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TODAY'S HEADLINES

NATIONAL NEWS

Reagan to Visit Space Center -- President Reagan was promoting space age technology today with a visit to the Goddard Space Flight Center coinciding with the scheduled launch of the space shuttle Discovery.
(UPI, AP)

Appeals Court Voids Reagan Pocket Veto -- The Administration says it has been abiding by conditions on U.S. aid to El Salvador set by Congress, so an appeals court ruling voiding President Reagan's pocket veto of the bill means nothing.
(Washington Post, AP, UPI)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Cuba May Free Anti-Marxists, Take Marielitos -- Informed U.S. sources said officials from the United States and Cuba have been meeting periodically in New York and other places for several months to discuss the "Marielitos" and the large number of anti-Castro activists or political "unreliables" now in Cuban prisons.
(Washington Times)

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY (Wednesday Evening)

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(ALL NETS LEAD)

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ECONOMY -- The recent drumroll of good economic news from Washington was muffled as the government reported a drop in its index of leading indicators.

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PIERRE GEMAYEL -- Pierre Gemayel, founder of the Phalangist Party, died at 78.

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NATIONAL NEWS

REAGAN VISITS SHUTTLE CONTROL

President Reagan tied the scheduled launch of the star-crossed space shuttle Discovery to the commercial applications and inspirational side effects of a revitalized U.S. space program. With the space agency hoping to overcome doubts raised by three postponements of Discovery's maiden flight, Reagan planned to visit an in-flight control facility in suburban Maryland to highlight his support for space exploration and development.
(Norman Sandler, UPI)

His trip was to occur just two hours after Discovery begins its first voyage from Cape Canaveral, Fla., after a 24-hour delay. But a telephone call from Reagan to the shuttle astronauts, originally scheduled to occur while the President was at Goddard, appeared doubtful.
(Maureen Santini, AP)

BUSH HAILS ADMINISTRATION'S DEFENSE BUILDUP, MIDEAST POLICIES

Vice President Bush, in what was billed as a nonpartisan speech, promoted the Reagan Administration's defense buildup and Middle East policies to the Jewish War Veterans at dedication ceremonies for the organization's new museum.
(Dale Russakoff, Washington Post, A10)

"Gone are the days when the United States couldn't decide which side she was on in the United Nations, voting one day against our friend Israel, and saying the next it was all a mistake," Bush said.
(John McCaslin, Washington Times, A4)

Bush, In Reagan's Stead, to Address Teamsters

Though the Teamsters, about to make a Presidential endorsement, invited President Reagan to speak to its convention today, the White House is sending Vice President Bush instead. The international board of the union, the nation's largest and Reagan's favorite, was meeting later today in Columbus, Ohio, to announce results of a Presidential endorsement poll of its 1.9 million members.
(UPI)

ENVIRONMENTAL ADS ATTACK PRESIDENT'S RECORD

The environmental movement plugged into the media-dominated realm of presidential politics, airing eight radio advertisements that attack President Reagan's "appalling" record on acid rain, clean air and water and natural resources.
(Washington Post, A12)

The League of Conservation Voters, a political arm for major environmentalist organizations, in the past has publicized candidates' environmental "report cards," Executive Director Marion Edey said, but has not campaigned actively.
(Ed Rogers, Washington Times, A10)

POCKET VETO BY REAGAN OVERTURNED

A U.S. Court of Appeals panel ruled that President Reagan acted illegally last November when he used a "pocket veto" to reject legislation linking military aid to El Salvador with progress in protecting human rights in that country. (Ronald Kessler, Washington Post, A1)

In a 2-1 decision released Wednesday in a one-page order, the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor of Rep. Michael Barnes and 32 other House Democrats who sued the President over the pocket veto. (Tom Seppy, AP)

Robert Sims said fiscal 1984 appropriations for El Salvador would not be affected and termed the case a "legal question." (Helen Thomas, UPI)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS FALL 0.8%

The government's index of leading economic indicators, which estimates that pace of the economy six to nine months into the future, fell 0.8 percent last month after a 1.3 percent drop in June, the first back-to-back decline since the depths of the last recession. (Jane Seaberry, Washington Post, A1)

