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NEWS BULLETIN -- SACRAMENTO -- Sen. Alan Cranston, one of California's most resilient politicians, took the lead over his Republican challenger, Rep. Ed Zschau, about midnight Tuesday, and was projected the winner in their high-stakes, high-priced battle. Zschau, however, refused to concede. (UPI -- 6 a.m.)

ELECTION HEADLINES FROM AROUND THE NATION

GRAHAM SAILS TO SENATE; MARTINEZ TAKES HIS PLACE (Miami Herald)

FOWLER KEEPS GRIP ON LEAD; DEMOCRATS SCORE NATIONALLY

(Atlanta Constitution)

SHELBY CLINGS TO SLIM MARGIN HUNT MAKES HISTORY

(Montgomery Advertiser)

BREAUX WINS RACE FOR SENATE GOP PICKS UP GOVERNOR'S POST

(New Orleans Times-Picayune)

REID CLIPS REAGAN'S COATTAILS

(Las Vegas Sun)

NICKLES LEADS JONES IN U.S. SENATE RACE

(Daily Oklahoman)

DEMOCRATIC WIN SHIFTS SENATE POWER; SPELLS PROBLEMS FOR REAGAN

The Democratic recapture of the Senate tilts it leftward towards the center, signalling problems ahead for President Reagan and his party as Democrats build a power base for the 1988 presidential elections.

Analysts do not expect Reagan to be stymied by the fact that Democrats enjoy a majority in both houses. They point to the strength of his personal appeal and expect the White House to bargain with Democratic conservatives and moderates. (Reuter)



1986 ELECTION RESULTS

SENATE -- ELECTION RESULTS AT A GLANCE -- 6 a.m. EST

EDITOR's NOTE: Underlined name denotes unofficial winner. Results based on wire service reports.

STATE	CANDIDATES/VOTE PERCENTAGE		%VOTE COUNTED
ALABAMA	Denton (R) 50% 591,085	Shelby (D) 50% 600,098	99%
ALASKA	Murkowski (R) 55% 20,462	Olds (D) 45% 16,680	34%
ARIZONA	McCain (R) 60% 474,237	Kimball (D) 40% 331,594	93%
ARKANSAS	Hutchinson (R) 37% 247,819	Bumpers (D) 63% 419,235	94%
CALIFORNIA	Zschau (R) 49% 2,250,875	Cranston (D) 51% 2,316,962	66%
COLORADO	Kramer (R) 49% 505,691	Wirth (D) 51% 521,222	98%
CONNECTICUT	Eddy (R) 35% 337,792	Dodd (D) 65% 621,631	99%
FLORIDA	Hawkins (R) 45% 1,474,827	Graham (D) 55% 1,803,695	99%
GEORGIA	Mattingly (R) 49% 586,951	Fowler (D) 51% 609,059	99%
HAWAII	Hutchinson (R) 27% 48,426	Inouye (D) 73% 134,303	95%
IDAHO	Symms (R) 52% 187,871	Evans (D) 48% 174,829	95%
ILLINOIS	Koehler (R) 34% 972,111	Dixon (D) 66% 1,885,350	94%
INDIANA	Quayle (R) 61% 926,764	Long (D) 39% 589,517	99%
IOWA	Grassley (R) 66% 574,261	Roehrick (D) 34% 296,005	100%

SENATE RESULTS (continued)

STATE	CANDIDATES/VOTE PERCENTAGE		% VOTE
			COCKTED
KANSAS	Dole (R) 70% 565,258	MacDonald (D) 30% 241,601	98%
KENTUCKY	Andrews (R) 26% 172,763	Ford (D) 74% 499,162	100%
LOUISIANA	Moore (R) 47% 645,176	Breaux (D) 53% 722,847	100%
MARYLAND	Chavez (R) 39% 424,293	Mikulski (D) 61% 657,449	100%
MISSOURI	Bond (R) 53% 770,483	Woods (D) 47% 693,190	998
NEVADA	Santini (R) 44% 104,042	Reid (D) 52% 121,609	92%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Rudman (R) 66% 153,707	Peabody (D) 34% 79,001	100%
NEW YORK	D'Amato (R) 58% 2,363,150	Green (D) 41% 1,673,100	98%
NORTH CAROLINA	Broyhill (R) 48% 754,993	Sanford (D) 52% 813,351	998
NORTH DAKOTA	Andrews (R) 50% 125,697	Conrad 50% 126,935	92%
OHIO	Kindness (R) 38% 1,169,171	Glenn (D) 62% 1,941,688	100%
OKLAHOMA	Nickles (R) 54% 431,361	Jones (D) 46% 361,937	93%
OREGON	Packwood (R) 63% 440,539	Bauman (D) 37% 254,415	78%
PENNSYLVANIA	Specter (R) 57% 1,896,814	Edgar (D) 43% 1,435,670	998
SOUTH CAROLINA	McMaster (R) 36% 253,022	Hollings (D) 64% 448,223	97%
SOUTH DAKOTA	Abdnor (R) 48% 127,321	Daschle (D) 52% 136,856	91%

SENATE -- RESULTS (continued)

STATE	CANDIDATES/VOTE	CANDIDATES/VOTE PERCENTAGE	
UTAH	Garn (R) 73% 300,781	Oliver (D) 27% 111,558	97%
VERMONT	Snelling (R) 35% 61,904	Leahy (D) 64% 114,428	95%
WASHINGTON	Gorton (R) 49% 470,831	Adams (D) 51% 489,831	80%
WISCONSIN	Kasten (R) 52% 731,384	Garvey (D) 48% 684,421	97%

GOVERNORSHIPS -- ELECTION RESULTS -- 6 a.m. EST

STATE	CANDIDATES/VOTE PERCENTAGE		% VOTE COUNTED
ALABAMA	Hunt (R) 56% 687,832	Baxley (D) 43% 530,051	99%
ALASKA	Sturgulewski (R) 48% 32,224	Cowper (D) 52% 34,727	55%
ARIZONA*	Mecham (R) 40% 327,835	Warner (D) 34% 284,912	98%
ARKANSAS	White (R) 36% 238,902	Clinton (D) 64% 423,876	94%
CALIFORNIA	Deukmejian (R) 62% 3,187,468	Bradley (D) 38% 1,936,648	74%
COLORADO	Strickland (R) 41% 428,147	Romer (D) 59% 606,281	98%
CONNECTICUT	Belaga (R) 42% 413,677	O'Neill (D) 58% 571,946	99%
FLORIDA	Martinez (R) 54% 1,758,765	Pajcic (D) 46% 1,482,323	99%
GEORGIA	Davis (R) 30%	Harris (D) 70%	98%
HAWAII	Anderson (R) 47% 88,989	Waihee (D) 53% 100,721	97%
IDAHO	Leroy (R) 50% 184,119	Andrus (D) 50% 186,257	97%
ILLINOIS	Thompson (R) 57% 1,538,754	Stevenson (I) 43% 1,165,286	94%
IOWA	Branstad (R) 52% 462,763	Junkins (D) 48% 430,202	100%
KANSAS	Hayden (R) 52% 429,427	Docking (D) 48% 399,175	99%
MAINE**	McKernan (R) 39% 137,797	Tierney (D) 31% 108,324	89%
MARYLAND	Mooney (R) 18% 189,284	Schaefer (D) 82% 876,577	100%

^{*} Shulz (I) received 26% of the vote.

^{**} Huber (I) and Menario (I) each received 15% of the vote.

