi as the government moved quickly to establish a sense of political continuity in the world's largest democracy and second most populous nation. Rajiv Gandhi, 40, was unanimously elected at an emergency Cabinet meeting to succeed her and was sworn in by President Zail Singh, himself a Sikh. Rajiv Gandhi quickly issued an appeal for calm. (P.P. Balachandran, Washington Post, A1)

India Seen Facing Era of Uncertainty

While uncertainty offers opportunities for superpower interference, specialists said they expect India's relations with the U.S. and the Soviet Union to remain largely unchanged in the foreseeable future. In the view of some analysts and U.S. Government officials, Gandhi's assassination may move India over the long term away from close relations with the Soviet Union and toward improved ties with the U.S., as her absence makes possible the rise to power of a less confrontational and more pragmatic generation of politicians. (Daniel Southerland, Washington Post, A1)

Reagan Visits Indian Embassy

President Reagan briefly visited a somber and subdued Indian Embassy to convey personal condolences on the death of PM Gandhi, telling Indian Ambassador Shankar Bajpai that "no words can express" his feelings. (Caryle Murphy, Washington Post, A30)

U.S. Voices Dismay; Closer Ties Sought

The Reagan Administration reacted with shock and dismay to the assassination of Gandhi, which came only a few weeks after President Reagan ordered a more forthcoming U.S. attitude toward India in an attempt to improve bilateral relations. In a secret National Security Council directive several weeks ago, according to official sources, Reagan authorized new bilateral discussions with India in an attempt to break a logjam over sales of American high technology with potential military application. A U.S. team headed by State Department officials is expected to visit New Delhi, probably this month, to begin these talks.

(Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A1)

Shultz Heads Delegation to Gandhi Funerals

Secretary Shultz headed the American delegation to India to honor Indira Gandhi. Both Reagan and Shultz visited Ambassador Bajpai at the Indian Embassy to personally deliver their condolences. "The United States denounces this despicable act," Shultz said. "President Reagan and Prime Minister Gandhi shared a strong determination to continue the struggle against terrorism." (Michael Myers, UPI)

U.S. Fears Assassination May Bring Chaos in India, Rivalry in South Asia

The assassination of PM Gandhi has opened a bleak possibility: that India may fly apart internally and become increasingly the catalyst for regional and global rivalries. That may not happen, a U.S. diplomat said, but "it is awesome to think of the extent to which she dominated India. And how untested her son is as a leader. There is a vacuum, and we don't know who is going to fill it. Anything could develop."

(Analysis by Henry Trewhitt, Baltimore Sun, A1)

Indians in U.S. React to Killing

As news of Gandhi's assassination and subsequent rioting in India reached Washington, some Sikh leaders hailed her death as "justice" while others voiced fear that the murder will provoke more sectarian violence. Other Indian leaders expressed sorrow and called for "calm and dignity."

(Caryle Murphy, Washington Post, A31)

Murder of Gandhi Puts India in Crisis

Vengeance killings of Sikhs by members of the country's predominant Hindu religion were reported all over India, as the country braced for an outburst of communal violence. (Russell Howe, Washington Times, A1)

SANDINISTAS BEGIN TALKS WITH OPPOSITION

MANAGUA -- The Sandinista front opened a "national dialogue" with opposition political parties, unions and business groups in an effort to resolve their differences over political and economic policy. The meeting lasted five hours and was scheduled to resume Thursday morning. Participants agreed on most arrangements for continuing the talks, although a dispute was left unresolved over whether to permit one of the conservative parties to participate.

(Robert McCartney, Washington Post, A32)

Nicaraguans Open National Dialogue

In San Jose, Costa Rica, U.S. Ambassador Curtin Winsor called Nicaragua's planned elections a "farce" and warned they will not help bring a peaceful solution to Central America's problems.

(Nancy Nusser, UPI)

DEFENSE MINISTRY SAYS U.S. SPY PLANE CREATED SONIC BOOM

MANAGUA -- The Defense Ministry said a U.S. spy plane flew over Managua creating a sonic boom that sparked reports from civilians that the capital had been bombed. An army spokesman also said the incursion signaled that the U.S. was preparing an invasion of Nicaragua following the anticipated reelection of President Reagan. The U.S. has denied any plans for an invasion. There was no immediate comment from U.S.

Embassy officials concerning the charges that the plane belonged to the U.S. (Oswaldo Bonilla, UPI)

INDIAN REBEL REPORTS AGREEMENT

BOSTON -- The Nicaraguan government has agreed to free Indian political prisoners and consider self-government for the country's Indian population after talks in the U.S. with rebels, The Boston Globe reported in a story prepared for Thursday's election. Brooklyn Rivera, 33, leader of a jungle-based Miskito Indian guerrilla army of about 1,200 men known as Misurasa, disclosed the agreement after a 12-day tour through Indian villages in Nicaragua under the protection of the government, the Globe said in a dispatch from Managua. (AP)

A REBEL SAYS CIA PLEDGED HELP IN WAR AGAINST SANDINISTAS

A senior director of the largest Nicaraguan rebel force says the CIA recruited him to serve as a director two years ago and told him, "We are going to help you change the Government in Managua and do it within a year." The officer asserted that the CIA paid his family's expenses for more than a year and coached him and other rebel leaders on what to say in public so they would not anger members of Congress, who had to approve financing for the contras. In interviews at his home in Key Biscayne, Fla., Edgar Chamorro, one of the seven directors of the Nicaraguan Democratic Force, gave a detailed description of the relationship between the group and the CIA. Chamorro said he was willing to tell the story now, contrary to orders he and other rebel officers had received from the CIA, partly because he now believes the U.S. is not likely to renew aid to the rebels. (Joel Brinkley, New York Times, A1)

NO REAL CHOICE IN NICARAGUAN ELECTION

MANAGUA -- Voting in Nicaragua scheduled for Sunday has changed from an election to measurement of popular support for the ruling FSLN as the result of the withdrawal of virtually the entire non-left opposition. There is no doubt that Daniel Ortega will be elected president and Sergio Ramirez Mercado will be elected vice president.

(Jay Mallin, Washington Times, A5)

U.S. ISSUES DOCUMENT ON LATIN DRILLS

The Air Force has issued accounting instructions to personnel involved in two major exercises in Central America during the current fiscal year, according to an internal Air Force document. The document, which provides accounting codes for personnel who are deployed on Big Pine 3 or Granadero 2, appears to conflict with Pentagon statements last week that such exercises had not even reached the planning stage with the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Pentagon officials said the Air Force document shows that such exercises are being contemplated but not that they have been finally approved. The Pentagon also took issue with two other assertions in a recent Washington Post report on future Central American exercises. U.S. soldiers will not exercise "along" the Honduran-Salvadoran border, as the report said, but will respect at least a five-mile buffer zone at all times, Defense Department officials said. In addition, the Pentagon said that an imminent U.S.-Salvadoran exercise called King's Guard will not involve U.S. ground forces, as the report implied, but will be a naval exercise aimed at stopping arms traffic to Salvadoran rebels.