CAMPAIGN COALITION READY, MONDALE SAYS

ST. PAUL, Minn. -- Walter Mondale ended his deliberate, occasionally boisterous and frequently criticized political roll call and declared his Democratic army combat-ready for the fall campaign. (Milton Coleman, Washington Post, A1)

Young Changes Tune, Backs Mondale Slate

ST. PAUL -- Walter Mondale further cemented his coalition with Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young's admission that what he believed to be the candidate's "smart-ass" aides are smarter than he thought. (Alan McConagha, Washington Times, A3)

Mondale May Tackle Religion-Politics Issue

NORTH OAKS, Minn. -- The role of religion in politics and government is emerging as a major 1984 campaign issue and Walter Mondale is working on a major speech challenging President Reagan's view. "This is obviously an issue that is getting newly into the public dialogue," Robert Beckel, Mondale's campaign manager, said. (Donald Rothberg, AP)

PRESIDENT'S ARMS-CONTROL POLICY CONTINUED TARGET OF FERRARO

ST. LOUIS -- Several thousand supporters crowded the sweltering streets of downtown St. Louis to hear Geraldine Ferraro continue her attacks on President Reagan as someone who "has never seen an arms-control agreement he liked." (Rick Atkinson, Washington Post, A11)

First Poll Shows Voters Believe Ferraro; New Money Flap

NASHVILLE -- A national opinion poll showed that American voters think Geraldine Ferraro is "money-honest" as she denounced a new flap over her finances. The poll, by the well-established Louis Harris organization, was the first scientific analysis of the controversy which has haunted Ferraro's Democratic vice presidential bid almost from its outset.
(John Cotter, Reuter)

Racketeer, Mob-Tied Union Gave to Ferraro Campaigns

Geraldine Ferraro received political contributions over the past five years from a labor racketeer and a hotel and restaurant workers' union identified as having close ties to organized crime, according to campaign reports filed with the Federal Election Commission.
(George Archibald, Washington Times, A1)

Ferraro Irritated with Latest Financial Flap

NASHVILLE -- Geraldine Ferraro, clearly exasperated by a report that a convicted labor racketeer made contributions to her congressional campaigns, says she is going to stop responding to such charges because to do so lends them credibility.
(UPI)

Chance to Amend Forms Seen Likely

House Republican sources say GOP ethics committee members may be willing to allow Rep. Geraldine Ferraro to amend her financial disclosure forms and forgo any probe of her finances.
(Thomas Brandt, Washington Post, A1)

BARRY: POLITICS BEHIND COCAINE PROBE LEAKS

Mayor Marion Barry accused Reagan Administration law enforcement officials of using "a leak a week" to embarrass him -- and indirectly the Walter Mondale campaign -- with a drug-use investigation.
(Sandra Evans, Washington Post, B1)

"I've never bought or sold or indulged in cocaine," Barry said.
(Steve Gorman. UPI)

MAYORS CRITICIZE CANDIDATES FOR IGNORING UNEMPLOYMENT

Two leaders of the nation's mayors, Cleveland Mayor George Voinovich and Minneapolis Mayor Donald Fraser, tossed a partisan brickbat at both presidential nominees for becoming so accustomed to recession economics that they look at 8 percent unemployment as normal, when millions of Americans are still unemployed.
(Don McLeod, Washington Times, A3)

FIVE BEING CONSIDERED FOR CASEY'S CIA JOB

The Reagan White House has begun assembling a list of possible successors for CIA Director Casey who reportedly has made known his intention to leave government service in January.
(Washington Times, A4)

FIRST WOMAN JUSTICE: DODGING THE POLITICIANS

When Geraldine Ferraro was selected as the Democratic vice presidential nominee, President Reagan pointed to Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor to show that Republicans were not lacking in advancing feminism. But O'Connor, apparently seeking to keep the high court out of partisan politics, is quietly resisting efforts to pull her into the spotlight. She has politely but firmly turned down efforts by Republican leaders to use her prominence as a symbol of the advancement of women in the party. (James Rubin, AP)

REAGAN VETOES PUBLIC BROADCASTING FUNDS BILL

President Reagan in a new assault on use of federal funds by public broadcasting, vetoed a bill that would have allowed substantially higher spending authority for public radio and television stations through the end of the 1990s. (Norman Black, AP)

