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

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(AP)

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(Reuter)

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY (Thursday Evening)

CAMPAIGN -- For Walter Mondale, the biggest crowd of his campaign, estimated at 100,000.

INDIA -- Pravda said the CIA and State Department supported Sikh extremist groups in India. And Radio Moscow's overseas service called Mrs. Gandhi's death part of a chain of conspiracies that the U.S. aimed at Third World leaders.

HONDURAS -- A Honduran general and a Miami-based businessman who lost \$7M when the Honduran government nationalized the cement business are among eight people charged by the FBI with plotting to overthrow that government.

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TRIP NEWS

IN MASSACHUSETTS, REAGAN JOUSTS WITH HECKLERS

BOSTON -- President Reagan, in a buoyant mood on the first day of a final campaign swing, jousted with hecklers and invoked the name and memory of John Kennedy as he urged lifelong Democrats to vote Republican next Tuesday. Reagan drew cheers and chants of "50 states" from a noisy crowd of several thousand supporters and boos from hundreds of opponents when he concluded his speech at an outdoor rally by quoting Kennedy when he left Massachusetts to assume the presidency in 1961. In that famous speech Kennedy said that the enduring qualities of Massachusetts and its diverse heritage "are part of my life, my conviction, my views of the past and my hopes in the future."

(Lou Cannon, Washington Post, A8)

PRESIDENT TRIES TO AID SHAMIE IN MASS. RACE

BOSTON -- President Reagan's 90-minute stopover may have won him some votes in Democrat-heavy Massachusetts, but the major benefactor of the trip may be U.S. Senate hopeful Ray Shamie. The Republican candidate trails Democrat John Kerry 6 to 9 points, and observers here feel the appearance could swing the race in Mr. Shamie's favor.

(Dave Doubrava, Washington Times, A1)

REAGAN AIMS FINAL TRIP AT DEFECTING DEMOCRATS

BOSTON -- President Reagan plunged into the heart of Mondale's political base, beginning the final trip of his campaign determined to hold onto the disaffected Democrats who could give him a landslide victory of politically historic proportions. Mr. Reagan exhorted his followers to resist complacency and turn out a massive vote. In Boston, he also sought to extend his coattails to Raymond Shamie.

(Robert Timberg, Baltimore Sun, A1)

REAGAN'S MESSAGE ONE OF INSPIRATION

DETROIT -- President Reagan set out on a coast-to-coast final-days blitzkreig with so many stops that his speechwriters have prepared only one basic message for audiences in 10 states between now and election day. Here, and in Rochester, N.Y., and Boston, the President's speech is a compendium of every line and thought he has expressed since his campaign began. He has essentially been using the same message and well-remembered phrases since the debates. "Why," ask his managers, "fiddle with a winning combination?" (Jeremiah O'Leary, Washington Times, A1)

REAGAN: POLLS "SCARE THE LIFE OUT OF ME"

DETROIT -- President Reagan says the polls, showing him 20 points ahead of Mondale, "scare the life out of me," and he fears his supporters will think "it's all over" and stay home on election day. "Don't believe the polls," he exhorted several thousand fans who bravely waited for hours in the rain for him to appear at a rally at a suburban Detroit shopping center.

(Helen Thomas, UPI)

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NATIONAL NEWS

THE MYTHOLOGIZING OF REAGAN'S RECORD

President Reagan and Walter Mondale have spun a series of conflicting myths about Reagan's record in their battle for the White House, each beaming to the American people broad messages that vastly oversimplify the complex reality of what Reagan has done since 1981. For example, Reagan has portrayed himself as a champion of fiscal restraint, a notion that Mondale reinforces when he complains about unfair budget cuts in social programs. What Reagan really accomplished was a shift in budget priorities, not an overall reduction. Federal spending in Reagan's term reached a bigger share of the nation's gross national product than at any time since World War II. Mondale perpetuates the myth that Reagan's defense buildup is excessive and can be reduced. The reality is that lower inflation and congressional cutbacks have trimmed the Reagan defense budget to levels not much higher than what President Carter called for in his final year in office. (David Hoffman, Washington Post, A1)

MOCK ELECTION

FORT WORTH -- President Reagan swept to victory with almost 60% of the votes, as more than 1.6M parents and students participated in the National Student-Parent Mock Election. Reagan held a formidable lead over Mondale all night as results poured from schools all over the nation into "Election Central" at the Americana Hotel in Fort Worth. Mondale narrowly lost in his home state, where 51% opted for Reagan. The near-final tally was 957,141 to 647,814. Reagan's strength was nearly uniform throughout the country, leaving Mondale victories only in Connecticut, D.C., Illinois, Maryland, Mississippi and New York. (Doug Crichton, AP)

- MONDALE, FERRARO DRAW CROWD OF 100,000

NEW YORK -- In their last joint appearance before Election Day, Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro drew an estimated 100,000 supporters to a garment district rally where the Democratic candidates denounced the "radical preachers" and "extremists who control the Republican Party." Later, at an appearance in Brooklyn, Mondale warned that President Reagan's reelection could "unleash an orgy of (religious) intolerance in our land."
(Rick Atkinson and Milton Coleman, Washington Post, A3)

Mondale Unabashedly Appeals for Jewish Vote

Walter Mondale is drawing huge crowds and unabashedly appealing for Jewish votes with the presidential election four days away. But President Reagan maintains a commanding lead in the public opinion polls and is sticking to familiar themes in a final drive for re-election. Mondale bluntly and openly appealed to New York's influential Jewish vote, calling Reagan's suggestion that Mondale was soft on anti-Semitism "contemptible." Mondale said he would be a better supporter of Israel than Reagan, saying Reagan might increase U.S. arms sales to Saudi Arabia and Jordan despite Israel's opposition if re-elected. (Jim Adams, Reuter)

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Thousands Crowd Garment District to Cheer Mondale

With confetti drifting around him and tens of thousands of supporters jammed into the blocks below, Mondale told an exuberant rally in New York City's garment district that he would be elected President. In perhaps his strongest statement of the campaign so far, Mondale said: "Mr. President, that charge (that the Democrats are soft on anti-Semitism) says something about you. That is false and contemptible, and the American people do not like that kind of politics anywhere in this country."
(Bernard Weinraub, New York Times, A1)

MONDALE DECRIES RELIGIOUS RIGHT; REAGAN AIDES SEE 50-STATE SWEEP

Walter Mondale says a Republican victory on Tuesday could bring on an "orgy of intolerance" by the religious right, while President Reagan is warning his supporters against overconfidence even as his staff keeps talking about a 50 state sweep. From the Garment District, Mondale went to a synagogue in Brooklyn where he warned of the influence of Rev. Falwell and other conservative fundamentalist ministers. "Some of his (Reagan's) friends threaten an orgy of intolerance in our land and I don't want them to have any influence," Mondale said. Later, from the pulpit of a black Baptist Church in Cleveland, Mondale said of Reagan: "When this crowd talks about independence, you know that they're saying in code, they're forgetting you. When they talk about bootstraps, it's code for budget cuts. And when they talk about the free market, it's code for discrimination."
(Donald Rothberg, AP)

CLEVELAND -- Walter Mondale told a sympathetic black audience that the Reagan Administration has adopted a "grapes of wrath" policy toward minorities and accused the President of planning even deeper budget cuts for the poor during a second term.
(AP)

MONDALE STRUGGLING TO WIN HOME STATE

ST. PAUL, Minn. -- Campaign officials said Mondale's Minnesota visit was intended to give Mondale's campaign a morale boost. Political pundits, however, wondered whether it wasn't an attempt to ward off a humiliating defeat on his own turf. (Mary Sandok, AP)

BUSH PUSHES THE LEAD, SEEKS GOP SWEEP

NEW YORK -- Vice President Bush says he is running for the wire with blinders on, but he is acting more like a racehorse who knows he has it won. ".....under the leadership of President Reagan, our country is back with pride, with patriotism and with prosperity. We are No. 1 again. The nation is No. 1." These last lines have become familiar staples of his homestretch stump speech, but he delivers them with a little more conviction each time and the crowds grow louder in response as election day draws closer and the favorable polls hold up.
(Don McLeod, Washington Times, A3)

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BUSH SAYS HE SUPPORTS THE PRESIDENT 'BLINDLY'

NEW YORK -- Vice President Bush, constantly receiving barbs by political columnists because of his effusive loyalty to President Reagan, told reporters, "I'm for Mr. Reagan -- blindly." Asked if he agreed with Reagan's assertion that Democratic vice-presidential nominee Ferraro was put on the national ticket because of her sex and not her qualifications, Bush replied, "I'm for Mr. Reagan -- blindly." Peter Teeley, Bush's press secretary, said the Vice President meant the remark as a "barb" to reporters, who have peppered him throughout the campaign with questions about his role as Reagan's self-described "cheerleader."
(Dale Russakoff, Washington Post, A7)

FERRARO A SUPERSTAR AT GETTING DONATIONS

CHICAGO -- Geraldine Ferraro has been a "superstar" in campaign fund raising. It may be the area in which she has made the biggest impact. Raising money may be the area where Ferraro leaves a permanent imprint on politics, not just because it is unprecedented for a female candidate to raise that much money but because her contributors have mostly been women.
(Stephanie Nall, Washington Times, A3)

PRESIDENTIAL RACE TIGHTENS IN CHALLENGER'S HOME STATE

President Reagan, with national momentum pointing to a landslide victory of major proportions, has pulled back into a neck-and-neck race with Mondale in the Democrat's home state of Minnesota. Reagan-Bush Committee aides are looking to a 50-state sweep for the President, but spokesman John Buckley commented, "If there's a state where we're close to being behind, it's Minnesota." (Ron Cordray, Washington Times, A4)

REAGAN AIDES BULLISH ON 'THE BEAR' ADS

Over at the Reagan reelection headquarters, they came secretly to love the big bad bear months ago. Over at the Mondale headquarters, in the past week, they came to grudgingly admire -- and politically fear -- him. As a television persuader, this unique attempt at commercial by parable worked. Reagan officials found in their focus-group test involving average viewers that The Bear was an extraordinarily effective way to sell Reagan's peace-through-strength message. And perhaps more convincing, Mondale officials discovered the same thing when they took the unusual step of testing the Reagan ad in one of their own focus-group experiments a week ago. (Martin Schram, Washington Post, A9)

NEW VOTER SIGN-UPS MAY FAVOR THE GOP

A Washington Post survey of registration figures in 35 states shows that Democrats failed to achieve their original goal of gaining a national advantage over the GOP. Instead, the Republican Party, which invested \$11M in voter registration, appears at least to have matched Democratic gains and may have exceeded them. The figures also suggest, but do not prove, that the evangelical, conservative Christian drive to register church members produced sharply increased white registration in South and significant GOP gains.
(Thomas Edsall, Washington Post, A1)

MONDALE EXPECTED TO GAIN MOST BLACK VOTES

An estimated 88% of black voters are expected to cast ballots for Mondale, who says Administration policies are leading to a widening gap between the economic conditions of blacks and whites. While Mr. Reagan has made inroads into other traditionally Democratic groups, such as Hispanic Americans, he has failed to gain popularity with blacks, even though the majority of blacks hold many "conservative" views. For example, the majority of blacks oppose busing and reverse discrimination, want more discipline in schools, and favor a constitutional amendment to balance the budget. (Rita McWilliams, Washington Times, A2)

HOUSE REPUBLICANS HOPING TO DUMP O'NEILL AS SPEAKER

House Republicans are floating a plan to unseat Tip O'Neill as Speaker of the House and replace him with a "coalition" legislator who could better lead the House's conservative, moderate and liberal factions. Success of the plan hinges on a gain of 20 to 30 House Republicans and a Reagan-Bush landslide that would provide the momentum for the handful of Democrats -- perhaps as few as 11 -- to switch their votes from O'Neill to the coalition candidate. (Thomas Brandt, Washington Times, A8)

REAGAN AND THE BUDGET-DEFICIT RECKONING

President Reagan has sprinkled his campaign this year with optimistic predictions about the \$170B deficit that mask painful fiscal choices his advisers and outside experts say he will confront if reelected. Insiders have muted their concerns until after the election. But they nonetheless share a widespread view among outside experts that, to reduce the deficit significantly, Reagan will face unpleasant choices -- if he is reelected -- that were never acknowledged in his optimistic campaign speeches. (David Hoffman, Washington Post, A4)

STATE, LOCAL DEDUCTION MAY END

Secretary Regan, developing a second-term tax proposal for consideration by the White house, tentatively has approved phasing out the income-tax deduction for state and local taxes and taxing all unemployment compensation, according to a source. (Martha Hamilton, Washington Post, A5)

THREE GOP MAYORS BLAST BARRY'S URBAN REPORT

Three Republican members of the U.S. Conference of Mayors criticized D.C. Mayor Barry for waiting until a week before the election to release a conference report that is highly critical of the Reagan Administration and contains spending proposals at odds with conference policy. Mayor Herman Padilla of San Juan, Puerto Rico, president of the Conference, issued a statement warning that "it would be misleading to suggest" that the report, calling for \$49B in additional federal spending for major cities, reflects the views of the members. Mayor Robert Isaac of Colorado Springs and Mayor William Althaus of York, Pa., held a press conference at the Conference headquarters to blast Barry for using his position with the Conference to try to embarrass Reagan. (Eric Pianin, Washington Post, A6)

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SEPTEMBER JOB REPORT CONCERNS ECONOMISTS

With increasing signs of a general business slowdown, the civilian unemployment rate, the last major economic report before the election, could edge up, private economists say. These analysts said such a rise likely would be slight and would likely send mixed signals about the future health of the job market. If the seasonally adjusted civilian rate of 7.4% rose by only 0.1%, it would return to the 7.5% level that existed in January 1981, when President Reagan was inaugurated.

(Merrill Hartson, AP)

UNEMPLOYMENT: NOT MUCH BETTER OR WORSE

Nearly half a million more Americans are looking for a job today than were unemployed in October 1980 and improvement in the jobless rate has been virtually stalled for three months. But unemployment remains only a minor issue in the campaign, overshadowed by sparring over taxes and deficits. Economists are watching industrial employment carefully. Factory production has been weak and this week's report on new orders to factories showed a 1.8% decline for September.

(Denis Gulino, UPI)

GAO SEES PROBLEMS WITH WARTIME TRAINING

The Army could call as many as 133,000 draftees and inactive reservists to active duty within 30 days of a wartime emergency, but would be capable of teaching only half of them the skills needed to fight, the GAO said. In the 10 years since the beginning of the all-volunteer army, the GAO has issued several reports criticizing the Defense Department's ability to beef up the professional armed forces with civilian recruits in time to meet a national emergency. (Henry Gottlieb, AP)

PENTAGON ACCUSED OF FOOT DRAGGING ON TOXIC CLEANUP

The Pentagon has not completed toxic waste cleanups at a single military installation nine years after it began identifying dumps on bases that are polluting the environment, a congressional study says. Reps. Florio (D.-N.J.) and Fazio (D.-Calif.) released a draft report by the GAO Thursday contending that the Pentagon's cleanup program, initiated in 1975, is only now beginning to be taken seriously. Fazio said the report shows the need for a new "superfund" program to deal with military toxic waste.

(William Kronholm, AP)

PENTAGON PUSHING SHELTER PROGRAMS

The Pentagon is pushing its program to turn 600 military facilities into shelters for the homeless as the government urged an advocate for the indigent protesting Administration policies to end his 48-day hunger strike. Secretary Weinberger said he is giving more emphasis to the shelter program, taking it out of the hands of the military and putting it under the direction of the Pentagon's civilian manpower and logistics chief, Assistant Secretary Korb. At the same time, an internal Pentagon memorandum indicated the Pentagon's "shelters for the homeless program" has begun to gather steam nationwide with another five areas asking for Defense Department facilities. (Richard Gross, UPI)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

FBI HOLDS 8 IN PLOT ON HONDURAS

The FBI said that it arrested eight people who were plotting to assassinate Honduran President Suazo and take over the government of Honduras. FBI Director Webster said an undercover FBI agent had infiltrated the assassination plot, which he said included a Honduran general and two Honduran businessmen living in Miami. The FBI has seized about \$10M worth of cocaine that the suspects were to use to pay for explosives, tanks, airplanes, night-vision equipment and other military weapons to be used in the attempted takeover, Webster said.