(Fred Hiatt, Washington Post, A33)

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U.N. ARRANGES NEW ISRAELI-LEBANESE TALKS

UNITED NATIONS -- Israel and Lebanon agreed to open negotiations next Monday on security arrangements for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from southern Lebanon, the U.N. announced. The "conference of military representatives," convened by Secretary General Perez de Cuellar, will take place at the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon headquarters in the border town of Naquora, the U.N. said.

(Michael Berlin, Washington Post, A35)

STATE DEFENDS PEACE PLAN:
U.S. ENVOY TO ISRAEL CRITICAL OF TIMING

The State Department defended President Reagan's 1982 Mideast peace plan against criticism by the U.S. ambassador to Israel, who called the timing of the plan "abysmal." Lewis also said Reagan wasn't fully committed to the 1978 Camp David accords negotiated by President Carter. State Department spokesman Hughes said, "President Reagan is deeply committed to the peace process in the various ramifications that we have traditionally outlined....There are aspects of his (Lewis') remarks that are troubling to people in Washington."

(Washington Post, A35)

ALLIES' WEAPONS SAID TO BE INADEQUATE
TO THREAT OF NEW SOVIET MISSILE POWER

America's European allies are inept developers of weapons and have failed to pay sufficient attention to the threat posed by new, more accurate Soviet intermediate-range nuclear missiles, the Pentagon's weapons chief charged. Richard DeLauer, undersecretary of defense for research and engineering, warned that the new, upgraded models of those Soviet SS-21, SS-22 and SS-23 missiles have accuracies making it possible to hit within 30 meters of a target. In a luncheon meeting with editors of The Washington Times, DeLauer also indicated that particle beams, generated by extremely high energy electrical charges, may be nearing a technical breakthrough as possible weapons for President Reagan's proposed "star wars" space-based defense. The under secretary accused newsmen in general of overemphasizing the failings of weapons developers and not reporting the complete picture. (Walter Andrews, Washington Times, A3)

GLEMP DECLARES POLAND 'IN MOURNING'

WARSAW -- Cardinal Glemp declared that the killing of Rev. Popieluszko "had plunged society into deep mourning." Leading opposition activists called for the formation of a network of human rights committees to monitor abuses by the communist authorities.

(Bradley Graham, Washington Post, A37)

SOLIDARITY WARNS AGAINST "COVER-UP" IN PRIEST'S DEATH

WARSAW -- A Solidarity leader warned the government against a "cover-up" in its investigation of a popular anti-state priest's death, saying the nation's mood of subdued grief could quickly turn to anger. Solidarity spokesman Janusz Dnyszkiewicz called on the government to "really find out who was behind the plot." Government spokesman Jerzy Urban said the abduction was part of a conspiracy against the government that extended beyond the three policy agents charged with the crime.

(Bogdan Turek, UPI)

SOVIETS PRESS JAPAN TO CUT U.S. ARMS TIE

TOKYO -- A member of a visiting Soviet parliamentary delegation called on Japan to reduce its military relations with the U.S. as a means of fostering peace in northeast Asia. Communist Party Central Committee member Vagim Zagladin, at a press conference, also invited Japanese companies to help develop natural resources along the new Baikal-Amur railway in Siberia. A Japanese Foreign Ministry source said Moscow's decision to send such a delegation suggested a high priority for improvement in ties. But he said the visit has revealed no basic changes in the Soviet position. (John Burgess, Washington Post, A32)

OPEC BELIEVES ITS CURBS ON PRODUCTION WILL PUSH UP OIL PRICES

GENEVA -- OPEC oil ministers say their 9% cutback in daily oil production will push up prices on the world market, but two U.S. oil companies and America's energy secretary disagree. Industry specialists said it was the first time non-OPEC producers were officially cooperating with the cartel, but noted it remains to be seen whether the notoriously undisciplined OPEC members will stick rigidly to lower output quotas. Secretary Hodel said the OPEC decision "may not have its intended impact on world oil production and prices." (John Callcott, UPI)

EDITOR'S NOTE: An advertisement, by six conservation groups, titled, "President Reagan: Don't Sell Out the Whales!: State Dept., Caving in to Japanese Demands, Seeks to Abandon U.S. Leadership in Conservation," appears on page A5 of The Washington Times.

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NATIONAL NEWS**REAGAN LEAVING FOR LAST HURRAH;
AIDES ARE RELIEVED, SAD**

When Ronald Reagan starts out on the last campaign swing of his presidency, he will be lifting the final curtain on a remarkable political drama that has been playing to approving audiences and confounding the critics for nearly 20 years. As usual, Reagan and his cast have high hopes that they have another hit on their hands. But their jubilation is dampened by the realization that Reagan, after Tuesday, will never again take the campaign stage in his own behalf.

(Lou Cannon, Washington Post, A1)

Reagan Launched 'Last Hurrah' Campaign Push

President Reagan, whose strategists are predicting a landslide victory, embarks on a final five-day swing with stops in 10 states before his campaign blitz ends in his adopted home state, California. Reagan appears ebullient in launching his "last hurrah" political charge and is replenishing the opportunity to widen his lead against Mondale. Today, he will revel in stumping the heart of Speaker O'Neill's district in front of City Hall in Boston.

(Helen Thomas, UPI)

MONDALE HAILS INNER HARBOR

BALTIMORE -- Walter Mondale, in a visit that climaxed the final effort by Maryland Democrats to overcome President Reagan's perceived lead among state voters, drew a large and boisterous crowd to this city's downtown showpiece and hailed Baltimore's revitalization as an example of a Democratic administration's commitment to rebuild the nation's cities. The candidate, speaking with the glittering Inner Harbor as a backdrop, told a crowd of about 8,000 that the kind of urban face lift that has transformed "a city going downhill" into "a city on the move" can only be done in partnership with the federal government, a reference to help provided by President Carter. Mondale reminded the audience that on the day after Reagan visited the same harbor three weeks ago and pledged support for dredging the channel, his Administration threatened to veto a spending measure if it contained the harbor dredging funds.

(Tom Kenworthy and Alison Muscatine, Washington Post, A1)

Mondale Encouraged by Cheering Crowds

Walter Mondale, struggling against the pundits and the polls, pleaded with enthusiastic crowds for a return to a time in which Americans "take care of each other." Mondale declared "the Republicans are starting to look scared" as he flayed President Reagan for his urban policies: "When it comes to American cities, Mr. Reagan gives hypocrisy a bad name." As he repeated his familiar themes of fairness, arms control and justice, he charged the President learned most of what he knows in Hollywood and confuses what he sees on the screen with reality.

(Alan McConagha, Washington Times, A1)

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Mondale Uses Inner Harbor as Symbol

Mondale's visit was the high-point of a week in which Democrats are making a sustained drive to prevent Republicans from seizing the state for President Reagan. (Fraser Smith and John Frece, Baltimore Sun, A1).

