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The White House NEWS SUMMARY

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TODAY'S HEADLINES

CONVENTION NEWS

Convention Ready to Renominate President Reagan -- The Republican National Convention is set to renominate President Reagan and Vice President Bush tonight. The President, acceptance speech in hand, leaves for Dallas today. (UPI, Wall Street Journal, Washington Times)

NATIONAL NEWS

Ethics Investigation of Ferraro Unlikely -- With little time left before the end of the congressional session, it is unlikely there will be a House investigation of Geraldine Ferraro's finances. But Republicans say they'll try to get one started. (Washington Post, Washington Times)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Egypt Accuses Libya of Mining -- A top Egyptian official all but publicly accused Libya of planting the mines that have caused a series of explosions in the Red Sea. (Washington Post)

Protests Mark Aquino Assassination Anniversary -- Huge protests in Manila marked the first anniversary of the assassination of opposition leader Benigno Aquino. (Washington Post)

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CONVENTION NEWS

THE NIGHT THEY'VE BEEN WAITING FOR

DALLAS -- Crafting a star-studded spectacular spiked with heavy doses of patriotism, Republicans will confidently renominate Ronald Reagan and George Bush by acclamation tonight to seek four more years of GOP reign. (Laurence McQuillan, UPI)

President Reagan flies to Dallas today, riding high in the polls and ready to hit the ground running as the star of a Reagan-Bush rally this afternoon at the Republican National Convention. (Jeremiah O'Leary, Washington Times, A10)

President Reagan, his acceptance address in hand, makes his triumphant entry into Dallas today where Republicans have gathered to nominate him by acclamation for another four years. Nancy Reagan was scheduled to arrive a few hours before her husband. She gets her own special salute tonight at the GOP National Convention. (Helen Thomas, UPI)

REAGAN DEFENDED ON FAIRNESS ISSUE BY GERALD FORD

DALLAS -- Former President Ford stepped forward to defend the "fairness" of the Reagan Administration tonight as the Republican National Convention formally approved the strongly conservative platform on which President Reagan will seek reelection. While the President stayed in the White House, reportedly polishing his acceptance speech, his erstwhile critic and 1976 rival entertained delegates with a recital of Reagan's domestic accomplishments and an attack on Democratic presidential nominee Mondale for "just peddling fear" in his campaign. (David Broder, Washington Post, A1)

Mr. Ford, not a keynoter but maybe the most exciting speaker at the convention so far, came out slugging in his opening lines, taunting the Democratic presidential nominee for wanting the campaign to be "a referendum on the future." (Don McLeod, Washington Times, A1)

Gerald Ford took the podium and did his best to tell his party and Americans watching at home that he was not a bad president but the man who beat him, Jimmy Carter, was. (Arthur Spiegelman, Reuter)

Ford, shaking off the lingering sting of his loss to Jimmy Carter, lauded Ronald Reagan and lashed the Democrats as the party that would give the future to "the wasters, the wanters, the whiners and the weak." (Sean McCormally, UPI)

Note: Excerpts of remarks by former President Ford at the convention appear on page A7 of The Washington Post.

CAMPAIGN POLLS GIVE GOP GOOD NEWS

DALLAS -- President Reagan is "running a competitive race" against Walter Mondale in the Northeast and is holding his 1980 winning coalition together in the Midwest, Reagan campaign advisers said. On the other hand, Mondale "has not solidified his political base and has squandered his assets" by concentrating his campaign in the South in recent weeks, according to Lee Atwater. (Washington Times, A4)

IF REELECTED, REAGAN MIGHT FIND PROBLEMS TOUGHER THAN IN 1981

DALLAS -- Privately, many Republican insiders are less buoyant about the challenges that Mr. Reagan would face in a second term. They see a reelected Ronald Reagan forced to deal with problems perhaps even more intractable than those that faced him in January 1981. Yet he would be operating in a markedly changed -- and probably substantially tougher -- political atmosphere that might preclude the bold successes of his first term.

(Rich Jaroslovsky, Wall Street Journal, A1)

GOP RIGHT UPSTAGES MODERATES

DALLAS -- The moderate wing of the Republican Party is alive and well at this convention and caucusing in a telephone booth. In their most optimistic moments, moderates gather in twos and threes and tell each other that, perhaps with hard work, they can too rise again.

(Martin Schram, Washington Post, A1)

"The conservatives at the moment have the whip hand, and if they want to, they can drive the moderates out of the party," says John Deardourff, a Republican consultant.

(David Shribman and Dennis Farney, Wall Street Journal, A50)

Bush Says GOP Can Win Without the New Right

DALLAS -- Vice President Bush is using the "politics of fear and character assassination" in an attempt to squelch conservative criticism of his policies, New Right leaders charged yesterday.

(Ron Cordray, Washington Times, A10)

Uncompromising GOP Platform Adopted with No Floor Challenge

DALLAS -- With the fight gone out of dissident Republicans who wanted to liberalize it, the 1984 GOP platform encountered easy going at the convention.

(Bill Kling, Washington Times, A10)

Republican convention delegates shouted their formal approval of a party platform that praises President Reagan's defense buildup, calls for some tax cuts, and supports a Constitutional amendment to outlaw all abortions.

(Wall Street Journal, A14)

Platform Drafting Frustrates GOP Women Urging Change

DALLAS -- Even if Walter Mondale had not nominated Geraldine Ferraro as his running mate, this would be the year of women in presidential politics. This spells trouble for the Republican Party.

(Ron P. Reagan, Washington Times, A10)

Delegates Divided on Arms Control

DALLAS -- The men and women who will nominate President Reagan for a second term are sending him conflicting signals on arms control, although most applaud his first-term effort to deal with the Soviet Union by rearming before holding talks.

(Helen Dewar, Washington Post, A10)

Blacks Seek to Make Presence Felt, Build Party Alternative

DALLAS -- In the face of massive Democratic voting by blacks in national elections and a decidedly conservative Republican platform, a tiny contingent of black delegates is trying to make its presence known in hopes of persuading blacks that there is an alternative for them in the Republican Party. (Sandra Evans and Tom Sherwood, Washington Post, A6)

GOP Speaker Calls for Defeat of Simpson-Mazzoli Bill

DALLAS -- Calls for defeat of the Simpson-Mazzoli immigration bill were joined yesterday by New Right leaders -- teaming with, among others, liberal Democrats. (Washington Times, A10)

REPUBLICANS WALKING SOFTLY AROUND FERRARO FINANCIAL ISSUE

DALLAS -- Cooler heads among Republican leaders are trying to shift the focus to the more pragmatic goal of convincing voters that the Ferraro fuss is the result of Walter Mondale's incompetence. They also are uneasy about appearing to be too harsh on the first woman vice-presidential candidate, who has the empathy and sympathy of a number of delegates. (James R. Dickenson, Washington Post, A3)

CHINA SAYS AMERICANS 'VOTE FOR POCKETS'

PEKING -- Most Americans "vote for their pockets," and this tendency bodes well for President Reagan's reelection campaign, China's official news agency said today. (Washington Post, A12)

'Shocked' China Protests GOP Platform

A "deeply hurt" and "shocked" China has issued a strong protest to the Republican Party over parts of its platform, including a section on Hong Kong that was inserted at a late stage of the platform deliberations in Dallas last week. (Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A16)

NATIONAL NEWS

FERRARO DEFENDS FINANCES; WILL CUT TIES TO FAMILY FIRM

House Ethics Probe Is Deemed Unlikely

Congressional sources said that in the few remaining weeks of this session the House ethics committee is unlikely to investigate Rep. Ferraro, who continues to say that she has not violated House disclosure rules.

(Mary Thornton, Washington Post, A1)

Ethics Committee Republicans to Push Disclosure Case

Republicans on the House ethics committee said they will push for consideration of the financial disclosure complaint against Ferraro at the panel's next meeting on Sept. 12. Thomas D. Brandt, Washington Times, A1)

No Trust Violated, Candidate Declares

NEW YORK -- In an 80-minute news conference today, a spirited Geraldine A. Ferraro stood her ground on the issue of her controversial finances and declared that she has disclosed more about her family's personal wealth than any "candidate for any office in this country." Yet in what has become a central issue in her 1984 campaign, the three-term House member from Queens continued to insist that she had not violated House rules by failing to disclose her husband's business interests in her annual financial disclosure statements.

(Rick Atkinson and Charles R. Babcock, Washington Post, A1)

But it isn't clear that the disclosures will put the matter to rest. The immediate reaction from political analysts was that the Democratic vice presidential candidate did very well, but that the entire episode has taken its toll on the ticket.

(Tim Carrington and Lauri McGinley, Wall Street Journal, A3)

Calculated Risk Might Pay Off

DALLAS -- The stern, courtroom presence of a veteran prosecutor, combined with what sympathetic viewers and listeners could interpret as a vulnerable female who didn't really know a whole lot about the family business, was effective.

(News Analysis by Wesley Pruden, Washington Times, A1)

Will Give Up Role in Husband's Firm

NEW YORK -- Ferraro sought to distance herself from her husband's controversial real estate management business and said she is going to quit as part-owner and vice president of the company.

(George Archibald, Washington Times, A1)

Mondale Says Ferraro 'Passed Test of Leadership'

NORTH OAKS -- Mondale said today that his running mate had "passed a test of leadership" through her disclosure and exhaustive explanation of the personal and professional business dealings of her and her husband. He acknowledged that the nearly two weeks of controversy had distracted the Democratic campaign and probably lessened Ferraro's glow in the eyes of some voters. (Milton Coleman, Washington Post, A4)

Democrats Call Ferraro Flap Temporary Campaign Setback

Washington Democrats and Mondale enthusiasts, hoping the Ferraro flap that has put the Mondale campaign on the fritz is over at last, agreed that the episode has been at least a temporary setback.

(Alan McConagha, Washington Times, A3)

MRS. FERRARO'S PRESS SECRETARY RESIGNS POST

Pat Bario said last night that she has resigned as press secretary to Mrs. Ferraro in a dispute with the campaign manager over the number of staff aides. (Washington Times, A12)

She said she was frustrated with the disorganization in the Democratic vice presidential campaign during "two of the worst weeks any campaign has ever had." (UPI)

Zaccaro Must Explain Handling of Elderly Woman's Estate

NEW YORK -- John Zaccaro will appear in New York Supreme Court Thursday to answer questions about his role as the court-appointed conservator of the estate of an elderly woman.