(Howard Kurtz and Joanne Omang, Washington Post, A1)

Plot to Kill Honduran President Foiled

There was no official comment on the arrests, but National Congress President Efraim Bui Giron said he would call together "the permanent commission of the National Congress to adopt measures on the affair." (Jeff Hardy, UPI)

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Those charged included a Honduran general stationed in Chile, two Honduran businessmen and six U.S. citizens or residents, the FBI said. Attorney General Smith said thwarting the plot demonstrated U.S. ability to combat terrorism worldwide. (James Vicini, Reuter)

NEW FACTION OPPOSED TO PEACE TALKS WITH DUARTE

SAN SALVADOR -- Salvadoran Marxist extremists announced the formation of a new rebel group committed to revolution and opposed to peace talks between mainstream guerrilla leaders and the U.S.-backed government. The new Salvadoran group calls itself the Roberto Sibrian Popular Revolutionary Movement, named after a hard-line Marxist guerrilla leader who was killed in combat in 1980. (Washington Times, A7)

NICARAGUA'S REJECTION DEADLOCKS CONTADORA

MANAGUA -- Nicaragua's rejection of a newly amended version of the Contadora plan seemingly leaves the 22-month-old regional peace effort deadlocked as the Nicaraguans hold their disputed elections Sunday. Especially important to Central Americans, in view of Nicaragua's rapidly growing military establishment, were provisions for verification and control of military matters. The Contadora provisions were deemed inadequate. (Jay Mallin, Washington Times, A7)

ORTEGA REITERATES WARNING OF U.S. INVASION

MANAGUA -- Daniel Ortega warned the danger of a U.S. invasion of Nicaragua would increase following the American elections. Ortega also rejected an offer by CIA-backed rebel leaders to observe a cease-fire during nationwide elections Sunday. Ortega's campaign rally, attended by some 85,000 people, began with a festive atmosphere. Ortega, however, struck a somber note with his warning that "American troops are going to be walking the streets of Managua." (Jane Bussey, UPI)

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NEW CALL FOR FIRINGS OVER CIA HANDBOOK

Rep. Minetta (D.-Calif.) said he will ask the House Intelligence Committee to give the Justice Department any evidence it has of CIA wrongs "so the individuals who broke the law can be prosecuted." He also said the CIA has refused to let the panel talk to the report's purported author, a man known as John Kirkpatrick and said to be a CIA contract worker. (Eliot Brenner, UPI)

SHULTZ AIMS AT IMPROVING TIES TO INDIA

A second-term Reagan Administration will make a major effort to improve relations with India, top Administration officials have told The Washington Times. This effort will go ahead despite the crisis created by the assassination of PM Gandhi. The presence of Secretary Shultz in New Delhi, where he will represent President Reagan at the funeral, will enable him to meet the new prime minister and start a warming of relations, State Department sources said. (Russell Howe, Washington Times, A1)

U.S. PROTESTS MOSCOW'S DARK HINTS

Moscow has hinted broadly that the CIA had something to do with the assassination of PM Gandhi, and the State Department again denounced the implication as rubbish. On Wednesday and again Thursday, in Moscow and in Washington, the State Department formally protested to the Soviets, spokesman Alan Romberg said. (Miles Cunningham, Washington Times, A6)

Pravda also accused the U.S. of "large-scale CIA subversive activities against India," without mentioning the assassination. "The U.S. Department of State together with the CIA have carried out a number of operations within the framework of the Brahmaputra Project, which provides for the encouragement of separatism in India," Pravda said. It charged "the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi most actively supported the separatist movement in Punjab state" that led to bloody clashes and ultimately Gandhi's assassination. (UPI)

U.S., Fearing Violence, Protests to Moscow on CIA Charge

Fearful that American lives might be endangered, the U.S. has called on Moscow to stop linking the assassination of Indira Gandhi to the CIA. A State Department official said it was feared that linking the CIA with the assassination "feeds into a situation where there is a potential for violence that threatens to endanger American lives." (William Scally, Reuter)

Administration Angry Over Soviet Allegations on Gandhi Death

The Reagan Administration has denounced as "absurd and irresponsible" Soviet allegations linking the CIA to the assassination of PM Gandhi. Gut the Soviet attempt to link Washington to the assassination apparently isn't derailing Administration efforts to improve relations with Moscow. The State Department is trying to arrange a meeting between Secretary Shultz and the No. 2 Soviet leader, Nikolai Tikhonov, while both are in New Delhi for the funeral. (Gregory Nokes, AP)

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ANGRY INDIAN MOBS HUNT DOWN SIKHS

NEW DELHI -- Disregarding appeals for order by the newly installed prime minister, rampaging mobs of Hindus vowing revenge for the assassination of Indira Gandhi burned scores of Sikh-owned stores and houses as troops were called out in the capital and elsewhere in India. (William Claiborne, Washington Post, A1)

U.S. SAYS IT DID NOT SLOW AID TO ETHIOPIA

A senior Administration official has rejected suggestions that the U.S. was slow in sending food to 6M starving Ethiopians to encourage instability and topple the Marxist government. "The idea that we would tie aid to political considerations in Ethiopia is just wrong," Director of the Agency for International Development Peter McPherson said. "A hungry child knows no politics -- that is our policy." (Michael Myers, UPI)

U.S. AND SYRIA WELCOME ISRAELI-LEBANESE TALKS ON TROOP PULLOUT

BEIRUT -- The U.S. and Syria have welcomed next week's talks between Israel and Lebanese officials on a troop pullout from South Lebanon but Syria said it could not guarantee the security of Israel's border. "I am delighted by yesterday's news that talks are to start next Monday between the military representatives of Lebanon and Israel and I think it's a fine step forward," said Assistant Secretary of State Murphy. Syrian Vice President Khaddam said his government approved of the meeting as a way to end the two-year occupation of southern Lebanon by Israeli troops. Khaddam said Syria could not meet Israeli demands to guarantee the protection of its northern settlements from Palestinian guerrilla attacks. (UPI)

U.S., SOVIETS WANT TO LIMIT NUCLEAR ARMS CLUB

Despite the standoff between the U.S. and the Soviet Union on arms control, the two great powers are remarkably harmonious on preventing the spread of nuclear weapons to other countries, Secretary Shultz said. "It is clear that both countries consider the horizontal spread of nuclear explosives to be in no one's interest," said Shultz in an address before the U.N. Association of the U.S.A. in New York. (Washington Times, A6)

STRIKE CALL ISSUED TO PROTEST PRIEST'S DEATH

WARSAW -- Thousands of Poles mourned Rev. Popieluszko at his Warsaw church, and a group of Solidarity activists from Gdansk called a one-hour strike for Saturday to protest his kidnap and murder. The strike call by the Gdansk group was addressed to the workers of Gdansk, but apparently was aimed at workers nationwide. (Matthew Vita, AP)

NAKASONE SEEKS POST-ELECTION POLICY PARLEY

TOKYO -- PM Nakasone called for bilateral talks after the U.S. presidential election to ascertain the direction of American policy over the next four years. "The period (between the election and the inauguration) is very important for both countries," Nakasone said in a press conference. "We should discuss the international economy, the Middle East, the Third World and other issues," he said. (Timothy Elder, Washington Times, A7)

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NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY EVENING, November 1, 1984

PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

CBS's Bob Schieffer: With the kinds of schedules that are on these days -- these final days of the campaign -- Ronald Reagan and Walter Mondale may have a common problem: finding a time and place to get their laundry done. The President left Washington today on a final campaign swing that will take him to 16 cities in 10 states. Mondale, who got his biggest crowd of the campaign today in New York, will visit 13 cities in 9 states.

CBS's Bill Plante: Ronald Reagan last hurrah? Well, sort of. 2,000 White House and campaign workers cheered the President as he set out on the final trip of his campaign. Was he nostalgic?

(President, at departure: "You could have mixed emotions about that.")

Reporter: "What are yours?" President: "Well, there's one of them that says enough's enough.")

Mr. Reagan and his campaign managers, in great good spirits, posed on the steps of Air Force One before departing on a five-day, 10-state swing. Their goal now: nothing less than a 50-state sweep. First stop, heavily Democratic Boston. Launching into his now-familiar attack on Walter Mondale, the President was enthusiastic, and when he made a slight slip, relaxed.

(President: "The American people don't want his tax cut, and he's not going to get his tax cut. (Cheers) Whoa: Wait a minute: I was talking -- tax increases. He never asked for a tax cut in his entire career.")

Mr. Reagan could barely hear several hundred protesters who were kept behind a specially erected fence. To a wildly enthusiastic crowd in Rochester, N.Y., Mr. Reagan repeated his warning against overconfidence.

(President: "The polls are scaring me to death because I have a feeling that maybe some people are looking at them and saying, 'Oh, we don't have to go and vote. It's all over.'")

The President is playing the Democrats on their own turf as this final play begins, trying to give them a reason not to go home to Walter Mondale, hoping too that they'll help him elect some other Republicans.

(CBS-5)

CBS's Susan Spencer: The Garment District was dressed up today, festooned with flags, decorated with ticker tape, studded with Hollywood stars (TV Coverage: Paul Newman) and jammed for blocks with an enthusiastic crowd police put at 100,000 -- the kind of crowd that keeps the upbeat Democrats seemingly unconcerned about prophecies of a Reagan landslide.

(Geraldine Ferraro: "Some people say this election cannot be won. I say it can be. I say it will be. And I say, with your help, we're going to do it on Tuesday.")

With but five days to go, this was the ticket's last joint appearance. Though even their own polls show no encouraging trends, both Mondale and Ferraro seem at ease with this campaign and more willing than ever to take on the President.

(Mondale: "Mr. Reagan is the worst president for working America since Herbert Hoover.")

And Mondale responded to the President's allegation last week that the Democrats are soft on anti-semitism.

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NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY EVENING (continued)

Spencer (continued): (Mondale: "Mr. President, that charge says something about you. (Cheers) That is false and contemptable.") Both Mondale and Ferraro will be on the road non-stop now until the election, campaigning on both coasts. And they have bought extensive TV time this weekend, their last chance to get the message across. (CBS-6)

Schieffer: Even Geraldine Ferraro would have to concede that Vice President Bush halted her momentum for a time today, and on her home turf at that. The Ferraro motorcade was stopped today on a Queens, New York, parkway and aides soon discovered the reason why. They were being held up by police to allow Vice President Bush's motorcade to make its way to the airport. It was all eventually straightened out and everyone finally got to where they were going. (CBS-7)

ABC's Peter Jennings: President Reagan left Washington today on the last campaign swing of this election, 10 states and 15 cities.

ABC's Sam Donaldson: The Presidential campaign party posed on the steps of Air Force One before setting off for the last campaign swing. Some think of it as a sentimental last hurrah. A swing first to Boston, Mass., and a City Hall rally where Mr. Reagan posed arm-in-arm with the GOP's conservative senatorial candidate, Ray Shamie, whose one-time flirtation with the John Birch Society caused some to predict erroneously that Mr. Reagan would stay away. But the President wants a 50-state sweep against Walter Mondale too much to do that.

(President: "Now, I come before you today as the candid -- There's an echo in here, isn't there?" (Cheers))

The so-called echo came from a large group of Mondale-Ferraro supporters, some of whom had gotten inside the rally, most of whom had gotten only so far as the other side of the fence.

(Demonstrators: "Hypocrite! Hypocrite!")

Massachusetts Democrats who heard the President raise the magic name of Kennedy for the first time since his letter comparing Kennedy's program to Marx's and Hitler's was revealed. Demonstrators who finally began to get under the President's skin.

(President: "And you know something, some people over here are going to hate this, but you ain't seen nothin' yet." (Cheers))

Next stop: Rochester, in upstate New York, and a warning against complacency.

(President: "The polls are scaring me to death. Please, no matter what it takes, go to the polls and vote.")

Some may think of this swing as a sentimental last hurrah, but not the Reagan campaign managers. They're out to nail down a landslide victory, a 50-state sweep if possible. They think of this swing not as a last hurrah but as a blitzkrieg. (ABC-6)

ABC's Brit Hume: If the polls are right, Walter Mondale is about to get blitzed and might as well have gone over Niagara Falls today in a barrel. But he flew down from Buffalo to New York City on his last visit to the state that is the cornerstone of his longshot hopes. And in the city's Garment District, he found fresh reason for hope. An estimated 100,000 people jammed the streets to hear Geraldine Ferraro and Mondale.

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY EVENING (continued)

Hume (continued): (Mondale: "What a crowd; You're beautiful. You're beautiful.")

It was a spectacular rally. The largest, said local Democrats, since John Kennedy appeared here in 1960. But as she was leaving town, Ferraro got a blunt reminder of who's who in this race. Her motorcade was halted so that Vice President Bush's could pass. (TV Coverage: The view down Ferraro's motorcade as Bush's speeds by) Mondale this afternoon got a warm reception from Jewish senior citizens in Brooklyn. Mondale needs these people and he spoke to them with force.

(Mondale: "Last week, the President went to Long Island and accused me of being soft on anti-semitism. Let me tell you to straighten it out. It angered me. I resent it. I think it's despicable and I think it's inexcusable.")

Mondale is showing a lot of fight and enthusiasm for a candidate apparently facing such long odds. But it is a sign of his predicament that five days before the election, he is trying to shore up his standing with a group once considered an almost automatic source of support for both Mondale and the Democratic Party.
(ABC-7)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: Five days to go and the final push is on for all the candidates in this presidential campaign. For President Reagan, today a last hurrah, his final campaign. For Walter Mondale, the biggest crowd of his campaign, estimated at 100,000. But his numbers remain grim in the polls.

NBC's Chris Wallace: Hundreds of Republican workers crowded the South Lawn today as Ronald Reagan left to campaign for himself for the last time. But the President was in no mood for nostalgia or overconfidence.

(President: "My message is going to be one very simple and clear: get out the vote. Everyone vote.")

Reagan took that message first to the Democratic strongholds of New York and Massachusetts. In Boston, he mentioned John Kennedy for the first time since it was revealed he once compared the Democrat to Marx and Hitler. Anti-Reagan hecklers interrupted.

(President: "He stood one cold January day -- I would think that even they would have the respect to listen to the words that I'm going to say in quoting John F. Kennedy." (Cheers))

He said Kennedy promised to keep faith with the people of Massachusetts and so would he. Reagan also campaigned for other Republicans, including Senate candidate Ray Shamie. But, worried about offending Democrats who support him, Reagan never mentioned they are Republicans. In upstate New York, another warm welcome and another appeal to Democrats.

(President: "Come walk with us on this new path of hope and opportunity.") Reagan started this fall with a simple strategy. As long as his base was secured, go after Mondale's. On this final trip, he's still campaigning on Democratic turf, which may be the best indication of just how well he's doing.
(NBC-6)

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY EVENING (continued)

NBC's Lisa Myers: Mondale began his last stand in traditionally Democratic New York in the heart of the Garment District, where he wrapped himself in the union label. Although he's ahead here in the city, the latest poll shows him trailing Reagan in New York state by 14 points. But Mondale claimed the enormous crowd was further proof that polls are wrong.

(Mondale: "You cannot believe what's going on in this country. Crowds that no one's ever had before.")

