

Ronald Reagan Presidential Library
Digital Library Collections

This is a PDF of a folder from our textual collections.

Collection: News Summary Office, White House:
News Summaries, 1981-1989

SERIES: II: WHITE HOUSE NEWS SUMMARY FINALS,
1981-1989

Folder Title: 11/07/1984

Box: 376

To see more digitized collections visit:

<https://www.reaganlibrary.gov/archives/digitized-textual-material>

To see all Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Inventories, visit:

<https://www.reaganlibrary.gov/archives/white-house-inventories>

Contact a reference archivist at: **reagan.library@nara.gov**

Citation Guidelines: <https://reaganlibrary.gov/archives/research-support/citation-guide>

National Archives Catalogue: <https://catalog.archives.gov/>



The White House NEWS SUMMARY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1984 -- 6 a.m. EST Edition

TODAY'S HEADLINES

ELECTION NEWS

THERE HE GOES AGAIN: REAGAN WINS IN LANDSLIDE (Hartford Courant)

REAGAN BLITZES FRITZ (Las Vegas Sun)

GOP HEADED FOR GAINS IN CONGRESSIONAL CONTESTS
(Washington Post, AP, Gannett, Reuter)

SIMON VICTOR IN ILLINOIS: MONDALE'S MINN. WIN NARROW (AP)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Nicaraguan Planes -- Pentagon sources say there is no reliable evidence that the Soviets are shipping sophisticated fighter planes to Nicaragua. The White House calls the story "a matter of speculation." (AP)

NATIONAL NEWS

Rights Commission Challenged -- Rep. Edwards said "confidential sources" told him that the U.S. Civil Rights Commission prepared delaying amendments used by conservative senators to block passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1984. (Washington Post)

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY (Tuesday Evening)

ELECTION -- President Reagan was doing well among some traditionally Democratic groups -- the young, union workers, Catholics and southern whites.

RUSSIAN SHIP -- U.S. intelligence officials say a Soviet freighter is on the way to Nicaragua and may be carrying MIG-21 jet fighters. Officials caution they do not have proof that MIGs are on board but they do have satellite photographs that show they may be.

ELECTION NEWS.....A-2

INTERNATIONAL NEWS....A-12

NATIONAL NEWS.....A-12

NETWORK NEWS.....B-1

ELECTION NEWS

ONE FOR THE HISTORY BOOKS
REAGAN TAKES LANDSLIDE LEAD OVER MONDALE
Montgomery, Alabama Advertiser

Reagan rolled toward runaway reelection Tuesday night. (AP story)

PRESIDENT WINS BIG IN ALABAMA
Montgomery, Alabama Advertiser

President Reagan scored a massive win in Alabama, but it was unclear Tuesday night if his popularity would prove strong enough to lift two GOP congressional candidates to victory in Mobile and Birmingham.

- - -

REAGAN WINS LANDSLIDE VICTORY
Gets 60 Percent of State Vote in Early Returns
Arkansas Gazette

Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th President of the United States, won reelection in a landslide victory over his Democratic challenger, former vice president, Walter F. Mondale, polling roughly 59 percent of the vote nationwide.

- - -

THERE HE GOES AGAIN
REAGAN WINS IN LANDSLIDE
Hartford Courant

President Reagan coasted to reelection Tuesday, crushing Democratic challenger Walter Mondale with 59 percent of the popular vote.

REPUBLICANS WIN CONTROL OF ASSEMBLY
(Headline on local political story)

REAGAN WINS BY 280,000 VOTE MARGIN
(Statewide vote)

- - -

REAGAN LANDSLIDE
VINOY, REAGAN BIG WINNERS IN ST. PETERSBURG
St. Petersburg Times

The Vinoy, Ronald Reagan, two Supreme Court Justices, and two Sun Coast congressmen were all big winners Tuesday. Hillsboro State Attorney E. J. Salcines lost to Republican Bill James, and Pinellas County Commissioner Gabe Cazares was dangerously close to losing.

COMMENTATORS CALL IT "A SWEEP" HISTORIC WIN

The American people, feeling comfortable, feeling good, credited Ronald Wilson Reagan for their well-being Tuesday and rewarded him with four more years in the White House.

-more-

REAGAN TRIUMPHS AT POLLS TO CLAIM FOUR MORE YEARS
Atlanta Constitution

Ronald Reagan won reelection Tuesday, decisively defeating his Democratic opponent, Walter Mondale by one of the largest margins in modern American politics.

REAGAN'S VICTORY TIDE SWEEPS ACROSS THE SOUTH
Atlanta Constitution

President Reagan rolled to a resounding victory across the South Tuesday, prompting southern Democrats to call for a major change in their Party's direction and Republicans to declare the dawning of a new era.

- - -

REAGAN SWEEPS THE NATION, BUT MONDALE AHEAD IN STATE
Minneapolis Tribune

President Reagan buried Walter Mondale, a native son of Elmore, Minnesota, in an apparent landslide of popular and electoral votes Tuesday, becoming the first president since 1972 to win a mandate for a second term.

- - -

LANDSLIDE REELECTS REAGAN
PERCY, SIMON IN A SQUEAKER
Chicago Tribune

Ronald Reagan transformed his extraordinary personal popularity into an extraordinary political triumph Tuesday, becoming the first President to be reelected since 1972 and taking his position as one of his generation's premiere politicians.

- - -

LANDSLIDE
MONDALE CONCEDES
SIMON LEADS PERCY
Chicago Sun-Times

President Reagan powered to a landslide victory over Walter Mondale with enough force to slightly improve his leverage in Congress.

- - -

REAGAN WINS IN LANDSLIDE
Indianapolis Star

President Reagan piled up a landslide reelection victory Tuesday, narrowly missing a 50-state sweep and generating such coattail strength that Republicans could gain working control of Congress.

- - -

-more-

REAGAN LANDSLIDE CRUSHES MONDALE
Louisville Courier-Journal

President Reagan comfortably won the national election yesterday, securing a second term with a victory that Republican leaders hailed as both a sweeping personal triumph and a mandate for his policies.

MCCONNELL SEEMS HEADED FOR UPSET

Republican Mitch McConnell, swept along by a strong Reagan tide, apparently defeated Democrat Walter D. Huddleston yesterday by a narrow margin in one of the major upsets in the 1984 campaign.

- - -

REAGAN WINS
Detroit News

Ronald Reagan won an overwhelming 49 state sweep Tuesday.

- - -

REAGAN WINS IN RUNAWAY
Kansas City times

President Reagan swept to a landslide victory Tuesday rolling over Walter F. Mondale in a triumph that Republican leaders hailed as a convincing personal victory and a mandate for his policies.

- - -

REAGAN ROMPS IN LANDSLIDE
Des Moines Register

Ronald Reagan, 40th President of the United States, romped to reelection Tuesday in a victory of massive size and scope.

HARKIN WINS SEAT IN SENATE

Iowa voters produced a split-ticket pair of conflicting landslides Tuesday, electing Democrat Tom Harkin to the U.S. Senate over incumbent Republican Roger Jepsen, even as they handed President Ronald Reagan an easy victory over Democrat Walter Mondale.