(Merrill Brown, Washington Post, A3)

COLSON URGES REAGAN TO USE NIXON IN ROLE OF ELDER STATESMAN

Former President Nixon deserves an elder-statesman role in a second Reagan Administration because of his knowledge of foreign affairs, according to Charles W. Colson, his pre-Watergate "hatchet man."

(Ed Rogers, Washington Times, A4)

IMPROVED EMPLOYMENT IN NATION MEANS CUT IN EXTENDED JOBLESS PAY

Unemployment has dropped so sharply that for the first time in 13 years the government does not have to pay jobless benefits to most workers idled for extended periods. (Willis Witter, Washington Times, A1)

TEAMSTERS SEEK NLRB FIRINGSupport of Reagan at Issue

Teamsters President Jackie Presser has told the White House that the union's support for President Reagan in the election may hinge on whether the President removes Donald L. Dotson as chairman of the National Labor Relations Board (Pete Earley, Washington Post, A1)

2 AIRLINES, ECONOMIC COUNCIL OPPOSE HUDDLING ON FLIGHT DELAYS

People Express, Southwest Airlines and the Council of Economic Advisers oppose a plan endorsed by most of the aviation establishment and the Reagan Administration for reducing the flight delays that have been plaguing travelers. (Douglas B. Feaver, Washington Post, A19)

Editor's Note: "'There Aren't Any Secrets Between Us'," a story by Donnie Radcliffe about the President's relationship with Mrs. Reagan, appears on page B1 of The Washington Post.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

LIBYAN SHIP SOWED RED SEA MINES, EGYPTIAN SAYS

CAIRO -- A high-level Egyptian military official today said he was almost certain that the mystery mines that have been plaguing shipping in the Red Sea were laid by a Libyan freighter.

(Loren Jenkins, Washington Post, A28)

Pentagon: Gulf Mine Explosions Likely Over

The declining frequency of explosions makes it appear likely that most of the mines laid in the Red Sea and Gulf of Suez have been exploded, according to a Pentagon official close to the situation.

(Walter Andrews, Washington Times, A6)

U.S. Helicopter Complete General Sweep

U.S. helicopters operating in the southern sector of the Gulf of Suez have completed a general scan of the area as experts prepared to study five suspected mines found on the seabed, Egyptian military sources in Suez said.

(Kate Dourian, Reuter)

LEBANESE PORT CITY SUFFERS 2nd DAY OF BLOODY FIGHTING

TRIPOLI -- Moslem militias battled with mortars, rockets and machine guns yesterday in the northern port of Tripoli. The Red Cross said at least 30 people were killed and 190 wounded in the second day of fighting between pro- and anti-Syrian forces.

(Washington Times, A7)

GANDHI DENIES ROLE IN OUSTER

NEW DELHI -- Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, in her first public comments on a deepening political crisis, today denied that she had been consulted in advance about the summary dismissal of the chief minister of Andhra Pradesh state or that her ruling party was trying to topple opposition state governments.

(William Claiborne, Washington Post, A1)

PROTESTS IN PHILIPPINES MARK ANNIVERSARY OF AQUINO ASSASSINATION

MANILA -- Antigovernment demonstrations brought much of Manila to a standstill today as Filipinos marked the first anniversary of the assassination of popular opposition leader Benigno Aquino.

(William Branigin, Washington Post, A22)

CUTBACK IN ADVISERS URGED

SAN SALVADOR -- Salvadoran Army chief of staff Adolfo Blandon, in sharp public disagreement with a top U.S. military commander, has called on Washington to reduce the number of American military advisers in El Salvador.

(Robert Block, Washington Post, A24)

U.S. DENIES GREEK EXERCISES 'POINTLESS'

The Reagan Administration, taken aback by Greece's abrupt cancellation of a joint military exercise next month, yesterday disputed Athens' claim that the exercise would have been "pointless" because it ignored the Turkish threat, according to State Department spokesman Alan Romberg. (Bill Outlaw, Washington Times, A7)

REAGAN'S JOKE MEMORIALIZED IN RECORDS OF CONFERENCE

GENEVA -- The Soviet Union yesterday made President Reagan's joke about bombing Russia part of the official record of the 40-nation Disarmament Conference. (Washington Post, A23)

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FERRARO

CBS's Dan Rather: Geraldine Ferraro took questions about family taxes and financial disclosure filings for more than an hour. Ferraro said the scrutiny, discovery of a tax mistake and paying for tax consultants had hurt financially.

CBS's Eric Engberg reports on whether Ferraro's answers helped or hurt the Democratic ticket: Subjected to rugged cross-examination, Ferraro appeared cool and determined to get out from under the controversy. (Ferraro: "I probably brought it on myself by promising more than I was able to deliver as far as releasing my husband's tax information, but I ended up delivering it anyway, didn't I?") Among the questions she faced: How can she support her claim she is not involved in her husband's business and draws no benefits from it when she's listed as an officer? (Ferraro: "I have never participated in the workings of that business despite the title.") Did she try to pull a fast one in 1978 by selling, land her husband ended up buying after she was ordered by the election commission to pay off an illegal loan? No, she said she didn't know until recently her husband had bought the land. How did she pay the \$53,000 in back taxes her accountants caught on an old return, an error her original accountant takes the blame for? (Ferraro: "I sold \$70,000 of whatever the total number, amount of bonds I head. It hurt.") And what's the effect on the ticket? (Ferraro: "I consider myself an asset, and I consider us a winning team, and we will invite you to the White House in January for a press conference.") Mondale, who watched it on TV, said in Minnesota he was impressed. (Mondale: "I'm more convinced that she deserves the public trust, that she's earned it, that she's candid and open and able, that she's strong under pressure and that she'll be a superb candidate and a superb vice president.") (Lyn Nofziger: "I think she handled herself pretty well, but I'm not sure that she's answered the questions that really have to be answered.") Those questions will center on Ferraro's past refusal to disclose her husband's finances. But one question her campaign staff believes she put to rest today was: Does she have the skill and style to meet this campaign crisis? (CBS-Lead)

ABC's Steve Shepard: The technical briefing, where Ferraro aides and accountants tried to explain some of the figures Ferraro released yesterday, was noisy, argumentative and sometimes hostile as reporters repeatedly asked tough, even accusatory questions. When Ferraro faced the press, matters improved, but the questions were just as difficult. How, she was asked, could she be exempt from reporting her husband's finances on her congressional disclosure statement? (Ferraro: "What I have done since I got elected to Congress, was choose to keep our finances totally separate....") Ferraro added she certainly didn't take her husband's real estate interests into account when she voted in Congress. (Ferraro: "Check the National Realtors Association, and find out what my rating is with those people....According to the realtors of this country, I voted against them 88% of the time." Throughout the 2-hour ordeal, Ferraro was as calm as anyone who has followed her campaign can remember. At times, she appeared disarmingly frank, as when she was asked to explain her husband's repurchase of a property she sold to pay off an illegal 1978 campaign loan.

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Shepard continues: (Ferraro: "And when I found out, I said, 'Why'd you do it?' And he said it was legal and I said sure it was, but it doesn't look so hot. But you, know, what can I tell you?") Ferraro said her 1978 troubles with the FEC came about because she voluntarily disclosed information. (Ferraro: "I reported those loans to the FEC. I hid nothing.") And she added she had always tried to be an honest public servant. (Ferraro: "...I released more than anybody has released in the history of this country.") Ferraro's willingness to discuss questions at length did a lot to calm everybody down. And when one reporter persisted in interrupting her answers, other reporters made it clear what they thought of him. (Reporters boo the interrupter.) Ferraro logged a solid performance.

ABC's Brit Hume: After the Ferraro news conference, reporters were hurriedly summoned to Mondale's house to hear the obviously relieved candidate pronounce himself delighted with his running mate's performance. (Mondale: "She conducted herself with great skill, intelligence. She showed strength under challenging circumstances. And I found her most persuasive and most impressive....") But, Mondale was asked, would he have claimed that controversial exemption from congressional disclosure requirements which allowed Ferraro not to divulge her husband's interest? (Mondale: "...It's hard for me to second-guess that....") Mondale said the worst damage caused by this affair is that for the past 10 days he has been unable to make his case against the Reagan Administration.

ABC's Dean Reynolds: Ferraro may still face a probe by the House Ethics Committee, which next meets Sept. 12. But Congress is set to adjourn Oct. 4, and one committee member said it might not be possible to get a definitive answer before the election. The Office of Government Ethics is doing its own probe. Speaker O'Neill says Ferraro did make mistakes in judgment, one of which was "handling the thing the way she has handled it."

Jennings Q-and-A with ABC's David Brinkley: Brinkley says one of the problems here is the degree to which the tax laws have been pushed into the private aspects of family life. The Republicans and Democrats talked a lot about tax reform. If they really are serious, that would be a good place to start....I thought Ferraro did very well. (ABC-Lead)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: Ferraro answered patiently answered reporters' questions about her family finances for 90 minutes. At the end of the lengthy and detailed news conference, there was nothing to challenge her opening statement in which she said, "At no time did I violate my trust."

NBC's Bob Kur: Why is she an officer in her husband's real estate business? She quoted him. (Ferraro, quoting husband: "In case something happens to me, you will be able to come in and keep the license alive, keep the business going and, you know, take care of our kids and his mother and my mother.") Can she really say she doesn't know much about his business? (Ferraro: "But I deliberately wanted to keep our finances separate. We would live two separate professional lives....")

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Kur continues: She says she does benefit from her husband's business, but -- (Ferraro, offering hypothetical situation: "We have two separate refrigerators. You know, when you go on your vacation, (inaudible) I pay for this, you pay for that. The phone bill comes in, we figure out which kid used it the most....I mean, that's the extreme you would have to go to....") Doesn't the fact she is so rich undermine her message? (Ferraro: "We're not flashy. We're people who buy properly those houses. When we bought them, they were a heck of a lot cheaper. We have maintained them. We've cared for them, and they're worth a lot more. That's what this country is all about.") Will she quit? (Ferraro: "That's wishful thinking by the Republicans.") It was a rough session for her, and she handled it with grace and humor. Tough, but not abrasive. She also learned that as a result of the \$53,000 she paid in back taxes yesterday, she'll have to write another check soon for \$17,000 in unpaid state and city taxes.