The bill, vetoed late Wednesday afternoon, would have established new and substantially higher ceilings on the amount of money that Congress could appropriate for public broadcasting in fiscal years 1987, 1988 and 1989. (Norman Black, AP)

B1 BOMBER CRASHES IN TEST FLIGHT; 1 FLIER DEAD

An Air Force B1 bomber crashed and burned in California's Mojave Desert, killing one of the three crew members who ejected from the \$200 million plane, which apparently went out of control during low-speed flight tests. (George Wilson, Washington Post, A1)

The Air Force said the unarmed intercontinental jet was on a low-altitude, low-speed test flight when it crashed at 10:30 a.m. about 10 miles northeast of the Edwards Air Force Base. (Washington Times, A5)

A half-mile area surrounding the wreckage was sealed off to preserve the site for a military board of investigators. (UPI)

Bomber Production to Continue Pending Crash Probe

Production of the B-1 bomber will continue pending an official review of the crash in which one crew member was killed and two others were injured, according to a spokesman for the Air Force. (Neil Lewis, Reuter)

HOUSTON DESEGREGATION CASE

HOUSTON -- The city's school board and attorneys for two minority groups approved an out-of-court settlement designed to resolve a 28-year-old desegregation lawsuit. The only obstacle remaining was formal approval from U.S. District Judge Robert O'Connor and the U.S. Justice Department. (Giles Hudson, AP)

Editor's Note: "Baker expects a close and tough election," an interview of James Baker, appears on page A2 of The Washington Times.

CANDIDATES SCHEDULE

(UPI) -- The schedules for the presidential and vice presidential candidates for Wednesday, Aug. 29, and the tentative schedules for Thursday, Aug. 30, and the week ahead. All times are local unless noted.

Walter Mondale:

Wednesday, Aug. 29: 9:50 a.m. Departs North Oaks, Minn., for Radisson St. Paul Hotel, St. Paul, Minn. 10:15 a.m. Meets with group of mayors. 11:15 a.m. News comments, Radisson Hotel. 11:45 a.m. Departs for North Oaks.

Monday, Sept. 3: 9 a.m. Midmorning, joins Geraldine Ferraro in New York City for Labor Day parade. Mid-afternoon, departs for Long Beach, Calif., with stop in Merrill, Wis. Overnights Long Beach.

Tuesday, Sept. 4: Attends midday event, Long Beach. Mid-afternoon, departs Long Beach for San Jose, Calif. Afternoon, event in San Jose. Late afternoon, departs for Portland, Ore. Overnights Portland.

Wednesday, Sept. 5: Noon Event, Portland. Early afternoon, departs for Washington, D.C. Overnights Washington.

Thursday, Sept. 6: Attends event, Washington.

Geraldine Ferraro:

Wednesday, Aug. 29: 8:45 a.m. Departs Sheraton Hopkins Hotel, Cleveland, for town meeting, unspecified site in Cleveland. 10 a.m. Arrives for meetings, unspecified site. 11 a.m. EDT-11:50 a.m. CDT Charter flight to St. Louis. 11:50 a.m. Motorcade to Old Post Office, St. Louis. 12:20 p.m. Arrives Old Post Office for rally. 1:05 p.m. Departs for Sheraton Hotel, 910 N. 7th St., 1:15 p.m. Arrives Sheraton for private time. 2:15 p.m. Departs Sheraton for airport. 2:50-3:50 p.m. Charter flight to Nashville, Tenn. 4:10 p.m. Departs airport for Legislative Plaza, Union and 7th streets, Nashville. 4:45 p.m. Reception, Legislative Plaza. 5:20 p.m. Departs for Hyatt Regency Hotel for private time and overnight.

Thursday, Aug. 30: Departs Nashville for Hartford, Conn. Overnights Queens, N.Y.

Friday Aug. 31: Private time, Queens.

Monday, Sept. 3: Queens overnight.

Thursday, Sept. 6: Morning, events in Tennessee. Afternoon, returns to Queens, N.Y., for overnight.

Friday, Sept. 7: Private time, Queens.

President Ronald Reagan:

Wednesday, Aug. 29: Afternoon, reception for Reagan-Bush campaign staff.

Thursday, Aug. 30: Visits Goddard Space Center, suburban Maryland.

Sunday, Sept. 2: Flies to California.

Monday, Sept. 3: Attends campaign rallies, Irvine, Calif., and San Jose, Calif. Overnights Salt Lake City.