Because crowds have become about all Mondale has to brag about, sources say the campaign will spend extra money to ensure they stay big until Tuesday. Mondale tried to win back some of the all-important Jewish vote with an unusually personal response to Reagan's charge that he's soft on anti-semitism.

(Mondale: "Mr. President, that charge says something about you. (Cheers) That is false and contemptable, and the American people do not like that kind of politics anywhere in this country.")

Mondale's aides consider New York one of his best hopes for an upset. But the overall situation remains very grim. One of Mondale's own pollsters now predicts that he will lose this election by a bigger margin than Jimmy Carter -- by 14 points. (NBC-7)

Brokaw: And in this campaign, of course, more attention has been focused on the "Veeps", the vice presidential candidates than ever before.

NBC's John Severson: At the beginning of this campaign, George Bush was given the easiest job of his political career: say something nice about Ronald Reagan.

(Vice President: "We are number one again thanks to President Reagan's leadership." At another rally: "You know what the Tigers did to the Padres. That's exactly what Ronald Reagan did to Walter Mondale, and that's what -- (Drowned out by cheers)" On Air Force Two: "You may call it cheerleading. Oh, I hear the criticism a little bit, you know.")

And when he isn't cheerleading, he's tackling Walter Mondale.

(Vice President, at rally: "Mr. Mondale, the sky isn't falling. The future looks bright.")

Bush has not tackled the issues. His speeches are filled with slogans.

(Vice President: "More jobs means more opportunity.")

He generally has gone to safe places where Ronald Reagan is popular, often to high schools and to audiences who seem more mesmerized by the fanfare than by Bush himself. In the beginning, he simply ignored Geraldine Ferraro. In the end, he has been patronizing.

(Vice President: "And I don't want to be patronizing, but I do want to say something here --")

His campaign has been pockmarked with rhetorical excesses and silly mistakes.

(Vice President, in middle of a crowd of press: "You guys, let me give a little lecture --")

He's become a lightning rod, the subject of a harsh Washington Post editorial.

(Vice President: "I'd rather have a poll showing -- head-on-head with Ferraro -- showing me whipping her, than I would worry about some editorialist from the Washington Post.")

Doonesbury has ridiculed him. (TV Coverage: Frame of Doonesbury, with bubble talking about putting manhood into a blind trust)

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Severson (continued): (Reporter: "Are you personally insulted by the Doonesbury comic strip?" Vice President: "No, I haven't had the time to read him.")

In his mind, the high point of the campaign was the debate. Afterwards, he said he kicked a little ass. That's now become an unofficial campaign slogan.

(Jill Emery: "I did a little kicking of my own.")

Campaign officials say part polls show that Bush is more popular than ever, and he thinks it's been a very successful campaign. But party insiders are not so convinced. There may have been a political price for his cheerleading. Nobody knows for certain where George Bush stands on a number of important issues, or if he can stand by himself in 1988.

(NBC-8)

NBC's Bob Kur: His selection was bold and calculated. If he were considered dull, she would add excitement. If he represented the past, she symbolized the future and opportunity. They knew, three-and-a-half months ago what they'd say in a commercial this week.

(Mondale-Ferraro ad: "The important thing is not how she's made us feel about her. It's how she's made us feel about ourselves and about the country.")

And there's no denying the feeling. People want to see and touch her. She's a hot political property, often seen by more people in a day than George Bush is in a week.

(Ferraro: "You are absolutely marvelous. My goodness!")

Her style is as unique as her homespun approach on issues. Pentagon spending, for example --

(Ferraro: "They have a six -- a \$7,000 coffee pot that they've bought.

Now, I tell you -- You know, let me tell you. I'm not just speaking to women here. You know none of us would spend that kind of money on a coffee pot, right?" (Cheers))

Expectations were high. Mondale was counting on Ferraro's special appeal to help him with special groups of voters: women, parents and blue collar ethnics. But Mondale's choice was as risky as it was bold.

(Demonstrators: "Life, yes! Ferraro, no!!")

Her position on abortion created a diversion. Question of inexperience persist, though she passed her big test. But headlines about her family finances and her husband's business broke any early momentum and caused her family anguish.

(Ferraro, on Donahue: "Whatever happens after this election, I'm going to spend the rest of my life making it up to my husband and to -- I'll make it up to my mother. I'll make it up to my kids.")

For three months, Geraldine Ferraro has known that, win or lose next week, she'd make history. And she has.

(NBC-9)

CBS's Dan Rather looks at Americas voters, using Wilmington, Delaware, as an example. He finds a city and a country in economic transition from heavy industry to service industry with an accent on high tech. How you fit into the transition helps to shape how you feel about each candidate's vision of the future.

(CBS-13)

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY EVENING (continued)

ABC's James Wooten reports that all across the country, most of the younger voters are favoring the oldest candidate, the President. It's an ideological shift that's clearly seen in the national polls and sufficiently broad for at least a small slice of that to appear where you'd least expect it -- Berkeley. Berkeley now has a growing Republican Club and several other conservative groups. They haven't even dented the school's mainstream liberal majority, of course, but their mere presence is dramatic evidence of Ronald Reagan's strength this year among students nationwide.

(ABC-8)

INDIA

As 600,000 mourners filed past the body of Indira Gandhi, hundreds of thousands of others battled in sectarian violence that has now left 150 dead and 1,000 wounded. Army troops were given shoot-to-kill orders to put down the rioting and curfews were declared in 30 cities.

(CBS-Lead, ABC-Lead, NBC-Lead)

CBS's Bill McLaughlin: In Moscow today, while Soviet President Chernenko was signing the book of condolences at the Indian embassy, Pravda said that the CIA and State Department supported Sikh extremist groups in India. And Radio Moscow's overseas service called Mrs. Gandhi's death part of a chain of conspiracies that the U.S. aimed at Third World leaders. So, before leaving for India today to attend the Gandhi funeral, Secretary Shultz lashed out at the Soviet campaign to blame the U.S. for her assassination, a charge Administration officials said would endanger the lives of Americans in India. Despite Moscow's charges, sources at the State Department said plans were still on to arrange a meeting in India between Shultz and Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Tikhanov. U.S. intelligence officials say that, while the Soviet allegations are absurd, they are very dangerous. The memory here of attacks on U.S. citizens and embassies like the one in Pakistan in 1979 is still very strong. So there is the real concern that the Soviet propaganda campaign could endanger the lives of Americans in India.

(CBS-2)

Jennings: The American delegation to Mrs. Gandhi's funeral is led by the Secretary of State. The delegation left New York City this afternoon for New Delhi. Heading the Soviet delegation will be the Soviet Prime Minister, Nikolai Tikhanov, and there is a chance that Mr. Shultz and Mr. Tikhanov will meet while in New Delhi. If so, Mr. Shultz may deliver a personal protest over Soviet news reports which accuse the United States of supporting the Sikh movement and, by implication, of being behind the assassination.

(ABC-3)

Brokaw: The Soviet Union did the best it could today to link the United States to the assassination of Prime Minister Gandhi without quite saying that. The Soviet press accused the United States of supporting the extremist Sikhs and then said the shooting was inspired by those who preach gangsterism in relations between the states. The U.S. State Department called that outrageous and made a formal protest to the Soviets.

(NBC-3)

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY EVENING (continued)

HONDURAS

Schieffer: A Honduran general and a Miami-based businessman who lost \$7 million when the Honduran government nationalized his cement business are among eight people charged by the FBI tonight with plotting to overthrow the Honduran government. The FBI says that the eight under arrest were going to assassinate the Honduran president and take over the government of that Central American nation. The FBI said it also seized more than \$10 million worth of cocaine that the conspirators were going to sell to finance the assassination plot. The FBI said one of its agents had been planted in the group as one of the would-be assassins.

(CBS-10, NBC-5)

ABC's Mark Potter reports Honduran President Roberto Suazo, a key ally to the U.S. in Central America, was notified of the plot when the FBI learned of it from a private citizen in Miami in August.

(ABC-4)

ETHIOPIA

A worldwide effort to fight the famine in Ethiopia strained the airports in that country today as an emergency airlift of food and other relief supplies began. The first plane was from Britain, with 30 tons of food and medicine. Chartered U.S. cargo planes are expected to begin arriving on Sunday.

(CBS-14, NBC-10)

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EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

ENDORSEMENTS

PRESIDENT REAGAN

Four Years Ago... -- "An overwhelming Hispanic vote for Mr. Reagan will let all politicians know that they cannot bribe us and count on our vote. It will let them know that we are not a rubber stamp for anyone and that we can think. We can prove that we are willing and able to do what is right for our country and vote for a candidate who has earned the right to another four years in the White House. Every party will finally learn that they can earn our vote by producing for us and lose it if they do not. The Republicans or Democrats will never again forget us and think of us a rubber stamp if we help to give Mr. Reagan what he deserves -- a landslide victory. WADO unequivocally and strongly endorses the President of the United States, Ronald Reagan, for another four years in our White House."

(Nelson Lavergne, Chairman, WADO Radio, New York City, 10/29-11/3)

Retain Mr. Reagan -- "In this crisis-ridden world we live in today, we believe the United States should have a strong leader, one who believes in the basic philosophies upon which this nation was founded. We believe the U.S. deserves a president like Ronald Wilson Reagan. Reared in America's heartland which we have come to know and love, Mr. Reagan is returning the nation to the values which have been the strength of this country. Mr. Reagan has taken the American people by the hand and shown them that hard work, Christian principles and free enterprise can make the country strong again. Mr. Reagan well represents America."

(Dixon, Ill., Evening Telegraph, 10/29)

WALTER MONDALE

A Vote for Mondale -- "We acknowledge that Walter Mondale is not the most inspirational leader the nation could hope for. We also disagree with him on such issues as his protectionist leanings, his softness on immigration reform and his proposal to limit tax indexing. But the former vice president is able and experienced and has sound instincts....Win or lose next Tuesday, he seems to us the better choice." (Buffalo News, 10/30)

Mondale for President -- "We believe Mr. Mondale still needs to expand his vision. He must wrestle with the tough challenge of spending cuts across the board, especially entitlements, and the inherent dangers of trade protectionism in the world market. But more importantly, he offers the promise of a president who can bring to bear intelligent decisiveness, which the nation will need."

(Stamford, Conn., Advocate, 10/28)

GANDHI ASSASSINATION

When Fanaticism Flourishes... -- "The founders of the United States succeeded where Mohandas Gandhi failed. They provided an institutional atmosphere for religious harmony and governmental indifference to religion that will last as long as Americans allow it to. Mrs. Gandhi's assassination should remind Americans that we have a system worth protecting."

(Hartford Courant, 11/1)



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

NATIONAL NEWS

Parents, Students Vote in Mock Election -- President Reagan swept to victory with almost 60% of the votes, as more than 1.6M parents and students participated in the National Student-Parent Mock Election.

(AP)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. Charges Nine in Plot to Assassinate Honduran Leader -- Those charged included a Honduran general stationed in Chile, two Honduran businessmen and six U.S. citizens or residents, the FBI said. Attorney General Smith said thwarting the plot demonstrated U.S. ability to combat terrorism worldwide.

(Reuter)

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TRIP NEWS

IN MASSACHUSETTS, REAGAN JOUSTS WITH HECKLERS

BOSTON -- President Reagan, in a buoyant mood on the first day of a final campaign swing, jousted with hecklers and invoked the name and memory of John Kennedy as he urged lifelong Democrats to vote Republican next Tuesday. Reagan drew cheers and chants of "50 states" from a noisy crowd of several thousand supporters and boos from hundreds of opponents when he concluded his speech at an outdoor rally by quoting Kennedy when he left Massachusetts to assume the presidency in 1961. In that famous speech Kennedy said that the enduring qualities of Massachusetts and its diverse heritage "are part of my life, my conviction, my views of the past and my hopes in the future."

(Lou Cannon, Washington Post, A8)

PRESIDENT TRIES TO AID SHAMIE IN MASS. RACE

BOSTON -- President Reagan's 90-minute stopover may have won him some votes in Democrat-heavy Massachusetts, but the major benefactor of the trip may be U.S. Senate hopeful Ray Shamie. The Republican candidate trails Democrat John Kerry 6 to 9 points, and observers here feel the appearance could swing the race in Mr. Shamie's favor.

(Dave Doubrava, Washington Times, A1)

REAGAN AIMS FINAL TRIP AT DEFECTING DEMOCRATS

BOSTON -- President Reagan plunged into the heart of Mondale's political base, beginning the final trip of his campaign determined to hold onto the disaffected Democrats who could give him a landslide victory of politically historic proportions. Mr. Reagan exhorted his followers to resist complacency and turn out a massive vote. In Boston, he also sought to extend his coattails to Raymond Shamie.

(Robert Timberg, Baltimore Sun, A1)

REAGAN'S MESSAGE ONE OF INSPIRATION

DETROIT -- President Reagan set out on a coast-to-coast final-days blitzkrieg with so many stops that his speechwriters have prepared only one basic message for audiences in 10 states between now and election day. Here, and in Rochester, N.Y., and Boston, the President's speech is a compendium of every line and thought he has expressed since his campaign began. He has essentially been using the same message and well-remembered phrases since the debates. "Why," ask his managers, "fiddle with a winning combination?" (Jeremiah O'Leary, Washington Times, A1)

REAGAN: POLLS "SCARE THE LIFE OUT OF ME"

DETROIT -- President Reagan says the polls, showing him 20 points ahead of Mondale, "scare the life out of me," and he fears his supporters will think "it's all over" and stay home on election day. "Don't believe the polls," he exhorted several thousand fans who bravely waited for hours in the rain for him to appear at a rally at a suburban Detroit shopping center.