NBC's Lisa Myers: Once the reviews of Ferraro's conference began, Mondale rushed out to join in. (Mondale: "She conducted herself with great skill...") He patted himself on the back for having urged full disclosure. (Mondale: "This demonstrates that I am not what you might call a paranoid politician who tries to run and hide.") (Mondale: "I believe that the bottom line is that out of this process, with all of its difficulties, Geraldine Ferraro has passed a test of leadership and strength that will be reassuring to the American people.")

Brokaw: Larry Speakes said President Reagan would have no comment on the Ferraro situation. (NBC-Lead)

CBS's Bill Moyers -- Commentary: No doubt, Mrs. Ferraro will soon experience the Woodward-Bernstein factor, that if on earth's last lonely road a single stone is found untouched, two reporters will bump heads bending down to be the first to turn it over. She did wrongly claim a congressional exemption from revealing his income and assets. She also acted too hastily after her nomination in promising to publish his tax returns....The whole affair confirms one's faith in the ethics law against conflicts of interest. But it can make you sympathetic to the case that laws concerning personal finances in campaign contributions have been carried to the extreme. Who couldn't sympathize with Mrs. Ferraro today when she said, "I relied on the experts." It's the disease of our times. Here's an intelligent, accomplished woman, a lawmaker no less, forced to turn in public to another lawyer and ask almost plaintively, "Come up here and explain the law." At another point, she had to turn to an accountant and ask him to interpret the tax code. If this doesn't boost the campaign for a simplified tax code, we're doomed to be a nation of sheep led by CPA's. (CBS-6)

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Rather: Some of the stress cracks of the Republican Party future began to show up. The delegates gave roaring approval to platform positions that even some party conservatives say are too hard right wing for middle of the road America or even conservative America. Lack of an ERA plank is rankling some Republican women.

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CBS's Bernard Goldberg looks at a two-party gender gap: (TV Coverage shows women runners with banner that says, "Running Against Reagan.") (Woman runner: "I voted for him in '80. I believed in him once." Reporter: "You're running against him now." Woman: "You're darn right.") GOP strategists say they can run all they want, that they are write-offs, along with a lot of other feminists. (Lyn Nofziger: "Most of the women you hear complaining are liberals and left-wingers and people who wouldn't vote for Ronald Reagan under any circumstances.") But some moderate Republicans at the convention say they are being written off too. (Women delegates denounce platform.) Goldberg mentions the women who played prominent roles in opening night. Then there are the delegates, 44% women, more than ever before. Some men who planned to attend voluntarily gave up their seats to get more women here. And the Republicans are coming out with a new TV campaign aimed specifically at women. (Woman in TV commercial: "But things are better now. My money goes farther.") The strategy: everybody is better off today, men and women. (Sen. Dole: "...we talk to people about their pocketbook issues...") The gender gap is almost always portrayed as a women's gender gap, as Ronald Reagan's problem. Republican strategists say the problem is Mondale's. A recent CBS News-New York Times poll shows two gender gaps. It shows that most men don't like the Mondale-Ferraro ticket (60-35% for Reagan). Women prefer Reagan too, but not nearly as much as men do. (TV Coverage: Woman wearing T-shirt saying, "Mondale Eats Quiche." (CBS-5)

ABC's Sander Vanocur: Most delegates like the platform, but a few are unhappy over the fact the ERA is not even mentioned. (Rep. Weber: "I think (the platform) has gone beyond what the President proposed, but I don't think it makes it difficult to live with at all.") Vanocur says his own sense is that the party has given Ronald Reagan a platform narrow enough to run on but not broad enough to govern. (ABC-2)

Brokaw: The party adopted a platform that calls for, among other things, more tax cuts, a stronger military, a return to school prayer and opposition to abortion. Some moderates said they simply could not support it. Richard Wirthlin said the President's greatest strength is among conservative, white, Protestant males. That strength is reflected in the delegates who are in this hall tonight. (Figures cited show most delegates are white, male, Protestant, and more affluent than delegates to the Democratic Convention.)

NBC's Robert Hagar reports on how preachers are setting the tone and religion is written into the platform: Sen. Weicker says it's too much. (Weicker: "I think the whole role of religion in American politics is garbage. It's frightening.") Rev. Falwell will deliver the benediction Wednesday night. (NBC-5)

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NBC plays a montage of film clips of Sen. Goldwater, past and present. Goldwater says his 1964 speech was "the best speech Cicero ever made." (Mr. Reagan commercial for Goldwater in 1964: "Let's get a real leader, and not a power politician, in the White House. Vote for Barry Goldwater.") (Reporter this week: "Are you concerned about the Republican Party's platform?" Goldwater: "I don't give a damn what the Republican Party says. I don't have to live by their platform." Reporter: "It doesn't even mention the ERA." Goldwater: "Neither do I. It isn't worth a damn.") (NBC-9)

GROMYKO

Rather: With chances fading for a superpower summit this year, State Department officials are trying to arrange the next best thing. These officials are working on a fool-proof plan for a White House meeting between President Reagan and FM Gromyko. A major concern is, if Gromyko accepts the invitation, then delivers a tough anti-U.S. speech, will Mr. Reagan cancel the meeting? (CBS-3)

PRESIDENT'S JOKE

Rather: At the disarmament conference in Geneva, the Soviet Union put into the official record what Mr. Reagan said was an off-the-record statement, his radio test quip about bombing Russia. The Soviet negotiator said the remark showed that the Reagan Administration had "hostility" toward Moscow. The joke also has angered a District of Columbia area couple, both registered Republicans, and they have paid for a 30-second TV commercial to be aired this week in Dallas. That commercial concludes, "It's time we had a president who worked for peace, not joked about war." (CBS-4)

STOCKS

ABC's Dan Cordtz: Why did the stock market shoot up so much? One expert's answer was: "Why not?" The economic news has been favorable for a long time. The DOW surged almost 23 points in the heaviest trading seen in a week. (ABC-3)

SHUTTLE

Brokaw: The Air Force announced a full-scale investigation of the charges that the space shuttle launching pad at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California is a danger zone. (NBC-2)

DIABLO CANYON

Jennings: Chief Justice Burger has refused to overturn an appeals court order blocking a full power operating license for the controversial reactor. That means the operators will be able to continue only low power testing until a full appeals court hearing in November. (NBC-4, ABC-4)

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PHILIPPINES

Rather: On the anniversary of the Aquino assassination, in the capital, almost 500,000 marched in the largest anti-government turnout there since Aquino's burial. In spite of a government plea for schools and shops to remain open, most closed. No trouble was reported.

(NBC-7, ABC-9, CBS-7)

POSTAL WORKERS

CBS's Jane Bryant Quinn: Critics are talking of turning over mail delivery to free enterprise. But many officials fear that fragmenting the postal service would destroy it.

(CBS-10)

RED SEA/SUEZ

ABC's John Donovan: Egypt is closer than ever to saying Libya is to blame for the mines, the case against Libya almost confirmed, according to Egyptian news reports. Ships hit mines a few days after a Libyan ship passed through. Reports say her civilian crew was replaced by a Libyan naval crew sometime during the voyage.

(NBC-6, ABC-7)

LEBANON

Jennings: Heavy fighting between Moslem militias in Tripoli left more than 2 dozen dead and many more wounded. It is being called the worst fighting there since last June.

(NBC-8, ABC-8)

GALVIN

Jennings: Martin Galvin, open IRA supporter, returned to the U.S. Galvin says he bears no responsibility for the death of a young man who was killed when police tried to arrest Galvin. He called the police terrorists.

(ABC-10)



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THE NIGHT THEY'VE BEEN WAITING FOR

DALLAS -- Crafting a star-studded spectacular spiked with heavy doses of patriotism, Republicans will confidently renominate Ronald Reagan and George Bush by acclamation tonight to seek four more years of GOP reign. (Laurence McQuillan, UPI)

President Reagan flies to Dallas today, riding high in the polls and ready to hit the ground running as the star of a Reagan-Bush rally this afternoon at the Republican National Convention. (Jeremiah O'Leary, Washington Times, A10)

President Reagan, his acceptance address in hand, makes his triumphant entry into Dallas today where Republicans have gathered to nominate him by acclamation for another four years. Nancy Reagan was scheduled to arrive a few hours before her husband. She gets her own special salute tonight at the GOP National Convention. (Helen Thomas, UPI)

REAGAN DEFENDED ON FAIRNESS ISSUE BY GERALD FORD

DALLAS -- Former President Ford stepped forward to defend the "fairness" of the Reagan Administration tonight as the Republican National Convention formally approved the strongly conservative platform on which President Reagan will seek reelection. While the President stayed in the White House, reportedly polishing his acceptance speech, his erstwhile critic and 1976 rival entertained delegates with a recital of Reagan's domestic accomplishments and an attack on Democratic presidential nominee Mondale for "just peddling fear" in his campaign. (David Broder, Washington Post, A1)

Mr. Ford, not a keynoter but maybe the most exciting speaker at the convention so far, came out slugging in his opening lines, taunting the Democratic presidential nominee for wanting the campaign to be "a referendum on the future." (Don McLeod, Washington Times, A1)

Gerald Ford took the podium and did his best to tell his party and Americans watching at home that he was not a bad president but the man who beat him, Jimmy Carter, was. (Arthur Spiegelman, Reuter)

Ford, shaking off the lingering sting of his loss to Jimmy Carter, lauded Ronald Reagan and lashed the Democrats as the party that would give the future to "the wasters, the wanters, the whiners and the weak." (Sean McCormally, UPI)

Note: Excerpts of remarks by former President Ford at the convention appear on page A7 of The Washington Post.

CAMPAIGN POLLS GIVE GOP GOOD NEWS

DALLAS -- President Reagan is "running a competitive race" against Walter Mondale in the Northeast and is holding his 1980 winning coalition together in the Midwest, Reagan campaign advisers said. On the other hand, Mondale "has not solidified his political base and has squandered his assets" by concentrating his campaign in the South in recent weeks, according to Lee Atwater. (Washington Times, A4)

IF REELECTED, REAGAN MIGHT FIND PROBLEMS TOUGHER THAN IN 1981

DALLAS -- Privately, many Republican insiders are less buoyant about the challenges that Mr. Reagan would face in a second term. They see a reelected Ronald Reagan forced to deal with problems perhaps even more intractable than those that faced him in January 1981. Yet he would be operating in a markedly changed -- and probably substantially tougher -- political atmosphere that might preclude the bold successes of his first term.