Wednesday, Sept. 5: Speaks to the American Legion. Overnights Chicago.

Thursday, Sept. 6: Speaks to a business group in Chicago.

Vice President George Bush:

Thursday, Aug. 30: Addresses state leaders of the Teamsters Union, Columbus, Ohio.

Sunday, Aug. 2: Observes the 40th anniversary of the day he was shot down as a Navy fighter pilot in World War II, Norfolk, Va.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

CUBA MAY FREE ANTI-MARXISTS, TAKE MARIELITOS

The United States and Cuba are close to an agreement in which Fidel Castro's Marxist regime would take back the 2,700 "Marielitos" now held in American jails and mental institutions in return for a U.S. commitment to accept up to 30,000 political prisoners from Cuban jails, The Washington Times has learned. (Jeremiah O'Leary, Washington Times, A1)

SANDINISTAS SAID TO SCHEDULE TALKS AT VATICAN

MANAGUA -- The Sandinista government will send a high-level delegation to the Vatican next week to try to reverse the trend of worsening relations with the Roman Catholic Church and to seek an agreement regarding the presence of priests in public office, according to pro-government church sources. (John Lantigua, Washington Post, A1)

SALVADORAN ARMY NOW SEEKS DESTRUCTION OF GUERRILLAS

SAN SALVADOR -- The Salvadoran army has opened a new offensive aimed at destruction of the leftist guerrillas, military sources say. (Jay Mallin Sr., Washington Times, A1)

HONDURAS ON THE ALERT FOR GUERRILLA THREAT

TEGUCIGALPA -- The Honduran armed forces said they are on the alert for a group of Cuban-trained rebels who crossed into the country from Nicaragua to spread instability and fear. (Reuter)

U.S., LATIN AMERICANS AGREE RESOLUTION ON DEBT MEASURES

SANTIAGO -- The United States and developing countries of Latin America and the Caribbean unanimously passed a resolution recommending specific measures to ease financial problems of the region's debtors. (Reuter)

U.S. FIRMS TO HELP LIBYA BUILD PIPELINE

TRIPOLI -- With the help of U.S. technology and consultants, Libya has begun construction of a long pipeline to bring water from an underground lake in the south 1,200 miles north to irrigate thousands of acres of new land along the Mediterranean coast. (David Ottaway, Washington Post, A1)

CHERNENKO MAY BE ILL, REPORTS TO BONN IMPLY

BONN, West Germany -- President Chernenko could be seriously ill, according to reports reaching the Bonn government, West German national television said. (Washington Times, A7)

Chernenko's six-week disappearance from public view is puzzling the State Department where some analysts theorize he could be forced out if he is too sick to govern. (Barry Schweid, AP)

SOVIETS SEEN RELYING LESS ON AFGHAN FORCES IN WAR

The State Department said Moscow is taking a larger role in the fighting in Afghanistan but that the United States does not believe the buildup of Soviet forces is part of a plan for a major ground attack into Pakistan. (Washington Times, A7)

JANE'S: SOVIETS DEVELOP NEW ASSAULT RIFLE

LONDON -- The Soviet Union's AK-74 assault rifle, an improved version of its advanced AK-47, is possibly "a half-generation ahead" of any rifle used by Western forces, the British defense publication Jane's said. (UPI)

SOUTH PACIFIC LEADERS DECLARE SUPPORT FOR NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE

SYDNEY, Australia -- Leaders of 14 South Pacific nations said in a communique that they have agreed to move toward declaring the South Pacific a nuclear-free zone in view of the bleak arms talks situation. (Barry Renfrew, AP)

MINOR FIRE REPORTED NEAR U.S. BASE IN JAPAN

TOKYO -- Defective ammunition that was supposed to burn exploded instead and sparked a minor grass fire at a U.S. Navy ammunition dump near Sasebo naval base in western Japan, the Nagasaki Prefecture Police said. (AP)

"There were no casualties and basically no damage," said Cmdr. Rainer Fuller, dismissing earlier reports by Japanese police of a major explosion and forest fire. (UPI)

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B-1 CRASH

CBS's Bob Schieffer: A B-1 bomber crashed in the Mojave Desert while on a training flight. One crewman was killed, two others were injured. No nuclear warheads were reported aboard.