(Helen Thomas, UPI)

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NATIONAL NEWS

THE MYTHOLOGIZING OF REAGAN'S RECORD

President Reagan and Walter Mondale have spun a series of conflicting myths about Reagan's record in their battle for the White House, each beaming to the American people broad messages that vastly oversimplify the complex reality of what Reagan has done since 1981. For example, Reagan has portrayed himself as a champion of fiscal restraint, a notion that Mondale reinforces when he complains about unfair budget cuts in social programs. What Reagan really accomplished was a shift in budget priorities, not an overall reduction. Federal spending in Reagan's term reached a bigger share of the nation's gross national product than at any time since World War II. Mondale perpetuates the myth that Reagan's defense buildup is excessive and can be reduced. The reality is that lower inflation and congressional cutbacks have trimmed the Reagan defense budget to levels not much higher than what President Carter called for in his final year in office. (David Hoffman, Washington Post, A1)

MOCK ELECTION

FORT WORTH -- President Reagan swept to victory with almost 60% of the votes, as more than 1.6M parents and students participated in the National Student-Parent Mock Election. Reagan held a formidable lead over Mondale all night as results poured from schools all over the nation into "Election Central" at the Americana Hotel in Fort Worth. Mondale narrowly lost in his home state, where 51% opted for Reagan. The near-final tally was 957,141 to 647,814. Reagan's strength was nearly uniform throughout the country, leaving Mondale victories only in Connecticut, D.C., Illinois, Maryland, Mississippi and New York. (Doug Crichton, AP)

MONDALE, FERRARO DRAW CROWD OF 100,000

NEW YORK -- In their last joint appearance before Election Day, Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro drew an estimated 100,000 supporters to a garment district rally where the Democratic candidates denounced the "radical preachers" and "extremists who control the Republican Party." Later, at an appearance in Brooklyn, Mondale warned that President Reagan's reelection could "unleash an orgy of (religious) intolerance in our land."
(Rick Atkinson and Milton Coleman, Washington Post, A3)

Mondale Unabashedly Appeals for Jewish Vote

Walter Mondale is drawing huge crowds and unabashedly appealing for Jewish votes with the presidential election four days away. But President Reagan maintains a commanding lead in the public opinion polls and is sticking to familiar themes in a final drive for re-election. Mondale bluntly and openly appealed to New York's influential Jewish vote, calling Reagan's suggestion that Mondale was soft on anti-Semitism "contemptible." Mondale said he would be a better supporter of Israel than Reagan, saying Reagan might increase U.S. arms sales to Saudi Arabia and Jordan despite Israel's opposition if re-elected. (Jim Adams, Reuter)

Thousands Crowd Garment District to Cheer Mondale

With confetti drifting around him and tens of thousands of supporters jammed into the blocks below, Mondale told an exuberant rally in New York City's garment district that he would be elected President. In perhaps his strongest statement of the campaign so far, Mondale said: "Mr. President, that charge (that the Democrats are soft on anti-Semitism) says something about you. That is false and contemptible, and the American people do not like that kind of politics anywhere in this country." (Bernard Weinraub, New York Times, A1)

MONDALE DECRIES RELIGIOUS RIGHT; REAGAN AIDES SEE 50-STATE SWEEP

Walter Mondale says a Republican victory on Tuesday could bring on an "orgy of intolerance" by the religious right, while President Reagan is warning his supporters against overconfidence even as his staff keeps talking about a 50 state sweep. From the Garment District, Mondale went to a synagogue in Brooklyn where he warned of the influence of Rev. Falwell and other conservative fundamentalist ministers. "Some of his (Reagan's) friends threaten an orgy of intolerance in our land and I don't want them to have any influence," Mondale said. Later, from the pulpit of a black Baptist Church in Cleveland, Mondale said of Reagan: "When this crowd talks about independence, you know that they're saying in code, they're forgetting you. When they talk about bootstraps, it's code for budget cuts. And when they talk about the free market, it's code for discrimination." (Donald Rothberg, AP)

CLEVELAND -- Walter Mondale told a sympathetic black audience that the Reagan Administration has adopted a "grapes of wrath" policy toward minorities and accused the President of planning even deeper budget cuts for the poor during a second term. (AP)

MONDALE STRUGGLING TO WIN HOME STATE

ST. PAUL, Minn. -- Campaign officials said Mondale's Minnesota visit was intended to give Mondale's campaign a morale boost. Political pundits, however, wondered whether it wasn't an attempt to ward off a humiliating defeat on his own turf. (Mary Sandok, AP)

BUSH PUSHES THE LEAD, SEEKS GOP SWEEP

NEW YORK -- Vice President Bush says he is running for the wire with blinders on, but he is acting more like a racehorse who knows he has it won. ".....under the leadership of President Reagan, our country is back with pride, with patriotism and with prosperity. We are No. 1 again. The nation is No. 1." These last lines have become familiar staples of his homestretch stump speech, but he delivers them with a little more conviction each time and the crowds grow louder in response as election day draws closer and the favorable polls hold up. (Don McLeod, Washington Times, A3)

BUSH SAYS HE SUPPORTS THE PRESIDENT 'BLINDLY'

NEW YORK -- Vice President Bush, constantly receiving barbs by political columnists because of his effusive loyalty to President Reagan, told reporters, "I'm for Mr. Reagan -- blindly." Asked if he agreed with Reagan's assertion that Democratic vice-presidential nominee Ferraro was put on the national ticket because of her sex and not her qualifications, Bush replied, "I'm for Mr. Reagan -- blindly." Peter Teeley, Bush's press secretary, said the Vice President meant the remark as a "barb" to reporters, who have peppered him throughout the campaign with questions about his role as Reagan's self-described "cheerleader."
(Dale Russakoff, Washington Post, A7)

FERRARO A SUPERSTAR AT GETTING DONATIONS

CHICAGO -- Geraldine Ferraro has been a "superstar" in campaign fund raising. It may be the area in which she has made the biggest impact. Raising money may be the area where Ferraro leaves a permanent imprint on politics, not just because it is unprecedented for a female candidate to raise that much money but because her contributors have mostly been women.
(Stephanie Nall, Washington Times, A3)

PRESIDENTIAL RACE TIGHTENS IN CHALLENGER'S HOME STATE

President Reagan, with national momentum pointing to a landslide victory of major proportions, has pulled back into a neck-and-neck race with Mondale in the Democrat's home state of Minnesota. Reagan-Bush Committee aides are looking to a 50-state sweep for the President, but spokesman John Buckley commented, "If there's a state where we're close to being behind, it's Minnesota." (Ron Cordray, Washington Times, A4)

REAGAN AIDES BULLISH ON 'THE BEAR' ADS

Over at the Reagan reelection headquarters, they came secretly to love the big bad bear months ago. Over at the Mondale headquarters, in the past week, they came to grudgingly admire -- and politically fear -- him. As a television persuader, this unique attempt at commercial by parable worked. Reagan officials found in their focus-group test involving average viewers that The Bear was an extraordinarily effective way to sell Reagan's peace-through-strength message. And perhaps more convincing, Mondale officials discovered the same thing when they took the unusual step of testing the Reagan ad in one of their own focus-group experiments a week ago. (Martin Schram, Washington Post, A9)

NEW VOTER SIGN-UPS MAY FAVOR THE GOP

A Washington Post survey of registration figures in 35 states shows that Democrats failed to achieve their original goal of gaining a national advantage over the GOP. Instead, the Republican Party, which invested \$11M in voter registration, appears at least to have matched Democratic gains and may have exceeded them. The figures also suggest, but do not prove, that the evangelical, conservative Christian drive to register church members produced sharply increased white registration in South and significant GOP gains.

(Thomas Edsall, Washington Post, A1)

MONDALE EXPECTED TO GAIN MOST BLACK VOTES

An estimated 88% of black voters are expected to cast ballots for Mondale, who says Administration policies are leading to a widening gap between the economic conditions of blacks and whites. While Mr. Reagan has made inroads into other traditionally Democratic groups, such as Hispanic Americans, he has failed to gain popularity with blacks, even though the majority of blacks hold many "conservative" views. For example, the majority of blacks oppose busing and reverse discrimination, want more discipline in schools, and favor a constitutional amendment to balance the budget. (Rita McWilliams, Washington Times, A2)

HOUSE REPUBLICANS HOPING TO DUMP O'NEILL AS SPEAKER

House Republicans are floating a plan to unseat Tip O'Neill as Speaker of the House and replace him with a "coalition" legislator who could better lead the House's conservative, moderate and liberal factions. Success of the plan hinges on a gain of 20 to 30 House Republicans and a Reagan-Bush landslide that would provide the momentum for the handful of Democrats -- perhaps as few as 11 -- to switch their votes from O'Neill to the coalition candidate. (Thomas Brandt, Washington Times, A8)

REAGAN AND THE BUDGET-DEFICIT RECKONING

President Reagan has sprinkled his campaign this year with optimistic predictions about the \$170B deficit that mask painful fiscal choices his advisers and outside experts say he will confront if reelected. Insiders have muted their concerns until after the election. But they nonetheless share a widespread view among outside experts that, to reduce the deficit significantly, Reagan will face unpleasant choices -- if he is reelected -- that were never acknowledged in his optimistic campaign speeches. (David Hoffman, Washington Post, A4)

STATE, LOCAL DEDUCTION MAY END

Secretary Regan, developing a second-term tax proposal for consideration by the White house, tentatively has approved phasing out the income-tax deduction for state and local taxes and taxing all unemployment compensation, according to a source. (Martha Hamilton, Washington Post, A5)

THREE GOP MAYORS BLAST BARRY'S URBAN REPORT

Three Republican members of the U.S. Conference of Mayors criticized D.C. Mayor Barry for waiting until a week before the election to release a conference report that is highly critical of the Reagan Administration and contains spending proposals at odds with conference policy. Mayor Herman Padilla of San Juan, Puerto Rico, president of the Conference, issued a statement warning that "it would be misleading to suggest" that the report, calling for \$49B in additional federal spending for major cities, reflects the views of the members. Mayor Robert Isaac of Colorado Springs and Mayor William Althaus of York, Pa., held a press conference at the Conference headquarters to blast Barry for using his position with the Conference to try to embarrass Reagan. (Eric Pianin, Washington Post, A6)

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SEPTEMBER JOB REPORT CONCERNS ECONOMISTS

With increasing signs of a general business slowdown, the civilian unemployment rate, the last major economic report before the election, could edge up, private economists say. These analysts said such a rise likely would be slight and would likely send mixed signals about the future health of the job market. If the seasonally adjusted civilian rate of 7.4% rose by only 0.1%, it would return to the 7.5% level that existed in January 1981, when President Reagan was inaugurated.

(Merrill Hartson, AP)

UNEMPLOYMENT: NOT MUCH BETTER OR WORSE

Nearly half a million more Americans are looking for a job today than were unemployed in October 1980 and improvement in the jobless rate has been virtually stalled for three months. But unemployment remains only a minor issue in the campaign, overshadowed by sparring over taxes and deficits. Economists are watching industrial employment carefully. Factory production has been weak and this week's report on new orders to factories showed a 1.8% decline for September.

(Denis Gulino, UPI)

GAO SEES PROBLEMS WITH WARTIME TRAINING

The Army could call as many as 133,000 draftees and inactive reservists to active duty within 30 days of a wartime emergency, but would be capable of teaching only half of them the skills needed to fight, the GAO said. In the 10 years since the beginning of the all-volunteer army, the GAO has issued several reports criticizing the Defense Department's ability to beef up the professional armed forces with civilian recruits in time to meet a national emergency. (Henry Gottlieb, AP)

PENTAGON ACCUSED OF FOOT DRAGGING ON TOXIC CLEANUP

The Pentagon has not completed toxic waste cleanups at a single military installation nine years after it began identifying dumps on bases that are polluting the environment, a congressional study says. Reps. Florio (D.-N.J.) and Fazio (D.-Calif.) released a draft report by the GAO Thursday contending that the Pentagon's cleanup program, initiated in 1975, is only now beginning to be taken seriously. Fazio said the report shows the need for a new "superfund" program to deal with military toxic waste.

(William Kronholm, AP)

PENTAGON PUSHING SHELTER PROGRAMS

The Pentagon is pushing its program to turn 600 military facilities into shelters for the homeless as the government urged an advocate for the indigent protesting Administration policies to end his 48-day hunger strike. Secretary Weinberger said he is giving more emphasis to the shelter program, taking it out of the hands of the military and putting it under the direction of the Pentagon's civilian manpower and logistics chief, Assistant Secretary Korb. At the same time, an internal Pentagon memorandum indicated he Pentagon's "shelters for the homeless program" has begun to gather steam nationwide with another five areas asking for Defense Department facilities. (Richard Gross, UPI)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

FBI HOLDS 8 IN PLOT ON HONDURAS

The FBI said that it arrested eight people who were plotting to assassinate Honduran President Suazo and take over the government of Honduras. FBI Director Webster said an undercover FBI agent had infiltrated the assassination plot, which he said included a Honduran general and two Honduran businessmen living in Miami. The FBI has seized about \$10M worth of cocaine that the suspects were to use to pay for explosives, tanks, airplanes, night-vision equipment and other military weapons to be used in the attempted takeover, Webster said.

(Howard Kurtz and Joanne Omang, Washington Post, A1)

Plot to Kill Honduran President Foiled

There was no official comment on the arrests, but National Congress President Efraim Bui Giron said he would call together "the permanent commission of the National Congress to adopt measures on the affair." (Jeff Hardy, UPI)

U.S. Charges Nine in Plot to Assassinate Honduran Leader

Those charged included a Honduran general stationed in Chile, two Honduran businessmen and six U.S. citizens or residents, the FBI said. Attorney General Smith said thwarting the plot demonstrated U.S. ability to combat terrorism worldwide. (James Vicini, Reuter)

NEW FACTION OPPOSED TO PEACE TALKS WITH DUARTE

SAN SALVADOR -- Salvadoran Marxist extremists announced the formation of a new rebel group committed to revolution and opposed to peace talks between mainstream guerrilla leaders and the U.S.-backed government. The new Salvadoran group calls itself the Roberto Sibrian Popular Revolutionary Movement, named after a hard-line Marxist guerrilla leader who was killed in combat in 1980. (Washington Times, A7)

NICARAGUA'S REJECTION DEADLOCKS CONTADORA

MANAGUA -- Nicaragua's rejection of a newly amended version of the Contadora plan seemingly leaves the 22-month-old regional peace effort deadlocked as the Nicaraguans hold their disputed elections Sunday. Especially important to Central Americans, in view of Nicaragua's rapidly growing military establishment, were provisions for verification and control of military matters. The Contadora provisions were deemed inadequate. (Jay Mallin, Washington Times, A7)

ORTEGA REITERATES WARNING OF U.S. INVASION

MANAGUA -- Daniel Ortega warned the danger of a U.S. invasion of Nicaragua would increase following the American elections. Ortega also rejected an offer by CIA-backed rebel leaders to observe a cease-fire during nationwide elections Sunday. Ortega's campaign rally, attended by some 85,000 people, began with a festive atmosphere. Ortega, however, struck a somber note with his warning that "American troops are going to be walking the streets of Managua." (Jane Bussey, UPI)

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NEW CALL FOR FIRINGS OVER CIA HANDBOOK

Rep. Minetta (D.-Calif.) said he will ask the House Intelligence Committee to give the Justice Department any evidence it has of CIA wrongs "so the individuals who broke the law can be prosecuted." He also said the CIA has refused to let the panel talk to the report's purported author, a man known as John Kirkpatrick and said to be a CIA contract worker. (Eliot Brenner, UPI)

SHULTZ AIMS AT IMPROVING TIES TO INDIA

A second-term Reagan Administration will make a major effort to improve relations with India, top Administration officials have told The Washington Times. This effort will go ahead despite the crisis created by the assassination of PM Gandhi. The presence of Secretary Shultz in New Delhi, where he will represent President Reagan at the funeral, will enable him to meet the new prime minister and start a warming of relations, State Department sources said. (Russell Howe, Washington Times, A1)

U.S. PROTESTS MOSCOW'S DARK HINTS

Moscow has hinted broadly that the CIA had something to do with the assassination of PM Gandhi, and the State Department again denounced the implication as rubbish. On Wednesday and again Thursday, in Moscow and in Washington, the State Department formally protested to the Soviets, spokesman Alan Romberg said. (Miles Cunningham, Washington Times, A6)

Pravda also accused the U.S. of "large-scale CIA subversive activities against India," without mentioning the assassination. "The U.S. Department of State together with the CIA have carried out a number of operations within the framework of the Brahmaputra Project, which provides for the encouragement of separatism in India," Pravda said. It charged "the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi most actively supported the separatist movement in Punjab state" that led to bloody clashes and ultimately Gandhi's assassination. (UPI)

U.S., Fearing Violence, Protests to Moscow on CIA Charge

Fearful that American lives might be endangered, the U.S. has called on Moscow to stop linking the assassination of Indira Gandhi to the CIA. A State Department official said it was feared that linking the CIA with the assassination "feeds into a situation where there is a potential for violence that threatens to endanger American lives." (William Scally, Reuter)

Administration Angry Over Soviet Allegations on Gandhi Death

The Reagan Administration has denounced as "absurd and irresponsible" Soviet allegations linking the CIA to the assassination of PM Gandhi. But the Soviet attempt to link Washington to the assassination apparently isn't derailing Administration efforts to improve relations with Moscow. The State Department is trying to arrange a meeting between Secretary Shultz and the No. 2 Soviet leader, Nikolai Tikhonov, while both are in New Delhi for the funeral. (Gregory Nokes, AP)

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ANGRY INDIAN MOBS HUNT DOWN SIKHS

NEW DELHI -- Disregarding appeals for order by the newly installed prime minister, rampaging mobs of Hindus vowing revenge for the assassination of Indira Gandhi burned scores of Sikh-owned stores and houses as troops were called out in the capital and elsewhere in India. (William Claiborne, Washington Post, A1)