(Rich Jaroslovsky, Wall Street Journal, A1)

GOP RIGHT UPSTAGES MODERATES

DALLAS -- The moderate wing of the Republican Party is alive and well at this convention and caucusing in a telephone booth. In their most optimistic moments, moderates gather in twos and threes and tell each other that, perhaps with hard work, they can too rise again.

(Martin Schram, Washington Post, A1)

"The conservatives at the moment have the whip hand, and if they want to, they can drive the moderates out of the party," says John Deardourff, a Republican consultant.

(David Shribman and Dennis Farney, Wall Street Journal, A50)

Bush Says GOP Can Win Without the New Right

DALLAS -- Vice President Bush is using the "politics of fear and character assassination" in an attempt to squelch conservative criticism of his policies, New Right leaders charged yesterday.

(Ron Cordray, Washington Times, A10)

Uncompromising GOP Platform Adopted with No Floor Challenge

DALLAS -- With the fight gone out of dissident Republicans who wanted to liberalize it, the 1984 GOP platform encountered easy going at the convention.

(Bill Kling, Washington Times, A10)

Republican convention delegates shouted their formal approval of a party platform that praises President Reagan's defense buildup, calls for some tax cuts, and supports a Constitutional amendment to outlaw all abortions.

(Wall Street Journal, A14)

Platform Drafting Frustrates GOP Women Urging Change

DALLAS -- Even if Walter Mondale had not nominated Geraldine Ferraro as his running mate, this would be the year of women in presidential politics. This spells trouble for the Republican Party.

(Ron P. Reagan, Washington Times, A10)

Delegates Divided on Arms Control

DALLAS -- The men and women who will nominate President Reagan for a second term are sending him conflicting signals on arms control, although most applaud his first-term effort to deal with the Soviet Union by rearming before holding talks.

(Helen Dewar, Washington Post, A10)

Blacks Seek to Make Presence Felt, Build Party Alternative

DALLAS -- In the face of massive Democratic voting by blacks in national elections and a decidedly conservative Republican platform, a tiny contingent of black delegates is trying to make its presence known in hopes of persuading blacks that there is an alternative for them in the Republican Party. (Sandra Evans and Tom Sherwood, Washington Post, A6)

GOP Speaker Calls for Defeat of Simpson-Mazzoli Bill

DALLAS -- Calls for defeat of the Simpson-Mazzoli immigration bill were joined yesterday by New Right leaders -- teaming with, among others, liberal Democrats. (Washington Times, A10)

REPUBLICANS WALKING SOFTLY AROUND FERRARO FINANCIAL ISSUE

DALLAS -- Cooler heads among Republican leaders are trying to shift the focus to the more pragmatic goal of convincing voters that the Ferraro fuss is the result of Walter Mondale's incompetence. They also are uneasy about appearing to be too harsh on the first woman vice-presidential candidate, who has the empathy and sympathy of a number of delegates.

(James R. Dickenson, Washington Post, A3)

CHINA SAYS AMERICANS 'VOTE FOR POCKETS'

PEKING -- Most Americans "vote for their pockets," and this tendency bodes well for President Reagan's reelection campaign, China's official news agency said today. (Washington Post, A12)

'Shocked' China Protests GOP Platform

A "deeply hurt" and "shocked" China has issued a strong protest to the Republican Party over parts of its platform, including a section on Hong Kong that was inserted at a late stage of the platform deliberations in Dallas last week. (Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A16)

NATIONAL NEWS

FERRARO DEFENDS FINANCES; WILL CUT TIES TO FAMILY FIRM

House Ethics Probe Is Deemed Unlikely

Congressional sources said that in the few remaining weeks of this session the House ethics committee is unlikely to investigate Rep. Ferraro, who continues to say that she has not violated House disclosure rules.

(Mary Thornton, Washington Post, A1)

Ethics Committee Republicans to Push Disclosure Case

Republicans on the House ethics committee said they will push for consideration of the financial disclosure complaint against Ferraro at the panel's next meeting on Sept. 12. (Thomas D. Brandt, Washington Times, A1)

No Trust Violated, Candidate Declares

NEW YORK -- In an 80-minute news conference today, a spirited Geraldine A. Ferraro stood her ground on the issue of her controversial finances and declared that she has disclosed more about her family's personal wealth than any "candidate for any office in this country." Yet in what has become a central issue in her 1984 campaign, the three-term House member from Queens continued to insist that she had not violated House rules by failing to disclose her husband's business interests in her annual financial disclosure statements.

(Rick Atkinson and Charles R. Babcock, Washington Post, A1)

But it isn't clear that the disclosures will put the matter to rest. The immediate reaction from political analysts was that the Democratic vice presidential candidate did very well, but that the entire episode has taken its toll on the ticket.

(Tim Carrington and Lauri McGinley, Wall Street Journal, A3)

Calculated Risk Might Pay Off

DALLAS -- The stern, courtroom presence of a veteran prosecutor, combined with what sympathetic viewers and listeners could interpret as a vulnerable female who didn't really know a whole lot about the family business, was effective.

(News Analysis by Wesley Pruden, Washington Times, A1)

Will Give Up Role in Husband's Firm

NEW YORK -- Ferraro sought to distance herself from her husband's controversial real estate management business and said she is going to quit as part-owner and vice president of the company.

(George Archibald, Washington Times, A1)

Mondale Says Ferraro 'Passed Test of Leadership'

NORTH OAKS -- Mondale said today that his running mate had "passed a test of leadership" through her disclosure and exhaustive explanation of the personal and professional business dealings of her and her husband. He acknowledged that the nearly two weeks of controversy had distracted the Democratic campaign and probably lessened Ferraro's glow in the eyes of some voters. (Milton Coleman, Washington Post, A4)

Democrats Call Ferraro Flap Temporary Campaign Setback

Washington Democrats and Mondale enthusiasts, hoping the Ferraro flap that has put the Mondale campaign on the fritz is over at last, agreed that the episode has been at least a temporary setback.

(Alan McConagha, Washington Times, A3)

MRS. FERRARO'S PRESS SECRETARY RESIGNS POST

Pat Bario said last night that she has resigned as press secretary to Mrs. Ferraro in a dispute with the campaign manager over the number of staff aides. (Washington Times, A12)

She said she was frustrated with the disorganization in the Democratic vice presidential campaign during "two of the worst weeks any campaign has ever had." (UPI)

Zaccaro Must Explain Handling of Elderly Woman's Estate

NEW YORK -- John Zaccaro will appear in New York Supreme Court Thursday to answer questions about his role as the court-appointed conservator of the estate of an elderly woman.

(Merrill Brown, Washington Post, A3)

COLSON URGES REAGAN TO USE NIXON IN ROLE OF ELDER STATESMAN

Former President Nixon deserves an elder-statesman role in a second Reagan Administration because of his knowledge of foreign affairs, according to Charles W. Colson, his pre-Watergate "hatchet man."

(Ed Rogers, Washington Times, A4)

IMPROVED EMPLOYMENT IN NATION MEANS CUT IN EXTENDED JOBLESS PAY

Unemployment has dropped so sharply that for the first time in 13 years the government does not have to pay jobless benefits to most workers idled for extended periods. (Willis Witter, Washington Times, A1)

TEAMSTERS SEEK NLRB FIRINGSupport of Reagan at Issue

Teamsters President Jackie Presser has told the White House that the union's support for President Reagan in the election may hinge on whether the President removes Donald L. Dotson as chairman of the National Labor Relations Board (Pete Earley, Washington Post, A1)

2 AIRLINES, ECONOMIC COUNCIL OPPOSE HUDDLING ON FLIGHT DELAYS

People Express, Southwest Airlines and the Council of Economic Advisers oppose a plan endorsed by most of the aviation establishment and the Reagan Administration for reducing the flight delays that have been plaguing travelers. (Douglas B. Feaver, Washington Post, A19)

Editor's Note: "'There Aren't Any Secrets Between Us'," a story by Donnie Radcliffe about the President's relationship with Mrs. Reagan, appears on page B1 of The Washington Post.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

LIBYAN SHIP SOWED RED SEA MINES, EGYPTIAN SAYS

CAIRO -- A high-level Egyptian military official today said he was almost certain that the mystery mines that have been plaguing shipping in the Red Sea were laid by a Libyan freighter.

(Loren Jenkins, Washington Post, A28)

Pentagon: Gulf Mine Explosions Likely Over

The declining frequency of explosions makes it appear likely that most of the mines laid in the Red Sea and Gulf of Suez have been exploded, according to a Pentagon official close to the situation.

(Walter Andrews, Washington Times, A6)

U.S. Helicopter Complete General Sweep

U.S. helicopters operating in the southern sector of the Gulf of Suez have completed a general scan of the area as experts prepared to study five suspected mines found on the seabed, Egyptian military sources in Suez said.

(Kate Dourian, Reuter)

LEBANESE PORT CITY SUFFERS 2nd DAY OF BLOODY FIGHTING

TRIPOLI -- Moslem militias battled with mortars, rockets and machine guns yesterday in the northern port of Tripoli. The Red Cross said at least 30 people were killed and 190 wounded in the second day of fighting between pro- and anti-Syrian forces.

(Washington Times, A7)

GANDHI DENIES ROLE IN OUSTER

NEW DELHI -- Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, in her first public comments on a deepening political crisis, today denied that she had been consulted in advance about the summary dismissal of the chief minister of Andhra Pradesh state or that her ruling party was trying to topple opposition state governments.

(William Claiborne, Washington Post, A1)

PROTESTS IN PHILIPPINES MARK ANNIVERSARY OF AQUINO ASSASSINATION

MANILA -- Antigovernment demonstrations brought much of Manila to a standstill today as Filipinos marked the first anniversary of the assassination of popular opposition leader Benigno Aquino.

(William Branigin, Washington Post, A22)

CUTBACK IN ADVISERS URGED

SAN SALVADOR -- Salvadoran Army chief of staff Adolfo Blandon, in sharp public disagreement with a top U.S. military commander, has called on Washington to reduce the number of American military advisers in El Salvador.