CBS's Bill Lynch: The Air Force has not said what may have caused the crash, but a board of investigation will be named. The accident stunned top air force officials and cast a pall over next Tuesday's rollout ceremony for the first B-1B bomber. Even congressional critics agree this is not a major setback. (Sen. Nunn: "I don't think it has any implications in terms of stopping the B-1B program. I think it may at most slow it down. Any aircraft can crash. Any test program has these mishaps...") But some Pentagon officials fear that Mondale will seize on the accident to argue against the Reagan defense budget. (ABC-Lead, CBS-Lead)

NBC's Jack Reynolds: The crash was the first ever of a B-1. (NBC-Lead)

ECONOMY

Schieffer: The recent drumroll of good economic news from Washington was muffled as the government reported a drop in its index of leading indicators. There was also a record plunge in the nation's foreign trade deficit.

CBS's Lesley Stahl: Fine cars and clothing, boat loads of oil and steel products that cost less than American goods, are steaming full speed ahead into the U.S., threatening President Reagan's streak of good economic news. The government announced that last month the U.S. spent \$14.1B more on goods coming into the U.S. from abroad than it sold in exports. It was the 5th time this year a record trade deficit was set. Economists say the problem is caused by the strong dollar, which makes imports cheaper for Americans. But the underlying cause, they say, is the massive budget deficit, a theme voiced by the President's Democratic opponent. (Mondale: "The deficit in trade continues to get worse, and yet this President refuses to say a single specific thing about what he will do with that deficit.") Larry Speakes said the trade deficit reflects the country's strong recovery and that as other countries join in the upswing, they will spend more on American goods. But today there were signs the recovery may be easing. The government's crystal-ball index dropped a sharp 0.8% in July. It was the second month in a row the index declined after 21 straight months of growth. The White House says a decline in growth should help bring down interest rates. But there is no silver lining in the trade figures. The White House is worried those figures will increase pressures for protectionist measures. (CBS-3)

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ECONOMY (continued)

ABC's Dan Cordtz: The drop in the number of building permits for new construction was the main reason for the decline in the index, but 5 of the other 9 components also pointed down. Still, economists viewed the news as largely favorable. Weakness in the housing industry was confirmed by the report that sales of new homes were unchanged from June at a level far below their February peak. Even though exports, led by farm products, showed their best gain in 3 years, they were overwhelmed by a flood of imports from oil to automobiles. (ABC-3)

NBC's Irving R. Levine: From Republican and Democratic economists, the same view. (Robert Ortner of Commerce: "The economy has been very strong. People have been worried about a pickup in inflation and I think this is a sign the growth in the economy is slowing down.") (Charles Schultze of the Carter Administration: "The economy is slowing down from its vigorous, almost booming recovery. And that's good.") Good because slower growth means less danger of competition among manufacturers for workers and for materials. That would drive up wages and prices and increase inflation. But there is a danger the slowdown could lead to a new recession, particularly if interest rates rise further as a result of big government borrowing to cover the federal deficit or if major debtor nations default on payments, which could jeopardize U.S. banks and the economy. Levine reports both Democrats and Republicans foresee no problem before the election. (NBC-4)

MEESE

ABC's Ted Koppel reports the independent investigation of Edwin Meese has been expanded. ABC has learned the investigation by Jacob Stein will also include a look at government grants to people who may have connections with Mr. Meese. (ABC-8)

MONDALE CAMPAIGN

Koppel: Walter Mondale was riding high following last night's meeting with Jesse Jackson and a group of other black leaders. One of those who was in on the meeting called it a spectacular display of unity.

ABC's Brit Hume: Mondale began this day in jovial spirits with Jesse Jackson about as committed to him as Jackson is ever likely to be. Mondale then went into a meeting with some Democratic mayors, a group with which Mondale has always been popular. When it was over, even Andrew Young was about as contrite as he is ever likely to be. (Young: "I think I'm very proud to say that a lot of folks that I thought were smart asses are a lot smarter than I thought they were." Laughter. "And after hearing the campaign review and after seeing this group put together, I think we're well on the way.") The mayor said they will put their organizations to work for Mondale all out because, they said, he will help the cities and the Reagan Administration has not.