U.S. SAYS IT DID NOT SLOW AID TO ETHIOPIA

A senior Administration official has rejected suggestions that the U.S. was slow in sending food to 6M starving Ethiopians to encourage instability and topple the Marxist government. "The idea that we would tie aid to political considerations in Ethiopia is just wrong," Director of the Agency for International Development Peter McPherson said. "A hungry child knows no politics -- that is our policy." (Michael Myers, UPI)

U.S. AND SYRIA WELCOME ISRAELI-LEBANESE TALKS ON TROOP PULLOUT

BEIRUT -- The U.S. and Syria have welcomed next week's talks between Israel and Lebanese officials on a troop pullout from South Lebanon but Syria said it could not guarantee the security of Israel's border. "I am delighted by yesterday's news that talks are to start next Monday between the military representatives of Lebanon and Israel and I think it's a fine step forward," said Assistant Secretary of State Murphy. Syrian Vice President Khaddam said his government approved of the meeting as a way to end the two-year occupation of southern Lebanon by Israeli troops. Khaddam said Syria could not meet Israeli demands to guarantee the protection of its northern settlements from Palestinian guerrilla attacks. (UPI)

U.S., SOVIETS WANT TO LIMIT NUCLEAR ARMS CLUB

Despite the standoff between the U.S. and the Soviet Union on arms control, the two great powers are remarkably harmonious on preventing the spread of nuclear weapons to other countries, Secretary Shultz said. "It is clear that both countries consider the horizontal spread of nuclear explosives to be in no one's interest," said Shultz in an address before the U.N. Association of the U.S.A. in New York. (Washington Times, A6)

STRIKE CALL ISSUED TO PROTEST PRIEST'S DEATH

WARSAW -- Thousands of Poles mourned Rev. Popieluszko at his Warsaw church, and a group of Solidarity activists from Gdansk called a one-hour strike for Saturday to protest his kidnap and murder. The strike call by the Gdansk group was addressed to the workers of Gdansk, but apparently was aimed at workers nationwide. (Matthew Vita, AP)

NAKASONE SEEKS POST-ELECTION POLICY PARLEY

TOKYO -- PM Nakasone called for bilateral talks after the U.S. presidential election to ascertain the direction of American policy over the next four years. "The period (between the election and the inauguration) is very important for both countries," Nakasone said in a press conference. "We should discuss the international economy, the Middle East, the Third World and other issues," he said. (Timothy Elder, Washington Times, A7)

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NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY EVENING, November 1, 1984

PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

CBS's Bob Schieffer: With the kinds of schedules that are on these days -- these final days of the campaign -- Ronald Reagan and Walter Mondale may have a common problem: finding a time and place to get their laundry done. The President left Washington today on a final campaign swing that will take him to 16 cities in 10 states. Mondale, who got his biggest crowd of the campaign today in New York, will visit 13 cities in 9 states.

CBS's Bill Plante: Ronald Reagan last hurrah? Well, sort of. 2,000 White House and campaign workers cheered the President as he set out on the final trip of his campaign. Was he nostalgic?

(President, at departure: "You could have mixed emotions about that.")

Reporter: "What are yours?" President: "Well, there's one of them that says enough's enough.")

Mr. Reagan and his campaign managers, in great good spirits, posed on the steps of Air Force One before departing on a five-day, 10-state swing. Their goal now: nothing less than a 50-state sweep. First stop, heavily Democratic Boston. Launching into his now-familiar attack on Walter Mondale, the President was enthusiastic, and when he made a slight slip, relaxed.

(President: "The American people don't want his tax cut, and he's not going to get his tax cut. (Cheers) Whoa: Wait a minute: I was talking -- tax increases. He never asked for a tax cut in his entire career.")

Mr. Reagan could barely hear several hundred protesters who were kept behind a specially erected fence. To a wildly enthusiastic crowd in Rochester, N.Y., Mr. Reagan repeated his warning against overconfidence.

(President: "The polls are scaring me to death because I have a feeling that maybe some people are looking at them and saying, 'Oh, we don't have to go and vote. It's all over.'")

The President is playing the Democrats on their own turf as this final play begins, trying to give them a reason not to go home to Walter Mondale, hoping too that they'll help him elect some other Republicans.

(CBS-5)

CBS's Susan Spencer: The Garment District was dressed up today, festooned with flags, decorated with ticker tape, studded with Hollywood stars (TV Coverage: Paul Newman) and jammed for blocks with an enthusiastic crowd police put at 100,000 -- the kind of crowd that keeps the upbeat Democrats seemingly unconcerned about prophecies of a Reagan landslide.

(Geraldine Ferraro: "Some people say this election cannot be won. I say it can be. I say it will be. And I say, with your help, we're going to do it on Tuesday.")

With but five days to go, this was the ticket's last joint appearance. Though even their own polls show no encouraging trends, both Mondale and Ferraro seem at ease with this campaign and more willing than ever to take on the President.

(Mondale: "Mr. Reagan is the worst president for working America since Herbert Hoover.")

And Mondale responded to the President's allegation last week that the Democrats are soft on anti-semitism.

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NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY EVENING (continued)

Spencer (continued): (Mondale: "Mr. President, that charge says something about you. (Cheers) That is false and contemptable.") Both Mondale and Ferraro will be on the road non-stop now until the election, campaigning on both coasts. And they have bought extensive TV time this weekend, their last chance to get the message across.

(CBS-6)

Schieffer: Even Geraldine Ferraro would have to concede that Vice President Bush halted her momentum for a time today, and on her home turf at that. The Ferraro motorcade was stopped today on a Queens, New York, parkway and aides soon discovered the reason why. They were being held up by police to allow Vice President Bush's motorcade to make its way to the airport. It was all eventually straightened out and everyone finally got to where they were going. (CBS-7)

ABC's Peter Jennings: President Reagan left Washington today on the last campaign swing of this election, 10 states and 15 cities.

ABC's Sam Donaldson: The Presidential campaign party posed on the steps of Air Force One before setting off for the last campaign swing. Some think of it as a sentimental last hurrah. A swing first to Boston, Mass., and a City Hall rally where Mr. Reagan posed arm-in-arm with the GOP's conservative senatorial candidate, Ray Shamie, whose one-time flirtation with the John Birch Society caused some to predict erroneously that Mr. Reagan would stay away. But the President wants a 50-state sweep against Walter Mondale too much to do that.

(President: "Now, I come before you today as the candid -- There's an echo in here, isn't there?" (Cheers))

The so-called echo came from a large group of Mondale-Ferraro supporters, some of whom had gotten inside the rally, most of whom had gotten only so far as the other side of the fence.

(Demonstrators: "Hypocrite! Hypocrite!")

Massachusetts Democrats who heard the President raise the magic name of Kennedy for the first time since his letter comparing Kennedy's program to Marx's and Hitler's was revealed. Demonstrators who finally began to get under the President's skin.

(President: "And you know something, some people over here are going to hate this, but you ain't seen nothin' yet." (Cheers))

Next stop: Rochester, in upstate New York, and a warning against complacency.

(President: "The polls are scaring me to death. Please, no matter what it takes, go to the polls and vote.")

Some may think of this swing as a sentimental last hurrah, but not the Reagan campaign managers. They're out to nail down a landslide victory, a 50-state sweep if possible. They think of this swing not as a last hurrah but as a blitzkrieg. (ABC-6)

ABC's Brit Hume: If the polls are right, Walter Mondale is about to get blitzed and might as well have gone over Niagara Falls today in a barrel. But he flew down from Buffalo to New York City on his last visit to the state that is the cornerstone of his longshot hopes. And in the city's Garment District, he found fresh reason for hope. An estimated 100,000 people jammed the streets to hear Geraldine Ferraro and Mondale.

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY EVENING (continued)

Hume (continued): (Mondale: "What a crowd; You're beautiful. You're beautiful.")

It was a spectacular rally. The largest, said local Democrats, since John Kennedy appeared here in 1960. But as she was leaving town, Ferraro got a blunt reminder of who's who in this race. Her motorcade was halted so that Vice President Bush's could pass. (TV Coverage: The view down Ferraro's motorcade as Bush's speeds by) Mondale this afternoon got a warm reception from Jewish senior citizens in Brooklyn. Mondale needs these people and he spoke to them with force.

(Mondale: "Last week, the President went to Long Island and accused me of being soft on anti-semitism. Let me tell you to straighten it out. It angered me. I resent it. I think it's despicable and I think it's inexcusable.")

Mondale is showing a lot of fight and enthusiasm for a candidate apparently facing such long odds. But it is a sign of his predicament that five days before the election, he is trying to shore up his standing with a group once considered an almost automatic source of support for both Mondale and the Democratic Party. (ABC-7)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: Five days to go and the final push is on for all the candidates in this presidential campaign. For President Reagan, today a last hurrah, his final campaign. For Walter Mondale, the biggest crowd of his campaign, estimated at 100,000. But his numbers remain grim in the polls.

NBC's Chris Wallace: Hundreds of Republican workers crowded the South Lawn today as Ronald Reagan left to campaign for himself for the last time. But the President was in no mood for nostalgia or overconfidence.

(President: "My message is going to be one very simple and clear: get out the vote. Everyone vote.")

Reagan took that message first to the Democratic strongholds of New York and Massachusetts. In Boston, he mentioned John Kennedy for the first time since it was revealed he once compared the Democrat to Marx and Hitler. Anti-Reagan hecklers interrupted.

(President: "He stood one cold January day -- I would think that even they would have the respect to listen to the words that I'm going to say in quoting John F. Kennedy." (Cheers))

He said Kennedy promised to keep faith with the people of Massachusetts and so would he. Reagan also campaigned for other Republicans, including Senate candidate Ray Shamie. But, worried about offending Democrats who support him, Reagan never mentioned they are Republicans. In upstate New York, another warm welcome and another appeal to Democrats.

(President: "Come walk with us on this new path of hope and opportunity.")

Reagan started this fall with a simple strategy. As long as his base was secured, go after Mondale's. On this final trip, he's still campaigning on Democratic turf, which may be the best indication of just how well he's doing. (NBC-6)

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY EVENING (continued)

NBC's Lisa Myers: Mondale began his last stand in traditionally Democratic New York in the heart of the Garment District, where he wrapped himself in the union label. Although he's ahead here in the city, the latest poll shows him trailing Reagan in New York state by 14 points. But Mondale claimed the enormous crowd was further proof that polls are wrong. (Mondale: "You cannot believe what's going on in this country. Crowds that no one's ever had before.")

Because crowds have become about all Mondale has to brag about, sources say the campaign will spend extra money to ensure they stay big until Tuesday. Mondale tried to win back some of the all-important Jewish vote with an unusually personal response to Reagan's charge that he's soft on anti-semitism.

(Mondale: "Mr. President, that charge says something about you. (Cheers) That is false and contemptable, and the American people do not like that kind of politics anywhere in this country.")

Mondale's aides consider New York one of his best hopes for an upset. But the overall situation remains very grim. One of Mondale's own pollsters now predicts that he will lose this election by a bigger margin than Jimmy Carter -- by 14 points. (NBC-7)

Brokaw: And in this campaign, of course, more attention has been focused on the "Veeps", the vice presidential candidates than ever before.

NBC's John Severson: At the beginning of this campaign, George Bush was given the easiest job of his political career: say something nice about Ronald Reagan.

(Vice President: "We are number one again thanks to President Reagan's leadership." At another rally: "You know what the Tigers did to the Padres. That's exactly what Ronald Reagan did to Walter Mondale, and that's what -- (Drowned out by cheers)" On Air Force Two: "You may call it cheerleading. Oh, I hear the criticism a little bit, you know.") And when he isn't cheerleading, he's tackling Walter Mondale.

(Vice President, at rally: "Mr. Mondale, the sky isn't falling. The future looks bright.")

Bush has not tackled the issues. His speeches are filled with slogans.

(Vice President: "More jobs means more opportunity.")

He generally has gone to safe places where Ronald Reagan is popular, often to high schools and to audiences who seem more mesmerized by the fanfare than by Bush himself. In the beginning, he simply ignored Geraldine Ferraro. In the end, he has been patronizing.

(Vice President: "And I don't want to be patronizing, but I do want to say something here --")

His campaign has been pockmarked with rhetorical excesses and silly mistakes.

(Vice President, in middle of a crowd of press: "You guys, let me give a little lecture --")

He's become a lightning rod, the subject of a harsh Washington Post editorial.

(Vice President: "I'd rather have a poll showing -- head-on-head with Ferraro -- showing me whipping her, than I would worry about some editorialist from the Washington Post.")

Doonesbury has ridiculed him. (TV Coverage: Frame of Doonesbury, with bubble talking about putting manhood into a blind trust)

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY EVENING (continued)

Severson (continued): (Reporter: "Are you personally insulted by the Doonesbury comic strip?" Vice President: "No, I haven't had the time to read him.")

In his mind, the high point of the campaign was the debate. Afterwards, he said he kicked a little ass. That's now become an unofficial campaign slogan.

(Jill Emery: "I did a little kicking of my own.")

Campaign officials say part polls show that Bush is more popular than ever, and he thinks it's been a very successful campaign. But party insiders are not so convinced. There may have been a political price for his cheerleading. Nobody knows for certain where George Bush stands on a number of important issues, or if he can stand by himself in 1988.

(NBC-8)

NBC's Bob Kur: His selection was bold and calculated. If he were considered dull, she would add excitement. If he represented the past, she symbolized the future and opportunity. They knew, three-and-a-half months ago what they'd say in a commercial this week.

(Mondale-Ferraro ad: "The important thing is not how she's made us feel about her. It's how she's made us feel about ourselves and about the country.")

And there's no denying the feeling. People want to see and touch her. She's a hot political property, often seen by more people in a day than George Bush is in a week.

(Ferraro: "You are absolutely marvelous. My goodness!")

Her style is as unique as her homespun approach on issues. Pentagon spending, for example --

(Ferraro: "They have a six -- a \$7,000 coffee pot that they've bought. Now, I tell you -- You know, let me tell you. I'm not just speaking to women here. You know none of us would spend that kind of money on a coffee pot, right?" (Cheers))

Expectations were high. Mondale was counting on Ferraro's special appeal to help him with special groups of voters: women, parents and blue collar ethnics. But Mondale's choice was as risky as it was bold.

(Demonstrators: "Life, yes! Ferraro, no!")

Her position on abortion created a diversion. Question of inexperience persist, though she passed her big test. But headlines about her family finances and her husband's business broke any early momentum and caused her family anguish.

(Ferraro, on Donahue: "Whatever happens after this election, I'm going to spend the rest of my life making it up to my husband and to -- I'll make it up to my mother. I'll make it up to my kids.")

For three months, Geraldine Ferraro has known that, win or lose next week, she'd make history. And she has.

(NBC-9)

CBS's Dan Rather looks at Americas voters, using Wilmington, Delaware, as an example. He finds a city and a country in economic transition from heavy industry to service industry with an accent on high tech. How you fit into the transition helps to shape how you feel about each candidate's vision of the future.

(CBS-13)

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY EVENING (continued)

ABC's James Wooten reports that all across the country, most of the younger voters are favoring the oldest candidate, the President. It's an ideological shift that's clearly seen in the national polls and sufficiently broad for at least a small slice of that to appear where you'd least expect it -- Berkeley. Berkeley now has a growing Republican Club and several other conservative groups. They haven't even dented the school's mainstream liberal majority, of course, but their mere presence is dramatic evidence of Ronald Reagan's strength this year among students nationwide. (ABC-8)

INDIA

As 600,000 mourners filed past the body of Indira Gandhi, hundreds of thousands of others battled in sectarian violence that has now left 150 dead and 1,000 wounded. Army troops were given shoot-to-kill orders to put down the rioting and curfews were declared in 30 cities.