- - -

REAGAN LANDSLIDE BURIES FRITZ FROM COAST TO COAST
INROADS MADE IN DEM TURF
(New York Daily News)

Ronald Reagan swept to a landslide victory of historic dimensions last night, shattering a once-solid South and making inroads into traditional Democratic groups like organized labor, Catholic voters and young people. (Frank Jackman, 3)

- - -

-more-

White House News Summary - Wednesday, November 7, 1984 -- A-5

REAGAN SWEEPS TO RUNAWAY TRIUMPH
WARNER, PRESIDENT EASILY TAKE STATE
(Richmond Times Dispatch)

(Photo of President waving ballot -- two front-page stories)

GOP wins 33 States, Aims at 50

President Reagan swept to a runaway re-election over Walter Mondale last night, but Republicans were having a harder time translating his landslide into significant gains in Congress. (Combined wires, A1)

Democrat Concedes in Virginia

Virginians, voting in record numbers, delivered historic majorities to President Reagan and Sen. John Warner yesterday, contributing to the President's national landslide and giving Warner one of his own. (Dale Eisman, A1)

- - -

REAGAN OVERWHELMS MONDALE
HELMS AHEAD, MARTIN LEADS
Landslide Could Aid Republicans
(Raleigh News-Observer)

President Reagan swept to a landslide lead Tuesday night (AP story)

- - -

49 STATES
U.S. GIVES REAGAN FOUR MORE YEARS
(Newsday)

President Reagan scored a smashing 49-state victory over Democrat Walter Mondale yesterday, gaining four more years in office in a landslide some Republicans hailed as a sign of conservative realignment in American politics. (Susan Paige, 3)

- - -

GRAND SLAM
(Front page, 220 points)
REAGAN STEAMROLLS DEMS
HUGE VICTORY IN NEW YORK
(New York Post)

A triumphant President Reagan won four more years in the White House with a landslide victory over Walter Mondale last night as the Reagan revolution roared ahead. (Deborah Orin, 2)

- - -

-more-

REAGAN WINS IN LANDSLIDE
WITH 59 PERCENT OF VOTE IN NATION
Sweep Fails to Bring Key House Gains
(Philadelphia Inquirer)

Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th President of the United States, won a landslide victory yesterday over his Democratic challenger, former Vice President Walter Mondale, but the impact of his stunning showing on other races appeared to be relatively modest. (Larry Eichel, A1)

- - -

REAGAN WINS IN A LANDSLIDE;
GRAMM OVERWHELMS DOGGETT
(Dallas Morning News)

President Reagan won his "four more years" in the White House Tuesday night with a smashing landslide victory that fell just short of an unprecedented 50-state sweep. (Carl Leubsdorf, A1)

- - -

REAGAN SWEEPS TO VICTORY

(AP story)

STATE GOES FOR REAGAN

Oklahoma voters turned out in record numbers to help re-elect President Ronald Reagan to another four year term Tuesday, handing the conservative California Republican the state's eight electoral votes and a huge victory margin over his opponent, Walter Mondale. (Kurt Hochenaur, A1)

- - -

REAGAN BLITZES FRITZ
(Las Vegas Sun)

(UPI story)

- - -

IT'S OVER

The old saying is, "it isn't over 'til it's over." For Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro -- it's over. Both conceded defeat to President Reagan and Vice President Bush in what has turned out to be a landslide victory for the Republicans. A smiling Mondale told a crowd in Minnesota that he had telephoned his congratulations to the President. Said Mondale: "Although I would rather have won, tonight we rejoice in our democracy." An equally cheerful Ferraro expressed the same sentiment to her supporters in New York. (AP)

REAGAN WINS REELECTION IN LANDSLIDE;
GOP CONTROL OF SENATE SEEMS ASSURED

Victory Shows Broad Appeal of President

Ronald Wilson Reagan was reelected president of the United States in a landslide, winning a mandate for continuation of his conservative policies from voters all across America. The key to his victory, judging from interviews with voters, was the support of heavy majorities of white middle-class voters, who admire his personal leadership qualities and believe his economic policies have improved their lot and been good for country. (David Broder, Washington Post, A1)

President Reagan assembled his winning margin by repeating his 1980 feat of attracting a large chunk of Democrats, and by adding significant new elements -- wide support among young people and an increase in voters who identify with the Republican Party. His complaints about Democratic leaders turning a deaf ear to the needs of their constituents also seemed to have an effect: Democrats as a party seem to be losing support; Republicans gaining it. (Ann Devroy, Gannett)

Reagan Wins Landslide Victory Over Mondale

President Reagan won a stunning reelection victory as voters across the nation affirmed their support for his conservative policies and philosophy. Reagan was getting about 59% of the popular vote to 41% for Mondale, one of the biggest leads ever amassed by one presidential candidate over another. Mondale's dream of a Harry Truman-style upset was shattered by a public clearly satisfied with Reagan's stewardship of the nation. (Arthur Spiegelman, Reuter)

Reagan Predicts Serious Talks On Arms Curbs in Next Term;
Balanced Budget, Line-Item Veto to Be Pushed

LOS ANGELES -- President Reagan predicted that there will be serious U.S.-Soviet arms control talks during his second term and said he would push again for a balanced budget amendment and a line-item veto. In an Election Day interview with The Washington Post shortly after his aides told him he was winning a landslide reelection victory, Reagan also expressed his continuing commitment to a defense system in space that could shoot down missiles. He did not spell out his domestic agenda beyond saying he would press for enactment of a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced federal budget and would renew his request for a line-item veto on appropriations bills. Nor would Reagan spell out how he would deal with the federal deficit beyond his campaign commitment to continued economic growth. (Lou Cannon, Washington Post, A1)

AVALANCHE: America Responds to Reagan

Ronald Reagan swept to a mandate-setting landslide victory over Walter Mondale, riding the crest of a rolling economic recovery and a national conviction that "America is back." Aides to the President called the avalanche one of "historic proportions," and many jubilant GOP officials predicted a realignment of the American political landscape. The President was taking more than 60% of the vote in the South and his margins in traditionally Democratic industrial areas were only slightly smaller. (Ron Cordray, Washington Times, A1)

Mandate is His Own to Define

Now Ronald Reagan can be the President he came to Washington to be. The depth and breadth of his triumph gives Mr. Reagan the authority to describe his own mandate. Mr. Reagan's first task will be to make sure his mandate is accurately drawn, that the public perception of what yesterday's voting accomplished is not diluted and dulled by paeans to presidential personality and panache. (Wesley Pruden, Washington Times, A1)

Reagan the Apparent Victor; GOP Heads for Gains in House

President Reagan apparently won the election, securing a second term with a victory that Republican leaders hailed as both a sweeping personal triumph and a mandate for his policies. All across the country, Democratic members of Congress appeared to be struggling to hold their seats against the pressure of broad voter support building behind Mr. Reagan. The voter interviews by The New York Times/CBS News Poll nationwide indicated more voters were casting their ballots for Republican congressional candidates than for Democrats. (Howell Raines, New York Times, A1)

Reagan Claims Victory as Crowd Shouts 'Four More Years'

LOS ANGELES -- Ronald Reagan claimed victory over Walter Mondale and, amid cheers of "four more years" from hundreds of supporters, quipped: "I think that has just been arranged." He also paid tribute to his running mate, George Bush, saying there has never been a finer vice president. (Reuter)

REPUBLICANS CLAIM VICTORY IS PHILOSOPHICAL REALIGNMENT

Republican leaders claimed Tuesday night that President Reagan's overwhelming election victory represents not only a personal triumph for Reagan but a philosophical realignment of the electorate and a significant demonstration of the power of young voters. GOP Chairman Frank Fahrenkopf said the Party's near sweep was due in large part to its defeat of the Democrats in a race to register new voters. Senator Paul Laxalt called it "a tremendous personal and political victory for the President." (Michael Putzel, AP)

NETWORK POLLS FORECAST VICTORY

NEW YORK - Economic issues helped President Reagan, while helping Geraldine Ferraro on the Democratic ticket may have hurt Walter Mondale in Tuesday's presidential election, an NBC News exit poll said. The three main network polls took different stances in their evening newscasts Tuesday, but partial results from all three left little doubt that President Reagan was en route to the big Republican victory forecast over his Democratic challenger in pre-election polling. (Timothy Harper, AP)