(Robert Block, Washington Post, A24)

U.S. DENIES GREEK EXERCISES 'POINTLESS'

The Reagan Administration, taken aback by Greece's abrupt cancellation of a joint military exercise next month, yesterday disputed Athens' claim that the exercise would have been "pointless" because it ignored the Turkish threat, according to State Department spokesman Alan Romberg. (Bill Outlaw, Washington Times, A7)

REAGAN'S JOKE MEMORIALIZED IN RECORDS OF CONFERENCE

GENEVA -- The Soviet Union yesterday made President Reagan's joke about bombing Russia part of the official record of the 40-nation Disarmament Conference. (Washington Post, A23)

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FERRARO

CBS's Dan Rather: Geraldine Ferraro took questions about family taxes and financial disclosure filings for more than an hour. Ferraro said the scrutiny, discovery of a tax mistake and paying for tax consultants had hurt financially.

CBS's Eric Engberg reports on whether Ferraro's answers helped or hurt the Democratic ticket: Subjected to rugged cross-examination, Ferraro appeared cool and determined to get out from under the controversy. (Ferraro: "I probably brought it on myself by promising more than I was able to deliver as far as releasing my husband's tax information, but I ended up delivering it anyway, didn't I?") Among the questions she faced: How can she support her claim she is not involved in her husband's business and draws no benefits from it when she's listed as an officer? (Ferraro: "I have never participated in the workings of that business despite the title.") Did she try to pull a fast one in 1978 by selling, land her husband ended up buying after she was ordered by the election commission to pay off an illegal loan? No, she said she didn't know until recently her husband had bought the land. How did she pay the \$53,000 in back taxes her accountants caught on an old return, an error her original accountant takes the blame for? (Ferraro: "I sold \$70,000 of whatever the total number, amount of bonds I head. It hurt.") And what's the effect on the ticket? (Ferraro: "I consider myself an asset, and I consider us a winning team, and we will invite you to the White House in January for a press conference.") Mondale, who watched it on TV, said in Minnesota he was impressed. (Mondale: "I'm more convinced that she deserves the public trust, that she's earned it, that she's candid and open and able, that she's strong under pressure and that she'll be a superb candidate and a superb vice president.") (Lyn Nofziger: "I think she handled herself pretty well, but I'm not sure that she's answered the questions that really have to be answered.") Those questions will center on Ferraro's past refusal to disclose her husband's finances. But one question her campaign staff believes she put to rest today was: Does she have the skill and style to meet this campaign crisis? (CBS-Lead)

ABC's Steve Shepard: The technical briefing, where Ferraro aides and accountants tried to explain some of the figures Ferraro released yesterday, was noisy, argumentative and sometimes hostile as reporters repeatedly asked tough, even accusatory questions. When Ferraro faced the press, matters improved, but the questions were just as difficult. How, she was asked, could she be exempt from reporting her husband's finances on her congressional disclosure statement? (Ferraro: "What I have done since I got elected to Congress, was choose to keep our finances totally separate...") Ferraro added she certainly didn't take her husband's real estate interests into account when she voted in Congress. (Ferraro: "Check the National Realtors Association, and find out what my rating is with those people....According to the realtors of this country, I voted against them 88% of the time." Throughout the 2-hour ordeal, Ferraro was as calm as anyone who has followed her campaign can remember. At times, she appeared disarmingly frank, as when she was asked to explain her husband's repurchase of a property she sold to pay off an illegal 1978 campaign loan.

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Shepard continues: (Ferraro: "And when I found out, I said, 'Why'd you do it?' And he said it was legal and I said sure it was, but it doesn't look so hot. But you, know, what can I tell you?") Ferraro said her 1978 troubles with the FEC came about because she voluntarily disclosed information. (Ferraro: "I reported those loans to the FEC. I hid nothing.") And she added she had always tried to be an honest public servant. (Ferraro: "...I released more than anybody has released in the history of this country.") Ferraro's willingness to discuss questions at length did a lot to calm everybody down. And when one reporter persisted in interrupting her answers, other reporters made it clear what they thought of him. (Reporters boo the interrupter.) Ferraro logged a solid performance.

ABC's Brit Hume: After the Ferraro news conference, reporters were hurriedly summoned to Mondale's house to hear the obviously relieved candidate pronounce himself delighted with his running mate's performance. (Mondale: "She conducted herself with great skill, intelligence. She showed strength under challenging circumstances. And I found her most persuasive and most impressive....") But, Mondale was asked, would he have claimed that controversial exemption from congressional disclosure requirements which allowed Ferraro not to divulge her husband's interest? (Mondale: "...It's hard for me to second-guess that....") Mondale said the worst damage caused by this affair is that for the past 10 days he has been unable to make his case against the Reagan Administration.

ABC's Dean Reynolds: Ferraro may still face a probe by the House Ethics Committee, which next meets Sept. 12. But Congress is set to adjourn Oct. 4, and one committee member said it might not be possible to get a definitive answer before the election. The Office of Government Ethics is doing its own probe. Speaker O'Neill says Ferraro did make mistakes in judgment, one of which was "handling the thing the way she has handled it."

Jennings Q-and-A with ABC's David Brinkley: Brinkley says one of the problems here is the degree to which the tax laws have been pushed into the private aspects of family life. The Republicans and Democrats talked a lot about tax reform. If they really are serious, that would be a good place to start....I thought Ferraro did very well. (ABC-Lead)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: Ferraro answered patiently answered reporters' questions about her family finances for 90 minutes. At the end of the lengthy and detailed news conference, there was nothing to challenge her opening statement in which she said, "At no time did I violate my trust."

NBC's Bob Kur: Why is she an officer in her husband's real estate business? She quoted him. (Ferraro, quoting husband: "In case something happens to me, you will be able to come in and keep the license alive, keep the business going and, you know, take care of our kids and his mother and my mother.") Can she really say she doesn't know much about his business? (Ferraro: "But I deliberately wanted to keep our finances separate. We would live two separate professional lives....")

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Kur continues: She says she does benefit from her husband's business, but -- (Ferraro, offering hypothetical situation: "We have two separate refrigerators. You know, when you go on your vacation, (inaudible) I pay for this, you pay for that. The phone bill comes in, we figure out which kid used it the most....I mean, that's the extreme you would have to go to....") Doesn't the fact she is so rich undermine her message? (Ferraro: "We're not flashy. We're people who buy properly those houses. When we bought them, they were a heck of a lot cheaper. We have maintained them. We've cared for them, and they're worth a lot more. That's what this country is all about.") Will she quit? (Ferraro: "That's wishful thinking by the Republicans.") It was a rough session for her, and she handled it with grace and humor. Tough, but not abrasive. She also learned that as a result of the \$53,000 she paid in back taxes yesterday, she'll have to write another check soon for \$17,000 in unpaid state and city taxes.

NBC's Lisa Myers: Once the reviews of Ferraro's conference began, Mondale rushed out to join in. (Mondale: "She conducted herself with great skill...") He patted himself on the back for having urged full disclosure. (Mondale: "This demonstrates that I am not what you might call a paranoid politician who tries to run and hide.") (Mondale: "I believe that the bottom line is that out of this process, with all of its difficulties, Geraldine Ferraro has passed a test of leadership and strength that will be reassuring to the American people.")

Brokaw: Larry Speakes said President Reagan would have no comment on the Ferraro situation. (NBC-Lead)

CBS's Bill Moyers -- Commentary: No doubt, Mrs. Ferraro will soon experience the Woodward-Bernstein factor, that if on earth's last lonely road a single stone is found untouched, two reporters will bump heads bending down to be the first to turn it over. She did wrongly claim a congressional exemption from revealing his income and assets. She also acted too hastily after her nomination in promising to publish his tax returns....The whole affair confirms one's faith in the ethics law against conflicts of interest. But it can make you sympathetic to the case that laws concerning personal finances in campaign contributions have been carried to the extreme. Who couldn't sympathize with Mrs. Ferraro today when she said, "I relied on the experts." It's the disease of our times. Here's an intelligent, accomplished woman, a lawmaker no less, forced to turn in public to another lawyer and ask almost plaintively, "Come up here and explain the law." At another point, she had to turn to an accountant and ask him to interpret the tax code. If this doesn't boost the campaign for a simplified tax code, we're doomed to be a nation of sheep led by CPA's. (CBS-6)

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Rather: Some of the stress cracks of the Republican Party future began to show up. The delegates gave roaring approval to platform positions that even some party conservatives say are too hard right wing for middle of the road America or even conservative America. Lack of an ERA plank is ranking some Republican women.

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CBS's Bernard Goldberg looks at a two-party gender gap: (TV Coverage shows women runners with banner that says, "Running Against Reagan.") (Woman runner: "I voted for him in '80. I believed in him once." Reporter: "You're running against him now." Woman: "You're darn right.") GOP strategists say they can run all they want, that they are write-offs, along with a lot of other feminists. (Lyn Nofziger: "Most of the women you hear complaining are liberals and left-wingers and people who wouldn't vote for Ronald Reagan under any circumstances.") But some moderate Republicans at the convention say they are being written off too. (Women delegates denounce platform.) Goldberg mentions the women who played prominent roles in opening night. Then there are the delegates, 44% women, more than ever before. Some men who planned to attend voluntarily gave up their seats to get more women here. And the Republicans are coming out with a new TV campaign aimed specifically at women. (Woman in TV commercial: "But things are better now. My money goes farther.") The strategy: everybody is better off today, men and women. (Sen. Dole: "...we talk to people about their pocketbook issues...") The gender gap is almost always portrayed as a women's gender gap, as Ronald Reagan's problem. Republican strategists say the problem is Mondale's. A recent CBS News-New York Times poll shows two gender gaps. It shows that most men don't like the Mondale-Ferraro ticket (60-35% for Reagan). Women prefer Reagan too, but not nearly as much as men do. (TV Coverage: Woman wearing T-shirt saying, "Mondale Eats Quiche.") (CBS-5)

ABC's Sander Vanocur: Most delegates like the platform, but a few are unhappy over the fact the ERA is not even mentioned. (Rep. Weber: "I think (the platform) has gone beyond what the President proposed, but I don't think it makes it difficult to live with at all.") Vanocur says his own sense is that the party has given Ronald Reagan a platform narrow enough to run on but not broad enough to govern. (ABC-2)

Brokaw: The party adopted a platform that calls for, among other things, more tax cuts, a stronger military, a return to school prayer and opposition to abortion. Some moderates said they simply could not support it. Richard Wirthlin said the President's greatest strength is among conservative, white, Protestant males. That strength is reflected in the delegates who are in this hall tonight. (Figures cited show most delegates are white, male, Protestant, and more affluent than delegates to the Democratic Convention.)