GOVERNORSHIPS -- RESULTS (continued)

STATE	CANDIDATES/VOTE PERCENTAGE		% VOTE COUNTED
MASSACHUSETTS	Kariotis (R) 31% 452,476	Dukakis (D) 96% 1,005,432	90%
MICHIGAN	Lucas (R) 32% 687,951	Blanchard (D) 68% 1,494,706	92%
MINNESOTA	Ludeman (R) 45% 506,707	Perpich (D) 55% 626,113	83%
NEBRASKA	Orr (R) 53% 285,723	Boosalis (D) 47% 256,815	98%
NEVADA	Cafferata (R) 25% 60,952	Bryan (D) 73% 176,158	94%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Sununu (R) 54% 134,674	McEachem (D) 46% 116,154	100%
NEW MEXICO	Carruthers (R) 53% 202,941	Powell (D) 47% 179,048	97%
NEW YORK	O'Rourke (R) 32% 1,336,254	Cuomo (D) 65% 2,683,960	98%
ОНІО	Rhodes (R) 39% 1,203,113	Celeste (D) 61% 1,851,454	100%
OKLAHOMA	Bellmon (R) 52% 387,701	Walters (D) 48% 363,971	93%
OREGON	Paulus (R) 48% 359,935	Goldschmidt (D) 52% 390,082	81%
PENNSYLVANIA	Scranton (R) 49% 1,632,365	Casey (D) 51% 1,704,845	100%
RHODE ISLAND	DiPrete (R) 67% 203,500	Sundlun (D) 33% 101,025	100%
SOUTH CAROLINA	Campbell (R) 51% 368,101	Daniel (D) 49% 347,702	97%
SOUTH DAKOTA	Mickelson (R) 52%	Herseth (D) 48% 129,540	93%

GOVERNORSHIPS -- RESULTS (continued)

STATE	CANDIDATES/VOTE PERCENTAGE		% VOTE COUNTED
TENNESSEE	Dunn (R) 46% 552,900	McWherter (D) 54% 657,426	100%
TEXAS	Clements (R) 53% 1,741,906	White (D) 47% 1,531,039	97%
VERMONT***	Smith (R) 38% 68,799	Kunin (D) 47% 85,292	95%
WISCONSIN	Thompson (R) 53% 779,346	Earl (D) 47% 688,516	98%
WYOMING	Simpson (R) 46% 75,331	Sullivan (D) 54% 88,425	99%

^{***} Sanders (I) received 15% of the vote.

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WHITE HOUSE LAYS PLANS TO KEEP REAGAN ON POLITICAL OFFENSIVE

Before the first votes were counted last night, White House officials were mapping plans to cast the outcome in a favorable light and to keep President Reagan on the offensive even if Republicans lost the Senate.

In an effort to counter suggestions that a Senate loss would make him an ineffectual "lame duck" president, Reagan planned a speech to campaign aides this afternoon that White House officials said would analyze the campaign and present a vision for the final two years of his presidency.

"The President isn't going into retirement if the Democrats win," said a senior official last week. "But we're not going to find it easy to keep control of the national agenda." (Lou Cannon, Washington Post, A35)

Reagan Rallies After GOP Loses Senate Control

President Reagan, losing his rigorous battle to retain Republican control of the Senate, tried to rally his troops today to keep fighting for his conservative goals during his remaining two years in office.

Deputy press secretary Larry Speakes made it clear that Reagan will shun the "lame duck" label and his agenda "will remain the same," despite the political changing of the guard in the Senate, but added the "tactics may change" as Reagan tries to push through his programs.

(Helen Thomas, UPI)

Reagan Won Despite Senate Loss, Spokesman Says

President Reagan "won" in his determined personal fight for Republican Senate candidates, even though many of those candidates lost and the Democrats won control of the Senate, Reagan's spokesman says.

And he predicted Tuesday night that the President will not change his agenda in the face of a Democratic Senate -- though he may have to adjust his tactics.

Reagan aides say the President has not yet begun to focus in detail on his post-election agenda, but that his staff and top advisers have begun to sift and review what issues the President might address.

(Susanne Schafer, AP)

VOTERS APPEARED TO LOSE FAITH IN REAGAN PROMISE

Republican control of the Senate was threatened yesterday by voters who apparently lost their faith in President Reagan's economic promise and performance.

ABC News exit polls showed that the percentage of voters who thought they were better off than in 1980, when Reagan took office, declined from 49 percent in 1984 to 40 percent this year. This year, as then, the "better off" group went Republican, but the enlarged majority of those who said they had just held their own or slipped back gave the Democrats their edge. (David Broder, Washington Post, A1)

President Reagan/Senate Losses

Ronald Reagan suffered the most stinging political setback of his presidency Tuesday as voters handed Democrats control of both houses of Congress for the remainder of his term.

Despite an all-out effort to parlay his popularity and prestige into votes, the President came up short when Democrats regained control of the Senate after six years on the minority side. (Leo Rennert, McClatchy)

Democrats/Elections

Democrats won Republican seats in Maryland and Florida on Tuesday and mounted a strong bid to gain control of the Senate for the final two years of the Reagan era. Democrats also were winning a new majority in the House as America picked its 100th Congress and selected 36 governors.

"If there was a Reagan revolution, it's over," said retiring House speaker O'Neill, who led the opposition to President Reagan.

(David Espo, AP)

Democrats Triumph In Senate, Limiting Reagan's Leverage

A Democratic surge ended Republican rule of the Senate's levers of power, forcing President Reagan to choose between compromise or stalemate in the last two years of his White House term.

Senate Democratic Leader Byrd -- now in line to become majority leader -- predicted that a Democratic-controlled Senate will "pull the Administration back toward the center in its extremes in foreign policy and its extremes in domestic policy." (Lawrence Knutson, AP)

PRESIDENT FLIES TO WHITE HOUSE TO MONITOR ELECTION RETURNS

President Reagan remained secluded as he watched Tuesday's election returns in the White House, but his spokesman denied that the Democratic momentum in the Senate race reflected poorly on the President.

"Some people say Reagan lost. We believe he won," said Presidential spokesman Larry Speakes at a late White House meeting with reporters.

Speakes, while emphasizing that the White House did not agree with some of the early network projections of Democratic Senate victories, said Reagan was a victor "because we made many of these races...we turned them into horse races."

(Michael Putzel, AP)

ELECTION TRIGGERS SENATE CHANGES AS DEMOCRATS TAKE CONTROL

The 1986 election, by giving Democrats control of the Senate as well as the House, triggers a leadership turnover that could mean trouble for President Reagan during his last two years in office.

The biggest ideological shifts were expected on the Senate foreign relations, labor and judiciary committees where liberals are in line to be chairmen. (Carol Giacomo, Reuter)

Senate/Democrat Wins

Democrats ravaged Republican Senate candidates across the south Tuesday, apparently sweeping back into control of the Senate for the first time since Ronald Reagan's 1980 landslide.

The Democratic victory, which could end up with the defeat of up to seven freshmen Republican senators who rode the President's coattails in 1980, could spell the end of the Reagan revolution two years early. But at the White House Reagan aides vowed the President would not be a lame duck.

(Clay Richards, UPI)

Democratic Control Of Senate Means Trouble For Reagan Judicial Nominees and Foreign Policy Initiatives

The return of Democratic control of the Senate could mean major problems for President Reagan's judicial nominees, his key foreign policy goals and increased resistance to the President's budget priorities.

Partisan and academic observers of Congress said that the narrow Democratic majority will bring a relatively small shift in political ideology to the Senate as a whole, but the change in chairmen of several key committees will have a significant impact on Mr. Reagan's policies.