GOP HEADED FOR GAINS IN CONGRESSIONAL CONTESTS

Return of Coalition In House Is Uncertain

President Reagan's resounding reelection victory raised the possibility of major Republican gains in the House but left unclear whether his working majority of Republicans and conservative Democrats in the chamber would be restored. (Margaret Shapiro and Paul Taylor, Washington Post, A1)

President Reagan swept to a landslide, coast-to-coast victory but his coattails apparently were not long enough to change the balance of power on Capitol Hill. It appeared the Republicans would gain 12 to 15 seats in the House while the Democrats stood to gain at least two in the Senate. (Don Campbell, Gannett)

Simon Victor in Illinois; Mondale's Minn. Win Narrow

The most influential loser of the night was Senate Foreign Relations Chairman Charles Percy, who fell to Rep. Paul Simon. Republicans kept the Senate and made gains in the House. But the GOP pick-up of less than 20 seats was short of the 30-plus party leaders wanted. With 86% of the nation's precincts counted, Reagan had 59% of the vote, to 41% for Mondale -- a margin of more than 14 million ballots. Mondale won the District of Columbia but struggled to hold Minnesota and prevent a 50-state shutout that would make him the biggest loser in presidential history. With 75% of the ballots counted in his home state, Mondale held a dwindling margin of about 10,000 votes. (David Espo, AP)

Republicans Hold Senate Control, Democrats Keep House

The Republicans lost a seat vacated by Sen. Baker and a seat in Iowa to Tom Harkin. But they picked up the Kentucky seat of Sen. Huddleston. Sen. Helms, an arch-conservative Republican, defeated moderate Gov. Hunt in close race in North Carolina where both sides spent a record \$21M. The Helms victory was important because, if coupled with a possible loss by Sen. Percy, Helms would be in line to be chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. In a hotly contested race in Michigan, which has not fully recovered from the recession, Rep. Levin defeated former astronaut Jack Lousma. Gov. Rockefeller won a seat vacated in West Virginia by Sen. Randolph. In Massachusetts, former anti-Vietnam War activist John Kerry defeated a spirited bid by conservative Republican businessman Raymond Shamie for the U.S. Senate seat of retiring Democrat Paul Tsongas. In Texas, former Rep. Gramm defeated Democrat Lloyd Doggett. (Michael Posner, Reuter)

MIDDLE CLASS GAVE VICTORY

President Reagan's victory was a broadly based triumph delivered by the middle classes whose members concluded it is the Republican Party that can best maintain prosperity and deal with the nation's other problems. This simplistic portrait of the result is drawn from interviews with nearly 3,500 voters conducted for ABC News. There were some notable exceptions to that broad tendency. For example, seven out of 10 Jewish voters favored Mondale over Reagan. On the other hand, Reagan ran most strongly in some of the poorest states in the union, including the Deep South. (Richard Harwood, Washington Post, A29)

MONDALE CONCEDES TO REAGAN

ST. PAUL, Minn. -- Democratic challenger Walter Mondale conceded the election to President Reagan, saying "we accept the verdict" and asking his followers not to despair. Mondale told a crowd of cheering supporters in his home state that he had telephoned the president and congratulated him on his victory. A weary but smiling Mondale said: "He has won. We are all Americans. He is our president and we honor him tonight." In a quavering voice, he told his followers: "Do not despair," and added: "With every defeat can be found the seeds of victory. Let us fight on. My loss tonight does not in any way diminish the worth or importance of our struggle....I am at peace with the knowledge that I gave it everything I got." (Reuter)

BUSH ELATED THE ORDEAL IS FINALLY OVER

HOUSTON -- Vice President Bush made an early morning trip to the ballot box after expressing relief to be done with a campaign that one close adviser called "the most difficult race he has ever had to run." In the final days Bush at times dropped his usually sunny demeanor, calling the campaign "tough," "grueling" and "just plain ugly." (Dale Russakoff, Washington Post, A39)

George Bush says the Reagan Administration promised a new beginning four years ago -- and kept the promise. He says that's why the Republican ticket won the presidential election by a landslide. (AP)

FERRARO SAYS HER CANDIDACY WAS VICTORY FOR AMERICA

NEW YORK -- Geraldine Ferraro accepted defeat in her campaign to be the first woman vice president of the U.S. with a declaration that her historic quest had opened doors that would never be closed. Before an emotional crowd in the ballroom of a New York hotel, she conceded victory to President Reagan a few minutes before midnight. Some members of the crowd booed and hissed when she paid tribute to Reagan for running a skillful campaign. They cried "It was a fix -- we won." But Ferraro admonished them, saying the verdict of the American people had to be respected. (Rodney Pinder, Reuter)

Geraldine Ferraro's nomination made history, but it apparently made little difference in the voting booths. Exit polls showed Mondale and Ferraro losing among both men and women voters. Few voters said Ferraro's nomination made a difference in how they voted, and its net effect on the percentages seemed minimal. (Chris Collins, Gannett)

O'NEILL SAYS NO DEMOCRAT COULD HAVE BEATEN REAGAN

Speaker O'Neill said no Democratic candidate could have withstood the tide of President Reagan's overwhelming popularity. O'Neill said in a television interview Reagan had been helped by improvement in the economy but he said even in areas where unemployment was still high he had polled well. But the Speaker said that despite Reagan's runaway victory he had not succeeded in carrying many Republicans into Congress with him. (Reuter)

WORLD LEADERS CONGRATULATE PRESIDENT

World leaders warmly congratulated President Reagan on his election victory and expressed hope his second term would lead to progress in disarmament. In Lebanon, however, the Islamic Jihad cited the election as it made a new threat to "blow up all American interests in Beirut and elsewhere in Lebanon." The threat, telephoned to a Beirut newspaper, was addressed "to every American individual residing in Beirut" on the occasion of Reagan's reelection. (AP)

NETWORK PROJECTIONS

A storm of protest from the West Coast, as well as scattered reports of citizens leaving the polls without voting, greeted the unprecedented early television projections of President Reagan's win. All three networks declared Reagan the victor by 8:30 p.m. EDT -- while polls were still open in 25 states. Election officials and politicians immediately protested that the early call kept thousands of voters from the polls by making them feel their votes would not count. (Tony Mauro and Richard Whitmire, Gannett)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

NICARAGUAN PLANES

Pentagon sources say there is no reliable evidence that the Soviets are shipping sophisticated fighter planes to Nicaragua. The White House calls the story "a matter of speculation." Asked if the U.S. might seek to impose a blockade of Nicaragua if the report were true, spokesman Larry Speakes said he doesn't rule anything out. (AP)

TALKS ON NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION SET

The U.S. and the Soviet Union have agreed to hold talks in Moscow beginning Nov. 28 on controlling the spread of nuclear weapons and technology to other nations, an Administration official said. (Washington Post, A20)

GROMYKO ASKS U.S. TO IMPROVE TIES

MOSCOW -- FM Gromyko called on the U.S. to take "practical actions" that would lead to an improvement in Soviet-American relations. Addressing a Kremlin rally marking the 67th anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution, Gromyko asserted that the U.S. in recent years has "done much to break everything positive that was created earlier by joint efforts." (Dusko Doder, Washington Post, A21)

LEBANESE CABINET TO APPOINT TEAM FOR ISRAELI-WITHDRAWAL TALKS

BEIRUT -- Lebanon's government is due to meet to name a team and decide on strategy for talks on Thursday on an Israeli troop withdrawal from south Lebanon. Beirut Radio quoted PM Karami as saying all members of his nine-man government would attend today's cabinet session. (John Kohut, Reuter)

NATIONAL NEWS

RIGHTS COMMISSION CHALLENGED

Rep. Edwards (D.-Calif.) said "confidential sources" told him that the U.S. Civil Rights Commission prepared delaying amendments used by conservative senators to block passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1984. Edwards, chairman of the House subcommittee on civil and constitutional rights, said he wrote the commission late last month demanding "all documents which were submitted to Congress...by commission staff on this legislation." Commission Director Linda Chavez did not immediately provide the material but wrote to Edwards do deny writing any of the amendments used by conservatives to stall the bill to death. She characterized the reports from Edwards' sources as "complete fabrication made in reckless disregard for the truth." (Juan Williams, Washington Post, A3)

###

White House News Summary - Wednesday, November 7, 1984 -- B-1

NETWORK SUMMARY FOR TUESDAY EVENING, November 6, 1984

ELECTION DAY

CBS's Dan Rather reports that today is judgment day. Based on CBS-New York Times interviews around the nation of voters who have already voted indications of a substantial win for Ronald Reagan may be borne out if voting trends don't change by the time all the polls are closed. In Indiana and Kentucky where the polls have closed, CBS interviews show that President Reagan has won Indiana and Kentucky.