NBC's Robert Hagar reports on how preachers are setting the tone and religion is written into the platform: Sen. Weicker says it's too much. (Weicker: "I think the whole role of religion in American politics is garbage. It's frightening.") Rev. Falwell will deliver the benediction Wednesday night. (NBC-5)

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NBC plays a montage of film clips of Sen. Goldwater, past and present. Goldwater says his 1964 speech was "the best speech Cicero ever made." (Mr. Reagan commercial for Goldwater in 1964: "Let's get a real leader, and not a power politician, in the White House. Vote for Barry Goldwater.") (Reporter this week: "Are you concerned about the Republican Party's platform?" Goldwater: "I don't give a damn what the Republican Party says. I don't have to live by their platform." Reporter: "It doesn't even mention the ERA." Goldwater: "Neither do I. It isn't worth a damn.") (NBC-9)

GROMYKO

Rather: With chances fading for a superpower summit this year, State Department officials are trying to arrange the next best thing. These officials are working on a fool-proof plan for a White House meeting between President Reagan and FM Gromyko. A major concern is, if Gromyko accepts the invitation, then delivers a tough anti-U.S. speech, will Mr. Reagan cancel the meeting? (CBS-3)

PRESIDENT'S JOKE

Rather: At the disarmament conference in Geneva, the Soviet Union put into the official record what Mr. Reagan said was an off-the-record statement, his radio test quip about bombing Russia. The Soviet negotiator said the remark showed that the Reagan Administration had "hostility" toward Moscow. The joke also has angered a District of Columbia area couple, both registered Republicans, and they have paid for a 30-second TV commercial to be aired this week in Dallas. That commercial concludes, "It's time we had a president who worked for peace, not joked about war." (CBS-4)

STOCKS

ABC's Dan Cordtz: Why did the stock market shoot up so much? One expert's answer was: "Why not?" The economic news has been favorable for a long time. The DOW surged almost 23 points in the heaviest trading seen in a week. (ABC-3)

SHUTTLE

Brokaw: The Air Force announced a full-scale investigation of the charges that the space shuttle launching pad at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California is a danger zone. (NBC-2)

DIABLO CANYON

Jennings: Chief Justice Burger has refused to overturn an appeals court order blocking a full power operating license for the controversial reactor. That means the operators will be able to continue only low power testing until a full appeals court hearing in November. (NBC-4, ABC-4)

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Rather: On the anniversary of the Aquino' assassination, in the capital, almost 500,000 marched in the largest anti-government turnout there since Aquino's burial. In spite of a government plea for schools and shops to remain open, most closed. No trouble was reported.

(NBC-7, ABC-9, CBS-7)

POSTAL WORKERS

CBS's Jane Bryant Quinn: Critics are talking of turning over mail delivery to free enterprise. But many officials fear that fragmenting the postal service would destroy it.

(CBS-10)

RED SEA/SUEZ

ABC's John Donvan: Egypt is closer than ever to saying Libya is to blame for the mines, the case against Libya almost confirmed, according to Egyptian news reports. Ships hit mines a few days after a Libyan ship passed through. Reports say her civilian crew was replaced by a Libyan naval crew sometime during the voyage.

(NBC-6, ABC-7)

LEBANON

Jennings: Heavy fighting between Moslem militias in Tripoli left more than 2 dozen dead and many more wounded. It is being called the worst fighting there since last June.

(NBC-8, ABC-8)

GALVIN

Jennings: Martin Galvin, open IRA supporter, returned to the U.S. Galvin says he bears no responsibility for the death of a young man who was killed when police tried to arrest Galvin. He called the police terrorists.

(ABC-10)



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President Reagan, his acceptance address in hand, makes his triumphant entry into Dallas today where Republicans have gathered to nominate him by acclamation for another four years. Nancy Reagan was scheduled to arrive a few hours before her husband. She gets her own special salute tonight at the GOP National Convention. (Helen Thomas, UPI)

REAGAN DEFENDED ON FAIRNESS ISSUE BY GERALD FORD

DALLAS -- Former President Ford stepped forward to defend the "fairness" of the Reagan Administration tonight as the Republican National Convention formally approved the strongly conservative platform on which President Reagan will seek reelection. While the President stayed in the White House, reportedly polishing his acceptance speech, his erstwhile critic and 1976 rival entertained delegates with a recital of Reagan's domestic accomplishments and an attack on Democratic presidential nominee Mondale for "just peddling fear" in his campaign. (David Broder, Washington Post, A1)

Mr. Ford, not a keynoter but maybe the most exciting speaker at the convention so far, came out slugging in his opening lines, taunting the Democratic presidential nominee for wanting the campaign to be "a referendum on the future." (Don McLeod, Washington Times, A1)

Gerald Ford took the podium and did his best to tell his party and Americans watching at home that he was not a bad president but the man who beat him, Jimmy Carter, was. (Arthur Spiegelman, Reuter)

Ford, shaking off the lingering sting of his loss to Jimmy Carter, lauded Ronald Reagan and lashed the Democrats as the party that would give the future to "the wasters, the wanters, the whiners and the weak." (Sean McCormally, UPI)

Note: Excerpts of remarks by former President Ford at the convention appear on page A7 of The Washington Post.

CAMPAIGN POLLS GIVE GOP GOOD NEWS

DALLAS -- President Reagan is "running a competitive race" against Walter Mondale in the Northeast and is holding his 1980 winning coalition together in the Midwest, Reagan campaign advisers said. On the other hand, Mondale "has not solidified his political base and has squandered his assets" by concentrating his campaign in the South in recent weeks, according to Lee Atwater. (Washington Times, A4)

IF REELECTED, REAGAN MIGHT FIND PROBLEMS TOUGHER THAN IN 1981

DALLAS -- Privately, many Republican insiders are less buoyant about the challenges that Mr. Reagan would face in a second term. They see a reelected Ronald Reagan forced to deal with problems perhaps even more intractable than those that faced him in January 1981. Yet he would be operating in a markedly changed -- and probably substantially tougher -- political atmosphere that might preclude the bold successes of his first term.

(Rich Jaroslovsky, Wall Street Journal, A1)

GOP RIGHT UPSTAGES MODERATES

DALLAS -- The moderate wing of the Republican Party is alive and well at this convention and caucusing in a telephone booth. In their most optimistic moments, moderates gather in twos and threes and tell each other that, perhaps with hard work, they can too rise again.

(Martin Schram, Washington Post, A1)

"The conservatives at the moment have the whip hand, and if they want to, they can drive the moderates out of the party," says John Deardourff, a Republican consultant.

(David Shribman and Dennis Farney, Wall Street Journal, A50)

Bush Says GOP Can Win Without the New Right

DALLAS -- Vice President Bush is using the "politics of fear and character assassination" in an attempt to squelch conservative criticism of his policies, New Right leaders charged yesterday.

(Ron Cordray, Washington Times, A10)

Uncompromising GOP Platform Adopted with No Floor Challenge

DALLAS -- With the fight gone out of dissident Republicans who wanted to liberalize it, the 1984 GOP platform encountered easy going at the convention.

(Bill Kling, Washington Times, A10)

Republican convention delegates shouted their formal approval of a party platform that praises President Reagan's defense buildup, calls for some tax cuts, and supports a Constitutional amendment to outlaw all abortions.

(Wall Street Journal, A14)

Platform Drafting Frustrates GOP Women Urging Change

DALLAS -- Even if Walter Mondale had not nominated Geraldine Ferraro as his running mate, this would be the year of women in presidential politics. This spells trouble for the Republican Party.

(Ron P. Reagan, Washington Times, A10)

Delegates Divided on Arms Control

DALLAS -- The men and women who will nominate President Reagan for a second term are sending him conflicting signals on arms control, although most applaud his first-term effort to deal with the Soviet Union by rearming before holding talks.

(Helen Dewar, Washington Post, A10)

Blacks Seek to Make Presence Felt, Build Party Alternative

DALLAS -- In the face of massive Democratic voting by blacks in national elections and a decidedly conservative Republican platform, a tiny contingent of black delegates is trying to make its presence known in hopes of persuading blacks that there is an alternative for them in the Republican Party. (Sandra Evans and Tom Sherwood, Washington Post, A6)

GOP Speaker Calls for Defeat of Simpson-Mazzoli Bill

DALLAS -- Calls for defeat of the Simpson-Mazzoli immigration bill were joined yesterday by New Right leaders -- teaming with, among others, liberal Democrats. (Washington Times, A10)

REPUBLICANS WALKING SOFTLY AROUND FERRARO FINANCIAL ISSUE

DALLAS -- Cooler heads among Republican leaders are trying to shift the focus to the more pragmatic goal of convincing voters that the Ferraro fuss is the result of Walter Mondale's incompetence. They also are uneasy about appearing to be too harsh on the first woman vice-presidential candidate, who has the empathy and sympathy of a number of delegates. (James R. Dickenson, Washington Post, A3)

CHINA SAYS AMERICANS 'VOTE FOR POCKETS'

PEKING -- Most Americans "vote for their pockets," and this tendency bodes well for President Reagan's reelection campaign, China's official news agency said today. (Washington Post, A12)

'Shocked' China Protests GOP Platform

A "deeply hurt" and "shocked" China has issued a strong protest to the Republican Party over parts of its platform, including a section on Hong Kong that was inserted at a late stage of the platform deliberations in Dallas last week. (Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A16)

NATIONAL NEWS

FERRARO DEFENDS FINANCES; WILL CUT TIES TO FAMILY FIRM

House Ethics Probe Is Deemed Unlikely

Congressional sources said that in the few remaining weeks of this session the House ethics committee is unlikely to investigate Rep. Ferraro, who continues to say that she has not violated House disclosure rules.