(CBS-Lead, ABC-Lead, NBC-Lead)

CBS's Bill McLaughlin: In Moscow today, while Soviet President Chernenko was signing the book of condolences at the Indian embassy, Pravda said that the CIA and State Department supported Sikh extremist groups in India. And Radio Moscow's overseas service called Mrs. Gandhi's death part of a chain of conspiracies that the U.S. aimed at Third World leaders. So, before leaving for India today to attend the Gandhi funeral, Secretary Shultz lashed out at the Soviet campaign to blame the U.S. for her assassination, a charge Administration officials said would endanger the lives of Americans in India. Despite Moscow's charges, sources at the State Department said plans were still on to arrange a meeting in India between Shultz and Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Tikhanov. U.S. intelligence officials say that, while the Soviet allegations are absurd, they are very dangerous. The memory here of attacks on U.S. citizens and embassies like the one in Pakistan in 1979 is still very strong. So there is the real concern that the Soviet propaganda campaign could endanger the lives of Americans in India. (CBS-2)

Jennings: The American delegation to Mrs. Gandhi's funeral is led by the Secretary of State. The delegation left New York City this afternoon for New Delhi. Heading the Soviet delegation will be the Soviet Prime Minister, Nikolai Tikhanov, and there is a chance that Mr. Shultz and Mr. Tikhanov will meet while in New Delhi. If so, Mr. Shultz may deliver a personal protest over Soviet news reports which accuse the United States of supporting the Sikh movement and, by implication, of being behind the assassination. (ABC-3)

Brokaw: The Soviet Union did the best it could today to link the United States to the assassination of Prime Minister Gandhi without quite saying that. The Soviet press accused the United States of supporting the extremist Sikhs and then said the shooting was inspired by those who preach gangsterism in relations between the states. The U.S. State Department called that outrageous and made a formal protest to the Soviets. (NBC-3)

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY EVENING (continued)

HONDURAS

Schieffer: A Honduran general and a Miami-based businessman who lost \$7 million when the Honduran government nationalized his cement business are among eight people charged by the FBI tonight with plotting to overthrow the Honduran government. The FBI says that the eight under arrest were going to assassinate the Honduran president and take over the government of that Central American nation. The FBI said it also seized more than \$10 million worth of cocaine that the conspirators were going to sell to finance the assassination plot. The FBI said one of its agents had been planted in the group as one of the would-be assassins.

(CBS-10, NBC-5)

ABC's Mark Potter reports Honduran President Roberto Suazo, a key ally to the U.S. in Central America, was notified of the plot when the FBI learned of it from a private citizen in Miami in August.

(ABC-4)

ETHIOPIA

A worldwide effort to fight the famine in Ethiopia strained the airports in that country today as an emergency airlift of food and other relief supplies began. The first plane was from Britain, with 30 tons of food and medicine. Chartered U.S. cargo planes are expected to begin arriving on Sunday.

(CBS-14, NBC-10)

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EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

ENDORSEMENTS

PRESIDENT REAGAN

Four Years Ago... -- "An overwhelming Hispanic vote for Mr. Reagan will let all politicians know that they cannot bribe us and count on our vote. It will let them know that we are not a rubber stamp for anyone and that we can think. We can prove that we are willing and able to do what is right for our country and vote for a candidate who has earned the right to another four years in the White House. Every party will finally learn that they can earn our vote by producing for us and lose it if they do not. The Republicans or Democrats will never again forget us and think of us a rubber stamp if we help to give Mr. Reagan what he deserves -- a landslide victory. WADO unequivocally and strongly endorses the President of the United States, Ronald Reagan, for another four years in our White House."

(Nelson Lavergne, Chairman, WADO Radio, New York City, 10/29-11/3) ,

Retain Mr. Reagan -- "In this crisis-ridden world we live in today, we believe the United States should have a strong leader, one who believes in the basic philosophies upon which this nation was founded. We believe the U.S. deserves a president like Ronald Wilson Reagan. Reared in America's heartland which we have come to know and love, Mr. Reagan is returning the nation to the values which have been the strength of this country. Mr. Reagan has taken the American people by the hand and shown them that hard work, Christian principles and free enterprise can make the country strong again. Mr. Reagan well represents America."

(Dixon, Ill., Evening Telegraph, 10/29)

WALTER MONDALE

A Vote for Mondale -- "We acknowledge that Walter Mondale is not the most inspirational leader the nation could hope for. We also disagree with him on such issues as his protectionist leanings, his softness on immigration reform and his proposal to limit tax indexing. But the former vice president is able and experienced and has sound instincts....Win or lose next Tuesday, he seems to us the better choice." (Buffalo News, 10/30)

Mondale for President -- "We believe Mr. Mondale still needs to expand his vision. He must wrestle with the tough challenge of spending cuts across the board, especially entitlements, and the inherent dangers of trade protectionism in the world market. But more importantly, he offers the promise of a president who can bring to bear intelligent decisiveness, which the nation will need." (Stamford, Conn., Advocate, 10/28)

GANDHI ASSASSINATION

When Fanaticism Flourishes... -- "The founders of the United States succeeded where Mohandas Gandhi failed. They provided an institutional atmosphere for religious harmony and governmental indifference to religion that will last as long as Americans allow it to. Mrs. Gandhi's assassination should remind Americans that we have a system worth protecting."

(Hartford Courant, 11/1)



The White House NEWS SUMMARY

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TODAY'S HEADLINES

TRIP NEWS

Reagan's Message One of Inspiration -- President Reagan set out on a coast-to-coast final-days blitzkreig with so many stops that his speechwriters have prepared only one basic message for audiences in 10 states between now and election day.
(Baltimore Sun, Washington Post, Washington Times, UPI)

NATIONAL NEWS

Parents, Students Vote in Mock Election -- President Reagan swept to victory with almost 60% of the votes; as more than 1.6M parents and students participated in the National Student-Parent Mock Election.
(AP)

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TRIP NEWS

IN MASSACHUSETTS, REAGAN JOUSTS WITH HECKLERS

BOSTON -- President Reagan, in a buoyant mood on the first day of a final campaign swing, jousts with hecklers and invoked the name and memory of John Kennedy as he urged lifelong Democrats to vote Republican next Tuesday. Reagan drew cheers and chants of "50 states" from a noisy crowd of several thousand supporters and boos from hundreds of opponents when he concluded his speech at an outdoor rally by quoting Kennedy when he left Massachusetts to assume the presidency in 1961. In that famous speech Kennedy said that the enduring qualities of Massachusetts and its diverse heritage "are part of my life, my conviction, my views of the past and my hopes in the future."

(Lou Cannon, Washington Post, A8)

PRESIDENT TRIES TO AID SHAMIE IN MASS. RACE

BOSTON -- President Reagan's 90-minute stopover may have won him some votes in Democrat-heavy Massachusetts, but the major benefactor of the trip may be U.S. Senate hopeful Ray Shamie. The Republican candidate trails Democrat John Kerry 6 to 9 points, and observers here feel the appearance could swing the race in Mr. Shamie's favor.

(Dave Doubrava, Washington Times, A1)

REAGAN AIMS FINAL TRIP AT DEFECTING DEMOCRATS

BOSTON -- President Reagan plunged into the heart of Mondale's political base, beginning the final trip of his campaign determined to hold onto the disaffected Democrats who could give him a landslide victory of politically historic proportions. Mr. Reagan exhorted his followers to resist complacency and turn out a massive vote. In Boston, he also sought to extend his coattails to Raymond Shamie.

(Robert Timberg, Baltimore Sun, A1)

REAGAN'S MESSAGE ONE OF INSPIRATION

DETROIT -- President Reagan set out on a coast-to-coast final-days blitzkreig with so many stops that his speechwriters have prepared only one basic message for audiences in 10 states between now and election day. Here, and in Rochester, N.Y., and Boston, the President's speech is a compendium of every line and thought he has expressed since his campaign began. He has essentially been using the same message and well-remembered phrases since the debates. "Why," ask his managers, "fiddle with a winning combination?" (Jeremiah O'Leary, Washington Times, A1)

REAGAN: POLLS "SCARE THE LIFE OUT OF ME"

DETROIT -- President Reagan says the polls, showing him 20 points ahead of Mondale, "scare the life out of me," and he fears his supporters will think "it's all over" and stay home on election day. "Don't believe the polls," he exhorted several thousand fans who bravely waited for hours in the rain for him to appear at a rally at a suburban Detroit shopping center.

(Helen Thomas, UPI)

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NATIONAL NEWS

THE MYTHOLOGIZING OF REAGAN'S RECORD

President Reagan and Walter Mondale have spun a series of conflicting myths about Reagan's record in their battle for the White House, each beaming to the American people broad messages that vastly oversimplify the complex reality of what Reagan has done since 1981. For example, Reagan has portrayed himself as a champion of fiscal restraint, a notion that Mondale reinforces when he complains about unfair budget cuts in social programs. What Reagan really accomplished was a shift in budget priorities, not an overall reduction. Federal spending in Reagan's term reached a bigger share of the nation's gross national produce than at any time since World War II. Mondale perpetuates the myth that Reagan's defense buildup is excessive and can be reduced. The reality is that lower inflation and congressional cutbacks have trimmed the Reagan defense budget to levels not much higher than what President Carter called for in his final year in office. (David Hoffman, Washington Post, A1)

MOCK ELECTION

FORT WORTH -- President Reagan swept to victory with almost 60% of the votes, as more than 1.6M parents and students participated in the National Student-Parent Mock Election. Reagan held a formidable lead over Mondale all night as results poured from schools all over the nation into "Election Central" at the Americana Hotel in Fort Worth. Mondale narrowly lost in his home state, where 51% opted for Reagan. The near-final tally was 957,141 to 647,814. Reagan's strength was nearly uniform throughout the country, leaving Mondale victories only in Connecticut, D.C., Illinois, Maryland, Mississippi and New York. (Doug Crichton, AP)

-MONDALE, FERRARO DRAW CROWD OF 100,000

NEW YORK -- In their last joint appearance before Election Day, Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro drew an estimated 100,000 supporters to a garment district rally where the Democratic candidates denounced the "radical preachers" and "extremists who control the Republican Party." Later, at an appearance in Brooklyn, Mondale warned that President Reagan's reelection could "unleash an orgy of (religious) intolerance in our land."
(Rick Atkinson and Milton Coleman, Washington Post, A3)

Mondale Unabashedly Appeals for Jewish Vote

Walter Mondale is drawing huge crowds and unabashedly appealing for Jewish votes with the presidential election four days away. But President Reagan maintains a commanding lead in the public opinion polls and is sticking to familiar themes in a final drive for re-election. Mondale bluntly and openly appealed to New York's influential Jewish vote, calling Reagan's suggestion that Mondale was soft on anti-Semitism "contemptible." Mondale said he would be a better supporter of Israel than Reagan, saying Reagan might increase U.S. arms sales to Saudi Arabia and Jordan despite Israel's opposition if re-elected. (Jim Adams, Reuter)

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Thousands Crowd Garment District to Cheer Mondale

With confetti drifting around him and tens of thousands of supporters jammed into the blocks below, Mondale told an exuberant rally in New York City's garment district that he would be elected President. In perhaps his strongest statement of the campaign so far, Mondale said: "Mr. President, that charge (that the Democrats are soft on anti-Semitism) says something about you. That is false and contemptible, and the American people do not like that kind of politics anywhere in this country."
(Bernard Weinraub, New York Times, A1)

MONDALE DECRIES RELIGIOUS RIGHT; REAGAN AIDES SEE 50-STATE SWEEP

Walter Mondale says a Republican victory on Tuesday could bring on an "orgy of intolerance" by the religious right, while President Reagan is warning his supporters against overconfidence even as his staff keeps talking about a 50 state sweep. From the Garment District, Mondale went to a synagogue in Brooklyn where he warned of the influence of Rev. Falwell and other conservative fundamentalist ministers. "Some of his (Reagan's) friends threaten an orgy of intolerance in our land and I don't want them to have any influence," Mondale said. Later, from the pulpit of a black Baptist Church in Cleveland, Mondale said of Reagan: "When this crowd talks about independence, you know that they're saying in code, they're forgetting you. When they talk about bootstraps, it's code for budget cuts. And when they talk about the free market, it's code for discrimination."
(Donald Rothberg, AP)

CLEVELAND -- Walter Mondale told a sympathetic black audience that the Reagan Administration has adopted a "grapes of wrath" policy toward minorities and accused the President of planning even deeper budget cuts for the poor during a second term.
(AP)

MONDALE STRUGGLING TO WIN HOME STATE

ST. PAUL, Minn. -- Campaign officials said Mondale's Minnesota visit was intended to give Mondale's campaign a morale boost. Political pundits, however, wondered whether it wasn't an attempt to ward off a humiliating defeat on his own turf. (Mary Sandok, AP)

BUSH PUSHES THE LEAD, SEEKS GOP SWEEP

NEW YORK -- Vice President Bush says he is running for the wire with blinders on, but he is acting more like a racehorse who knows he has it won. ".....under the leadership of President Reagan, our country is back with pride, with patriotism and with prosperity. We are No. 1 again. The nation is No. 1." These last lines have become familiar staples of his homestretch stump speech, but he delivers them with a little more conviction each time and the crowds grow louder in response as election day draws closer and the favorable polls hold up.
(Don McLeod, Washington Times, A3)

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BUSH SAYS HE SUPPORTS THE PRESIDENT 'BLINDLY'

NEW YORK -- Vice President Bush, constantly receiving barbs by political columnists because of his effusive loyalty to President Reagan, told reporters, "I'm for Mr. Reagan -- blindly." Asked if he agreed with Reagan's assertion that Democratic vice-presidential nominee Ferraro was put on the national ticket because of her sex and not her qualifications, Bush replied, "I'm for Mr. Reagan -- blindly." Peter Teeley, Bush's press secretary, said the Vice President meant the remark as a "barb" to reporters, who have peppered him throughout the campaign with questions about his role as Reagan's self-described "cheerleader."
(Dale Russakoff, Washington Post, A7)

FERRARO A SUPERSTAR AT GETTING DONATIONS

CHICAGO -- Geraldine Ferraro has been a "superstar" in campaign fund raising. It may be the area in which she has made the biggest impact. Raising money may be the area where Ferraro leaves a permanent imprint on politics, not just because it is unprecedented for a female candidate to raise that much money but because her contributors have mostly been women.
(Stephanie Nall, Washington Times, A3)

PRESIDENTIAL RACE TIGHTENS IN CHALLENGER'S HOME STATE

President Reagan, with national momentum pointing to a landslide victory of major proportions, has pulled back into a neck-and-neck race with Mondale in the Democrat's home state of Minnesota. Reagan-Bush Committee aides are looking to a 50-state sweep for the President, but spokesman John Buckley commented, "If there's a state where we're close to being behind, it's Minnesota." (Ron Cordray, Washington Times, A4)

REAGAN AIDES BULLISH ON 'THE BEAR' ADS

Over at the Reagan reelection headquarters, they came secretly to love the big bad bear months ago. Over at the Mondale headquarters, in the past week, they came to grudgingly admire -- and politically fear -- him. As a television persuader, this unique attempt at commercial by parable worked. Reagan officials found in their focus-group test involving average viewers that The Bear was an extraordinarily effective way to sell Reagan's peace-through-strength message. And perhaps more convincing, Mondale officials discovered the same thing when they took the unusual step of testing the Reagan ad in one of their own focus-group experiments a week ago. (Martin Schram, Washington Post, A9)

NEW VOTER SIGN-UPS MAY FAVOR THE GOP

A Washington Post survey of registration figures in 35 states shows that Democrats failed to achieve their original goal of gaining a national advantage over the GOP. Instead, the Republican Party, which invested \$11M in voter registration, appears at least to have matched Democratic gains and may have exceeded them. The figures also suggest, but do not prove, that the evangelical, conservative Christian drive to register church members produced sharply increased white registration in South and significant GOP gains.
(Thomas Edsall, Washington Post, A1)

MONDALE EXPECTED TO GAIN MOST BLACK VOTES

An estimated 88% of black voters are expected to cast ballots for Mondale, who says Administration policies are leading to a widening gap between the economic conditions of blacks and whites. While Mr. Reagan has made inroads into other traditionally Democratic groups, such as Hispanic Americans, he has failed to gain popularity with blacks, even though the majority of blacks hold many "conservative" views. For example, the majority of blacks oppose busing and reverse discrimination, want more discipline in schools, and favor a constitutional amendment to balance the budget. (Rita McWilliams, Washington Times, A2)

HOUSE REPUBLICANS HOPING TO DUMP O'NEILL AS SPEAKER

House Republicans are floating a plan to unseat Tip O'Neill as Speaker of the House and replace him with a "coalition" legislator who could better lead the House's conservative, moderate and liberal factions. Success of the plan hinges on a gain of 20 to 30 House Republicans and a Reagan-Bush landslide that would provide the momentum for the handful of Democrats -- perhaps as few as 11 -- to switch their votes from O'Neill to the coalition candidate. (Thomas Brandt, Washington Times, A8)

REAGAN AND THE BUDGET-DEFICIT RECKONING

President Reagan has sprinkled his campaign this year with optimistic predictions about the \$170B deficit that mask painful fiscal choices his advisers and outside experts say he will confront if reelected. Insiders have muted their concerns until after the election. But they nonetheless share a widespread view among outside experts that, to reduce the deficit significantly, Reagan will face unpleasant choices -- if he is reelected -- that were never acknowledged in his optimistic campaign speeches.