CBS's Bruce Morton reports that President Reagan is doing well among some traditionally Democratic groups -- the young, union workers, Catholics, and southern whites. There is a slight gender gap -- the President has a comfortable lead among men, the vote is closer among women. Mondale is getting the black vote. The President gets high marks on the economy which is what concerns most people. He also does well among those who want a strong defense. Mondale does well among those worried about arms control. Mr. Reagan gets high marks for strong leadership and confidence. Voters are saying they don't want their taxes raised and the selection of Geraldine Ferraro doesn't seem to have helped the ticket, even in the Northeast.

CBS's Bill Plante covered the President and Mrs. Reagan casting their ballot in Solvang. He was in good spirits, but glad the campaign is over. (Michael Deaver: "I think he's relieved, relaxed, looking forward to this evening.")

The First Lady appeared unsteady getting off the helicopter in Los Angeles. Her staff said she is tired and still dizzy after falling and hitting her head on a chair the night before last. But they insist that nothing else is wrong and that Mrs. Reagan is not taking any medication.

Plante reported that Vice President Bush and Mrs. Bush voted this morning and played softball later between reporters and his staff. Despite the polite unwillingness on the part of the President and his staff to speculate on the outcome of the election, there's certainly no air of suspense around here. Privately, top White House aides believe they'll be able to claim a mandate for the President, based on the size of the popular vote and they are already planning a unity drive between now and the inauguration to reach out to those people who didn't vote for Reagan. (CBS-lead)

ABC's Peter Jennings reports the President won New Hampshire, Kentucky and Indiana. Sam Donaldson covered the Reagans voting. Aides say he will win with 60 percent of the vote. (Michael Deaver: "I think he's relieved, relaxed, looking forward to this evening.") (ABC-lead)

NBC's Tom Brokaw reported that President Reagan, going into Election Day, had a commanding lead and polls indicate that the trend continues. NBC News has projected that the President has already won 12 electoral votes in Indiana and 9 electoral votes in Kentucky, where polls have already closed. NBC estimates that four out of the five people who are expected to vote today have already voted (at 6:30 p.m. EST). (NBC Television coverage of President and Mrs. Reagan voting in Solvang. Coverage also included Mondale voting in St. Paul, Ferraro voting in New York and Vice President Bush voting in Texas and playing softball.) (NBC-lead)

NETWORK SUMMARY FOR TUESDAY EVENING, November 6, 1984 (continued)

ELECTION DAY (continued)

Chris Wallace reported from Reagan headquarters in Los Angeles that things are going "even better than expected," with campaign officials saying according to their soundings, the President could get 59 or possibly 60-61% of the vote. They also say that his coattails are looking even broader than they had hoped. That Republican Senate candidates may score upset victories in West Virginia, which was somewhat expected, and also in Nebraska and Montana which would be even more surprising. Wallace said there is no great excitement in the Reagan camp, with everyone very businesslike, planning for tomorrow and for a second term. One top aide said winning the Presidency is more fun the first time. He said the Reagan White House is planning for a second term, taking full advantage of the mandate they expect to win tonight. Their going to come out at the start of next year with a new deficit-reduction plan, some spending cuts and tax reform. There are going to be new initiatives to the Soviet Union. No big personnel changes -- the President likes the team he has and is going to stay with them. (NBC-2)

ABC's Brit Hume says Mondale seemed in the same good spirits he has shown throughout the home stretch of this campaign. Mondale must go through one last ritual tonight, appearing before supporters to make what is widely expected to be a concession statement. But so widespread have the expectations of a smashing Reagan victory, and so gamely has Mondale fought back in these last weeks, that even a respectable loss tonight could seem like a triumph. (ABC-2)

NBC's Lisa Myers reports from Mondale headquarters in St. Paul that the mood there is "very grim." She reported that Mondale and his aides were at the Mondale home drafting a speech for this evening and one aide said it will be a concession speech. About the only encouraging report for Mondale since early this morning is that he's leading in the District of Columbia and in Minnesota, and things look good in Massachusetts, and he's not too far behind in a handful of other states. She reported that the Mondale camp is very proud of the way he conducted himself at the end of the campaign. (NBC-3)

CBS's Susan Spencer reports on the Mondale family voting in Minnesota and Ms. Ferraro voting in New York. (CBS-2)

CBS's Bob Scheiffer: If all goes as expected the Republicans will keep control of the Senate, Democrats will keep control of the House, but in both cases the majorities will shrink. With an upset or two it is conceivable that this election may all be a wash. (CBS-3)

Jennings reports the Vice President waited in line for 17 minutes to vote, and said he "did the right thing" when asked who he voted for. Later he and his staff played softball against reporters who covered his campaign. Geraldine Ferraro voted with her family in Queens. (ABC-3)

CBS's Meridith Viera reports from Chicago that Midwest voters seem to be going for Ronald Reagan and it is the economy that is driving them to the voting booth. (CBS-4)

White House News Summary - Wednesday, November 7, 1984 -- B-3

NETWORK SUMMARY FOR TUESDAY EVENING, November 6, 1984 (continued)

ELECTION DAY (continued)

CBS's Bernard Goldberg reports from Atlanta that the South is shaping up as a portrait in black and white. Black southern voters are casting their votes overwhelmingly for Mondale, white southerners choosing Reagan.

(CBS-5)

Jennings says that most close Senate races are still too close to call. ABC's Sander Vanocur reviews the races and the candidates for the Senate.

(ABC-4)

Jennings reports that the vote in Indiana indicates the Robert Orr has won the governor's race.

(ABC-6)

ABC's Barry Serafin explains the uses and techniques of exit polling. The only statistic he cites is that in this campaign it seems that 89 percent of the voters made up their minds some time ago. Only 4 percent decided within the past week and 4 percent chose their candidates today. In 1980 the numbers were almost exactly the reverse.

(ABC-8)

ABC's Jerry King reports that this race is important for organized labor because they have failed to deliver votes in past elections and generally committed themselves to candidates -- particularly Walter Mondale -- earlier than usual. Politicians will be looking at the unions skeptically if their candidate loses again.

(ABC-11)

NBC TV coverage of First Lady leaving helicopter after voting today, still shaky after her fall before dawn yesterday.

(NBC-4)

NBC's Don Oliver reports that for both campaigns there is only one thing that matters today -- getting the partisans out to vote. Republicans equal the Democrats in registering new voters, with Republicans using an expensive computer program to make nearly 14 million calls to identify Reagan voters and get them to the polls. The calls were followed up by personal visits to the homes of likely Reagan voters. The Mondale campaign had neither the money nor the time for a thorough voter identification and turnout program.

(NBC-5)

RUSSIAN SHIP

Rather reports that U.S. intelligence officials say that a Soviet freighter is on the way to Nicaragua and it may be carrying MIG-21 jet fighters. David Martin reports the freighter left the Black Sea port last September shortly after President Reagan met with Foreign Minister Gromyko. Officials caution that they do not have proof that MIGs are on board but they do have satellite photographs that show that at the time the ship was being loaded, a dozen crates, similar to those used to transport MIG-21s, disappeared from the pier. The Reagan Administration has warned Moscow not to send fighter aircraft to Nicaragua. If those planes are on the ship, one U.S. option being considered is a surprise attack to destroy it.