BUSH CAMPAIGN

Vice President Bush, campaigning before a large Halloween night crowd, said that programs espoused by Mondale are "very scary" and that the Democratic challenger's "favorite game is to play trick or trick." Addressing upwards of 1,000 people in a sweltering hall in Suffolk County, N.Y., Bush said Mondale and Ferraro "have nothing to offer the American people but fear itself." Earlier in Corning, N.Y., Bush shrugged off harsh criticism from political commentators and said he is more interested in polls showing him beating Ferraro than in anything written by columnists. (Terence Hunt, AP)

CORNING, N.Y. -- While campaigning in deep Dixie earlier this week, Mr. Bush told voters the Reagan Administration needs friendly congressmen. But as the Vice President moves through the Midwest and into the North, he is hardening that line. Mr. Bush wants more Republican congressmen on Capitol Hill. The hardening of the Bush line says anyone who votes in the Democratic caucus is dangerous to the Reagan recovery program, although nearly 30 so-called "boll weevils" supported the Reagan economic package.

(Don McLeod, Washington Times, A2)

HIGH SPIRIT MAINTAINED BY FERRARO'S CAMPAIGN

KENOSHA, Wis. -- Although all portents point to Ferraro & Co. winding up at the bottom of a landslide in next Tuesday's general election, her campaign continues its high-stepping strut toward the finish line -- a chipper "death march," as one aide put it. Except for occasional snatches of gallows humor, it is impossible to tell from the behavior of Ferraro and her staff that the Democrats are trailing from 12 to 24 percentage points in major polls.

(Rick Atkinson, Washington Post, A5)

Ferraro Scores at Northwestern U.

EVANSTON, Ill. -- Geraldine Ferraro ran into the "Gerry Generation" at Northwestern University, where she told the cheering crowd they had put to rest the notion that "young people don't care about others." The school's gymnasium was packed with students holding signs and banners that proclaimed their support for the Democratic ticket. After one anti-abortion protester stopped Ferraro's speech, she said choice on abortion was "the law of the land." (Stephanie Nall, Washington Times, A2)

FERRARO FIGHTS TO HOLD DEMOCRATS' BASE;
BUSH TRIES TO AID OTHER GOP CANDIDATES

Ferraro is spending much of her time in states that should be, but this year may not be, the heart of the Democrats' strength. With the Republicans enjoying an overwhelming lead in the polls, Mr. Bush is crisscrossing the country trying to pull some struggling GOP congressional candidates onto the Reagan-Bush bandwagon.

(Ellen Hume and Jeffrey Birnbaum, Wall Street Journal, A64).

ETHICS PANEL MEETING ON FERRARO DELAYED BY ELECTION WEEK ABSENCES

At least two Republican members of the House ethics committee are ready to vote in favor of an official finding that Geraldine Ferraro has violated parts of the Ethics in Government Act by filing incomplete or inaccurate financial disclosure forms, The Washington Times has learned. Meanwhile, the Times has also learned that the committee tried to call a closed meeting for Thursday or Friday, presumably to deal with the Ferraro matter, but the committee was unable to get a quorum because of the national elections Tuesday. "If George Hansen goes to jail and Geraldine Ferraro does not, it will be a travesty of justice," said the top aide to one Republican member of the panel.

(Thomas Brandt, Washington Times, A2)

REAGAN SAYS FERRARO SELECTION 'WASN'T THAT BIG A MOVE'

President Reagan suggested in an interview published Wednesday that Geraldine Ferraro was picked as Walter Mondale's running mate not because of her qualifications but because of her gender, and added that her selection "wasn't that big a move." Mondale responded that Ferraro "is far better prepared for her position than Mr. Reagan was when he was elected. But more than that, she is a very bright person who applies herself and learns every day. No one has ever accused this President of ever applying himself or understanding issues that a President must understand...." Ferraro said she had demonstrated her capabilities during a three-month campaign and during her debate with Vice President Bush. On other topics, Reagan said he was "not going to let myself be bothered" by the political endorsement of Jesse Helms by ambassadors the President has appointed. Reagan also said "I am not going to panic" about the deficit.

(David Hoffman, Washington Post, A10)

Reagan Thanks Staff, Derides Ferraro Pick

President Reagan gave a final pep talk to the staff and volunteers at Reagan-Bush '84 headquarters and thanked them for their hard work on the eve of his final drive toward a second term in the White House. "I know the long hours that many of you have put in, and I know some of you were up all night working," the President told his support team. "And I can only tell you that, if I could manage it, I would schedule a Cabinet meeting so we could all go over and take a nap together." In an interview with the editors of the Hearst newspapers, the President said the selection of Ferraro "looked to too many people" as if Mondale wanted a woman running mate regardless of qualifications.

(Jeremiah O'Leary, Washington Times, A1)

Mondale Criticizes Reagan's Remark on Ferraro

BUFFALO -- Walter Mondale, angered by President Reagan's criticism, sprang to the defense of his running mate and said she is better qualified for her job than Reagan was when he was elected to his. "I picked her because she's the best," Mondale said at an impromptu airport news conference in Baltimore. "I picked her because she has the capacity to be a superb vice president and president." Mondale also took a swipe at Reagan's running mate. "There is a character flaw in Mr. Bush," Mondale said. "He has not once, but three times, made snide remarks about Geraldine Ferraro. It had to be deliberate. And he didn't have the character to apologize."

(David Lawsky, UPI)

GOP AIMS TO STRETCH REAGAN'S LEAD INTO NEW 'WORKING MAJORITY' ON HILL

The national Republican Party is throwing the full weight of its money, manpower and advertising into a final-stretch drive to translate President Reagan's commanding lead in the presidential race into the kind of congressional sweep the party won four years ago. This coattail-stretching operation will play out over the next five days in the scheduling of campaign stops by Reagan and Vice President Bush, in direct mailings, in advertising and in a general shift of message that could strengthen Reagan's hand in Congress during a second term.

(Helen Dewar and Margaret Shapiro, Washington Post, A1)

NCPAC SWITCHES TACTICS IN FALL CAMPAIGN EFFORT

NCPAC, the bad boy of American politics during the last two elections, has switched tactics this fall. Gone are the "hit lists" of liberal House and Senate members that made NCPAC famous. And the massive negative advertising campaigns against targeted liberals have all but disappeared. Instead, NCPAC is spending the bulk of the \$14M it has raised in the last two years on positive advertising to get President Reagan reelected. It has launched an "American Heroes for Reagan" campaign, a voter-registration drive among conservatives and a "blacks for Reagan" program. However, NCPAC has not abandoned the hard-hitting negative attacks that made it one of the most controversial groups in American politics. The headline of a NCPAC brochure prepared for distribution in black communities, for example, says: "Walter Mondale wants to keep you in your place; Ronald Reagan wants you to own your place."

(Bill Peterson, Washington Post, A7)

DEBATE FOCUSES ON THE HEALTH OF MEDICARE

Speaker O'Neill and Minority Leader Michel put aside their long friendship and clashed over what a reelected President Reagan might do to Medicare, with O'Neill renewing a Democratic charge that he would propose big cuts in the program. Michel used unusually sharp language in responding, calling O'Neill "a flim-flam man" who "demeans the House of Representatives." Their exchange underscored what has become a major issue in the campaign: whether either party will move next year to rein in the big health insurance plan for the elderly and disabled, which last year paid \$57B toward the hospital and doctor bills of almost one-seventh of the population.