(David Hoffman, Washington Post, A4)

STATE, LOCAL DEDUCTION MAY END

Secretary Regan, developing a second-term tax proposal for consideration by the White house, tentatively has approved phasing out the income-tax deduction for state and local taxes and taxing all unemployment compensation, according to a source.

(Martha Hamilton, Washington Post, A5)

THREE GOP MAYORS BLAST BARRY'S URBAN REPORT

Three Republican members of the U.S. Conference of Mayors criticized D.C. Mayor Barry for waiting until a week before the election to release a conference report that is highly critical of the Reagan Administration and contains spending proposals at odds with conference policy. Mayor Herman Padilla of San Juan, Puerto Rico, president of the Conference, issued a statement warning that "it would be misleading to suggest" that the report, calling for \$49B in additional federal spending for major cities, reflects the views of the members. Mayor Robert Isaac of Colorado Springs and Mayor William Althaus of York, Pa., held a press conference at the Conference headquarters to blast Barry for using his position with the Conference to try to embarrass Reagan. (Eric Pianin, Washington Post, A6)

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SEPTEMBER JOB REPORT CONCERNS ECONOMISTS

With increasing signs of a general business slowdown, the civilian unemployment rate, the last major economic report before the election, could edge up, private economists say. These analysts said such a rise likely would be slight and would likely send mixed signals about the future health of the job market. If the seasonally adjusted civilian rate of 7.4% rose by only 0.1%, it would return to the 7.5% level that existed in January 1981, when President Reagan was inaugurated.

(Merrill Hartson, AP)

UNEMPLOYMENT: NOT MUCH BETTER OR WORSE

Nearly half a million more Americans are looking for a job today than were unemployed in October 1980 and improvement in the jobless rate has been virtually stalled for three months. But unemployment remains only a minor issue in the campaign, overshadowed by sparring over taxes and deficits. Economists are watching industrial employment carefully. Factory production has been weak and this week's report on new orders to factories showed a 1.8% decline for September.

(Denis Gulino, UPI)

GAO SEES PROBLEMS WITH WARTIME TRAINING

The Army could call as many as 133,000 draftees and inactive reservists to active duty within 30 days of a wartime emergency, but would be capable of teaching only half of them the skills needed to fight, the GAO said. In the 10 years since the beginning of the all-volunteer army, the GAO has issued several reports criticizing the Defense Department's ability to beef up the professional armed forces with civilian recruits in time to meet a national emergency. (Henry Gottlieb, AP)

PENTAGON ACCUSED OF FOOT DRAGGING ON TOXIC CLEANUP

The Pentagon has not completed toxic waste cleanups at a single military installation nine years after it began identifying dumps on bases that are polluting the environment, a congressional study says. Reps. Florio (D.-N.J.) and Fazio (D.-Calif.) released a draft report by the GAO Thursday contending that the Pentagon's cleanup program, initiated in 1975, is only now beginning to be taken seriously. Fazio said the report shows the need for a new "superfund" program to deal with military toxic waste.

(William Kronholm, AP)

PENTAGON PUSHING SHELTER PROGRAMS

The Pentagon is pushing its program to turn 600 military facilities into shelters for the homeless as the government urged an advocate for the indigent protesting Administration policies to end his 48-day hunger strike. Secretary Weinberger said he is giving more emphasis to the shelter program, taking it out of the hands of the military and putting it under the direction of the Pentagon's civilian manpower and logistics chief, Assistant Secretary Korb. At the same time, an internal Pentagon memorandum indicated the Pentagon's "shelters for the homeless program" has begun to gather steam nationwide with another five areas asking for Defense Department facilities. (Richard Gross, UPI)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

FBI HOLDS 8 IN PLOT ON HONDURAS

The FBI said that it arrested eight people who were plotting to assassinate Honduran President Suazo and take over the government of Honduras. FBI Director Webster said an undercover FBI agent had infiltrated the assassination plot, which he said included a Honduran general and two Honduran businessmen living in Miami. The FBI has seized about \$10M worth of cocaine that the suspects were to use to pay for explosives, tanks, airplanes, night-vision equipment and other military weapons to be used in the attempted takeover, Webster said.

(Howard Kurtz and Joanne Omang, Washington Post, A1)

Plot to Kill Honduran President Foiled

There was no official comment on the arrests, but National Congress President Efraim Bui Giron said he would call together "the permanent commission of the National Congress to adopt measures on the affair." (Jeff Hardy, UPI)

U.S. Charges Nine in Plot to Assassinate Honduran Leader

Those charged included a Honduran general stationed in Chile, two Honduran businessmen and six U.S. citizens or residents, the FBI said. Attorney General Smith said thwarting the plot demonstrated U.S. ability to combat terrorism worldwide. (James Vicini, Reuter)

NEW FACTION OPPOSED TO PEACE TALKS WITH DUARTE

SAN SALVADOR -- Salvadoran Marxist extremists announced the formation of a new rebel group committed to revolution and opposed to peace talks between mainstream guerrilla leaders and the U.S.-backed government. The new Salvadoran group calls itself the Roberto Sibrian Popular Revolutionary Movement, named after a hard-line Marxist guerrilla leader who was killed in combat in 1980. (Washington Times, A7)

NICARAGUA'S REJECTION DEADLOCKS CONTADORA

MANAGUA -- Nicaragua's rejection of a newly amended version of the Contadora plan seemingly leaves the 22-month-old regional peace effort deadlocked as the Nicaraguans hold their disputed elections Sunday. Especially important to Central Americans, in view of Nicaragua's rapidly growing military establishment, were provisions for verification and control of military matters. The Contadora provisions were deemed inadequate. (Jay Mallin, Washington Times, A7)

ORTEGA REITERATES WARNING OF U.S. INVASION

MANAGUA -- Daniel Ortega warned the danger of a U.S. invasion of Nicaragua would increase following the American elections. Ortega also rejected an offer by CIA-backed rebel leaders to observe a cease-fire during nationwide elections Sunday. Ortega's campaign rally, attended by some 85,000 people, began with a festive atmosphere. Ortega, however, struck a somber note with his warning that "American troops are going to be walking the streets of Managua." (Jane Bussey, UPI)

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NEW CALL FOR FIRINGS OVER CIA HANDBOOK

Rep. Minetta (D.-Calif.) said he will ask the House Intelligence Committee to give the Justice Department any evidence it has of CIA wrongs "so the individuals who broke the law can be prosecuted." He also said the CIA has refused to let the panel talk to the report's purported author, a man known as John Kirkpatrick and said to be a CIA contract worker.
(Eliot Brenner, UPI)

SHULTZ AIMS AT IMPROVING TIES TO INDIA

A second-term Reagan Administration will make a major effort to improve relations with India, top Administration officials have told The Washington Times. This effort will go ahead despite the crisis created by the assassination of PM Gandhi. The presence of Secretary Shultz in New Delhi, where he will represent President Reagan at the funeral, will enable him to meet the new prime minister and start a warming of relations, State Department sources said. (Russell Howe, Washington Times, A1)

U.S. PROTESTS MOSCOW'S DARK HINTS

Moscow has hinted broadly that the CIA had something to do with the assassination of PM Gandhi, and the State Department again denounced the implication as rubbish. On Wednesday and again Thursday, in Moscow and in Washington, the State Department formally protested to the Soviets, spokesman Alan Romberg said. (Miles Cunningham, Washington Times, A6)

Pravda also accused the U.S. of "large-scale CIA subversive activities against India," without mentioning the assassination. "The U.S. Department of State together with the CIA have carried out a number of operations within the framework of the Brahmaputra Project, which provides for the encouragement of separatism in India," Pravda said. It charged "the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi most actively supported the separatist movement in Punjab state" that led to bloody clashes and ultimately Gandhi's assassination. (UPI)

U.S., Fearing Violence, Protests to Moscow on CIA Charge

Fearful that American lives might be endangered, the U.S. has called on Moscow to stop linking the assassination of Indira Gandhi to the CIA. A State Department official said it was feared that linking the CIA with the assassination "feeds into a situation where there is a potential for violence that threatens to endanger American lives."
(William Scally, Reuter)

Administration Angry Over Soviet Allegations on Gandhi Death

The Reagan Administration has denounced as "absurd and irresponsible" Soviet allegations linking the CIA to the assassination of PM Gandhi. Gut the Soviet attempt to link Washington to the assassination apparently isn't derailing Administration efforts to improve relations with Moscow. The State Department is trying to arrange a meeting between Secretary Shultz and the No. 2 Soviet leader, Nikolai Tikhonov, while both are in New Delhi for the funeral. (Gregory Nokes, AP)

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ANGRY INDIAN MOBS HUNT DOWN SIKHS

NEW DELHI -- Disregarding appeals for order by the newly installed prime minister, rampaging mobs of Hindus vowing revenge for the assassination of Indira Gandhi burned scores of Sikh-owned stores and houses as troops were called out in the capital and elsewhere in India.
(William Claiborne, Washington Post, A1)

U.S. SAYS IT DID NOT SLOW AID TO ETHIOPIA

A senior Administration official has rejected suggestions that the U.S. was slow in sending food to 6M starving Ethiopians to encourage instability and topple the Marxist government. "The idea that we would tie aid to political considerations in Ethiopia is just wrong," Director of the Agency for International Development Peter McPherson said. "A hungry child knows no politics -- that is our policy." (Michael Myers, UPI)

U.S. AND SYRIA WELCOME ISRAELI-LEBANESE TALKS ON TROOP PULLOUT

BEIRUT -- The U.S. and Syria have welcomed next week's talks between Israel and Lebanese officials on a troop pullout from South Lebanon but Syria said it could not guarantee the security of Israel's border. "I am delighted by yesterday's news that talks are to start next Monday between the military representatives of Lebanon and Israel and I think it's a fine step forward," said Assistant Secretary of State Murphy. Syrian Vice President Khaddam said his government approved of the meeting as a way to end the two-year occupation of southern Lebanon by Israeli troops. Khaddam said Syria could not meet Israeli demands to guarantee the protection of its northern settlements from Palestinian guerrilla attacks.
(UPI)

U.S., SOVIETS WANT TO LIMIT NUCLEAR ARMS CLUB

Despite the standoff between the U.S. and the Soviet Union on arms control, the two great powers are remarkably harmonious on preventing the spread of nuclear weapons to other countries, Secretary Shultz said. "It is clear that both countries consider the horizontal spread of nuclear explosives to be in no one's interest," said Shultz in an address before the U.N. Association of the U.S.A. in New York. (Washington Times, A6)

STRIKE CALL ISSUED TO PROTEST PRIEST'S DEATH

WARSAW -- Thousands of Poles mourned Rev. Popieluszko at his Warsaw church, and a group of Solidarity activists from Gdansk called a one-hour strike for Saturday to protest his kidnap and murder. The strike call by the Gdansk group was addressed to the workers of Gdansk, but apparently was aimed at workers nationwide. (Matthew Vita, AP)

NAKASONE SEEKS POST-ELECTION POLICY PARLEY

TOKYO -- PM Nakasone called for bilateral talks after the U.S. presidential election to ascertain the direction of American policy over the next four years. "The period (between the election and the inauguration) is very important for both countries," Nakasone said in a press conference. "We should discuss the international economy, the Middle East, the Third World and other issues," he said. (Timothy Elder, Washington Times, A7)

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NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY EVENING, November 1, 1984

PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

CBS's Bob Schieffer: With the kinds of schedules that are on these days -- these final days of the campaign -- Ronald Reagan and Walter Mondale may have a common problem: finding a time and place to get their laundry done. The President left Washington today on a final campaign swing that will take him to 16 cities in 10 states. Mondale, who got his biggest crowd of the campaign today in New York, will visit 13 cities in 9 states.

CBS's Bill Plante: Ronald Reagan last hurrah? Well, sort of. 2,000 White House and campaign workers cheered the President as he set out on the final trip of his campaign. Was he nostalgic?

(President, at departure: "You could have mixed emotions about that.")

Reporter: "What are yours?" President: "Well, there's one of them that says enough's enough.")

Mr. Reagan and his campaign managers, in great good spirits, posed on the steps of Air Force One before departing on a five-day, 10-state swing. Their goal now: nothing less than a 50-state sweep. First stop, heavily Democratic Boston. Launching into his now-familiar attack on Walter Mondale, the President was enthusiastic, and when he made a slight slip, relaxed.

(President: "The American people don't want his tax cut, and he's not going to get his tax cut. (Cheers) Whoa: Wait a minute: I was talking -- tax increases. He never asked for a tax cut in his entire career.")

Mr. Reagan could barely hear several hundred protesters who were kept behind a specially erected fence. To a wildly enthusiastic crowd in Rochester, N.Y., Mr. Reagan repeated his warning against overconfidence.

(President: "The polls are scaring me to death because I have a feeling that maybe some people are looking at them and saying, 'Oh, we don't have to go and vote. It's all over.'")

The President is playing the Democrats on their own turf as this final play begins, trying to give them a reason not to go home to Walter Mondale, hoping too that they'll help him elect some other Republicans.

(CBS-5)

CBS's Susan Spencer: The Garment District was dressed up today, festooned with flags, decorated with ticker tape, studded with Hollywood stars (TV Coverage: Paul Newman) and jammed for blocks with an enthusiastic crowd police put at 100,000 -- the kind of crowd that keeps the upbeat Democrats seemingly unconcerned about prophecies of a Reagan landslide.

(Geraldine Ferraro: "Some people say this election cannot be won. I say it can be. I say it will be. And I say, with your help, we're going to do it on Tuesday.")

With but five days to go, this was the ticket's last joint appearance. Though even their own polls show no encouraging trends, both Mondale and Ferraro seem at ease with this campaign and more willing than ever to take on the President.

(Mondale: "Mr. Reagan is the worst president for working America since Herbert Hoover.")

And Mondale responded to the President's allegation last week that the Democrats are soft on anti-semitism.