(Otto Kreisher, Copley)

SOUTHERN DEMOCRATS

Southern Democrats scurried home Tuesday to the party of their fathers and grandfathers, the roots of their loyalty too deep even for President Reagan's immense popularity.

Their outpouring may not have been enough to switch control of the Senate to the Democrats nor were they assured victory in all the Southern states, but the long-held dream of a Republican South seems to have died in the 1986 elections. (Steve Gerstel, UPI)

Exit Polls Show Democrats Returning To Fold

Democratic voters, turning out in greater numbers than expected, returned strong support to their party for the first time in six years and helped it regain control of the Senate.

While no national issue dominated the 1986 elections Tuesday, network exit polls showed voters appeared dissatisfied with President Reagan's economic promises and ended up sacking the 53-47 Republican Senate majority.

(Judi Hasson, UPI)

GOP FAILS TO MAKE INROADS AMONG BLACK VOTERS

Republican efforts to make inroads into the overwhelmingly Democratic black vote collapsed Tuesday, with ABC News projecting the GOP captured only 10 percent of all black votes cast. The Republican's most visible symbol was the candidacy of black Democrat-turned-Republican William Lucas in the Michigan governor's race.

But Lucas, running against incumbent Democratic Gov. James Blanchard, fared poorly, winning only 32 percent of the vote.

(David Anderson, UPI)

THE UNITED STATES SENATE

DEMOCRATS WREST CONTROL OF SENATE FROM GOP

Democrats seized control of the Senate at midnight, giving President Reagan a Congress controlled by the opposition for his final two years in office.

The Senate was the big prize of a midterm election in which 36 governorships and all 435 U.S. House seats were also at stake, but no issues of apparent overriding national importance and few visions for the future were served up by either party.

(Paul Taylor, Washington Post, A1)

Byrd/Senate

Senate Democratic leader Robert Byrd said he expected "even better" than the 52-seat majority he had forecast before election day. His party needed to swing four seats to gain control and got early momentum in Florida where Sen. Hawkins was unseated.

Retiring Republican Sen. Laxalt said, simply, "It's too early to tell." But later, the Vice President was discussing the implications.

Vice President Bush told ABC the loss of GOP control would "complicate staying on the offensive in the last two years of the Reagan presidency."

Democrats/Senate

Democrats, claiming GOP losses in key contests, declared Tuesday they had broken the Republicans' six-year hold on the Senate and served notice on President Reagan that his last two years in office will require "the art of government by compromise."

Senate Democratic leader Byrd, who hoped to become majority leader, said he had first thought his party would win a 52-48 majority but as the returns came in, he confidently predicted, "I believe it's going to be better than that."

(Cliff Haas, AP)

GOP's Class Of '80 Heads For Trouble 2nd Time Around

The surge that brought 16 new Republican faces to the Senate six years ago appeared to falter last night as Democrats picked up two GOP seats in early voting and pushed to reclaim control of the narrowly divided chamber.

Based on exit polls and victory projections by television networks, Democrats took early leads in races for open seats held by some Republicans as well as Democrats and were threatening several Republican incumbents, mostly members of the huge "Class of '80"

(Helen Dewar & Spencer Rich, Washington Post, A31)

SENATE/FARM BELT

Farm distress helped prairie populists Tom Daschle in South Dakota and Kent Conrad in North Dakota take the lead Tuesday in Senate races against GOP senators where voters rated the farm economy as the top issue.

Elsewhere, the weak farm economy appeared to have little impact.

Farm distress helped convince Dakotans to reject the incumbents. In North Dakota, a CBS exit poll found that 45 percent of North Dakota voters and 38 percent of South Dakota voters rated the farm economy as the top issue.

(Sonja Hillgren, UPI)

Farmers A Factor In Two Key Republican Senate Losses

CHICAGO -- Disaffected farmers played a major role in ousting Republican Senators in North and South Dakota in the mid-term election, helping swing the Senate to Democratic control, voter polls and farm analysts said.

But those were the only two Midwestern farm states where angry farmers helped bring about a shakeup in the Senate establishment.

"The only states where you can feel the effects of the farm vote are in the Dakotas" because farmers make up such a large part of the population, American Farm Bureau Federation political analyst Richard Neubauer said.

(Andrew Stern, Reuter)

FEMALE VOTER SUPPORT HELPED DEMOCRATS, EXIT POLLS SHOW

Strong support from female voters helped the Democrats overcome antipathy among men to regain control of the U.S. Senate, according to nationwide exit polls released Tuesday night by ABC News.

The polls found that voters gave President Reagan high job approval ratings -- 64-36 among more than 8,200 voters that ABC surveyed -- but they did not extend their support to several of the freshmen Republican senators he campaigned for. (Christopher Connell, AP)

SENATE/MISSOURI

ST. LOUIS -- Christopher Bond, who more than a decade ago helped revive a long-dormant Missouri Republican Party, Tuesday night won election to the Senate over Democratic Lt. Gov. Harriett Woods.

President Reagan gave important assistance in helping bring about Bond's Senate victory by campaigning in Missouri three times from February to October. (UPI)

SENATE/LOUISIANA

BATON ROUGE -- Rep. Breaux fought off Republican attempts to link him to a scandal-prone governor Tuesday night to win Louisiana's seat in the Senate and keep it in the hands of the Democrats.

"The other fellow is simply going to get more votes than we are. It's as simple as that," Moore said in his concession speech. "They won a classic campaign; they won it fair and square. The people have spoken."

(UPI)

SENATE/NORTH CAROLINA

RALEIGH -- Former Gov. Terry Sanford scored a victory Tuesday over Republican Senate foe Jim Broyhill to break a GOP stranglehold on national offices in North Carolina.

A political analyst said Sanford's victory meant the bread and butter issues stressed by the Democrat were more important than Broyhill's campaign theme of maintaining Republican control of the Senate for President Reagan. (Mike McLaughlin, UPI)

Sanford/Senate

Democrats moved to take control of the Senate from Republicans in Tuesday's midterm election, and built a new majority in the House as Americans chose a 100th Congress certain to complicate President Reagan's final two years in the White House.

Asked why the Republicans lost some seats, Larry Speakes cited "various state issues." He said the President's ambitious campaigning turned many of the races -- involving Republicans who won on his coattails in 1980 -- into close contests.

Speakes conceded that a Democratic Senate "could be tougher" for the President, "but it won't alter the agenda." (David Espo, AP)

SENATE/DAKOTAS

South Dakota Democratic Rep. Tom Daschle ousted Republican James Abdnor from his Senate seat in a major victory for Democrats. With half the precincts reporting, Republican George Mickelson held a modest lead over Democrat Lars Herseth in the race to succeed retiring GOP Gov. Janklow. CBS projected a Mickelson Triumph.

North Dakota Republican Sen. Andrews, who got campaign help from President Reagan, narrowly trailed Democratic state treasurer kent Conrad in tense re-election battle that could prove pivotal in the struggle for control of the Senate. (UPI)

HAWKINS' LOSING CAMPAIGN ENDS ON NOTE OF STARK REALISM

Told Of Defeat, Floridian Takes Comfort In Making a 'Difference'

WINTER PARK, Fla. -- In the end, the task of bearing the bad news to Sen. Paula Hawkins fell to pollster Dick Morris. Dressed in a somber, dark-charcoal suit, Morris met the senator at her final rally Monday night at a small private airfield here and rode with her to the Hawkins home on Lake Maitland.

Suddenly, Hawkins was faced with the harsh possibility that Graham might win in a landslide. "Of course, it was disappointing, very disappointing for everyone," said the senator's daughter, Geneen McKinnon, perhaps the most astute politician in the family.