(Spencer Rich, Washington Post, A4)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS POINT TO A SLOWDOWN

The government's chief measure of future economic activity, after declining for three consecutive months, rose a modest 0.4% in September, the Commerce Department reported. The turnaround in the Index of Leading Economic Indicators provides evidence that an economic slowdown is more likely than a recession, government and private economists said. At the White House, the new report was greeted with enthusiasm. The Administration, however, found little to cheer about in two other September reports released Wednesday -- a 1.8% decline in factory orders and a \$12.6B merchandise trade deficit, the second-highest monthly trade deficit on record.

(Marc Lerner, Washington Times, A1)

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ATTORNEY GENERAL SMITH IS CITED FOR CONTEMPT

A Senate Judiciary subcommittee cited Attorney General Smith for contempt of Congress for failing to produce internal Justice Department records about its investigation, closed without action in 1981, into whether General Dynamics Corp. submitted fraudulent cost-overrun claims to the Navy during the 1970s. The contempt citation, signed by Sen. Grassley in the name of the Judiciary subcommittee on administrative practice and procedure, is not legally valid until it is approved by the full Judiciary Committee and the Senate. (Patrick Tyler, Washington Post, A15)

Attorney General Smith Cited for Contempt of Congress

A Justice Department spokesman called the action "terribly disturbing," stressing top department officials had "on numerous occasions" attempted to explain that releasing the files would jeopardize a new grand jury inquiry into the company." James Hamilton, a constitutional law expert, testified that the courts have never restricted Congress from seeing non-grand jury files, but a top Justice Department official said the department historically has kept them secret.

(Gregory Gordons, UPI)

Senate Panel Accuses Justice of Contempt

Sen. Grassley told the subcommittee he was taking the step with some reluctance but said he had given the attorney general and other high Justice Department officials every opportunity to explain why they closed an investigation of \$500M in claims filed with the Navy Department by General Dynamics. The Justice Department had been "arrogant" in its refusal to produce the records subpoenaed by his judiciary subcommittee, the senator said.

(Clark Mollenhoff, Washington Times, A3)

RECRUITS' QUALITY AT NEW HIGH

The U.S. military attracted more high-quality people than ever during the last fiscal year, as recruitment and reenlistment improved despite an upswing in the economy, the Defense Department announced. Lawrence Korb, assistant secretary of defense for manpower, reserve affairs and logistics, said that, for the first time, more than 90% of recruits in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines were high school graduates.

(Fred Hiatt, Washington Post, A16)

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT PROBES HUD HOUSING GRANTS

The Justice Department is investigating allegations of fraud, conflict of interest and conspiracy in the awarding of federal grants to build housing for the elderly and handicapped, a House subcommittee chairman said. Rep. Bonker (D.-Wash.), who heads the House Aging subcommittee on housing, said the probe is based on a sealed summary of allegations provided to the FBI by the GAO. John Luke of the GAO told the panel that HUD violated its own rules against allowing ties between corporate developers and the nonprofit sponsors of housing for the elderly.

(Howard Kurtz, Washington Post, A11)

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NEWS FROM THE STATES

7,500 TO 10,000 EXPECTED AT IOWA RALLY

WINTERSET, Iowa (UPI) -- Between 7,500 and 10,000 people are expected to flood the Madison County seat for President Reagan's visit Saturday afternoon, city chamber of commerce officials said Tuesday. John Reed, a chamber official, said tentative plans call for Air Force One to arrive at the Des Moines Municipal Airport shortly after noon, where President Reagan will board a helicopter for a ride to the Winterset airport.

Plans call for the president to address a rally on the northwest corner of the town square sometime between 1-1:30 p.m., Reed said, after which Reagan will ride in a motorcade to birthplace of actor John Wayne for a private tour.

KENTUCKY REAGAN CHAIRMAN PREDICTS WIN

LEXINGTON, Ky. (UPI) -- Citing new poll figures showing President Reagan ahead by more than 20 points in Kentucky, state campaign director Larry Forgy today offered a bet to the Walter Mondale campaign in Kentucky. Forgy said he sent a telegram to U.S. Sen. Wendell Ford, Mondale's Kentucky campaign chairman, betting that Reagan would carry the state by 100,000 votes or more. At stake is a country ham Forgy offered to fork over to the Democrats if he loses.

SEN. GLENN PREDICTS A DEMOCRATIC VICTORY

TOLEDO, Ohio (UPI) -- Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, Tuesday predicted a Mondale-Ferraro victory in Lucas County, but said the ticket will have an "uphill job" winning all of Ohio and the nation. "But I'm still confident this can be brought around," he said. "The polls have been wrong before."

PITTSBURGH POLL SHOWS PRESIDENT AHEAD

PITTSBURGH (UPI) -- President Reagan padded his lead in Pennsylvania by 12 percentage points in one week and would have carried the state by 20 points if the election had been held last weekend, a Pittsburgh Post-Gazette poll shows. The Pennsylvania Poll, conducted by the Post-Gazette Oct. 25-27 and published today, has Reagan leading Democrat Walter Mondale 58 percent to 38 percent among registered voters most likely to go to the polls.

The president shows an especially strong surge in the six-county Pittsburgh area in the seven-day period since the polling was last conducted, converting a 12-point deficit into a 12-point lead.

CHICAGO POLL SHOWS PRESIDENT AHEAD AMONG OLDER VOTERS

CHICAGO (UPI) -- A Chicago Tribune poll shows 55 percent of the voters over the age of 55 trust President Reagan and believe he has done an excellent or good job in office. Forty-one percent of the over 55 age voters said Democratic challenger Walter Mondale would do a good or excellent job. About 15 percent of those polled told the Tribune they were undecided or would vote for a third party candidate.

Noting voters over the age of 55 are an important factor in the election, the survey indicated over 90 percent of those polled intend to cast their ballots in the general election on Nov. 6.

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NEWS FROM THE STATES (continued)

POLL INDICATES REAGAN COATTAILS NOT VERY LONG

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (UPI) -- Although a poll of nine Southeastern states shows President Reagan with a 24 percentage point lead over Democratic challenger Walter Mondale, the same poll indicates GOP congressional candidates not doing as well. The survey of 794 voters by the Birmingham Post-Herald, published in Wednesday's edition, found that 46 percent of the voters in the Southeast say they will vote for the Democratic congressional candidate; 31 percent picked the Republican; and 23 percent said they don't know. In Alabama, the willingness to split the ticket is apparent in the race for the Senate, where incumbent Democrat Howell Heflin is facing Republican challenger Albert Lee Smith. Although the poll indicates Alabamians prefer Reagan 59-37 over Mondale, the same poll shows Heflin preferred by 57 percent of the respondents. Just 25 percent favor Smith and another 18 percent are undecided. In Alabama, 55 percent of those saying they will vote for Reagan also plan to vote for Heflin, D-Ala. In the Southeast as a whole, 33 percent of Reagan supporters plan to split their ticket.