(Mary Thornton, Washington Post, A1)

Ethics Committee Republicans to Push Disclosure Case

Republicans on the House ethics committee said they will push for consideration of the financial disclosure complaint against Ferraro at the panel's next meeting on Sept. 12. Thomas D. Brandt, Washington Times, A1)

No Trust Violated, Candidate Declares

NEW YORK -- In an 80-minute news conference today, a spirited Geraldine A. Ferraro stood her ground on the issue of her controversial finances and declared that she has disclosed more about her family's personal wealth than any "candidate for any office in this country." Yet in what has become a central issue in her 1984 campaign, the three-term House member from Queens continued to insist that she had not violated House rules by failing to disclose her husband's business interests in her annual financial disclosure statements.

(Rick Atkinson and Charles R. Babcock, Washington Post, A1)

But it isn't clear that the disclosures will put the matter to rest. The immediate reaction from political analysts was that the Democratic vice presidential candidate did very well, but that the entire episode has taken its toll on the ticket.

(Tim Carrington and Lauri McGinley, Wall Street Journal, A3)

Calculated Risk Might Pay Off

DALLAS -- The stern, courtroom presence of a veteran prosecutor, combined with what sympathetic viewers and listeners could interpret as a vulnerable female who didn't really know a whole lot about the family business, was effective.

(News Analysis by Wesley Pruden, Washington Times, A1)

Will Give Up Role in Husband's Firm

NEW YORK -- Ferraro sought to distance herself from her husband's controversial real estate management business and said she is going to quit as part-owner and vice president of the company.

(George Archibald, Washington Times, A1)

Mondale Says Ferraro 'Passed Test of Leadership'

NORTH OAKS -- Mondale said today that his running mate had "passed a test of leadership" through her disclosure and exhaustive explanation of the personal and professional business dealings of her and her husband. He acknowledged that the nearly two weeks of controversy had distracted the Democratic campaign and probably lessened Ferraro's glow in the eyes of some voters. (Milton Coleman, Washington Post, A4)

Democrats Call Ferraro Flap Temporary Campaign Setback

Washington Democrats and Mondale enthusiasts, hoping the Ferraro flap that has put the Mondale campaign on the fritz is over at last, agreed that the episode has been at least a temporary setback.

(Alan McConagha, Washington Times, A3)

MRS. FERRARO'S PRESS SECRETARY RESIGNS POST

Pat Bario said last night that she has resigned as press secretary to Mrs. Ferraro in a dispute with the campaign manager over the number of staff aides. (Washington Times, A12)

She said she was frustrated with the disorganization in the Democratic vice presidential campaign during "two of the worst weeks any campaign has ever had." (UPI)

Zaccaro Must Explain Handling of Elderly Woman's Estate

NEW YORK -- John Zaccaro will appear in New York Supreme Court Thursday to answer questions about his role as the court-appointed conservator of the estate of an elderly woman.

(Merrill Brown, Washington Post, A3)

COLSON URGES REAGAN TO USE NIXON IN ROLE OF ELDER STATESMAN

Former President Nixon deserves an elder-statesman role in a second Reagan Administration because of his knowledge of foreign affairs, according to Charles W. Colson, his pre-Watergate "hatchet man."

(Ed Rogers, Washington Times, A4)

IMPROVED EMPLOYMENT IN NATION MEANS CUT IN EXTENDED JOBLESS PAY

Unemployment has dropped so sharply that for the first time in 13 years the government does not have to pay jobless benefits to most workers idled for extended periods. (Willis Witter, Washington Times, A1)

TEAMSTERS SEEK NLRB FIRING

Support of Reagan at Issue

Teamsters President Jackie Presser has told the White House that the union's support for President Reagan in the election may hinge on whether the President removes Donald L. Dotson as chairman of the National Labor Relations Board (Pete Earley, Washington Post, A1)

2 AIRLINES, ECONOMIC COUNCIL OPPOSE HUDDLING ON FLIGHT DELAYS

People Express, Southwest Airlines and the Council of Economic Advisers oppose a plan endorsed by most of the aviation establishment and the Reagan Administration for reducing the flight delays that have been plaguing travelers. (Douglas B. Feaver, Washington Post, A19)

Editor's Note: "'There Aren't Any Secrets Between Us'," a story by Donnie Radcliffe about the President's relationship with Mrs. Reagan, appears on page B1 of The Washington Post.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

LIBYAN SHIP SOWED RED SEA MINES, EGYPTIAN SAYS

CAIRO -- A high-level Egyptian military official today said he was almost certain that the mystery mines that have been plaguing shipping in the Red Sea were laid by a Libyan freighter.

(Loren Jenkins, Washington Post, A28)

Pentagon: Gulf Mine Explosions Likely Over

The declining frequency of explosions makes it appear likely that most of the mines laid in the Red Sea and Gulf of Suez have been exploded, according to a Pentagon official close to the situation.

(Walter Andrews, Washington Times, A6)

U.S. Helicopter Complete General Sweep

U.S. helicopters operating in the southern sector of the Gulf of Suez have completed a general scan of the area as experts prepared to study five suspected mines found on the seabed, Egyptian military sources in Suez said.

(Kate Dourian, Reuter)

LEBANESE PORT CITY SUFFERS 2nd DAY OF BLOODY FIGHTING

TRIPOLI -- Moslem militias battled with mortars, rockets and machine guns yesterday in the northern port of Tripoli. The Red Cross said at least 30 people were killed and 190 wounded in the second day of fighting between pro- and anti-Syrian forces.

(Washington Times, A7)

GANDHI DENIES ROLE IN OUSTER

NEW DELHI -- Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, in her first public comments on a deepening political crisis, today denied that she had been consulted in advance about the summary dismissal of the chief minister of Andhra Pradesh state or that her ruling party was trying to topple opposition state governments.

(William Claiborne, Washington Post, A1)

PROTESTS IN PHILIPPINES MARK ANNIVERSARY OF AQUINO ASSASSINATION

MANILA -- Antigovernment demonstrations brought much of Manila to a standstill today as Filipinos marked the first anniversary of the assassination of popular opposition leader Benigno Aquino.

(William Branigin, Washington Post, A22)

CUTBACK IN ADVISERS URGED

SAN SALVADOR -- Salvadoran Army chief of staff Adolfo Blandon, in sharp public disagreement with a top U.S. military commander, has called on Washington to reduce the number of American military advisers in El Salvador.

(Robert Block, Washington Post, A24)

U.S. DENIES GREEK EXERCISES 'POINTLESS'

The Reagan Administration, taken aback by Greece's abrupt cancellation of a joint military exercise next month, yesterday disputed Athens' claim that the exercise would have been "pointless" because it ignored the Turkish threat, according to State Department spokesman Alan Romberg. (Bill Outlaw, Washington Times, A7)

REAGAN'S JOKE MEMORIALIZED IN RECORDS OF CONFERENCE

GENEVA -- The Soviet Union yesterday made President Reagan's joke about bombing Russia part of the official record of the 40-nation Disarmament Conference. (Washington Post, A23)

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FERRARO

CBS's Dan Rather: Geraldine Ferraro took questions about family taxes and financial disclosure filings for more than an hour. Ferraro said the scrutiny, discovery of a tax mistake and paying for tax consultants had hurt financially.

CBS's Eric Engberg reports on whether Ferraro's answers helped or hurt the Democratic ticket: Subjected to rugged cross-examination, Ferraro appeared cool and determined to get out from under the controversy. (Ferraro: "I probably brought it on myself by promising more than I was able to deliver as far as releasing my husband's tax information, but I ended up delivering it anyway, didn't I?") Among the questions she faced: How can she support her claim she is not involved in her husband's business and draws no benefits from it when she's listed as an officer? (Ferraro: "I have never participated in the workings of that business despite the title.") Did she try to pull a fast one in 1978 by selling, land her husband ended up buying after she was ordered by the election commission to pay off an illegal loan? No, she said she didn't know until recently her husband had bought the land. How did she pay the \$53,000 in back taxes her accountants caught on an old return, an error her original accountant takes the blame for? (Ferraro: "I sold \$70,000 of whatever the total number, amount of bonds I head. It hurt.") And what's the effect on the ticket? (Ferraro: "I consider myself an asset, and I consider us a winning team, and we will invite you to the White House in January for a press conference.") Mondale, who watched it on TV, said in Minnesota he was impressed. (Mondale: "I'm more convinced that she deserves the public trust, that she's earned it, that she's candid and open and able, that she's strong under pressure and that she'll be a superb candidate and a superb vice president.") (Lyn Nofziger: "I think she handled herself pretty well, but I'm not sure that she's answered the questions that really have to be answered.") Those questions will center on Ferraro's past refusal to disclose her husband's finances. But one question her campaign staff believes she put to rest today was: Does she have the skill and style to meet this campaign crisis? (CBS-Lead)

ABC's Steve Shepard: The technical briefing, where Ferraro aides and accountants tried to explain some of the figures Ferraro released yesterday, was noisy, argumentative and sometimes hostile as reporters repeatedly asked tough, even accusatory questions. When Ferraro faced the press, matters improved, but the questions were just as difficult. How, she was asked, could she be exempt from reporting her husband's finances on her congressional disclosure statement? (Ferraro: "What I have done since I got elected to Congress, was choose to keep our finances totally separate....") Ferraro added she certainly didn't take her husband's real estate interests into account when she voted in Congress. (Ferraro: "Check the National Realtors Association, and find out what my rating is with those people....According to the realtors of this country, I voted against them 88% of the time." Throughout the 2-hour ordeal, Ferraro was as calm as anyone who has followed her campaign can remember. At times, she appeared disarmingly frank, as when she was asked to explain her husband's repurchase of a property she sold to pay off an illegal 1978 campaign loan.

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Shepard continues: (Ferraro: "And when I found out, I said, 'Why'd you do it?' And he said it was legal and I said sure it was, but it doesn't look so hot. But you, know, what can I tell you?") Ferraro said her 1978 troubles with the FEC came about because she voluntarily disclosed information. (Ferraro: "I reported those loans to the FEC. I hid nothing.") And she added she had always tried to be an honest public servant. (Ferraro: "...I released more than anybody has released in the history of this country.") Ferraro's willingness to discuss questions at length did a lot to calm everybody down. And when one reporter persisted in interrupting her answers, other reporters made it clear what they thought of him. (Reporters boo the interrupter.) Ferraro logged a solid performance.