(Bill Peterson, Washington Post, A33)

Hawkins/Senate

MIAMI -- Gov. Graham defeated Republican Sen. Hawkins handily Tuesday and voters elected former Tampa Mayor Bob Martinez to replace Graham as Florida's first Republican governor in 20 years.

Graham, 49 led from the start to sweep Hawkins out of office after her first term. With 40 percent of the vote counted, Graham was holding steadily to a 56-44 percent ratio over the 59-year-old Hawkins, who glued her campaign to President Reagan's coattails in her bid to win re-election.

(Frank Eidge, UPI)

MIKULSKI DEFEATS CHAVEZ IN MARYLAND SENATE RACE

Rep. Barbara Mikulski Tuesday became the first Democratic woman elected to the Senate without succeeding a spouse and Nebraska appeared headed toward electing the nation's first female Republican governor.

In an election year of many firsts for women in politics, the Maryland Democrat handily defeated Republican challenger and former White House aide Linda Chavez for the seat vacated by retiring GOP Sen. Mathias.

(Judi Hasson, UPI)

Mikulski Is Elected To Senate, Hawkins Loses

Women gained a U.S. senator and lost one Tuesday as Democrat Mikulski emerged the victor in Maryland, and GOP Sen. Hawkins failed to win re-election in Florida.

Chavez, who during the bitter campaign had called Mikulski "anti-male" and a "San Francisco-style Democrat," said in conceding defeat Tuesday night that her opponent "ran a very good and very smart campaign."

(Rita Beamish, AP)

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATS POISED TO INCREASE MAJORITY IN HOUSE

The Democrats rolled steadily toward continued control of the House Tuesday and scored gains in the pivotal South, where a Republican political revival born of the Reagan era was undergoing a severe test.

In the only House district where President Reagan campaigned for a GOP candidate, Democratic Rep. McCloskey defeated Republican challenger Richard McIntyre by a much wider margin than the four-vote edge he claimed in their contest two years ago.

(Jim Drinkard, AP)

Democrats Add To Majority Stronghold In House

Democrats added a bit more muscle to their already strong grip on the House Tuesday, with voters choosing a new House pretty much like the old one and which is likely to continue to give legislative fits to President Reagan.

Republicans kept Democratic gains far below the average of 48 seats made by the party out of power in the sixth year of a presidential administration in elections in this century.

(William Osborne, Copley)

GOP LEADS IN 2 HOUSE RACES IN MD. Morella Holds Narrow Margin Over Bainum In Montgomery

Chances seemed slim last night that Maryland Democrats would sweep all eight of the state's congressional seats, and Republicans predicted they would hold on to their two seats and possibly do better.

In the 8th District in eastern Montgomery County, Republican Constance Morella held a slight lead over Democrat Stewart Bainum in early returns.

(Sandra Sugawara, Washington Post, A41)

GOP APPEARS TO TAKE 3 GOVERNORSHIPS FROM DEMOCRATS

Republicans appeared to have picked up at least three new gubernatorial seats yesterday in what party strategists predicted would be the most significant GOP gains this year, while several major prizes remained locked in see-saw contests, according to early exit polls.

Surveys of voters leaving the polls indicated that Republican candidates had surged ahead in three states where Democrats now control the governor's mansion -- Kansas, Maine and Wisconsin -- and had won in Alabama. (David Hoffman & Thomas Edsall, Washington Post, A31)

Republicans Making Headway In Statehouse Contests

The Republican party shattered the Democrats' long-time grip on statehouses Tuesday, taking Alabama for the first time since Reconstruction and moving the GOP toward a pickup of at least eight more executive mansions.

President Reagan's spokesman Larry Speakes said the gubernatorial outcome "speaks well for the permanent realignment of the Republican Party." (William Welch, AP)

Republicans/Governorships/Fahrenkopf

"The solid South that the Democrats used to talk about ain't so solid anymore," said GOP national chairman Frank Fahrenkopf. "As we head to the West, I think we have a good shot of maybe ending up with a majority of the governorships."

Charles Dolan, director of the Democratic Governors' Association, said he expected Democrats to lose a net of four to seven seats, but not as many as 10.

"It's not going to be the GOP takeover," he said. (AP)

Republicans/Governorships

Running strong in the South and West, Republicans cut into Democratic dominance of the nation's governorships Tuesday, led by the election of the first woman Republican governor in history and Alabama's first GOP chief executive since Reconstruction.

But most of the focus of the 36 gubernatorial contests was on Republican successes in states where Democratic incumbents were not running. It was there that the GOP, based on strong showings in the southern and western states, eased the 34-16 stranglehold Democrats have on the nation's governorships. (Joseph Mianowany, UPI)

REPUBLICAN STAGES COME-BACK IN TEXAS GOVERNOR'S RACE

DALLAS -- Republican Bill Clements, a 69-year-old oilman who was defeated as Texas governor in an upset loss to Democrat Mark White four years ago, has snatched back his old job in a decisive victory over White.

The two personal and political enemies waged a war of mud-slinging commercials that sought to portray Clements as an insensitive loudmouth and White as a free-spending liar. (Julie Vorman, Reuter)

GOVERNOR/CALIFORNIA

SACRAMENTO -- Republican George Deukmejian buried Democratic challenger Tom Bradley under an avalanche of votes Tuesday, winning four more years as California's governor by a massive margin.

Preliminary figures showed voter turnout was the lowest for a general election in California history, falling short or barely meeting bleak pre-election predictions that only 59 percent of the registered voters would cast ballots.

(Jeff Rabin, McClatchy)

GOP'S HUNT WINS IN ALABAMA, AND WALLACE IS GLAD TO BE GONE

MONTGOMERY -- It isn't easy to spell apres moi, le deluge using George Wallace's dictionary, but that's the way he seems to feel as he prepares to move out of the governor's mansion.

The GOP candidate to succeed him, Guy Hunt, 53, a farmer, preacher and part-time salesman from the little town of Holly Pond, won a four-year term as Alabama's first Republican governor in 112 years.

(George Lardner, Washington Post, A37)

Hunt/Governor

BIRMINGHAM -- Republican Guy Hunt rode a wave of voter anger Tuesday at the Democratic Party and Bill Baxley to become Alabama's first GOP governor in 112 years.

Hunt, who lost the governor's race in 1978 by 400,000 votes, was pounding Baxley by a 57-43 percent margin with nearly half the state's votes counted.

(Terry Abbott, UPI)

GOVERNOR/ILLINOIS

CHICAGO -- Republican Gov. James Thompson Tuesday declared victory over challenger Adlai Stevenson III, a Democrat forced into a third-party candidacy when two LaRouche candidates landed statewide spots on his party's ticket.

Asked if he would consider running for his party's presidential nomination in 1988, Thompson said, "I'm a candidate for vacation."

(UPI)

FEMALE CANDIDATES SEEK STATEWIDE OFFICE IN RECORD NUMBERS 'Farm Team' Developing, Activist Boasts

Six women were Senate candidates, and nine sought governorships yesterday, but feminist political activists expressed equal interest in a record number of more than 50 other female candidates of both parties for such statewide offices as lieutenant governor and secretary of state.

"That's our farm team, and it's twice as many as we've ever had before," said Celinda Lake, candidate services director for the Women's Campaign Fund. "Those are our Senate and gubernatorial candidates over the next 10 years."

(James Dickenson, Washington Post, A35)

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PAPER SAYS NOFZIGER LOBBIED WHITE HOUSE Letter Cited Just 4 Months After He Left

NEW YORK -- Lyn Nofziger, a former political aide to President Reagan, lobbied at the White House on behalf of a military contractor four months after leaving the Administration, according to a report published today.