JOAN MONDALE IN ATLANTA

ATLANTA (UPI) -- Joan Mondale urged a downtown Atlanta lunch crowd Wednesday to vote for her husband in next week's presidential election, saying he is "following in the footsteps of another Democrat -- Harry Truman." "He (Truman) came from behind and surprised everybody," said Mrs. Mondale, who disagreed with national opinion polls showing the president leading his challenger. The last statewide poll by the Mondale camp in Georgia was taken the night of the second debate and showed Reagan ahead by 10 points. Tracking polls since show a slight wavering of those figures, but with Reagan continuing to be in the lead.

NUNN CRITICIZES REAGAN, MONDALE

PORT WENTWORTH, Ga. (UPI) -- Sen. Sam Nunn says both President Reagan and Walter Mondale are missing the most important issue of the presidential election campaign -- the huge federal budget deficit.

SAGAN CRITICIZES STAR WARS PLAN

ST. LOUIS (UPI) -- Physicist Carl Sagan says the proposed \$1 trillion "Star Wars" defense system backed by President Reagan would be easily overcome by the Soviet Union. "Even if only a small fraction of the weapons were not destroyed, the United States still would be," said Sagan, adding the Soviets could overwhelm a "Star Wars" defense system by doubling their missile arsenal. Sagan is in the midst of a five-day tour to urge voters to support Democrat Walter Mondale in the presidential election. Sagan spoke to about 500 people Tuesday at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

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GOP VICTORIES PREDICTED IN MISSISSIPPI

JACKSON, Miss. (UPI) -- A visiting GOP congressional leader said Wednesday he looks for three of Mississippi's five seats in the U.S. House to be won by Republicans in next week's elections. The prediction was made by Rep. Mickey Edwards, R-Okla., during a campaign trip for Republican congressional hopeful David Armstrong.

CUOMO SAYS MONDALE HAS FIGHTING CHANCE

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (UPI) -- As the presidential race enters the home stretch, New York Gov. Mario Cuomo is reminding the state's voters that -- despite what the polls say -- Walter Mondale still has a fighting chance.

SEIBERLING CRITICIZES YOUTH JOBS BILL VETO

AKRON, Ohio (UPI) -- Rep. John Seiberling, D-Ohio, criticized President Reagan's decision to veto a youth jobs bill that Seiberling has fought for three years. The Akron Democrat said Reagan quotes Franklin D. Roosevelt, but fails to implement his policies. Seiberling's bill provided for an American Conservation Corps, similar to the New Deal's Civilian Conservation Corps.

MONDALE AIDE: U.S. SHOULD FORCE STEEL TO HELP MILLS

HARRISBURG, Pa. (UPI) -- The federal government should force steelmakers to modernize their mills as part of a recovery plan for the industry, an issues advisor to Democratic presidential hopeful Walter Mondale said Wednesday. "His (the president's) plan guarantees no relief for the industry. It requires no commitment from the steelmakers," said Ira Shapiro, a deputy issues advisor to Mondale and his running mate, Geraldine Ferraro.

DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN FEARS REAGAN SUPREME COURT

LOS ANGELES (UPI) -- Democratic Party Chairman Charles Manatt says a second term for President Reagan would result in a packing of the Supreme Court with jurists approved by Moral Majority Leader Jerry Falwell. Manatt said women and minorities would suffer setbacks in civil rights progress because a second term for Reagan could give him the opportunity to place as many as five justices on the Supreme Court.

Manatt, joined by Mayor Tom Bradley at a news conference, said Falwell's influence on the Reagan Administration is more than idle boasting.

JEWISH LEADER: REAGAN SHOULD DUMP FALWELL

ST. LOUIS (UPI) -- A Jewish leader harshly criticized President Reagan for giving his "support and blessing" to the growing influence of the Rev. Jerry Falwell and other ultra-conservatives in Republican politics. Henry Siegman, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, said Falwell and his Moral Majority represent a threat to the nation's minority religions.

NEWS FROM THE STATES (continued)

GALBRAITH ATTACKS BUDGET DEFICITS

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (UPI) -- Economist Kenneth Galbraith attacked the Reagan administration's budget deficits during a debate, but author William F. Buckley Jr. warned America cannot afford a Democratic president. The men squared off Tuesday night during a debate on "Is Strong Government Socially Desirable?" at Texas A&M University.

Galbraith, an internationally prominent economist with a long record of government service, attacked the Reagan administration, hammering hardest at what he termed "massive deficits." He called for a "return to sensible policies next week," by electing Walter Mondale.

CASPAR WEINBERGER DENIES HE'S A SUBSTITUTE FOR REAGAN

PITTSBURGH (UPI) -- The defense budget tips the scales at \$292.9 billion but Secretary Caspar Weinberger says the Reagan administration not striving towards military dominance. "We're not trying for military superiority we're trying to regain deterrent capability and after a decade of neglect in the 70's when our investment defense went down 20 percent," he said Tuesday in Pittsburgh.

Weinberger said he was not substituting for President Reagan, who has not appeared in Pittsburgh since April 1983, when he was greeted at a stop downtown by thousands of angry protesters, many of them unemployed steelworkers.

CAMPAIGN FOR OHIO'S 23 ELECTORAL VOTES GOES ON

COLUMBUS, Ohio (UPI) -- The battle for Ohio's 23 presidential electoral votes may well be over, even though the campaigning hasn't stopped. Republicans believe President Reagan leads Democratic challenger Walter Mondale by at least 15 percentage points, and has all but salted the election away. Only the bravest of Democrats is more optimistic than saying Mondale "has a chance," and that chance is hung on hopes of a repeat of 1948, when feisty Democrat Harry Truman upended unwary Republican Thomas Dewey.

ELECTION VIEWED AS CRUCIAL BY ENVIRONMENTALISTS

LANSING, Mich. (UPI) -- Leaders of Michigan's environmental movement are viewing the election of 1984 with a mixture of alarm and guarded optimism about the future. Many are alarmed at the prospects of a re-elected President Reagan, a man they view as having an unprecedented hostility toward environmental protection.

But they strongly endorse Proposal B on the state ballot that would lock up millions of dollars in state royalties from mineral leasing for the protection of environmentally fragile and recreationally valuable land. On the other hand, there is deep concern about the possible effects of passage of the tax-cutting Proposal C and uneasiness about the third measure on the ballot, Proposal A, which gives constitutional sanction to a legislative committee reviewing state rules.

NEWS FROM THE STATES (continued)

RACE FOR PRESIDENT CLOSE IN PA.

(UPI) -- In the high-stakes game of presidential politics, Walter Mondale has been cast in the role of a poker player trying, as one Republican campaign official puts it, to draw to an inside straight. Pennsylvania is one of the cards he desperately needs to win. And indications are the race in the Keystone State will be a close one. If Mondale fails in his bid to win the commonwealth, can he forget any chance of winning the whole shebang? In a word, acknowledged Mondale Pennsylvania campaign press secretary Maurice Murphy: "Yeah."

