

Ronald Reagan Presidential Library
Digital Library Collections

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

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

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

Folder Title: 09/14/1984

Box: 375

To see more digitized collections visit:

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

To see all Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Inventories, visit:

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

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

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

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



The White House NEWS SUMMARY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1984 -- 6 a.m. EDT Edition

TODAY'S HEADLINES

NATIONAL NEWS

President Upbeat Down-Home in Nashville -- Ronald Reagan took his politics of euphoria, faith and hope to the Mother Church of Country Music, paying homage to the king of the hymns to the hard times of the working man. (AP, UPI, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Washington Times)

Political Outlook Challenged -- In a lecture seen as a key statement in the controversy over politics and religion, Gov. Cuomo said, "There is no church teaching that mandates the best political course for making our belief everyone's rule." (New York Times, Washington Post, Gannett)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Report on Soviet Arms Violations Will Be Delayed -- The Reagan Administration has decided to delay a report to Congress and the public in which the Soviet Union is accused of flouting nearly a quarter-century of arms control agreements, a knowledgeable congressional source said. (Reuter, New York Times, Washington Post, Washington Times)

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY (Thursday Evening)

HURRICANE DIANA -- Hurricane Diana has slammed ashore and is blowing itself out. (ALL NETS LEAD)

PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN -- Heading south, President Reagan said he might propose more cuts in social programs for women and children.

Walter Mondale tried to sharpen the contrast between himself and President Reagan.

ISRAELI GOVERNMENT -- There was agreement on the bipartisan power-sharing government in Israel.

NATIONAL NEWS.....	A-2
INTERNATIONAL NEWS.....	A-8
NETWORK NEWS.....	B-1
EDITORIALS.....	B-7

NATIONAL NEWS

REAGAN, AT OPRY, SAYS HIS FOES 'SING THE BLUES'

NASHVILLE -- President Reagan sang a chorus of economic joy on the stage of the Grand Ole Opry, denouncing the Mondale-Ferraro ticket as one that "probably couldn't perform here because all they sing is the blues."
(David Hoffman, Washington Post, A5)

President Upbeat Down-Home in Nashville

Reading the words from a hard-paper fan, the President joined Roy Acuff and a dozen stars of the Grand Ole Opry in a rousing chorus of "God Bless the U.S.A." as a blizzard of golden confetti dropped from the rafters, so thick it temporarily obscured the stage from the Tennessee Republicans who packed the 4,400 seats of the Grand Ole Opry House.
(Wesley Pruden, Washington Times, A3)

Reagan parlayed the promise of high-tech industry and the values represented by Grand Ole Opry legend Roy Acuff to picture his opponents as frightened and uninspired mediocrities unable to grasp the nation's inherent go-getter spirit.
(Arnold Sawislak, UPI)

Attacked all week by Walter Mondale for large federal budget deficits, Reagan is insisting that the Democrats are responsible for the record red ink under his Administration, while Mondale is shrugging off the polls showing him far behind the President.
(William Welch, AP)

Reagan Stumps in Democratic Bastions
And Some Democrats Are Receptive

The President's visit to Nashville was his third foray of the week into traditionally Democratic territory. Against the backdrop of colorful ethnic festivals and to the strains of both polka and country music, Reagan demonstrated all week that he is prepared to take on Walter Mondale in the areas the Democratic nominee must capture if he is to win this November's election.
(David Shribman, Wall Street Journal, A62)

Reagan Plays His Campaign Song at Country Music's Capital

"Long live the King!" Reagan proclaimed in journeying to celebrate Acuff's 81st birthday. He arrived not to his usual fanfare of "Hail to the Chief" but to the railroad surge of Acuff's "Wabash Cannon Ball."
(Francis Clines, New York Times, A18)

ACTOR AS PRESIDENT: HALF-HOUR COMMERCIAL
WRAPS HIM IN ADVERTISING'S BEST

Television is President Reagan's medium. It is the context for his Presidency as it is the frame of reference for most Americans. A President who uses it well does so before more people now than any other President ever has.
(Dudley Clendinen, New York Times, A18)

REAGAN CALLS HUSBAND OF HOSPITALIZED COUNTRY SINGER

NASHVILLE -- President Reagan asked Barbara Mandrell's husband to tell the country music singer that she is in his "thoughts and prayers" as she recovers from an automobile crash that killed the driver of the other vehicle. Mandrell was asleep when Reagan called her husband, Ken Dudley, from Air Force One as he traveled to Nashville.