The New York Times, citing government documents, reported that Nofziger and his law partner, Mark Bragg, were later paid for their work in Wedtech Corp. stock.

(AP story Washington Post, A13)

COURT RESTRICTS FEES IN CIVIL RIGHTS CASES Scalia Writes First Opinion In Tax Ruling

The Supreme Court yesterday placed restrictions on the fees available to lawyers in some civil rights suits.

In a second ruling, the first by Justice Scalia, the court said that about 3,000 U.S. citizens working in Panama for the canal commission are required to pay federal income taxes.

The court, continuing a trend in recent years to limit lawyers' fees in civil rights cases, ruled 6 to 3 that those winning civil rights claims at the administrative hearing level may not sue for attorney's fees in federal court.

(Al Kamen, Washington Post, A5)

DOLLAR CLIMBS TO 4-MONTH HIGH IN TOKYO

NEW YORK -- The dollar rose to a four-month high in Japan today, but it later turned mixed in a narrow range against other major foreign currencies on quiet trading amid uncertainty over the outcome of U.S. congressional elections.

Dealers in Frankfurt said they were awaiting the results of the midterm vote before taking firm positions on the dollar.

A substantial win by the Democrats could force the dollar lower, they added, especially if the Democrats take over the Senate.

(AP story, Washington Post, C2)

COME JAN. 5, IT WON'T BE MILLER TIME

Office of Management and Budget Director James Miller issued a familiar Washington lament the other day when he revealed that he won't be able to meet the new congressional deadline of Jan. 5 for unveiling the President's next budget.

"I simply can't do it. My people are burned out. There has been a good deal of attrition at OMB," he said.

(Marjorie Williams, Washington Post, A19)

IRAN SAYS MCFARLANE CARRIED OUT SECRET MISSION TO TEHRAN Americans Reportedly Detained Then Ousted

The speaker of Iran's parliament said yesterday that former U.S. national security adviser Robert McFarlane and four other Americans. posing as airplane crewmen and carrying Irish passports, traveled to Iran in September on a secret diplomatic mission, according to the official Iranian news agency.

In Washington, U.S. intelligence sources confirmed that McFarlane went to Iran "two months ago" in the latest of a series of previously undisclosed visits to Iran and elsewhere for clandestine meetings with Iranian officials, dating back to his days as President Reagan's national security adviser. (William Drozdiak & Walter Pincus, Washington Post, A1)

Iran Says Reagan Envoy Arrested And Expelled

NICOSIA, Cyprus -- Iran says it expelled a former White House national security adviser and four other Americans sent on a futile mission to mend U.S.-Iranian relations. The envoys reportedly arrived on a plane carrying military equipment and brought a Bible and a cake.

The speaker of Iran's parliament, Hashemi Rafsanjani, made the claim Tuesday in a speech marking the seventh anniversary of the takeover of the U.S. embassy in Tehran, according to the official Islamic Republic News Agency. (Jeffrey Ulbrich, AP)

WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS SAY U.S. NOT SELLING ARMS TO IRAN

The White House, seeking to curb speculation that an arms deal with Iran might have freed an American hostage in Beirut, on Tuesday reaffirmed a U.S. ban on weapons sales to that nation.

"As long as Iran advocates the use of terrorism, the U.S. embargo

will continue," Larry Speakes told reporters aboard Air Force One.
However, The Washington Post, quoting unidentified U.S. intelligence sources, said that Tehran was told that in return for aiding in the release of U.S. hostages in Lebanon and curtailing support for terrorism, the United States would not interfere with third countries selling surplus American arms and spare parts to Iran. (Bryan Brumley, AP)

Administration Silent On Reported Iran Arms Deal For U.S. Hostages

The White House, keeping mum on reports that a former presidential aide offered Iran U.S. arms in return for help in freeing American hostages, says its policy of refusing to sell weapons to Tehran stands.

President Reagan, asked about McFarlane's reported mission as he boarded Air Force One for a flight from Los Angeles to Washington, said, "No comment." (Alan Fram, AP)

Shultz, Heading For Talks With Soviets, Wants Continued Iran Arms Ban

VIENNA -- Secretary Shultz, heading into arms control talks amid reports the United States made overtures to Iran over the American hostages in Lebanon, says the United States should not end its arms embargo against Tehran.

"I'm not going into all of that," Shultz said on the flight carrying him, six U.S. arms control experts and the State Department's top counterterrorism expert to Vienna. "The story is one that is being handled by the White House."

But Shultz lowered his no-comment shield twice to say the United States should not abandon its eight-year-old embargo against weapons sales to Iran.

(Barry Schweid, AP)

Jacobsen, Family Reunited

WIESBADEN -- Former hostage David Jacobsen was reunited with his family today, embracing his three children and their spouses after 17 months in the hands of Moslem extremists in Lebanon.

"This is a day of great love, family, tremendous people," said Jacobsen, who was freed Sunday. He appeared for 20 minutes today on a flag-decked balcony of the U.S. Air Force hospital where he is undergoing medical tests.

(Washington Post Foreign Service, A26)

Terry Waite Rekindles Hopes Of Further Hostage Releases

WIESBADEN -- British church envoy Terry Waite, fresh from negotiating the release of David Jacobsen from 17 months of captivity in Beirut, awaited word today on whether other American hostages might be freed soon.

"I am waiting for these contacts to get back to me and indicate whether or not it will be worth it," Waite said, referring to the Islamic Jihad, the fundamentalist Moslem group that freed Jacobsen on Sunday.

(Kathy Marks, Reuter)

Waite: Release Prospects 'Reasonably Strong'

WIESBADEN -- Prospects are "reasonably strong" that the two U.S. hostages still held in Lebanon by the guerrilla group Islamic Jihad will be released soon, key mediator Terry Waite said today, in unusually open remarks on the American captives.

Waite, a representative of the Church of England, told a news conference this afternoon that he hoped to hear within 24 hours from contacts in Lebanon who would tell him whether it was "worthwhile" for him to return there, presumably for talks leading to the release of the two men.

(Robert McCartney, Washington Post, A1)

SOVIET OFFICIAL STRESSES 'SINGLE PACKAGE' APPROACH

VIENNA -- Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze "made plain" in a meeting today with British Foreign Secretary Geoffrey Howe that arms control proposals made by Moscow during the Iceland summit last month were "a single package," Howe said.

Despite earlier Soviet pledges of interest in a separate East-West agreement on intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) in Europe, Howe said after the meeting, Shevardnadze had said that no accord was possible without U.S agreement to restrict testing and development of its SDI.

(Washington Post, Foreign Service, A24)

ARMS PROGRESS SEEN UNLIKELY AT SOVIET-U.S. MEETING

VIENNA -- Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze and U.S. Secretary Shultz meet today to probe for new openings towards possible sweeping disarmament agreements and to discuss human rights.

But diplomats in the Austrian capital for the 35-state European Security Conference say the positions marked out by Moscow and Washington over the three weeks since the Soviet-U.S. summit in Reykjavik suggest there is little chance of significant progress.

(Robert Evans, Reuter)

Shultz-Shevardnadze To Address Conference On Helsinki Accords

VIENNA -- Secretary Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze squared off today for what diplomats said is likely to be a sharp public confrontation.

Shultz said before he left Washington for Vienna he would cite "chapter and verse" in condemning Soviet failure to honor Helsinki commitments on human rights.