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ECONOMY (continued)

Hume continues: This followed an extraordinary late-hour meeting last night in which Mondale got the unanimous endorsement of virtually the entire black political establishment in this country. And he got Jesse Jackson to say the words Mondale has long wanted to hear. (Jackson: "I intend to be a part of that drive with a great measure of enthusiasm and work and we shall hit the ground running in a matter of hours...") Mondale has picked up in recent days the support of some people who can help him, but the question about Mondale has never been about his ability to unite political factions or gain endorsements. The question has been whether he is a strong enough candidate with a clear enough message to succeed against a President people call the Great Communicator. (ABC-9)

NBC's Kenley Jones: Basking in the glow of unity, Mondale told the group of Democratic mayors that this has been a very good week for his campaign. How could it be anything else after an endorsement like this from the mayor of Tupolo, Mississippi? (Mayor: "Walter Mondale, Geraldine Ferraro have the same philosophies, family values in the South as cornbread, catfish and cotton. And that's why we're gonna win.") (NBC-8)

FERRARO

Palmer: Geraldine Ferraro struck back at the Philadelphia Inquirer for an article about her campaign finances. The article said a businessman who pleaded guilty to racketeering charges made several campaign contributions to her and suggested that one may have come illegally from his company. Ferraro said the contributions were legal and called the article wrong, inaccurate and offensive. (NBC-10)

MAYORS

Palmer: The mayors of some of the nation's big cities said the economic recovery heralded by President Reagan has bypassed many places. They cited a survey by the National League of Cities. That survey of 388 cities found that unemployment in more than 1/5 of them exceeded 10% while the national unemployment rate in the second quarter averaged 7.4%. (NBC-5)

CONVENTION TERRORISTS

Schieffer: The Dallas Times-Herald reported federal agents smashed 2 terrorist plots aimed at the Republican Convention. The Immigration Service confirmed that 9 Iranian, Jordanian and Syrian students were arrested after federal agents received information about threats to the convention and possible ties to the PLO. The newspaper said the information caused motorcade routes to be changed during the convention. The Secret Service was unable to confirm existence of a plot against the President. The arrested students were released on bail and will face deportation hearings on whether they violated their immigration status. (ABC-10, CBS-7)

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NICARAGUA

CBS's Richard Schlessinger reports on the effects of rebel attacks in Nicaragua: The Sandinista soldiers in the northern Nicaraguan farm country say the contras are poor fighters with very little ammunition and some don't even have shoes. But the rebels clearly are having an impact. Their targets in remote, mountainous regions will be very difficult, if not impossible, for the government to rebuild. Relief efforts for the people displaced by the attacks are estimated by the government to cost more than \$250M. The Sandinista regime expects the attacks will cost the country \$200M in export earnings this year, out of a GNP of only \$2.5B. At the same time, the contras are indirectly helping the government politically. They have given the Sandinista party something on which to focus its anti-American sentiments. That could help the party in the November elections.

(CBS-14)

SHUTTLE

Schieffer: NASA gave another go-ahead for the Discovery. NASA said its experts believe that they have solved the latest problem, an on-board computer malfunction. The fourth attempt at lift off is set for tomorrow Morning.

(ABC-2, NBC-2, CBS-2)

UAW

Schieffer: The UAW executive board targeted both Ford and GM for strikes if contract negotiations fail. Only once since 1955 has the union chosen 2 strike targets. UAW officials are said to be bitter over yesterday's opening offers.

(NBC-3, CBS-4)

MONTANA

CBS's Bob McNamara reports 18 fires continue to rage out of control across Montana.

(ABC-5, NBC-8, CBS-6)

NUCLEAR POWER

Koppel: A major setback for the nuclear power industry. The Tennessee Valley Authority decided to scrap 4 four unfinished nuclear reactors two near Nashville and two in Mississippi. The TVA says the projects were just too expensive. ABC's Cheryl McCarthy reports concerned citizens agreed with today's decision. (Woman: "The best thing is to do what is smart economically and environmentally and cancel these plants.")

(ABC-6)

Palmer: The plants have already cost TVA almost \$3B.

(NBC-6)

CHERNENKO

Schieffer: West Germany's state-run television reported Chernenko could be seriously ill. The West German government said it had no evidence of any Chernenko illness.