(Marta Warnick, AP)

MONDALE AND REAGAN HAVE AGREED TO TWO DEBATES, SOURCES SAY

ST. LOUIS -- Negotiators for President Reagan and Walter Mondale have agreed to hold two televised presidential debates and a third between their running mates, according to sources. The debates probably would be held in October, the sources said.

(Mike Shanahan, AP)

CUOMO CHALLENGES CHURCH

SOUTH BEND, Ind. -- Roman Catholic leaders who can't get their flock to accept their teachings on abortion and other issues shouldn't be seeking laws to impose their beliefs on others, Gov. Cuomo said.

(Washington Post, A1)

Catholics must abide by church teachings on abortion and other issues, Cuomo told a Notre Dame audience, but they do not have to follow political strategies set by religious leaders.

(David Dawson, Gannett)

Cuomo Advises Catholics to Live by Example, Not to Impose Views

Cuomo spoke at the invitation of the department of theology, which asked him to lecture on the role his Catholic faith played in governing.

(Michael Oreskes, New York Times, A1)

FERRARO LEADS MONDALE IN VOTER SURVEY

Geraldine Ferraro is more popular than her running mate Walter Mondale, but it is not clear that she has added significant strength to the Democratic ticket, according to a new Washington Post-ABC News poll.

(Bill Peterson, Washington Post, A1)

When asked whether they have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Ferraro, 50 percent of 1,507 voters surveyed said favorable and 39 percent said unfavorable. Mondale received a 47 percent favorable rating and a 49 percent unfavorable rating.

(AP)

Mondale made light of the news. "You can stuff the polls," he joked to reporters on his campaign trail.

(Rodney Pinder, Reuter)

O'NEILL DISMISSES ETHICS PROBE AS 'POLITICS'

The American people see the House Ethics committee probe of Rep. Ferraro's finances as "politics on the part of a few ultra-conservatives," according to House Speaker O'Neill.

(Washington Times, A8)

MISSISSIPPI CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PUPILS
GIVE HOSTILE RECEPTION TO MONDALE

TUPELO, Miss. -- Walter Mondale ran into his most hostile reception of the campaign as hundreds of students, many of whom had arrived in vans from a nearby Christian school, heckled him at a school here.

(Paul Taylor, Washington Post, A4)

Divided Southerners Hear Mondale Campaign Stance

After the former vice president finished speaking, whites carrying Reagan banners got into a shouting confrontation with black Mondale supporters that ended in torn posters and some pushing.

(Alan McConagha, Washington Times, A3)

Mondale Defends Himself on Religion Issue in South

His face damp with sweat, his voice faintly tremulous, Mondale told the audience that included noisy hecklers that politicians should keep their "nose out of religion."

(Bernard Weinraub, New York Times, A18)

MONDALE WOULD USE AWACS TO FIGHT DRUG SMUGGLERS

ST. LOUIS -- Walter Mondale says he is working on a low-cost plan to use the Army, Navy and Air Force to stem "the worst invasion in our history" -- drug smuggling.

(Matthew Quinn, UPI)

CONTENDERS OUTLINE EDUCATION GOALS

Both President Reagan and former Vice President Mondale have outlined their specific programs and strategies to improve the quality of education in separate articles in the September issue of Phi Delta Kappan, the magazine published by the professional fraternity in education.

(Carol Innerst, Washington Times, A4)

ELDERLY CHEER A FERRARO BACKER, 22

Donna Zaccaro, the 22-year-old daughter of Geraldine Ferraro and John Zaccaro, made her public speaking debut for the presidential campaign before an enthusiastic crowd of elderly people in Federal Plaza in downtown Manhattan to protest cuts in their health care services.

(Sara Rimer, New York Times, A19)

Editor's Note: "Feminist Issues Alone Not a Magnet to Women Voters," by Margaret Engel, appears on page A3 of The Washington Post.

The second story of the two-part series on "The Rise of Ferraro," "Ferraro quickly sought O'Neill's support, soon became his protege" by Stephanie Nall, is on page A1 of The Washington Times.