(John Callcott, UPI)

13 SOVIETS LEAVING U.S. Disillusionment, Homesickness Are Cited

Soviet officials held their second news conference in 10 days yesterday to announce the return of Russian immigrants and planned a third session before the television cameras for another group.

"East or West, home is best," said Taras Kordonskin, summarizing the feelings of many of the returnees who spoke to reporters at the Soviet information office here. (AP story, Washington Post, A4)

U.S. WEAPONS SUPPLIED AFGHAN REBELS

Afghan rebels have received U.S.- and British-made portable anti-aircraft missiles that have been fired successfully against Soviet and Afghan government jets and helicopters, Administration sources say.

The disclosure by sources who have access to classified information marked the first evidence that the rebels have been supplied with stingers. The Administration has declined to confirm that it has sent the weapons to the rebels as part of covert U.S. assistance administered by the CIA.

(Richard Gross, UPI)

HASENFUS TELLS TRIBUNAL HE PLANS PLEA FOR MERCY Testimony Details Role In Arms Supply

MANAGUA -- Eugene Hasenfus, the cargo handler from a downed rebel supply plane, said today he will seek mercy from the Sandinista government if, as expected, he is convicted by the popular tribunal trying him for terrorism.

Hasenfus, from Marinette, Wis., acknowledged in his first detailed testimony before the Popular Anti-Somicista Tribunal that he was running guns to the U.S.-sponsored insurgents when his C123K cargo plane was shot down Oct. 5 over Nicaragua. The government has charged him with terrorism, violation of security laws and illegal association, with all three crimes carrying a sentence of up to 30 years.

(Edward Cody, Washington Post, A23)

PAKISTANIS DENY NUCLEAR-ARMS REPORT

ISLAMABAD -- Top-ranking Pakistani officials today rejected reported claims in classified U.S. intelligence reports that this country is developing weapons-grade enriched uranium and a triggering mechanism for a nuclear device.

"Pakistan does not have and is not producing highly enriched uranium necessary for a nuclear explosive device," Foreign Secretary Abdul Sattar said. "Pakistan's research program aims at developing a low-level, fuel-grade enrichment capability for the Cheshma nuclear power project. While some progress has been made in that direction, the enrichment level has remained well within limits of the research and development program for fuel."

(Richard Weintraub, Washington Post, A29)

U.S. Warns Pakistani Nuclear Effort Could Harm Ties

The Reagan Administration, commenting on a <u>Washington Post</u> report that Pakistan has made "dramatic progress" toward building a nuclear weapon, said yesterday that such a development would have "serious consequences" for U.S.-Pakistani relations, including an end to U.S aid.

State Department spokesman Charles Redman said that President Reagan certified to Congress on Oct. 27 that Pakistan "does not possess a nuclear explosive device" and that U.S. assistance will "reduce significantly the risk that Pakistan will possess a nuclear explosive device."

(Washington Post, A29)

U.S. NAVY CALL AT CHINESE PORT SYMBOLIZES GROWING MILITARY RELATIONSHIP

QINGDAO -- When three U.S. Navy ships arrive here Wednesday with great fanfare at one of China's finest ports, the event will symbolize a strengthening of military links between China and the United States after two decades of hostility.

With a Navy band playing on board, the guided missile cruiser USS Reeves is to lead the three ships into Qingdao harbor. American sailors will roam the tree-lined streets of Qingdao for the first time since the Communists took power in China 37 years ago.

(Daniel Southerland, Washington Post, A23)
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(Tuesday evening, November 4th)

ELECTION '86

NBC's Tom Brokaw: Chris Wallace has been with the President for this last harrah, the President campaigning in twenty states since Labor Day. Chris what's the feeling at the White House tonight, some anxiety or not?

NBC's Chris Wallace: Well, Tom they see the same very close race that we do but if you force them to make a prediction some top official now see the Democrats barely squeaking by. They say the problem is what it has always been, the Republicans have 22 Senate seats at stake, the Democrats just 12. Having said that they are not giving up here, the President will watch the returns in the family quarters with Mrs. Reagan while the staff is already breaking out the coffee and cigarettes in a boiler room and that's one thing they are sure of: It is going to be a very long night.

Brokaw: If the Democrats do get control of the Senate where does the President go from here?

Wallace: Well, he is still going to be President and they think a very activist and popular President, but it will be much more confrontational. They see battles on things like Star Wars, on the Contras, on judicial appointments, and instead of trying to make new initiatives in the last two years Mr. Reagan will be forced mostly to protect what he already has.

NBC's Robert Hager reports tonight President Reagan, who campaigned in 23 states to try to boost Republican chances, returned to the White House, thanked his political staff, and went inside to watch returns. (TV coverage of the President's arrival at the White House.)

ABC's Peter Jennings reports the Democrats have a good chance to regain control of the Senate, but many races are much too close to call.

ABC's Brit Hume reports 13 Senate races seem close enough to bring a switch from one party to the other, but 10 of those races involve Republican-held seats -- that's why the Democrats seem within reach of the net gain of four seats that would give them the Senate.

ABC's Charles Gibson reports there is no question after tonight who will control the House of Representatives. The Democrats have control of it. The only question is, by how much?

ABC's Carole Simpson reports if the Republicans win the six to ten governors' chairs they predict they will win, it will be the first time since World War II that the party in power has picked up governors in a midterm election.

ABC's Barry Serafin reports the Northeast has not offered raging controversy or cliff-hanger races and has not been seen as a major battle ground in this election.

ABC's Rebecca Chase reports from Atlanta that in the South -- with so many close races for the Senate and the statehouse -- this election might well determine whether a two-party system has finally emerged in the South.

ABC's Edie Mangus reports from the Midwest, where Democrats need to harvest some election victories in states suffering from the nation's farm economy.

ABC's Judd Rose reports from Los Angeles that in the West, a region of referendums on everything from taxes to toxic -- nuclear waste was the issue in Washington state, where voters were asked to decide whether to stop the federal government from putting a nuclear dump-site there. Across the rest of the West -- a mixed bag of measures.

ABC's David Brinkley reports that this year the numbers have simply worked against the Republicans -- of the 34 seats to be filled in the Senate, 22 are held by Republicans and some 22 are exposed to possible defeat. Two years from now, the Republicans will have an advantage.

(ABC-4)

AIR FORCE ONE

Brokaw: As the President began his flight back to Washington tonight from California there was some concern when a warning light came on in the cockpit of Air Force One indicating a hot brake in one of the landing gears. The pilot left the gear down for a short time after take off to let it cool off and there were no further problems.

(NBC-2)

HOSTAGES

Brokaw: Terry Waite said today that he maybe returning to Beirut very soon to work for the freedom of two more American captives. Waite said there were reasonably strong suggestions, his words, that Terry Anderson and Thomas Sutherland maybe released soon. This development came as an intriguing Iranian connection was disclosed in the hostage release efforts. Marvin Kalb reports tonight that a top White House official arranged an American delegations trip to Tehran to seek Iran's help in freeing the captives. (NBC-3, CBS-6)

NBC's Marvin Kalb: The story broke here first, in a Lebanese weekly magazine generally regarded as pro-Syrian, that former national security adviser Robert McFarlane recently visited Tehran and delivered U.S. spare parts for American-made aircraft which are the backbone of the Iranian air force.