ARKANSAS AUDITOR PREDICTS MILLION WILL VOTE

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (UPI) -- State Auditor Julia Hughes Jones on Wednesday predicted 1 million Arkansans -- nearly half the state's population -- would vote Nov. 6. Jones, who as state auditor traditionally predicts voter turnout before every statewide election, said she based her estimate on successful, summertime voter registration drives, as well as a Nov. 6 ballot that will include a presidential race with the extra attraction of a woman on the ticket.

FORMER GOV. CLEMENTS SAYS FORECASTS OF LANDSLIDE 'MAKES ME TWITCH'

AUSTIN, Texas (UPI) -- Sen. John Tower and former Gov. Bill Clements said Wednesday that complacency on the part of independent and Republican Party voters is the greatest obstacle to a Reagan victory in Texas and the nation. The two Republicans will take that message across the state in the next three days in hopes of bolstering voter turnout and dispelling any notions that Reagan already has a victory sewn up.

"It makes me twitch. I would only remind everyone of the old adage, once burnt twice leery," Clements said. "And because of that I am highly skeptical of these polls. I've been there and I don't believe the polls."

VOTER TURNOUT COULD BE KEY TO TEXAS ELECTIONS

AUSTIN, Texas (UPI) -- One million Texans who have never been eligible to vote before could make the difference in Tuesday's elections, but voter turnout might be an even more critical factor for Democratic ticket leaders Walter Mondale and Lloyd Doggett. Texas Democrats are pinning their hopes for upsets in the presidential and U.S. Senate races on a heavy turnout of the state's record 7.7 million registered voters, especially among minorities.

Dwayne Holman, Texas manager of Mondale's campaign, says a Mondale win "depends on whether we can turn our vote out, and I think we can." But the Republican Party has also been heavily engaged in voter registration campaigns and confidently predict they will get their share of the newly registered voters.

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NEWS FROM THE STATES (continued)

L.A. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STOPS DEMO TV RESTRICTIONS

LOS ANGELES (UPI) -- The Board of Supervisors shot down an attempt by Democratic members to stop networks from conducting exit polls, which they claim may discourage California Democrats from voting if they think their presidential candidate is losing. The Republican majority on the Board of Supervisors Tuesday rejected the bid by Supervisor Ed Edleman to bar local television stations from conducting "snap tallies" at polling places.

FROM THE NEW YORK CENTER FOR THE STRANGE:

NEW YORK (UPI) -- A Halloween Eve survey of America's wickedest witches Tuesday predicted President Reagan will win the election, break dancing will take Russia by storm and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger will win acclaim as a standup comedian. Lewis Scott, opinion director of the New York Center for the Strange, said its scarcely scientific survey of notorious crones has, in the past, correctly predicted Richard Nixon's resignation, the Arab oil embargo and the success of Boy George.

ALABAMA INMATES PICK REAGAN

TALLADEGA, Ala. (UPI) -- Most polls show President Reagan leading Walter Mondale heading into their election next week, including a survey of inmates at a federal prison in east Alabama. James Yager, an independent candidate for president incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institute-Talladega for a Kentucky crime, said Tuesday that Reagan was the winner in a poll Yager conducted among 100 fellow inmates.

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GHANDI ASSASSINATION

CBS's Dan Rather: (Rajiv Gandhi: "We should remain calm and exercise the maximum restraint. We should not let our emotions get the better of us.")

This appeal by India's new prime minister, Rajiv Gandhi, went unheeded tonight. Mobs rioted in New Delhi and several other Indian cities following the assassination earlier today of his mother, Indira Gandhi, gunned down outside her home by her own bodyguards. The assassination of Indira Gandhi threatens India with its worst religious violence since the early days of independence 37 years ago. Because she was gunned down by militant members of the Sikh religion, one of whom was killed in the attack, the country's majority Hindus have a target to strike back at, and Sikh extremists made it easy, one of them claiming anonymously: We have taken our revenge.

CBS's Wyatt Andrews reports from India that violence erupted in New Delhi and in other major Indian cities as Hindu gangs set fire to the homes of known Sikh members, shouting "Kill the Sikhs" and "Return blood with blood." Indira Gandhi's son, Rajiv Gandhi, was quickly sworn in as prime minister. He appealed for calm. Just last night, Mrs. Gandhi had told a political rally, "If I die today, every drop of my blood will invigorate the nation." (CBS-Lead)

ABC's Mark Litke says Rajiv Gandhi rushed to New Delhi from Calcutta after hearing of the tragedy. He was immediately named head of Gandhi's ruling Congress Party, then sworn in by the president as the new prime minister of India. The army and police are on special alert tonight nationwide, and there have already been numerous attacks on Sikhs throughout India. At least two Sikhs have died. (ABC-Lead, NBC-Lead)

ABC's Peter Jennings interviews Peter Ustinov, who was at Mrs. Gandhi's home when she was shot, waiting to interview her. (Ustinov: "(The assassin) had been moved to some other post by the security chiefs, but evidently Mrs. Gandhi missed his presence and she asked for him back. And this was her reward, of course.") (ABC-2)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: President Reagan's statement today on the Gandhi assassination expressed shock, revulsion and grief. Mondale called her murder a blow to democracy throughout the world.

NBC's Marvin Kalb: The President signed a condolence book at Indian embassy. Later, at his campaign headquarters, he expressed his Administration's dismay. (President: "I think it's a great tragedy, and it's just an example of the terrorism that is operating throughout the world.") The President had met Indira Gandhi in July, 1982. The U.S. relationship with India: always uneasy and uneven. One major reason: For many years the U.S. has cultivated a close partnership with Pakistan, India's principle adversary, in recent years under this Administration, agreeing to provide Pakistan with \$3.2 billion of

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Kalb (continued): economic and military aid. Partly for this reason, Gandhi warmed up to the Soviet Union, in 1973 signing a 15-year friendship treaty, more recently obtaining Moscow's agreement to sell India MiG jet fighters, tanks, missiles and attack helicopters. Last month, there was a sudden flare-up of tension along the India-Pakistan border, the CIA telling a Senate committee India might be preparing to attack Pakistan's nuclear facilities, other officials soft-peddling the alarm but not their concern about another possible conflict between India and Pakistan and, with Mrs. Gandhi's death, the possibility of chaos in India, communal sectarian religious strife shredding its fragile democracy.
(Henry Kissinger: "You could have a further breakdown of civil order and a breakdown of legitimacy which would be very much against the American interest.")
The initial reaction here, Tom, is that India is going to go through some very tough times now, but is unlikely to go to war with Pakistan.

Brokaw: Whatever else we thought of Indira Gandhi, Marvin, in this country, the fact is that she was a tough and skillful politician. But her son, Rajiv Gandhi, brings none of that to office, does he?

Kalb: Well, he brings none of that to office, but the interesting thing about the U.S. relationship with India is that we have always been very romantic about India. We've always seen India as the model in the Third World for democracy over the challenge of totalitarianism.

Brokaw: And what's the word from the United States to Pakistan tonight, would you guess -- cool it for a while?