(CBS-6)

The stock market was open for the first Election Day ever. Operators explained it was because of the many foreign traders. Stocks were up.

(ABC-12)

-end-



The White House NEWS SUMMARY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1984 -- 6 a.m. EST Edition

TODAY'S HEADLINES

ELECTION NEWS

THERE HE GOES AGAIN: REAGAN WINS IN LANDSLIDE (Hartford Courant)

REAGAN BLITZES FRITZ (Las Vegas Sun)

GOP HEADED FOR GAINS IN CONGRESSIONAL CONTESTS
(Washington Post, AP, Gannett, Reuter)

SIMON VICTOR IN ILLINOIS: MONDALE'S MINN. WIN NARROW (AP)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Nicaraguan Planes -- Pentagon sources say there is no reliable evidence that the Soviets are shipping sophisticated fighter planes to Nicaragua. The White House calls the story "a matter of speculation." (AP)

NATIONAL NEWS

Rights Commission Challenged -- Rep. Edwards said "confidential sources" told him that the U.S. Civil Rights Commission prepared delaying amendments used by conservative senators to block passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1984. (Washington Post)

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY (Tuesday Evening)

ELECTION -- President Reagan was doing well among some traditionally Democratic groups -- the young, union workers, Catholics and southern whites.

RUSSIAN SHIP -- U.S. intelligence officials say a Soviet freighter is on the way to Nicaragua and may be carrying MIG-21 jet fighters. Officials caution they do not have proof that MIGs are on board but they do have satellite photographs that show they may be.

ELECTION NEWS.....A-2

INTERNATIONAL NEWS....A-12

NATIONAL NEWS.....A-12

NETWORK NEWS.....B-1

ELECTION NEWS

ONE FOR THE HISTORY BOOKS
REAGAN TAKES LANDSLIDE LEAD OVER MONDALE
Montgomery, Alabama Advertiser

Reagan rolled toward runaway reelection Tuesday night. (AP story)

PRESIDENT WINS BIG IN ALABAMA
Montgomery, Alabama Advertiser

President Reagan scored a massive win in Alabama, but it was unclear Tuesday night if his popularity would prove strong enough to lift two GOP congressional candidates to victory in Mobile and Birmingham.

- - -

REAGAN WINS LANDSLIDE VICTORY
Gets 60 Percent of State Vote in Early Returns
Arkansas Gazette

Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th President of the United States, won reelection in a landslide victory over his Democratic challenger, former vice president, Walter F. Mondale, polling roughly 59 percent of the vote nationwide.

- - -

THERE HE GOES AGAIN
REAGAN WINS IN LANDSLIDE
Hartford Courant

President Reagan coasted to reelection Tuesday, crushing Democratic challenger Walter Mondale with 59 percent of the popular vote.

REPUBLICANS WIN CONTROL OF ASSEMBLY
(Headline on local political story)

REAGAN WINS BY 280,000 VOTE MARGIN
(Statewide vote)

- - -

REAGAN LANDSLIDE
VINOY, REAGAN BIG WINNERS IN ST. PETERSBURG
St. Petersburg Times

The Vinoy, Ronald Reagan, two Supreme Court Justices, and two Sun Coast congressmen were all big winners Tuesday. Hillsboro State Attorney E. J. Salcines lost to Republican Bill James, and Pinellas County Commissioner Gabe Cazares was dangerously close to losing.

COMMENTATORS CALL IT "A SWEEP" HISTORIC WIN

The American people, feeling comfortable, feeling good, credited Ronald Wilson Reagan for their well-being Tuesday and rewarded him with four more years in the White House.

-more-

REAGAN TRIUMPHS AT POLLS TO CLAIM FOUR MORE YEARS
Atlanta Constitution

Ronald Reagan won reelection Tuesday, decisively defeating his Democratic opponent, Walter Mondale by one of the largest margins in modern American politics.

REAGAN'S VICTORY TIDE SWEEPS ACROSS THE SOUTH
Atlanta Constitution

President Reagan rolled to a resounding victory across the South Tuesday, prompting southern Democrats to call for a major change in their Party's direction and Republicans to declare the dawning of a new era.

- - -

REAGAN SWEEPS THE NATION, BUT MONDALE AHEAD IN STATE
Minneapolis Tribune

President Reagan buried Walter Mondale, a native son of Elmore, Minnesota, in an apparent landslide of popular and electoral votes Tuesday, becoming the first president since 1972 to win a mandate for a second term.

- - -

LANDSLIDE REELECTS REAGAN
PERCY, SIMON IN A SQUEAKER
Chicago Tribune

Ronald Reagan transformed his extraordinary personal popularity into an extraordinary political triumph Tuesday, becoming the first President to be reelected since 1972 and taking his position as one of his generation's premiere politicians.

- - -

LANDSLIDE
MONDALE CONCEDES
SIMON LEADS PERCY
Chicago Sun-Times

President Reagan powered to a landslide victory over Walter Mondale with enough force to slightly improve his leverage in Congress.

- - -

REAGAN WINS IN LANDSLIDE
Indianapolis Star

President Reagan piled up a landslide reelection victory Tuesday, narrowly missing a 50-state sweep and generating such coattail strength that Republicans could gain working control of Congress.

- - -

-more-

REAGAN LANDSLIDE CRUSHES MONDALE
Louisville Courier-Journal

President Reagan comfortably won the national election yesterday, securing a second term with a victory that Republican leaders hailed as both a sweeping personal triumph and a mandate for his policies.

MCCONNELL SEEMS HEADED FOR UPSET

Republican Mitch McConnell, swept along by a strong Reagan tide, apparently defeated Democrat Walter D. Huddleston yesterday by a narrow margin in one of the major upsets in the 1984 campaign.

- - -

REAGAN WINS
Detroit News

Ronald Reagan won an overwhelming 49 state sweep Tuesday.

- - -

REAGAN WINS IN RUNAWAY
Kansas City times

President Reagan swept to a landslide victory Tuesday rolling over Walter F. Mondale in a triumph that Republican leaders hailed as a convincing personal victory and a mandate for his policies.

- - -

REAGAN ROMPS IN LANDSLIDE
Des Moines Register

Ronald Reagan, 40th President of the United States, romped to reelection Tuesday in a victory of massive size and scope.

HARKIN WINS SEAT IN SENATE

Iowa voters produced a split-ticket pair of conflicting landslides Tuesday, electing Democrat Tom Harkin to the U.S. Senate over incumbent Republican Roger Jepsen, even as they handed President Ronald Reagan an easy victory over Democrat Walter Mondale.