Kalb continued:

At a demonstration in Iran today marking ironically the seventh anniversary of the storming of the American embassy and the seizing of American hostages, the head of Iran's parliament Rafsanjni said that McFarlane and four other Americans were recently seized in Tehran, held for five days and then expelled. Rafsanjni said they brought a bible signed by President Reagan and a cake in the shape of a key presumably to open the door to better relations. Pentagon and State Department officials were generally uninformed and stunned by the reports, knowing that if the U.S. has opened a pipeline of spare parts to Iran, that represented a major change in U.S. policy. Interestingly spokesman Charles Redman, who up to now would usually reaffirm that policy without a second thought, today offer only a defensive no comment to a barrage of questions. (Charles Redman: "You keep asking the questions, I simply don't

have any comment on any of these questions.")

President Reagan was asked whether the story was accurate, he paused, then answered no comment.

(TV coverage of the President, boarding Air Force One, saying no comment.)

But according to informed sources his current national security adviser John Poindexter arranged the McFarlane visit, keeping the negotiation with Iran very secret on the release of other American hostages in Lebanon. McFarlane, when reached by NBC News, said only that he wasn't in Tehran last month, but otherwise refused comment. These same sources say to get the Americans released the U.S. approved the delivery of spare parts to Iran from an unnamed American ally, possibly Israel. Tonight an Israeli spokesman added to the chorus of no comment and White House spokesman Larry Speakes said the U.S. arms embargo against Iran continues. (NBC-4)

CBS's Dan Rather comments the story from Middle East sources is Iran has helped the U.S. free a hostage from Lebanon, and the U.S. is helping Iran in its war with Iraq. This is all unconfirmed, officially, and the Reagan Administration still refuses comment.

CBS's Terence Smith reports Iran says Robert McFarlane came carrying a bible signed by President Reagan, seeking help in freeing hostages held by pro-Iranian groups in Lebanon. (TV Coverage of President with McFarlane in Briefing Room.) In response, the Iranians say they demanded spare parts for their U.S.-made weapons, and an end to political and military support for Iraq in its war with Iran.... Today, as he left Los Angeles for Washington, President Reagan refused to comment. (TV Coverage of President at airport.) White House spokesman Larry Speakes told reporters that as long as Iran advocates the use of terrorism, the U.S. embargo against arms sales to Iran will continue. Speakes also warned reporters to be careful with the story, noting it could harm the interests of the hostages still in Lebanon. Tonight, McFarlane had no comment on the The circumstantial evidence points to a deal, but it's also possible that McFarlane's mission was designed more for a long-term improvement of relations with Iran than a short-term solution to the hostage problem. But in either case, it makes a fascinating tale.

(CBS-5)

ABC's John McWethy reports U.S. sources tell ABC News that Robert McFarlane made a secret trip to Iran, trying to get Iran to use its influence to help free American hostages in Lebanon. There are indications that McFarlane went to Iran to offer spare parts for American-made weapons as an inducement to win cooperation. The McFarlane mission grew out of a boiler-room operation at the NSC at the White House, without knowledge of much of the rest of the government. The main coordinator was Oliver North.

(Charles Redman: "You keep asking the questions, I simply don't have any comment on any of these questions.")

In Iran, speaker Rafsanjni said McFarlane and four American companions flew to Iran aboard a plane loaded with military supplies that Iran had purchased from an international arms dealer. McFarlane came bearing gifts -- a Bible signed by President Reagan and a cake shaped like a key -- a key to open Iran-U.S. relations. Rafsanjni said McFarlane and his companions were held for five days under house arrest in a hotel.

ABC's Sam Donaldson: The U.S. arms embargo against Iran is still in effect as of this moment. No U.S. spare parts have been shipped by us to Iran. But the Administration is clearly positioning itself to change that if Iran should prove helpful in the release of the remaining hostages. Aboard Air Force One, John Poindexter wrote out a statement which said in effect, that as long as Iran advocates the use of terrorism, the embargo will remain. That clearly positions the Administration to say if the hostages are released thanks to Iran's favor -- that Iran has now demonstrated by deed that it has given up the use of terrorism and we could ship spare parts at that time.

(Jennings: There is a hint of a suggestion that David Jacobsen has been released in exchange for something.)

Donaldson: I cannot confirm that at all. The Administration is very tight-lipped about that. They will say 'no comment' to any questions about the Jacobsen release, except to say that Syria's involvement was minimal, which suggests that Iran's might have been much greater.

(ABC-2)

JACOBSEN

Jennings: David Jacobsen was reunited with his family today at the American military hospital in Wiesbaden, West Germany. The man who apparently played a key role in bringing Jacobsen out of Lebanon may soon be on his way back to Beirut.

ABC's Pierre Salinger reports from Wiesbaden that today there are new hopes.

(Terry Waite: "I hope to hear something within 24 hours that might give me a lead that we are moving positively again...") (ABC-3)

HASENFUS

Brokaw: In a Nicaraguan court room this afternoon Eugene Hasenfus finally got a chance to tell his side of the story.

NBC's Jamie Gangel reports Hasenfus freely admitted he was running arms for the Contras, he did not defend his actions but he said he did it because he lost his job as a construction worker. At the the end of his testimony Hasenfus made his own plea. Asked by the court whether he would like Nicaragua to return him to his wife and children he quitely answered: "Yes, I would."

(NBC-6, CBS-9, ABC-5)

NOFZIGER

Brokaw: Lyn Nofziger, a former top political aide to President Reagan has been tied to a lobbying effort at the White House four months after leaving the Administration in 1982. Federal prosecutors are now investigating this. The ethics law prohibits former top officials from lobbying their old agencies for at least a year. The New York Times reported that Nofziger and his law partner lobbied on behalf of a military contractor. Nofziger, for his part, had no comment today.

(NBC-9)

COMMENTARY

NBC's John Chancellor comments the President has been saying that the economy is in good shape and that voting Republican will improve it. Our poll shows that the voters are pretty calm about the economy, more think it will improve than think it will decline. Calmness about the economy helps the party in power. We asked during the next year do you think the economy will get better and 26% said yes it Those who think it will get worse amounted to 21%, and 46% said about the same. We asked, looking ahead to 1988, which party would be better able to handle economic problems. More voters today said the Republicans, 43%. Those who said Democrats amounted to 37% and those who saw no difference, 14%. So the Republicans are doing well on the economy. On another argument made by the Republicans, Mr. Reagan has been saying he needs Republicans in the Congress who will support his policy. Today's poll shows that the voters didn't reject him, about half the voters said ves he needs congressional support. The numbers are not overwhelming, but they are good for the Republicans. We asked about party identification to see what changes have taken place since Mr. Reagan's election. Then the Republicans were outnumbered by the Democrats. This year, 31% said Republican, 36% said Democrat and 26% said independent. So there has been no meaningful change in Republican strength since the 1984 election, but the party has held onto its new followers and that's politically important. The Republicans could lose the Senate but you look at the voter's calmness about the economy and the high popularity of the President, the Republicans tonight are not in bad shape. (NBC-10)

CBS's Bruce Morton comments the Republicans' chief advantage all fall has been the President. The good news for the White House, in our polling today, is that Mr. Reagan is still very popular -- only 60% of the people we interviewed approved of the way he's doing his job. And by about that same percentage, they think he was right not to bargain away his Strategic Defense Initiative during the summit talks in Iceland. The President's popularity dips only in the Midwestern farm states -- they don't love him in Iowa. The bad news for the White House is that the voters we interviewed said overwhelmingly that Mr. Reagan's policies were not an issue when they were voting in today's election. About 30% of those who mentioned any issue at all mentioned the economy, and just about the same number listed federal spending. As to the economy, about a third of our sample thought it was getting better, 44% thought it was staying about the same, and 18% thought it was getting worse. Foreign trade and protectionism generated a lot of talk during this campaign, but they did not emerge as issues anywhere today -- not even in the Midwest. And there was a lot of talk about drugs, with Candidate A daring Candidate B to take the test -- drugs was mentioned as an issue by only about 10%. Most of the people said they voted on character -was their man honest, did he have character? And in a year of heavy campaigning, only about one voter in ten said he voted for his candidate because he didn't like the other guy.