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Spencer (continued): (Mondale: "Mr. President, that charge says something about you. (Cheers) That is false and contemptable.") Both Mondale and Ferraro will be on the road non-stop now until the election, campaigning on both coasts. And they have bought extensive TV time this weekend, their last chance to get the message across. (CBS-6)

Schieffer: Even Geraldine Ferraro would have to concede that Vice President Bush halted her momentum for a time today, and on her home turf at that. The Ferraro motorcade was stopped today on a Queens, New York, parkway and aides soon discovered the reason why. They were being held up by police to allow Vice President Bush's motorcade to make its way to the airport. It was all eventually straightened out and everyone finally got to where they were going. (CBS-7)

ABC's Peter Jennings: President Reagan left Washington today on the last campaign swing of this election, 10 states and 15 cities.

ABC's Sam Donaldson: The Presidential campaign party posed on the steps of Air Force One before setting off for the last campaign swing. Some think of it as a sentimental last hurrah. A swing first to Boston, Mass., and a City Hall rally where Mr. Reagan posed arm-in-arm with the GOP's conservative senatorial candidate, Ray Shamie, whose one-time flirtation with the John Birch Society caused some to predict erroneously that Mr. Reagan would stay away. But the President wants a 50-state sweep against Walter Mondale too much to do that.

(President: "Now, I come before you today as the candid -- There's an echo in here, isn't there?" (Cheers))

The so-called echo came from a large group of Mondale-Ferraro supporters, some of whom had gotten inside the rally, most of whom had gotten only so far as the other side of the fence.

(Demonstrators: "Hypocrite! Hypocrite!")

Massachusetts Democrats who heard the President raise the magic name of Kennedy for the first time since his letter comparing Kennedy's program to Marx's and Hitler's was revealed. Demonstrators who finally began to get under the President's skin.

(President: "And you know something, some people over here are going to hate this, but you ain't seen nothin' yet." (Cheers))

Next stop: Rochester, in upstate New York, and a warning against complacency.

(President: "The polls are scaring me to death. Please, no matter what it takes, go to the polls and vote.")

Some may think of this swing as a sentimental last hurrah, but not the Reagan campaign managers. They're out to nail down a landslide victory, a 50-state sweep if possible. They think of this swing not as a last hurrah but as a blitzkrieg. (ABC-6)

ABC's Brit Hume: If the polls are right, Walter Mondale is about to get blitzed and might as well have gone over Niagara Falls today in a barrel. But he flew down from Buffalo to New York City on his last visit to the state that is the cornerstone of his longshot hopes. And in the city's Garment District, he found fresh reason for hope. An estimated 100,000 people jammed the streets to hear Geraldine Ferraro and Mondale.

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY EVENING (continued)

Hume (continued): (Mondale: "What a crowd: You're beautiful. You're beautiful.")

It was a spectacular rally. The largest, said local Democrats, since John Kennedy appeared here in 1960. But as she was leaving town, Ferraro got a blunt reminder of who's who in this race. Her motorcade was halted so that Vice President Bush's could pass. (TV Coverage: The view down Ferraro's motorcade as Bush's speeds by) Mondale this afternoon got a warm reception from Jewish senior citizens in Brooklyn. Mondale needs these people and he spoke to them with force.

(Mondale: "Last week, the President went to Long Island and accused me of being soft on anti-semitism. Let me tell you to straighten it out. It angered me. I resent it. I think it's despicable and I think it's inexcusable.")

Mondale is showing a lot of fight and enthusiasm for a candidate apparently facing such long odds. But it is a sign of his predicament that five days before the election, he is trying to shore up his standing with a group once considered an almost automatic source of support for both Mondale and the Democratic Party. (ABC-7)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: Five days to go and the final push is on for all the candidates in this presidential campaign. For President Reagan, today a last hurrah, his final campaign. For Walter Mondale, the biggest crowd of his campaign, estimated at 100,000. But his numbers remain grim in the polls.

NBC's Chris Wallace: Hundreds of Republican workers crowded the South Lawn today as Ronald Reagan left to campaign for himself for the last time. But the President was in no mood for nostalgia or overconfidence.

(President: "My message is going to be one very simple and clear: get out the vote. Everyone vote.")

Reagan took that message first to the Democratic strongholds of New York and Massachusetts. In Boston, he mentioned John Kennedy for the first time since it was revealed he once compared the Democrat to Marx and Hitler. Anti-Reagan hecklers interrupted.

(President: "He stood one cold January day -- I would think that even they would have the respect to listen to the words that I'm going to say in quoting John F. Kennedy." (Cheers))

He said Kennedy promised to keep faith with the people of Massachusetts and so would he. Reagan also campaigned for other Republicans, including Senate candidate Ray Shamie. But, worried about offending Democrats who support him, Reagan never mentioned they are Republicans. In upstate New York, another warm welcome and another appeal to Democrats.

(President: "Come walk with us on this new path of hope and opportunity.") Reagan started this fall with a simple strategy. As long as his base was secured, go after Mondale's. On this final trip, he's still campaigning on Democratic turf, which may be the best indication of just how well he's doing. (NBC-6)

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY EVENING (continued)

NBC's Lisa Myers: Mondale began his last stand in traditionally Democratic New York in the heart of the Garment District, where he wrapped himself in the union label. Although he's ahead here in the city, the latest poll shows him trailing Reagan in New York state by 14 points. But Mondale claimed the enormous crowd was further proof that polls are wrong.

(Mondale: "You cannot believe what's going on in this country. Crowds that no one's ever had before.")

Because crowds have become about all Mondale has to brag about, sources say the campaign will spend extra money to ensure they stay big until Tuesday. Mondale tried to win back some of the all-important Jewish vote with an unusually personal response to Reagan's charge that he's soft on anti-semitism.

(Mondale: "Mr. President, that charge says something about you. (Cheers) That is false and contemptable, and the American people do not like that kind of politics anywhere in this country.")

Mondale's aides consider New York one of his best hopes for an upset. But the overall situation remains very grim. One of Mondale's own pollsters now predicts that he will lose this election by a bigger margin than Jimmy Carter -- by 14 points.

(NBC-7)

Brokaw: And in this campaign, of course, more attention has been focused on the "Veeps", the vice presidential candidates than ever before.

NBC's John Severson: At the beginning of this campaign, George Bush was given the easiest job of his political career: say something nice about Ronald Reagan.

(Vice President: "We are number one again thanks to President Reagan's leadership." At another rally: "You know what the Tigers did to the Padres. That's exactly what Ronald Reagan did to Walter Mondale, and that's what -- (Drowned out by cheers)" On Air Force Two: "You may call it cheerleading. Oh, I hear the criticism a little bit, you know.")

And when he isn't cheerleading, he's tackling Walter Mondale.

(Vice President, at rally: "Mr. Mondale, the sky isn't falling. The future looks bright.")

Bush has not tackled the issues. His speeches are filled with slogans.

(Vice President: "More jobs means more opportunity.")

He generally has gone to safe places where Ronald Reagan is popular, often to high schools and to audiences who seem more mesmerized by the fanfare than by Bush himself. In the beginning, he simply ignored Geraldine Ferraro. In the end, he has been patronizing.

(Vice President: "And I don't want to be patronizing, but I do want to say something here --")

His campaign has been pockmarked with rhetorical excesses and silly mistakes.

(Vice President, in middle of a crowd of press: "You guys, let me give a little lecture --")

He's become a lightning rod, the subject of a harsh Washington Post editorial.

(Vice President: "I'd rather have a poll showing -- head-on-head with Ferraro -- showing me whipping her, than I would worry about some editorialist from the Washington Post.")

Doonesbury has ridiculed him. (TV Coverage: Frame of Doonesbury, with bubble talking about putting manhood into a blind trust)

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Severson (continued): (Reporter: "Are you personally insulted by the Doonesbury comic strip?" Vice President: "No, I haven't had the time to read him.")

In his mind, the high point of the campaign was the debate. Afterwards, he said he kicked a little ass. That's now become an unofficial campaign slogan.

(Jill Emery: "I did a little kicking of my own.")

Campaign officials say part polls show that Bush is more popular than ever, and he thinks it's been a very successful campaign. But party insiders are not so convinced. There may have been a political price for his cheerleading. Nobody knows for certain where George Bush stands on a number of important issues, or if he can stand by himself in 1988.

(NBC-8)

NBC's Bob Kur: His selection was bold and calculated. If he were considered dull, she would add excitement. If he represented the past, she symbolized the future and opportunity. They knew, three-and-a-half months ago what they'd say in a commercial this week.

(Mondale-Ferraro ad: "The important thing is not how she's made us feel about her. It's how she's made us feel about ourselves and about the country.")

And there's no denying the feeling. People want to see and touch her. She's a hot political property, often seen by more people in a day than George Bush is in a week.

(Ferraro: "You are absolutely marvelous. My goodness!")

Her style is as unique as her homespun approach on issues. Pentagon spending, for example --

(Ferraro: "They have a six -- a \$7,000 coffee pot that they've bought.

Now, I tell you -- You know, let me tell you. I'm not just speaking to women here. You know none of us would spend that kind of money on a coffee pot, right?" (Cheers))

Expectations were high. Mondale was counting on Ferraro's special appeal to help him with special groups of voters: women, parents and blue collar ethnics. But Mondale's choice was as risky as it was bold.

(Demonstrators: "Life, yes! Ferraro, no!")

Her position on abortion created a diversion. Question of inexperience persist, though she passed her big test. But headlines about her family finances and her husband's business broke any early momentum and caused her family anguish.

(Ferraro, on Donahue: "Whatever happens after this election, I'm going to spend the rest of my life making it up to my husband and to -- I'll make it up to my mother. I'll make it up to my kids.")

For three months, Geraldine Ferraro has known that, win or lose next week, she'd make history. And she has.

(NBC-9)

CBS's Dan Rather looks at Americas voters, using Wilmington, Delaware, as an example. He finds a city and a country in economic transition from heavy industry to service industry with an accent on high tech. How you fit into the transition helps to shape how you feel about each candidate's vision of the future.

(CBS-13)

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ABC's James Wooten reports that all across the country, most of the younger voters are favoring the oldest candidate, the President. It's an ideological shift that's clearly seen in the national polls and sufficiently broad for at least a small slice of that to appear where you'd least expect it -- Berkeley. Berkeley now has a growing Republican Club and several other conservative groups. They haven't even dented the school's mainstream liberal majority, of course, but their mere presence is dramatic evidence of Ronald Reagan's strength this year among students nationwide.

(ABC-8)

INDIA

As 600,000 mourners filed past the body of Indira Gandhi, hundreds of thousands of others battled in sectarian violence that has now left 150 dead and 1,000 wounded. Army troops were given shoot-to-kill orders to put down the rioting and curfews were declared in 30 cities.

(CBS-Lead, ABC-Lead, NBC-Lead)

CBS's Bill McLaughlin: In Moscow today, while Soviet President Chernenko was signing the book of condolences at the Indian embassy, Pravda said that the CIA and State Department supported Sikh extremist groups in India. And Radio Moscow's overseas service called Mrs. Gandhi's death part of a chain of conspiracies that the U.S. aimed at Third World leaders. So, before leaving for India today to attend the Gandhi funeral, Secretary Shultz lashed out at the Soviet campaign to blame the U.S. for her assassination, a charge Administration officials said would endanger the lives of Americans in India. Despite Moscow's charges, sources at the State Department said plans were still on to arrange a meeting in India between Shultz and Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Tikhanov. U.S. intelligence officials say that, while the Soviet allegations are absurd, they are very dangerous. The memory here of attacks on U.S. citizens and embassies like the one in Pakistan in 1979 is still very strong. So there is the real concern that the Soviet propaganda campaign could endanger the lives of Americans in India.

(CBS-2)

Jennings: The American delegation to Mrs. Gandhi's funeral is led by the Secretary of State. The delegation left New York City this afternoon for New Delhi. Heading the Soviet delegation will be the Soviet Prime Minister, Nikolai Tikhanov, and there is a chance that Mr. Shultz and Mr. Tikhanov will meet while in New Delhi. If so, Mr. Shultz may deliver a personal protest over Soviet news reports which accuse the United States of supporting the Sikh movement and, by implication, of being behind the assassination.

(ABC-3)

Brokaw: The Soviet Union did the best it could today to link the United States to the assassination of Prime Minister Gandhi without quite saying that. The Soviet press accused the United States of supporting the extremist Sikhs and then said the shooting was inspired by those who preach gangsterism in relations between the states. The U.S. State Department called that outrageous and made a formal protest to the Soviets.

(NBC-3)

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY EVENING (continued)

HONDURAS

Schieffer: A Honduran general and a Miami-based businessman who lost \$7 million when the Honduran government nationalized his cement business are among eight people charged by the FBI tonight with plotting to overthrow the Honduran government. The FBI says that the eight under arrest were going to assassinate the Honduran president and take over the government of that Central American nation. The FBI said it also seized more than \$10 million worth of cocaine that the conspirators were going to sell to finance the assassination plot. The FBI said one of its agents had been planted in the group as one of the would-be assassins.

(CBS-10, NBC-5)

ABC's Mark Potter reports Honduran President Roberto Suazo, a key ally to the U.S. in Central America, was notified of the plot when the FBI learned of it from a private citizen in Miami in August.

(ABC-4)

ETHIOPIA

A worldwide effort to fight the famine in Ethiopia strained the airports in that country today as an emergency airlift of food and other relief supplies began. The first plane was from Britain, with 30 tons of food and medicine. Chartered U.S. cargo planes are expected to begin arriving on Sunday.

(CBS-14, NBC-10)

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ENDORSEMENTS

PRESIDENT REAGAN

Four Years Ago... -- "An overwhelming Hispanic vote for Mr. Reagan will let all politicians know that they cannot bribe us and count on our vote. It will let them know that we are not a rubber stamp for anyone and that we can think. We can prove that we are willing and able to do what is right for our country and vote for a candidate who has earned the right to another four years in the White House. Every party will finally learn that they can earn our vote by producing for us and lose it if they do not. The Republicans or Democrats will never again forget us and think of us a rubber stamp if we help to give Mr. Reagan what he deserves -- a landslide victory. WADO unequivocally and strongly endorses the President of the United States, Ronald Reagan, for another four years in our White House."

(Nelson Lavergne, Chairman, WADO Radio, New York City, 10/29-11/3)

Retain Mr. Reagan -- "In this crisis-ridden world we live in today, we believe the United States should have a strong leader, one who believes in the basic philosophies upon which this nation was founded. We believe the U.S. deserves a president like Ronald Wilson Reagan. Reared in America's heartland which we have come to know and love, Mr. Reagan is returning the nation to the values which have been the strength of this country. Mr. Reagan has taken the American people by the hand and shown them that hard work, Christian principles and free enterprise can make the country strong again. Mr. Reagan well represents America."

(Dixon, Ill., Evening Telegraph, 10/29)

WALTER MONDALE

A Vote for Mondale -- "We acknowledge that Walter Mondale is not the most inspirational leader the nation could hope for. We also disagree with him on such issues as his protectionist leanings, his softness on immigration reform and his proposal to limit tax indexing. But the former vice president is able and experienced and has sound instincts....Win or lose next Tuesday, he seems to us the better choice." (Buffalo News, 10/30)

Mondale for President -- "We believe Mr. Mondale still needs to expand his vision. He must wrestle with the tough challenge of spending cuts across the board, especially entitlements, and the inherent dangers of trade protectionism in the world market. But more importantly, he offers the promise of a president who can bring to bear intelligent decisiveness, which the nation will need."

(Stamford, Conn., Advocate, 10/28)

GANDHI ASSASSINATION

When Fanaticism Flourishes... -- "The founders of the United States succeeded where Mohandas Gandhi failed. They provided an institutional atmosphere for religious harmony and governmental indifference to religion that will last as long as Americans allow it to. Mrs. Gandhi's assassination should remind Americans that we have a system worth protecting."

(Hartford Courant, 11/1)