BALANCED-BUDGET PROPOSAL SUFFERS PAIR OF SETBACKS

The controversial drive to add a balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution suffered two down-to-the-wire election-year setbacks, one in the House of Representatives, the other in the Michigan state legislature. The setbacks came even as the Senate Judiciary Committee finally approved an amendment, 11 to 4, and sent it for a vote on the floor.

(Helen Dewar, Washington Post, A1)

Balanced Budget Proposal Faces New Problems

Majority Leader Baker, facing a dwindling number of legislative days before Congress adjourns about Oct. 5, has not yet committed the issue to floor debate because of reluctance to spend time on a proposal that has little hope of house passage this year.

(Thomas Brandt and Ralph Hallow, Washington Times, A1)

Senate Votes for Deficit Curb

Even if the Senate passed it, a floor vote by the House is unlikely. The House rejected such an amendment in 1982.

(Jonathan Fuerbringer, New York Times, A26)

MICHIGAN LAWMAKER STALLS BUDGET-AMENDMENT DRIVE

LANSING, Mich. -- The national drive to add a balanced-budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution stalled two states shy of a major goal when a veteran Republican state legislator voted against the measure despite White House pressure on Michigan lawmakers to approve it. "I realized I don't want the Constitution tampered with," said Ruth McNamee, moments after the 5-to-4 committee vote in a crowded state capitol hearing room.

(Kevin Klose, Washington Post, A7)

REPORT ON MEESE IN JUDGES' HANDS

Jacob Stein, the independent counsel who has been investigating allegations of wrongdoing on the part of Edwin Meese, the Presidential counsel (sic), submitted his final report Wednesday to the three-judge panel that appointed him to conduct the inquiry.

(Leslie Maitland Werner, New York Times, A25)

ECONOMIST: BIG MARKUPS FOR FOOD 'BEHIND US'

After a one-month surge, food prices fell again at the wholesale level in August, preventing business inflation from doing any more than inching up slowly, private analysts say. The Labor Department publishes its Producer Price Index today.

(Denis Gulino, UPI)

Wholesale prices, running at an annual clip of just 2.9 percent so far this year, should keep to that modest pace for the rest of the year, analysts say.

(Sally Jacobsen, AP)

DEFENSE COMPROMISE STILL IS SOUGHT

House Speaker O'Neill and Senate Majority Leader Baker continued to edge toward a compromise on defense spending for next year but stopped short of a final agreement, according to sources close to the talks.

(Washington Post, A16)

Aides to both leaders would say only that the meeting was "productive" and another session was planned early next week. O'Neill and Baker both ducked reporters, who were barred even from the hallway outside the speaker's office.

(Lee Byrd, AP)

ADDABBO HINTS AT MORE MX OPPOSITION

With a compromise on next year's defense spending slowly congealing, MX missile opponent Rep. Addabbo says he may make another charge on the weapon in today's meeting of the key House Appropriations Committee.

(Eliot Brenner, UPI)

FIRM TO TALLY SUSPECT CHIPS FOR PENTAGON

DALLAS -- A senior official at Texas Instruments, Vice President Norman Neureiter, said that the company will turn over to the Defense Department next week a list of microchips that may have been improperly tested.

(Washington Post, A16)

MICROCHIP TESTING LAPSE SAID NOT HARMING WEAPONS

A supplier's sloppy testing of electronic microchips -- traced to a former plant manager now labeled a "jackass" -- are (sic) not expected to lead to weapons systems failures, Under Secretary of Defense Richard DeLauer said.

(Walter Andrews, Washington Times, A4)

REPORT CITES NAVY IN CARRIER FIRE

BREMERTON, Wash. -- Navy officials who sent the USS Ranger to sea before a 1983 fire that killed six sailors knew that the aircraft carrier's oil pipes were corroded and leaking and that the oil crew was overworked and ill-trained, The Seattle Times reported.

(Washington Post, A16)

MOON GROUP FINANCING ANTI-COMMUNIST LOBBY

A political arm of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church has contributed \$500,000 to finance a new anti-communist lobbying campaign headed by John "Terry" Dolan, chairman of NCPAC.

(Michael Isikoff, Washington Post, A1)

The Post said the money will be used to pay for television commercials and mailings urging an end to imports from Communist countries and high-technology transfers to the Soviet Union. They will also support development of anti-satellite weapons.