President Reagan took the low-road too. He accused Democrats who opposed his Maginot Line in space of having no stomach for defending America. In California, he painted Sen. Alan Cranston as if he were the "Creature from the Black Lagoon." For their part, the Democrats have been demagoging Social Security and other sacred cows whose milk is the manna of survival for a party barren of ideas. Some of television spots can sound more like promos for "Divorce Court" than of political philosophy. So the wonder is not that three out of five eligible voters might have stayed home today -- it's that more than 70 million people actually would have gone to the polls. That perhaps, is a message in itself.... Many citizens still take politics and themselves seriously. (CBS-11)

VIENNA TALKS

CBS's Wyatt Andrews reports tomorrow and on Thursday, Secretary

Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze will meet one-on-one. They will discuss human rights, but will focus on Reykjavik and the chances for another Reagan-Gorbachev summit. The protesters (against Soviet policies) at Vienna say they want Shultz and Shevardnadze to remember them. Peace, they are saying, is not just a question of how nations treat weapons, but how nations treat people. (CBS-7)

PEPSI & PIZZAS/SOVIET UNION

Rather reports the Pepsi Company confirmed it plans to open a chain of pizza parlors in the Soviet Union. The company is negotiating with Moscow to build up to 100 Pizza Huts starting next year. (CBS-8)

1986 FLECTIONS

Voting, Anyone? -- "This is the 100th consecutive congressional election, held every two years since the adoption of the Constitution -- a miraculous longevity, which links us to an agrarian, preindustrial republic of 3 million people spread out thinly along the Atlantic coastline. This campaign has been far from the most unedifying of the 100 campaigns in our history, and the record of government over the past biennium far from the worst.... It would be nice if some of the experts who have been making such low estimates of the American public turned out to have underestimated the voter turnout instead." (Washington Post, 11/4)

Reagan's Coattails Have It -- "The key to the election, as we see it, is that President Reagan has eliminated the Democrats' basis for buying an election. By running up deficit upon deficit in government and not increasing taxes to bring in added revenues, no one -- not even the Democrats -- can find any money to spend on programs that will give them a leg up on the election. Reagan's fiscal irresponsibility has forced the Democrats to be fiscally responsible. And that's a game at which they are not very good. When Democrats call for fiscal responsibility, the voters heed the cry and vote Republican."

(Journal of Commerce, 11/4)

Ghoulies and Ghosties -- "The bogeyman quality of this year's campaign sometimes is ascribed to a lack of issues. One reason for the lack is that many liberal candidates are reluctant to disagree with their opponents. Since the wipeout of 1980, when several tired old nags were retired to the pasture, few candidates have wanted to canter forth on the left flank.... American voters, we must hope, will not allow themselves to be deceived by the Halloween antics. The ghosts and goblins of extravagant government, free-wheeling justices, and supine diplomacists have yet to be laid to rest, and the wrong victors today could haunt us for many years to come."

The Wonderful World of Ronald Reagan -- "News of the campaign was largely dominated by the single personality of Ronald Reagan. He roved the country granting his support to as many grateful Republicans as time would permit. Democrats viewed his arrival in their bailiwicks with apprehension and his departure with gratitude. He was the dominant political figure in the country during the campaign. He remains the dominant political personality in Washington -- all of this to a degree unknown in the U.S. since the days of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

And all of this also despite the fact that during the campaign Reagan suffered four foreign policy failures, any one of which could have sunk an ordinary president. Moreover, the Reagan presidency has suffered two monumental domestic policy failures which will burden his successors for years to come: ... the size of the national debt ... his agricultural program ... 'disinformation' ... the Hasenfus affair ... offering U.S.-subsidized wheat to the Russians ... the Reykjavik summit ...

Only the Wizard of Oz or another Franklin Delano Roosevelt could survive such a succession of misfortunes with his political prestige and popularity unscratched."

(Joseph Harsch, Christian Science Monitor, 11/4)

The Ho-Hum Cliffhanger

Americans go to the polls today to settle a ho-hum cliffhanger. Control of the Senate, with vast implications for nearly all national issues, hinges on eight or 10 exceptionally close races. But the tempo beats not to excitement but to boredom.

In part the mood reflects the success of the Reagan presidency. The nation has returned more or less to normalcy, and fewer Americans look to the government for a solution to their problems. The president's Democratic critics have been gradually muted; few if any of them are campaigning on a return to the Great Society, a Mondale-style tax increase or blaming America for all the problems of the world. For all of these reasons, politics somehow seems less salient to the daily lives of people than before the first Reagan election.

In larger measure, though, the tempo of boredom results from the oft-noted lack of issues in this campaign. For all the sophisticated mechanics of campaigning, for all the negative ads, for all the drug tests and congressional attendance counts, in the end politics is about issues. Hamlet is not much of a drama without the prince.

It's instructive that what issues have been introduced into the campaign were mainly introduced by Ronald Reagan. At this point in his presidency he could be basking in the aura of the White House, and no doubt he could find many advisers to suggest that it would be savvy politics to conserve his enormous personal popularity. But there he is in state after state, plugging the suddenly revealed popular appeal of his Strategic Defense Initiative and castigating "tax-and-spend liberals."

From the first-and even more now that Mr. Reagan's poll ratings have proved so durable-there has been a great divide in interpreting this presidency. Is this a purely personal magic, as some of the pundits say and all the Democrats fervently hope? Or does the president win elections and opinion polls because the people agree with him? Does he win on the issues or despite them? On the performance of the past two weeks, clearly Ronald Reagan does not see himself as the avuncular Great Communicator, but as someone who sways votes by telling the voters where he stands on the issues.

It's a pity that more politicians

don't take this attitude—in particular more of the president's own party. The prevailing attitude seems to be that elections are won by big budgets, that the job of a candidate is to raise money and buy television time. And the television spots seldom get beyond showing yourself a good guy and your opponent a bad guy. With a few notable exceptions such as Ken Kramer's campaign in Colorado, the issues of the day are almost ignored.

The irony is that voters are smarter than that. They may not understand details that seem important to some of us, like which side goes by which name in Nicaragua. But the mass of the electorate has a sounder sense of basic directions than many of our most articulate citizens. And when an issue can be made clear to voters, as President Reagan showed in one SDI speech, they have no trouble making up their minds and expressing their will. Over the past six years, it seems clear to us, they have made up their minds in sympathy with the principles of the Reagan presidency-lower tax rates, an emphasis on growth rather than redistribution, a stronger defense and less deadening regulation.

We doubt that the verdict of the last two presidential elections is going to be reversed today. Yes, there are 34 separate Senate contests, and counting through them the Democrats could easily enough win the Senate. Even this, while it would certainly mean two years of raucus delay, would not turn back the clock. And just as the collective judgment of the marketplace comes out with the correct economic decision, usually the various local contests do render a national verdict. We see no reason to believe that the electorate's collective judgment calls for a repudiation of Mr. Reagan or his policies.

In particular, we don't believe voters admire the politics of timidity and concealment being practiced by many Republican and Democratic candidates in this election. If a theme emerges from among today's Senate losers, we suspect it will be voters rejecting candidates who lacked the courage to reveal and defend convictions appropriate to high national office. In our reading, Mr. Reagan's success is testimony that voters want public leaders who offer some intelligible vision of the country's future.