ABC's Brit Hume: After the Ferraro news conference, reporters were hurriedly summoned to Mondale's house to hear the obviously relieved candidate pronounce himself delighted with his running mate's performance. (Mondale: "She conducted herself with great skill, intelligence. She showed strength under challenging circumstances. And I found her most persuasive and most impressive....") But, Mondale was asked, would he have claimed that controversial exemption from congressional disclosure requirements which allowed Ferraro not to divulge her husband's interest? (Mondale: "...It's hard for me to second-guess that....") Mondale said the worst damage caused by this affair is that for the past 10 days he has been unable to make his case against the Reagan Administration.

ABC's Dean Reynolds: Ferraro may still face a probe by the House Ethics Committee, which next meets Sept. 12. But Congress is set to adjourn Oct. 4, and one committee member said it might not be possible to get a definitive answer before the election. The Office of Government Ethics is doing its own probe. Speaker O'Neill says Ferraro did make mistakes in judgment, one of which was "handling the thing the way she has handled it."

Jennings Q-and-A with ABC's David Brinkley: Brinkley says one of the problems here is the degree to which the tax laws have been pushed into the private aspects of family life. The Republicans and Democrats talked a lot about tax reform. If they really are serious, that would be a good place to start....I thought Ferraro did very well. (ABC-Lead)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: Ferraro answered patiently answered reporters' questions about her family finances for 90 minutes. At the end of the lengthy and detailed news conference, there was nothing to challenge her opening statement in which she said, "At no time did I violate my trust."

NBC's Bob Kur: Why is she an officer in her husband's real estate business? She quoted him. (Ferraro, quoting husband: "In case something happens to me, you will be able to come in and keep the license alive, keep the business going and, you know, take care of our kids and his mother and my mother.") Can she really say she doesn't know much about his business? (Ferraro: "But I deliberately wanted to keep our finances separate. We would live two separate professional lives....")

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Kur continues: She says she does benefit from her husband's business, but -- (Ferraro, offering hypothetical situation: "We have two separate refrigerators. You know, when you go on your vacation, (inaudible) I pay for this, you pay for that. The phone bill comes in, we figure out which kid used it the most....I mean, that's the extreme you would have to go to....") Doesn't the fact she is so rich undermine her message? (Ferraro: "We're not flashy. We're people who buy properly those houses. When we bought them, they were a heck of a lot cheaper. We have maintained them. We've cared for them, and they're worth a lot more. That's what this country is all about.") Will she quit? (Ferraro: "That's wishful thinking by the Republicans.") It was a rough session for her, and she handled it with grace and humor. Tough, but not abrasive. She also learned that as a result of the \$53,000 she paid in back taxes yesterday, she'll have to write another check soon for \$17,000 in unpaid state and city taxes.

NBC's Lisa Myers: Once the reviews of Ferraro's conference began, Mondale rushed out to join in. (Mondale: "She conducted herself with great skill...") He patted himself on the back for having urged full disclosure. (Mondale: "This demonstrates that I am not what you might call a paranoid politician who tries to run and hide.") (Mondale: "I believe that the bottom line is that out of this process, with all of its difficulties, Geraldine Ferraro has passed a test of leadership and strength that will be reassuring to the American people.")

Brokaw: Larry Speakes said President Reagan would have no comment on the Ferraro situation. (NBC-Lead)

CBS's Bill Moyers -- Commentary: No doubt, Mrs. Ferraro will soon experience the Woodward-Bernstein factor, that if on earth's last lonely road a single stone is found untouched, two reporters will bump heads bending down to be the first to turn it over. She did wrongly claim a congressional exemption from revealing his income and assets. She also acted too hastily after her nomination in promising to publish his tax returns....The whole affair confirms one's faith in the ethics law against conflicts of interest. But it can make you sympathetic to the case that laws concerning personal finances in campaign contributions have been carried to the extreme. Who couldn't sympathize with Mrs. Ferraro today when she said, "I relied on the experts." It's the disease of our times. Here's an intelligent, accomplished woman, a lawmaker no less, forced to turn in public to another lawyer and ask almost plaintively, "Come up here and explain the law." At another point, she had to turn to an accountant and ask him to interpret the tax code. If this doesn't boost the campaign for a simplified tax code, we're doomed to be a nation of sheep led by CPA's. (CBS-6)

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Rather: Some of the stress cracks of the Republican Party future began to show up. The delegates gave roaring approval to platform positions that even some party conservatives say are too hard right wing for middle of the road America or even conservative America. Lack of an ERA plank is ranking some Republican women.

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CBS's Bernard Goldberg looks at a two-party gender gap: (TV Coverage shows women runners with banner that says, "Running Against Reagan.") (Woman runner: "I voted for him in '80. I believed in him once." Reporter: "You're running against him now." Woman: "You're darn right.") GOP strategists say they can run all they want, that they are write-offs, along with a lot of other feminists. (Lyn Nofziger: "Most of the women you hear complaining are liberals and left-wingers and people who wouldn't vote for Ronald Reagan under any circumstances.") But some moderate Republicans at the convention say they are being written off too. (Women delegates denounce platform.) Goldberg mentions the women who played prominent roles in opening night. Then there are the delegates, 44% women, more than ever before. Some men who planned to attend voluntarily gave up their seats to get more women here. And the Republicans are coming out with a new TV campaign aimed specifically at women. (Woman in TV commercial: "But things are better now. My money goes farther.") The strategy: everybody is better off today, men and women. (Sen. Dole: "...we talk to people about their pocketbook issues...") The gender gap is almost always portrayed as a women's gender gap, as Ronald Reagan's problem. Republican strategists say the problem is Mondale's. A recent CBS News-New York Times poll shows two gender gaps. It shows that most men don't like the Mondale-Ferraro ticket (60-35% for Reagan). Women prefer Reagan too, but not nearly as much as men do. (TV Coverage: Woman wearing T-shirt saying, "Mondale Eats Quiche.") (CBS-5)

ABC's Sander Vanocur: Most delegates like the platform, but a few are unhappy over the fact the ERA is not even mentioned. (Rep. Weber: "I think (the platform) has gone beyond what the President proposed, but I don't think it makes it difficult to live with at all.") Vanocur says his own sense is that the party has given Ronald Reagan a platform narrow enough to run on but not broad enough to govern. (ABC-2)

Brokaw: The party adopted a platform that calls for, among other things, more tax cuts, a stronger military, a return to school prayer and opposition to abortion. Some moderates said they simply could not support it. Richard Wirthlin said the President's greatest strength is among conservative, white, Protestant males. That strength is reflected in the delegates who are in this hall tonight. (Figures cited show most delegates are white, male, Protestant, and more affluent than delegates to the Democratic Convention.)

NBC's Robert Hagar reports on how preachers are setting the tone and religion is written into the platform: Sen. Weicker says it's too much. (Weicker: "I think the whole role of religion in American politics is garbage. It's frightening.") Rev. Falwell will deliver the benediction Wednesday night. (NBC-5)

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NBC plays a montage of film clips of Sen. Goldwater, past and present. Goldwater says his 1964 speech was "the best speech Cicero ever made." (Mr. Reagan commercial for Goldwater in 1964: "Let's get a real leader, and not a power politician, in the White House. Vote for Barry Goldwater.") (Reporter this week: "Are you concerned about the Republican Party's platform?" Goldwater: "I don't give a damn what the Republican Party says. I don't have to live by their platform." Reporter: "It doesn't even mention the ERA." Goldwater: "Neither do I. It isn't worth a damn.") (NBC-9)

GROMYKO

Rather: With chances fading for a superpower summit this year, State Department officials are trying to arrange the next best thing. These officials are working on a fool-proof plan for a White House meeting between President Reagan and FM Gromyko. A major concern is, if Gromyko accepts the invitation, then delivers a tough anti-U.S. speech, will Mr. Reagan cancel the meeting? (CBS-3)

PRESIDENT'S JOKE

Rather: At the disarmament conference in Geneva, the Soviet Union put into the official record what Mr. Reagan said was an off-the-record statement, his radio test quip about bombing Russia. The Soviet negotiator said the remark showed that the Reagan Administration had "hostility" toward Moscow. The joke also has angered a District of Columbia area couple, both registered Republicans, and they have paid for a 30-second TV commercial to be aired this week in Dallas. That commercial concludes, "It's time we had a president who worked for peace, not joked about war." (CBS-4)

STOCKS

ABC's Dan Cordtz: Why did the stock market shoot up so much? One expert's answer was: "Why not?" The economic news has been favorable for a long time. The DOW surged almost 23 points in the heaviest trading seen in a week. (ABC-3)

SHUTTLE

Brokaw: The Air Force announced a full-scale investigation of the charges that the space shuttle launching pad at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California is a danger zone. (NBC-2)

DIABLO CANYON

Jennings: Chief Justice Burger has refused to overturn an appeals court order blocking a full power operating license for the controversial reactor. That means the operators will be able to continue only low power testing until a full appeals court hearing in November. (NBC-4, ABC-4)

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PHILIPPINES

Rather: On the anniversary of the Aquino assassination, in the capital, almost 500,000 marched in the largest anti-government turnout there since Aquino's burial. In spite of a government plea for schools and shops to remain open, most closed. No trouble was reported.

(NBC-7, ABC-9, CBS-7)

POSTAL WORKERS

CBS's Jane Bryant Quinn: Critics are talking of turning over mail delivery to free enterprise. But many officials fear that fragmenting the postal service would destroy it.

(CBS-10)

RED SEA/SUEZ

ABC's John Donvan: Egypt is closer than ever to saying Libya is to blame for the mines, the case against Libya almost confirmed, according to Egyptian news reports. Ships hit mines a few days after a Libyan ship passed through. Reports say her civilian crew was replaced by a Libyan naval crew sometime during the voyage.

(NBC-6, ABC-7)

LEBANON

Jennings: Heavy fighting between Moslem militias in Tripoli left more than 2 dozen dead and many more wounded. It is being called the worst fighting there since last June.

(NBC-8, ABC-8)

GALVIN

Jennings: Martin Galvin, open IRA supporter, returned to the U.S. Galvin says he bears no responsibility for the death of a young man who was killed when police tried to arrest Galvin. He called the police terrorists.

(ABC-10)