(Reuter)

HELMS CONTINUES TO BLOCK GENOCIDE TREATY VOTE

Sen. Helms continued to block Senate Foreign Relations Committee approval of a 35-year-old treaty against genocide and threatened to prevent a vote on the treaty by the full Senate before its scheduled adjournment Oct. 5. (Washington Post, A30)

REAGAN'S SENATE ALLIES SURPRISED BY MOVE ON GENOCIDE PACT

Senate aides said that President Reagan's recent endorsement of a U.N. convention outlawing genocide had come as a surprise to his allies on Capitol Hill, who now fear a bruising debate on the Senate floor. (Martin Tolchin, New York Times, A4)

POLL SHOWS TEEN SHIFT TO THE RIGHT

A majority of America's high-achieving high school students align themselves with the Republican Party on the issues of abortion and prayer in school, according to a poll conducted by "Who's Who Among American High School Students." (Washington Times, A4)

ROCKERS TRY TO ROLL OUT THE VOTE

NEW YORK -- A star-studded lineup of civic-minded rockers, including Cyndi Lauper, Huey Lewis and the Pointer Sisters, are appearing in public service ads urging their listeners to register and vote. MTV, the 24-hour cable music station which began airing the four-week ad series Monday, said the spots "are designed to tap the voting power of a potentially influential, but often silent, population of eligible young voters." (UPI)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. DELAYS ARMS REPORT HITTING SOVIETS

The Reagan Administration, in a reversal of earlier plans, has decided not to release a report criticizing Soviet arms-control compliance until after Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko meets with President Reagan Sept. 28, official sources said.

(Walter Pincus and Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A1)

Report on Soviet Arms Violations Will Be Delayed

According to a knowledgeable congressional source, it had been decided to release the findings next Wednesday, but, at the request of the State Department, release will be postponed.

(Washington Times, A2)

The White House had no comment about similar reports on the publishing delay in both The New York Times and The Washington Post, Marlin Fitzwater told Reuters. (Reuter)

U.S. Holds Up Study Accusing Soviet on Arms

"Some people would say that releasing the report would poison the atmosphere for the talks, that we were not serious about seeking agreements," a State Department official said. "I don't know if it would poison the atmosphere, but why run that risk."

(Bernard Gwertzman, New York Times, A1)

SOVIETS SEEM SURE OF REAGAN RE-ELECTION

A high Administration official, Assistant Secretary of State Richard Burt, pointed to President Reagan's anticipated November victory as a possible explanation for the Soviet Union's decision to dispatch Foreign Minister Gromyko to the White House for talks later this month.

(Gus Constantine and Walter Andrews, Washington Times, A1)

SOVIET GRAIN DECLINES PUSHING U.S. SALES HIGHER

Another dip in the Soviet Union's 1984 harvest outlook will mean record-matching grain imports in 1984-85, according to a new analysis by the Agriculture Department.

(Don Kendall, AP)

POLISH OFFICIAL COMPLAINS OF U.S. DELAY ON BACKING IMF ENTRY

WARSAW -- Amid renewed expressions of eagerness by Poland to join the International Monetary Fund, a senior government official has voiced concern about continued U.S. opposition to Poland's entry.

(Bradley Graham, Washington Post, A24)

U.S., MOROCCAN MISPERCEPTIONS LED TO SHOCK OVER LIBYAN UNION

RABAT, Morocco -- U.S. diplomats missed key signals of Morocco's intension to join Libya in a political union that now has caused the United States considerable embarrassment and raised official concern in Washington that Libyan leader Qaddafi may be breaking out of his diplomatic isolation, according to sources.

(Jonathan Randal, Washington Post, A25)

UNESCO WITHDRAWAL IS DEBATED

The Reagan Administration still plans to withdraw from UNESCO by the end of the year as announced last December because possible reforms lack "specific provisions for implementation," a U.S. official, Assistant Secretary of State Gregory Newell, told a House Foreign Affairs subcommittee. (Washington Times, A6)

SANDINISTAS' FOE BACK IN MANAGUA; CLAIMS BACKING OF LATIN PRESIDENTS

MANAGUA, Nicaragua -- The leader of Nicaragua's major opposition coalition, Arturo Cruz, returned after meetings with the presidents of five Latin American countries and vowed to continue to press demands on the government that he says must be met for free elections. (John Lantigua, Washington Post, A31)