(CBS-13)

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ISRAEL

Schieffer: Newly-elected Israeli parliament member Kahane tried to take his extremist anti-Arab campaign to Israel's largest Arab village. Police stopped him, but just the threat of his presence triggered violence. (ABC-12, NBC-10, CBS-8)

LIBYA

Schieffer: Khadaffy last night inaugurated a huge multi-billion dollar pipeline project that, when completed, will pump 70M feet of water daily to coastal cities.

CBS's Doug Tunnel: It is a series of water pipelines stretching across 600 miles of one of the world's most inhospitable deserts to the coast of Libya. South Korea will supply the labor but the huge sections of concrete and steel pipe are of American design. (CBS-9)

Palmer: They celebrated the 15th anniversary of Khadaffy's revolution.

NBC's Rick Davis: Khadaffy said the respect of a group of representatives of many nations was proof his nation was not thought of as a terrorist state. He said Libya has undergone attacks and lies, including charges it has used mines. He did not specifically mention the Red Sea. He said Libya would continue to fight Zionism, imperialism and reactionaries. After one long interruption of applause, he seemed to give up on his speech. But he gave a salute and walked away to the cheers. (NBC-11)

PIERRE GEMAYEL

Schieffer: Pierre Gemayel, founder of the Phalangist party, died at 78. (ABC-11, CBS-10)

BARRY

CBS's Fred Graham reports Mayor Barry is under investigation to determine whether he lied under oath about the purchase of drugs for his personal use. (CBS-11)

JAPANESE WORKWEEK

Koppel: Japan's Labor Ministry proposes to shorten the work week to 5 9-hour days from 6 8-hour days.

ABC's Jim Laurie reports on the Japanese workers' diligence: A July survey reveals most Japanese refuse nearly half the paid vacations their companies provide, taking only 8 of 15 days. The reasons have a lot to do with wanting to be well thought of at the office. Also, in crowded Japan it is pretty hard to get away from it all. (ABC-13)

EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Candidate Reagan -- "...Watching the Republicans oil their electoral machine in Dallas, one must admit they know how to campaign. If they governed as well as they campaign, we would be selling cars to Japan and wine to France." (Pittsburgh Press, 8/26)

'Unfinished Agenda' -- "...Mr. Reagan's speech oozed strength, confidence, warmth, and conviction from every syllable. In it he set his and the nation's course, from which he will not be deterred. To match that flinty resolve by projecting his own is Walter Mondale's greatest immediate challenge...." (Miami Herald, 8/25)

Reagan Speech: Reaching Out -- "...The speech amply fulfilled the pep-talk function. The President pounded home themes that poignantly highlight the differences between the two parties. But he also reached out effectively to those outside the GOP fold...." (Dallas Morning News, 8/25)

The GOP -- a party for now and the future -- "...Reagan offers a Republican Party that speaks for all the working people, the entrepreneurs, the risk-takers and the dreamers -- 'the kind of people who made this country, and who keep it going every day.' That is a high ground on which to campaign. What a contrast to the 'malaise' that Walter F. Mondale urged Jimmy Carter to blame on the American people!..." (Chicago Sun-Times, 8/26)

RUCKELSHAUS

The pollution of Ruckelshaus -- "...Waiting still longer (to act on acid rain) is certain to produce unexpected results in relation to the amount of effort put into the task. Waiting still longer cannot conceivably improve conditions in the Northeast and Canada where acid rain now falls, poisoning lakes and fields. The Administration's reluctance to interfere with private-sector activity may lie at the root of the problem. If so, it has polluted the judgment of the one man in Washington who should have stayed in the clear." (Boston Globe, 8/28)

Stains on Mr. Clean -- "...On television last weekend Ruckelshaus seemed to dismiss the validity of the findings (on acid rain by a White House-appointed group of scientists) by attacking the manner in which they were presented. 'That is a mixed scientific-social-political kind of judgment' to be made by policy-makers, not scientists, he said, being careful not to remind viewers that the scientists did not volunteer for the job but were recruited by policy-makers. One would expect that sort of excuse from departed Interior Secretary James G. Watt, but not from Mr. Clean. Still, Ruckelshaus is not entirely to blame for the lack of a realistic acid-rain policy in the White House. The President and the OMB set the course well before Ruckelshaus came to EPA by cutting the agency's budget by more than one-fourth...." (Los Angeles Times, 8/29)