- - -

REAGAN LANDSLIDE BURIES FRITZ FROM COAST TO COAST
INROADS MADE IN DEM TURF
(New York Daily News)

Ronald Reagan swept to a landslide victory of historic dimensions last night, shattering a once-solid South and making inroads into traditional Democratic groups like organized labor, Catholic voters and young people. (Frank Jackman, 3)

- - -

-more-

REAGAN SWEEPS TO RUNAWAY TRIUMPH
WARNER, PRESIDENT EASILY TAKE STATE
(Richmond Times Dispatch)

(Photo of President waving ballot -- two front-page stories)

GOP wins 33 States, Aims at 50

President Reagan swept to a runaway re-election over Walter Mondale last night, but Republicans were having a harder time translating his landslide into significant gains in Congress. (Combined wires, A1)

Democrat Concedes in Virginia

Virginians, voting in record numbers, delivered historic majorities to President Reagan and Sen. John Warner yesterday, contributing to the President's national landslide and giving Warner one of his own. (Dale Eisman, A1)

- - -

REAGAN OVERWHELMS MONDALE
HELMS AHEAD, MARTIN LEADS
Landslide Could Aid Republicans
(Raleigh News-Observer)

President Reagan swept to a landslide lead Tuesday night (AP story)

- - -

49 STATES
U.S. GIVES REAGAN FOUR MORE YEARS
(Newsday)

President Reagan scored a smashing 49-state victory over Democrat Walter Mondale yesterday, gaining four more years in office in a landslide some Republicans hailed as a sign of conservative realignment in American politics. (Susan Paige, 3)

- - -

GRAND SLAM
(Front page, 220 points)
REAGAN STEAMROLLS DEMS
HUGE VICTORY IN NEW YORK
(New York Post)

A triumphant President Reagan won four more years in the White House with a landslide victory over Walter Mondale last night as the Reagan revolution roared ahead. (Deborah Orin, 2)

- - -

REAGAN WINS IN LANDSLIDE
WITH 59 PERCENT OF VOTE IN NATION
Sweep Fails to Bring Key House Gains
(Philadelphia Inquirer)

Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th President of the United States, won a landslide victory yesterday over his Democratic challenger, former Vice President Walter Mondale, but the impact of his stunning showing on other races appeared to be relatively modest. (Larry Eichel, A1)

- - -

REAGAN WINS IN A LANDSLIDE;
GRAMM OVERWHELMS DOGGETT
(Dallas Morning News)

President Reagan won his "four more years" in the White House Tuesday night with a smashing landslide victory that fell just short of an unprecedented 50-state sweep. (Carl Leubsdorf, A1)

- - -

REAGAN SWEEPS TO VICTORY

(AP story)

STATE GOES FOR REAGAN

Oklahoma voters turned out in record numbers to help re-elect President Ronald Reagan to another four year term Tuesday, handing the conservative California Republican the state's eight electoral votes and a huge victory margin over his opponent, Walter Mondale. (Kurt Hochenaur, A1)

- - -

REAGAN BLITZES FRITZ
(Las Vegas Sun)

(UPI story)

- - -

IT'S OVER

The old saying is, "it isn't over 'til it's over." For Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro -- it's over. Both conceded defeat to President Reagan and Vice President Bush in what has turned out to be a landslide victory for the Republicans. A smiling Mondale told a crowd in Minnesota that he had telephoned his congratulations to the President. Said Mondale: "Although I would rather have won, tonight we rejoice in our democracy." An equally cheerful Ferraro expressed the same sentiment to her supporters in New York. (AP)

REAGAN WINS REELECTION IN LANDSLIDE;
GOP CONTROL OF SENATE SEEMS ASSURED

Victory Shows Broad Appeal of President

Ronald Wilson Reagan was reelected president of the United States in a landslide, winning a mandate for continuation of his conservative policies from voters all across America. The key to his victory, judging from interviews with voters, was the support of heavy majorities of white middle-class voters, who admire his personal leadership qualities and believe his economic policies have improved their lot and been good for country. (David Broder, Washington Post, A1)

President Reagan assembled his winning margin by repeating his 1980 feat of attracting a large chunk of Democrats, and by adding significant new elements -- wide support among young people and an increase in voters who identify with the Republican Party. His complaints about Democratic leaders turning a deaf ear to the needs of their constituents also seemed to have an effect: Democrats as a party seem to be losing support; Republicans gaining it. (Ann Devroy, Gannett)

Reagan Wins Landslide Victory Over Mondale

President Reagan won a stunning reelection victory as voters across the nation affirmed their support for his conservative policies and philosophy. Reagan was getting about 59% of the popular vote to 41% for Mondale, one of the biggest leads ever amassed by one presidential candidate over another. Mondale's dream of a Harry Truman-style upset was shattered by a public clearly satisfied with Reagan's stewardship of the nation. (Arthur Spiegelman, Reuter)

Reagan Predicts Serious Talks On Arms Curbs in Next Term;
Balanced Budget, Line-Item Veto to Be Pushed

LOS ANGELES -- President Reagan predicted that there will be serious U.S.-Soviet arms control talks during his second term and said he would push again for a balanced budget amendment and a line-item veto. In an Election Day interview with The Washington Post shortly after his aides told him he was winning a landslide reelection victory, Reagan also expressed his continuing commitment to a defense system in space that could shoot down missiles. He did not spell out his domestic agenda beyond saying he would press for enactment of a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced federal budget and would renew his request for a line-item veto on appropriations bills. Nor would Reagan spell out how he would deal with the federal deficit beyond his campaign commitment to continued economic growth. (Lou Cannon, Washington Post, A1)

AVALANCHE! : America Responds to Reagan

Ronald Reagan swept to a mandate-setting landslide victory over Walter Mondale, riding the crest of a rolling economic recovery and a national conviction that "America is back." Aides to the President called the avalanche one of "historic proportions," and many jubilant GOP officials predicted a realignment of the American political landscape. The President was taking more than 60% of the vote in the South and his margins in traditionally Democratic industrial areas were only slightly smaller. (Ron Cordray, Washington Times, A1)

Mandate is His Own to Define

Now Ronald Reagan can be the President he came to Washington to be. The depth and breadth of his triumph gives Mr. Reagan the authority to describe his own mandate. Mr. Reagan's first task will be to make sure his mandate is accurately drawn, that the public perception of what yesterday's voting accomplished is not diluted and dulled by paeans to presidential personality and panache. (Wesley Pruden, Washington Times, A1)

Reagan the Apparent Victor; GOP Heads for Gains in House

President Reagan apparently won the election, securing a second term with a victory that Republican leaders hailed as both a sweeping personal triumph and a mandate for his policies. All across the country, Democratic members of Congress appeared to be struggling to hold their seats against the pressure of broad voter support building behind Mr. Reagan. The voter interviews by The New York Times/CBS News Poll nationwide indicated more voters were casting their ballots for Republican congressional candidates than for Democrats. (Howell Raines, New York Times, A1)

Reagan Claims Victory as Crowd Shouts 'Four More Years'

LOS ANGELES -- Ronald Reagan claimed victory over Walter Mondale and, amid cheers of "four more years" from hundreds of supporters, quipped: "I think that has just been arranged." He also paid tribute to his running mate, George Bush, saying there has never been a finer vice president. (Reuter)

REPUBLICANS CLAIM VICTORY IS PHILOSOPHICAL REALIGNMENT

Republican leaders claimed Tuesday night that President Reagan's overwhelming election victory represents not only a personal triumph for Reagan but a philosophical realignment of the electorate and a significant demonstration of the power of young voters. GOP Chairman Frank Fahrenkopf said the Party's near sweep was due in large part to its defeat of the Democrats in a race to register new voters. Senator Paul Laxalt called it "a tremendous personal and political victory for the President." (Michael Putzel, AP)

NETWORK POLLS FORECAST VICTORY

NEW YORK - Economic issues helped President Reagan, while having Geraldine Ferraro on the Democratic ticket may have hurt Walter Mondale in Tuesday's presidential election, an NBC News exit poll said. The three main network polls took different stances in their evening newscasts Tuesday, but partial results from all three left little doubt that President Reagan was en route to the big Republican victory forecast over his Democratic challenger in pre-election polling. (Timothy Harper, AP)

GOP HEADED FOR GAINS IN CONGRESSIONAL CONTESTS

Return of Coalition In House Is Uncertain

President Reagan's resounding reelection victory raised the possibility of major Republican gains in the House but left unclear whether his working majority of Republicans and conservative Democrats in the chamber would be restored. (Margaret Shapiro and Paul Taylor, Washington Post, A1)

President Reagan swept to a landslide, coast-to-coast victory but his coattails apparently were not long enough to change the balance of power on Capitol Hill. It appeared the Republicans would gain 12 to 15 seats in the House while the Democrats stood to gain at least two in the Senate. (Don Campbell, Gannett)