Kalb: Cool it for a while, indeed, and cool it to India as well. Secretary Shultz is going to India for the Gandhi funeral on Saturday, and he's going to tell the new prime minister to set the record straight, that both India and Pakistan ought to cool it. (CBS-3)

CBS's Tom Fenton, in London, says no expression of shock and sorrow was more poignant than that of Prime Minister Thatcher.
(Thatcher: "She was warm, humane, full of understanding. And I shall miss her very deeply.")
But certain elements of the Sikh community around the world barely concealed their joy. (CBS-2)

CBS's Bob Simon: In June, Sikhs in the United States knew how to react when their temple, the Golden Temple of the Punjab, was stormed by Indira Gandhi's army. Today, Sikh reactions to the Sikh murder of Mrs. Gandhi were scattered. There was unrepentant joy.
(Sikh man: "She was a terrorist and a Hitler. Genocide. She is committing genocide of the Sikhs.")
There was confusion, concern and prayer.
(Woman: "I'm sad for Mrs. Gandhi. She was a great woman.")
There are an estimate quarter of a million Sikhs in the the United States, committed -- many of the anyway -- to the separatist cause of their brothers on the subcontinent....Hindus in the United States

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Simon (continued): grieved, and they weren't alone. The President, who shifted the emphasis of American foreign policy from human rights to a war on terrorism, conceded that one more battle had been lost. (President: "I think it's a great tragedy, and it's just an example of the terrorism that is operating throughout the world.") Relations between Mrs. Ghandi and the Reagan Administration were tense and tenuous at best. Washington could not forgive India for refusing to condemn the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. India could not forgive Washington for resuming arms shipments to its enemy, Pakistan. (Henry Kissinger: "She didn't particularly like Americans. On the other hand, she defended the interests of her country with tenacity and skill.") One ingredient missing from the various American reactions today was shock. One more world leader -- the epidemic continues. (CBS-4)

ABC's John McWethy: President Reagan and Secretary Shultz went to India's embassy in Washington this morning to express their condolences. Shultz will lead the U.S. delegation to Saturday's funeral in New Delhi. The President later said he heard the news with a sense of shock, revulsion and grief. (President: "I think it's a great tragedy, and it's just an example of the terrorism that is operating throughout the world.") Prime Minister Thatcher, who two weeks ago escaped an attempt on her life, called the shooting barbaric. (Thatcher: "I shall miss her very deeply. Very deeply indeed. But it's a tragedy for the whole world as well as a tragedy for India.") The Soviet Union, while expressing its own condolences, implied that the U.S. was partly responsible, that the U.S. support Sikh terrorists. To those charges, John Hughes of the State Department responded -- (Hughes: "They're outrageous and irresponsible.") The U.S. and the Soviet Union are major players on the Indian subcontinent, with each in a position to lose ground in the wake of today's assassination. Since the early 1970s, Indira Ghandi had been moving India toward a closer relationship with the Soviet Union, buying weapons from the Russians, refusing to criticize the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. The U.S., meanwhile, has been arming India's neighbor and bitter enemy, Pakistan. In the last two months, intelligence reports have indicated growing tension on the Indo-Pakistani border. Despite such tensions, today from Pakistan came words of praise for India's fallen leader. (Zia-ul-Haq: "She was a leader of tremendous ability who served her people in the best of the possible manners.") Words of praise from Pakistan, but in some quarters Indian officials are hinting that Pakistan may have been indirectly involved in the Ghandi assassination by long-term support of Sikh terrorists. It's a charge that Pakistan flatly denies, the kind of inflammatory accusation that U.S. officials fear could make tension in the region much worse. (ABC-5)

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Jennings: The State Department today advised Americans not to travel to India until the political situation there becomes more settled. Americans who must go are warned at least to exercise caution and avoid crowds. (ABC-6)

Brokaw: The Soviet Union, which had a close relationship with Mrs. Ghandi, today condemned her murder as the work of criminals, saying that Soviet officials learned of her death with deep anguish. (NBC-4)

PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

Rather: Just six days to go to election day, but in one way today's rhetoric was more like day one. President Reagan suggested in a Hearst News Service interview that Geraldine Ferraro was not fit to run for her qualifications, but because she's a woman. Geraldine Ferraro challenged President Reagan's claim and challenged him to debate. Walter Mondale's response went further. (Mondale: "She is far better prepared for her position than Mr. Reagan was when he was elected president of the United States. But more than that, she's a very bright person who applies herself and learns every day. No one has ever accused this President of applying himself.") (CBS-13)

Jennings: President Reagan suggested today that Geraldine Ferraro was selected to be the Democratic vice presidential candidate solely because she was a woman. Mr. Reagan told the Hearst News Service it was high time for a woman on a national ticket, but he said Mrs. Ferraro didn't have any real experience. Mrs. Ferraro was quick to respond. She said she had proved herself as a national candidate and that if the President questioned her qualifications, she'd be happy to debate him face-to-face before election day. (ABC-8)

Brokaw: Six days. Six days to go in this long presidential election year and today the candidates were doing all they could to get their people to the polls. The President gave his campaign workers a pep talk urging them to get out the vote on Tuesday and then he referred to reports that he sometimes naps during Cabinet meetings. (President: "I know the long hours that many of you have put in and I can only tell you that, if I could manage it, I would schedule a Cabinet meeting so that we could all go over and take a nap together.") And with less than a week to go before the election, the President and Mondale finally agreed on something. (President: "The one thing that I've agreed with Mr. Mondale is -- on is that the polls don't vote, people do.") Meanwhile, Democratic vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro today challenged President Reagan to a debate after he questioned her qualifications for office. The President suggested in a newspaper interview that Ferraro was selected primarily because she's a female. Meanwhile, a whole lot of Mondale today in Louisville. Members of the press wearing Mondale masks.

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Brokaw (continued): (Mondale, descending airplane steps into crowd of masked reporters and cameramen: "Scariest thing I've ever seen in my life.")

And then Mondale used this day for another attack on Reagan.

(Mondale: "When you open the door and hear them shout, 'Tricks or treats,' remember that they're describing the Republican tax plan.

Treats for the very wealthy and the big corporations and tricks for everyone else.") (NBC-5)

Rather: For the Reagan-Bush ticket, for the Mondale-Ferraro ticket, these are the last days to sum up the message and the image and the vision. Less than a week to go to the election of a president. For the moment, put aside all the balloons, the music, the babble and the hoopla. This is a race between two men -- Republican Ronald Reagan and Democrat Walter Mondale. But the choice is more than that, much more. Candidates Reagan and Mondale are asking you, the voter, to make a choice between two very different visions, visions of where America is and where America should be going.

(President, at the Republican National Convention: "The choices this year are between two different visions of the future, two fundamentally different ways of governing -- their government of pessimism, fear and limits, or ours of hope, confidence and growth."

Mondale: "This is a fundamental and basic debate about the nature of America. Have we become some sort of jungle where just the richest or the fittest -- whatever that means -- prosper? We are not a selfish people.")

President Reagan's vision is a country united by his policies.

(President, at rally: "Our dream is to help every American climb as high as he or she can go. Now, isn't that more compassionate than keeping people down in dependency for the rest of their lives?"