Simon Victor in Illinois; Mondale's Minn. Win Narrow

The most influential loser of the night was Senate Foreign Relations Chairman Charles Percy, who fell to Rep. Paul Simon. Republicans kept the Senate and made gains in the House. But the GOP pick-up of less than 20 seats was short of the 30-plus party leaders wanted. With 86% of the nation's precincts counted, Reagan had 59% of the vote, to 41% for Mondale -- a margin of more than 14 million ballots. Mondale won the District of Columbia but struggled to hold Minnesota and prevent a 50-state shutout that would make him the biggest loser in presidential history. With 75% of the ballots counted in his home state, Mondale held a dwindling margin of about 10,000 votes. (David Espo, AP)

Republicans Hold Senate Control, Democrats Keep House

The Republicans lost a seat vacated by Sen. Baker and a seat in Iowa to Tom Harkin. But they picked up the Kentucky seat of Sen. Huddleston. Sen. Helms, an arch-conservative Republican, defeated moderate Gov. Hunt in close race in North Carolina where both sides spent a record \$21M. The Helms victory was important because, if coupled with a possible loss by Sen. Percy, Helms would be in line to be chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. In a hotly contested race in Michigan, which has not fully recovered from the recession, Rep. Levin defeated former astronaut Jack Lousma. Gov. Rockefeller won a seat vacated in West Virginia by Sen. Randolph. In Massachusetts, former anti-Vietnam War activist John Kerry defeated a spirited bid by conservative Republican businessman Raymond Shamie for the U.S. Senate seat of retiring Democrat Paul Tsongas. In Texas, former Rep. Gramm defeated Democrat Lloyd Doggett. (Michael Posner, Reuter)

MIDDLE CLASS GAVE VICTORY

President Reagan's victory was a broadly based triumph delivered by the middle classes whose members concluded it is the Republican Party that can best maintain prosperity and deal with the nation's other problems. This simplistic portrait of the result is drawn from interviews with nearly 3,500 voters conducted for ABC News. There were some notable exceptions to that broad tendency. For example, seven out of 10 Jewish voters favored Mondale over Reagan. On the other hand, Reagan ran most strongly in some of the poorest states in the union, including the Deep South. (Richard Harwood, Washington Post, A29)

-more-

MONDALE CONCEDES TO REAGAN

ST. PAUL, Minn. -- Democratic challenger Walter Mondale conceded the election to President Reagan, saying "we accept the verdict" and asking his followers not to despair. Mondale told a crowd of cheering supporters in his home state that he had telephoned the president and congratulated him on his victory. A weary but smiling Mondale said: "He has won. We are all Americans. He is our president and we honor him tonight." In a quavering voice, he told his followers: "Do not despair," and added: "With every defeat can be found the seeds of victory. Let us fight on. My loss tonight does not in any way diminish the worth or importance of our struggle....I am at peace with the knowledge that I gave it everything I got." (Reuter)

BUSH ELATED THE ORDEAL IS FINALLY OVER

HOUSTON -- Vice President Bush made an early morning trip to the ballot box after expressing relief to be done with a campaign that one close adviser called "the most difficult race he has ever had to run." In the final days Bush at times dropped his usually sunny demeanor, calling the campaign "tough," "grueling" and "just plain ugly." (Dale Russakoff, Washington Post, A39)

George Bush says the Reagan Administration promised a new beginning four years ago -- and kept the promise. He says that's why the Republican ticket won the presidential election by a landslide. (AP)

FERRARO SAYS HER CANDIDACY WAS VICTORY FOR AMERICA

NEW YORK -- Geraldine Ferraro accepted defeat in her campaign to be the first woman vice president of the U.S. with a declaration that her historic quest had opened doors that would never be closed. Before an emotional crowd in the ballroom of a New York hotel, she conceded victory to President Reagan a few minutes before midnight. Some members of the crowd booed and hissed when she paid tribute to Reagan for running a skillful campaign. They cried "It was a fix -- we won." But Ferraro admonished them, saying the verdict of the American people had to be respected. (Rodney Pinder, Reuter)

Geraldine Ferraro's nomination made history, but it apparently made little difference in the voting booths. Exit polls showed Mondale and Ferraro losing among both men and women voters. Few voters said Ferraro's nomination made a difference in how they voted, and its net effect on the percentages seemed minimal. (Chris Collins, Gannett)

O'NEILL SAYS NO DEMOCRAT COULD HAVE BEATEN REAGAN

Speaker O'Neill said no Democratic candidate could have withstood the tide of President Reagan's overwhelming popularity. O'Neill said in a television interview Reagan had been helped by improvement in the economy but he said even in areas where unemployment was still high he had polled well. But the Speaker said that despite Reagan's runaway victory he had not succeeded in carrying many Republicans into Congress with him. (Reuter)

WORLD LEADERS CONGRATULATE PRESIDENT

World leaders warmly congratulated President Reagan on his election victory and expressed hope his second term would lead to progress in disarmament. In Lebanon, however, the Islamic Jihad cited the election as it made a new threat to "blow up all American interests in Beirut and elsewhere in Lebanon." The threat, telephoned to a Beirut newspaper, was addressed "to every American individual residing in Beirut" on the occasion of Reagan's reelection. (AP)

NETWORK PROJECTIONS

A storm of protest from the West Coast, as well as scattered reports of citizens leaving the polls without voting, greeted the unprecedented early television projections of President Reagan's win. All three networks declared Reagan the victor by 8:30 p.m. EDT -- while polls were still open in 25 states. Election officials and politicians immediately protested that the early call kept thousands of voters from the polls by making them feel their votes would not count. (Tony Mauro and Richard Whitmire, Gannett)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

NICARAGUAN PLANES

Pentagon sources say there is no reliable evidence that the Soviets are shipping sophisticated fighter planes to Nicaragua. The White House calls the story "a matter of speculation." Asked if the U.S. might seek to impose a blockade of Nicaragua if the report were true, spokesman Larry Speakes said he doesn't rule anything out. (AP)

TALKS ON NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION SET

The U.S. and the Soviet Union have agreed to hold talks in Moscow beginning Nov. 28 on controlling the spread of nuclear weapons and technology to other nations, an Administration official said. (Washington Post, A20)

GROMYKO ASKS U.S. TO IMPROVE TIES

MOSCOW -- FM Gromyko called on the U.S. to take "practical actions" that would lead to an improvement in Soviet-American relations. Addressing a Kremlin rally marking the 67th anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution, Gromyko asserted that the U.S. in recent years has "done much to break everything positive that was created earlier by joint efforts." (Dusko Doder, Washington Post, A21)

LEBANESE CABINET TO APPOINT TEAM FOR ISRAELI-WITHDRAWAL TALKS

BEIRUT -- Lebanon's government is due to meet to name a team and decide on strategy for talks on Thursday on an Israeli troop withdrawal from south Lebanon. Beirut Radio quoted PM Karami as saying all members of his nine-man government would attend today's cabinet session. (John Kohut, Reuter)

NATIONAL NEWS

RIGHTS COMMISSION CHALLENGED

Rep. Edwards (D.-Calif.) said "confidential sources" told him that the U.S. Civil Rights Commission prepared delaying amendments used by conservative senators to block passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1984. Edwards, chairman of the House subcommittee on civil and constitutional rights, said he wrote the commission late last month demanding "all documents which were submitted to Congress...by commission staff on this legislation." Commission Director Linda Chavez did not immediately provide the material but wrote to Edwards do deny writing any of the amendments used by conservatives to stall the bill to death. She characterized the reports from Edwards' sources as "complete fabrication made in reckless disregard for the truth." (Juan Williams, Washington Post, A3)

NETWORK SUMMARY FOR TUESDAY EVENING, November 6, 1984

ELECTION DAY

CBS's Dan Rather reports that today is judgment day. Based on CBS-New York Times interviews around the nation of voters who have already voted indications of a substantial win for Ronald Reagan may be borne out if voting trends don't change by the time all the polls are closed. In Indiana and Kentucky where the polls have closed, CBS interviews show that President Reagan has won Indiana and Kentucky.

CBS's Bruce Morton reports that President Reagan is doing well among some traditionally Democratic groups -- the young, union workers, Catholics, and southern whites. There is a slight gender gap -- the President has a comfortable lead among men, the vote is closer among women. Mondale is getting the black vote. The President gets high marks on the economy which is what concerns most people. He also does well among those who want a strong defense. Mondale does well among those worried about arms control. Mr. Reagan gets high marks for strong leadership and confidence. Voters are saying they don't want their taxes raised and the selection of Geraldine Ferraro doesn't seem to have helped the ticket, even in the Northeast.

CBS's Bill Plante covered the President and Mrs. Reagan casting their ballot in Solvang. He was in good spirits, but glad the campaign is over. (Michael Deaver: "I think he's relieved, relaxed, looking forward to this evening.")

The First Lady appeared unsteady getting off the helicopter in Los Angeles. Her staff said she is tired and still dizzy after falling and hitting her head on a chair the night before last. But they insist that nothing else is wrong and that Mrs. Reagan is not taking any medication.

Plante reported that Vice President Bush and Mrs. Bush voted this morning and played softball later between reporters and his staff. Despite the polite unwillingness on the part of the President and his staff to speculate on the outcome of the election, there's certainly no air of suspense around here. Privately, top White House aides believe they'll be able to claim a mandate for the President, based on the size of the popular vote and they are already planning a unity drive between now and the inauguration to reach out to those people who didn't vote for Reagan.

(CBS-lead)

ABC's Peter Jennings reports the President won New Hampshire, Kentucky and Indiana. Sam Donaldson covered the Reagans voting. Aides say he will win with 60 percent of the vote. (Michael Deaver: "I think he's relieved, relaxed, looking forward to this evening.") (ABC-lead)

NBC's Tom Brokaw reported that President Reagan, going into Election Day, had a commanding lead and polls indicate that the trend continues. NBC News has projected that the President has already won 12 electoral votes in Indiana and 9 electoral votes in Kentucky, where polls have already closed. NBC estimates that four out of the five people who are expected to vote today have already voted (at 6:30 p.m. EST).

(NBC Television coverage of President and Mrs. Reagan voting in Solvang. Coverage also included Mondale voting in St. Paul, Ferraro voting in New York and Vice President Bush voting in Texas and playing softball.)

(NBC-lead)

NETWORK SUMMARY FOR TUESDAY EVENING, November 6, 1984 (continued)

ELECTION DAY (continued)

Chris Wallace reported from Reagan headquarters in Los Angeles that things are going "even better than expected," with campaign officials saying according to their soundings, the President could get 59 or possibly 60-61% of the vote. They also say that his coattails are looking even broader than they had hoped. That Republican Senate candidates may score upset victories in West Virginia, which was somewhat expected, and also in Nebraska and Montana which would be even more surprising. Wallace said there is no great excitement in the Reagan camp, with everyone very businesslike, planning for tomorrow and for a second term. One top aide said winning the Presidency is more fun the first time. He said the Reagan White House is planning for a second term, taking full advantage of the mandate they expect to win tonight. They going to come out at the start of next year with a new deficit-reduction plan, some spending cuts and tax reform. There are going to be new initiatives to the Soviet Union. No big personnel changes -- the President likes the team he has and is going to stay with them. (NBC-2)

ABC's Brit Hume says Mondale seemed in the same good spirits he has shown throughout the home stretch of this campaign. Mondale must go through one last ritual tonight, appearing before supporters to make what is widely expected to be a concession statement. But so widespread have the expectations of a smashing Reagan victory, and so gamely has Mondale fought back in these last weeks, that even a respectable loss tonight could seem like a triumph. (ABC-2)

NBC's Lisa Myers reports from Mondale headquarters in St. Paul that the mood there is "very grim." She reported that Mondale and his aides were at the Mondale home drafting a speech for this evening and one aide said it will be a concession speech. About the only encouraging report for Mondale since early this morning is that he's leading in the District of Columbia and in Minnesota, and things look good in Massachusetts, and he's not too far behind in a handful of other states. She reported that the Mondale camp is very proud of the way he conducted himself at the end of the campaign. (NBC-3)

CBS's Susan Spencer reports on the Mondale family voting in Minnesota and Ms. Ferraro voting in New York. (CBS-2)

CBS's Bob Scheiffer: If all goes as expected the Republicans will keep control of the Senate, Democrats will keep control of the House, but in both cases the majorities will shrink. With an upset or two it is conceivable that this election may all be a wash. (CBS-3)

Jennings reports the Vice President waited in line for 17 minutes to vote, and said he "did the right thing" when asked who he voted for. Later he and his staff played softball against reporters who covered his campaign. Geraldine Ferraro voted with her family in Queens. (ABC-3)

CBS's Meridith Viera reports from Chicago that Midwest voters seem to be going for Ronald Reagan and it is the economy that is driving them to the voting booth. (CBS-4)

White House News Summary - Wednesday, November 7, 1984 -- B-3

NETWORK SUMMARY FOR TUESDAY EVENING, November 6, 1984 (continued)

ELECTION DAY (continued)

CBS's Bernard Goldberg reports from Atlanta that the South is shaping up as a portrait in black and white. Black southern voters are casting their votes overwhelmingly for Mondale, white southerners choosing Reagan.

(CBS-5)

Jennings says that most close Senate races are still too close to call. ABC's Sander Vanocur reviews the races and the candidates for the Senate.

(ABC-4)

Jennings reports that the vote in Indiana indicates the Robert Orr has won the governor's race.

(ABC-6)

ABC's Barry Serafin explains the uses and techniques of exit polling. The only statistic he cites is that in this campaign it seems that 89 percent of the voters made up their minds some time ago. Only 4 percent decided within the past week and 4 percent chose their candidates today. In 1980 the numbers were almost exactly the reverse.

(ABC-8)

ABC's Jerry King reports that this race is important for organized labor because they have failed to deliver votes in past elections and generally committed themselves to candidates -- particularly Walter Mondale -- earlier than usual. Politicians will be looking at the unions skeptically if their candidate loses again.

(ABC-11)

NBC TV coverage of First Lady leaving helicopter after voting today, still shaky after her fall before dawn yesterday.

(NBC-4)

NBC's Don Oliver reports that for both campaigns there is only one thing that matters today -- getting the partisans out to vote. Republicans equal the Democrats in registering new voters, with Republicans using an expensive computer program to make nearly 14 million calls to identify Reagan voters and get them to the polls. The calls were followed up by personal visits to the homes of likely Reagan voters. The Mondale campaign had neither the money nor the time for a thorough voter identification and turnout program.

(NBC-5)

RUSSIAN SHIP

Rather reports that U.S. intelligence officials say that a Soviet freighter is on the way to Nicaragua and it may be carrying MIG-21 jet fighters. David Martin reports the freighter left the Black Sea port last September shortly after President Reagan met with Foreign Minister Gromyko. Officials caution that they do not have proof that MIGs are on board but they do have satellite photographs that show that at the time the ship was being loaded, a dozen crates, similar to those used to transport MIG-21s, disappeared from the pier. The Reagan Administration has warned Moscow not to send fighter aircraft to Nicaragua. If those planes are on the ship, one U.S. option being considered is a surprise attack to destroy it.

(CBS-6)

The stock market was open for the first Election Day ever. Operators explained it was because of the many foreign traders. Stocks were up.

(ABC-12)