William Leuchtenberg: "The Republican's new idea, basically I think, is that government's a good thing, but that it's been pushed too far in certain areas and we have to rein it in. And Reagan certainly reflects that kind of vision.")

Walter Mondale's vision is a country divided by Ronald Reagan's policies.

(Mondale: "Big corporations, utilities, big money, they get the power. But ordinary working Americans take the powder. In Reagan's America, if you're rich, you get tax cuts. If you're not, they give you cheese.")

It may sound like Franklin Roosevelt, but it isn't.

(Leuchtenberg: "It's significant that, in his acceptance speech in San Francisco, it was not Franklin Roosevelt he quoted but Harry Truman, and the Harry Truman who said that presidents have to say both yes and no, but most of the time no.")

Both visions profess peace. How to achieve that glittering goal, however, divides the two visions.

(Mondale: "Arms control is not weakness, it is strength. And it is essential to the survival of the human race, and we want a president who understands."

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Rather (continued): President: "We have rallied our friends throughout the world. Even as we successfully resisted Soviet expansionism, we've opened a wide series of diplomatic initiatives that will eventually bear fruit not just in arms control treaties but in arms reduction treaties.")

But more than any other single thing, the debate is about government.

(President: "Government should do all that is necessary, but only that which is necessary.")

Mondale: "We gotta quit snarling at each other. We gotta start working together. Labor and management have to sit down together and work these problems out. Government has to help out.")

So this election may turn on two different visions of how much government is enough, of what government should be. One vision says government is best that governs least. The other vision says not necessarily. Government is best that governs best. Tomorrow, we'll bring you here to Wilmington, Delaware, to talk with some American voters about what those two very different visions mean to them. (CBS-14)

NBC's Ken Bode looks at the racial split in the race. Blue collar whites tend to support the President, blacks Walter Mondale. The 1964 election cemented the allegiance of blacks to the Democratic Party. But since 1964, the Democrats have averaged only 38 percent of the white vote in presidential elections. In '76, Jimmy Carter got less than half of the white, southern vote. (NBC-6)

TRADE DEFICIT

Rather: The United States rose along toward its worst trading year in history. The government today reported the nation's foreign trade deficit hit \$12.6 billion in September, the second highest monthly total ever. (CBS-7)

INDEX OF LEADING INDICATORS

Rather: The Commerce Department today reported its main economic forecasting gauge rose a modest four-tenths of one percent in September, but that the department revised its August figures for the index of leading indicators, showing a one-tenth of one percent decline instead of the increase earlier reported. (CBS-8, ABC-11)

CBS's Jane Bryant Quinn reports that, in the professional money market, interest rates have been plunging for many weeks. In California, interest rates on consumer loans are also starting to crack, and California often sets the trend for the rest of the country. Interest rates are down because inflation is down and because the growth in the economy fell sharply over the summer and fall. Businessmen are not taking out so many loans and many of them have even cut production. A few economists think that this could signal the third recession in five years. The majority of economists are far more optimistic.

(Economist: "The slower growth is actually a good thing because it enhances the chances of sustaining this expansion beyond 1985 and into 1986 and 1987.") (CBS-9)

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WILLIAM FRENCH SMITH

Rather: An unpleasant October surprise today for the Administration from a Republican senator on the Judiciary subcommittee.

(Sen. Grassley: "We have no choice but to find the attorney general in contempt.")

At issue, the Justice Department's refusal to turn over information to the Senate as to why, in 1981, an investigation of the nation's largest defense contractor, General Dynamics, was closed down -- an investigation into whether the company had defrauded the Navy on cost overrun claims on nuclear attack submarines, payments amounting to more than half a billion dollars. The Justice Department says its reasoning for the refusal was that, based on new information, the General Dynamics investigation is on again, and information being released to Congress could jeopardize it. (CBS-12)

Brokaw: Attorney General Smith today was cited for criminal contempt of Congress for his refusal to turn over key documents relating to huge cost overruns in building ships for the Navy. The Republican-controlled Senate Judiciary subcommittee wants the records which indicate that General Dynamics may have falsified more than \$600 million in claims against the Navy. The Justice Department says it doesn't want to turn them over because that could jeopardize its own case against General Dynamics. (NBC-7)

ETHIOPIA

NBC's Peter Kent explains that there is a food distribution bottleneck in Ethiopia. The 13,000 tons of grain being unloaded and bagged this week will be stacked alongside 34,000 tons already sitting on the dock. An Ethiopian aide official says it will take weeks more to deliver.

(Official: "A rough estimation would be three to four weeks, but that would depend on transportation facilities.")

Existing facilities are pitifully inadequate. The British government has committed six Royal Air Force transport planes to the relief effort. The aircraft were ready to fly from an RAF base today. But tonight the air force announced a delay, claiming the Ethiopians wouldn't guarantee proper aircraft servicing facilities. If and when they do fly, the six planes could easily clear the early backlog and they would greatly assist in the distribution of the much larger volume of supplies that will arrive over coming months. (NBC-13)

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EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTSENDORSEMENTS

REAGAN

Reagan, a Real Leader For a Change -- "President Reagan said this presidential election offers Americans the clearest choice in decades. We would put it more strongly than that. We would say Reagan is the only rational choice. Ronald Reagan represents the only real leadership this nation has had in the last twenty years. The choice between Ronald Reagan and Walter Mondale is literally that between stagnation and renewal."
(New York City Tribune, 10/30)

The President Deserves Re-election But With Some New Priorities -- "Four years ago The Enquirer endorsed Ronald Reagan for President. Today, we do so again in the belief he has done many of the things we hoped and expected he would do. This endorsement is made with the strong acknowledgment that Mr. Reagan's record during his first term is far from perfect and with an unsettling concern that his style at times outdistances his substance....Our support for President Reagan also is influenced by the confusion and uncertainty that continue to reign in the Democratic Party."
(Cincinnati Enquirer, 10/28)

MONDALE

For President: Mondale -- "Today The Record urges the election of ³Walter F. Mondale for president. We understand that the burden of proof is heavy. Why would anybody want to turn out a popular incumbent who has apparently succeeded in what he set out to do....But in asserting that "America is back," Mr. Reagan avoids thinking about a lot of things....Whatever his shortcomings, we believe Mr. Mondale can deliver on that promise."
(Northern N.J. The Sunday Record, 10/28)

Reagan's Shining City is a Mirage; Mondale Offers Better Leadership -- "On balance, though, whatever the polls suggest, whatever the slick commercials say, we believe WALTER MONDALE will better represent the interests of all the American people. We recommend a vote for WALTER MONDALE for President of the United States." (Detroit Free Press, 10/28)

GHANDI ASSASSINATION

The Thrall of Terror -- "We do not fight terrorism by becoming terrorists ourselves. To be sure, we take whatever sensible precautions we can yet knowing all the while that a totally "secure" society is not a free society. So we must not allow the terrorists to achieve their purpose of destroying freedom by making us to forfeit freedom. The only way to fight terrorism is simply not to allow ourselves to be terrorized, no matter how great the provocation."
(Baltimore Evening Sun, 10/31)