"If we reach an agreement (with the government) on the conditions, of course we will register candidates," Cruz told reporters on his return from a two-week Latin American tour. (Reuter)

Nicaraguan Predicts a 'Crisis' If Sandinistas Stay in Power

Cruz said leaders of the five countries he visited shared his dissatisfaction with the Sandinista government, which he said had "unnecessarily brought Nicaragua into the East-West conflict." (Stephen Kinzer, New York Times, A6)

NICARAGUA, VATICAN SEEN STILL AT ODDS

VATICAN CITY -- The week-long talks between high-level Nicaraguan and Vatican delegations failed to produce agreement on major issues that have strained relations, church sources said. (Sari Gilbert, Washington Post, A31)

HANOI SAYS U.S. MUST TAKE ALL PRISONERS

BANGKOK -- Vietnam will agree to a U.S. request for release of prisoners held in "reeducation camps" since the end of the Vietnam war, but only if the United States takes all prisoners and not just a select few, a Vietnamese Embassy spokesman said. (Washington Post, A31)

Hanoi Wants U.S. to Take All Its Political Prisoners

The spokesman said Vietnamese Premier Pham Van Dong and Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach have said Hanoi is ready to clear the camps, largely populated by former soldiers of the defunct South Vietnamese government. (Washington Times, A7)

U.S. LAUDS VIETNAM PEACE BID

The State Department said that comments by Vietnam's Foreign Minister seemed to open the door to progress toward a political settlement of the longstanding Cambodian issue. (New York Times, A8)

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY EVENING, September 13, 1984

HURRICANE DIANA

CBS's Dan Rather: Hurricane Diana has slammed ashore and tonight is blowing itself out as it moves inland. Gov. Hunt of North Carolina said his state has suffered some very great damage and said he will ask President Reagan to declare it a major disaster area.

(ALL NETS LEAD)

PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

CBS's Dan Rather: Heading south today, President Reagan said he might propose more cuts in social programs for women and children, cuts Mr. Reagan said could be made in some of the overhead costs of these programs without reducing how much help actually gets to the needy. For the most part, though, Mr. Reagan's campaign day down south was a piece of cake, including birthday cake in Nashville for veteran country music star Roy Acuff. And Candidate Reagan did a number of sorts on the Democrats. (President: "There's an old country and western song called 'Home on the Range,' where seldom his heard a discouraging word. I guess they haven't campaigned there yet." Laughter, cheering. "But they probably couldn't perform here anyway because all they do is sing the blues. All told, the President's highly produced road show was music to his ears and his campaign strategists's, hitting patriotic themes and up notes all the way. (TV Coverage: Singer Lee Greenwood singing "God Bless the USA" with President at his side, confetti coming down.)

There were plenty of flag-wavers, too, during Walter Mondale's campaign day in the South, and plenty of heat in a crowded, un-air conditioned high school auditorium, even before Mondale turned up some scorching rhetoric. (TV Coverage: Mondale supporters in gymnasium cheer.) Mondale tried to scorch Mr. Reagan's history of proposing cuts in social program spending. Speaking to a school audience of the young, Mondale specifically attacked the Reagan record on spending for the nation's old. (Mondale: "Of all the mean-spirited ways, of all the shameful ways to cut money out of that budget, Mr. Reagan's plan on Medicare is nothing short of official cruelty. My plan is simple decency and there's a big difference between the two of us.")

CBS's Bob Schieffer looks at the once solid-for-Democrats South: For 16 years in Alabama's Calhoun County, Jim Turner has been cutting hair and asking his customers how they're going to vote. But even in this highly conservative blue-collar area, he's never heard anything like he's hearing this year. (Turner: "I'd say that Reagan is probably running somewhere between 75-80%. I find that a lot of people like him; even when they don't like something he does, they respect what he does.") In Atlanta, southern pollster Claiborne Darden uses more sophisticated survey methods, but he hears rumblings of the same kind of Reagan landslide. (Darden: "Right now, we do not have a race for president in the South. We have an election. In our last poll of the deep South, we find Reagan at 60%, Mondale at 34.")

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY EVENING, September 13, 1984

PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN (continued)

Schieffer continues: Whether you check with the boys at the courthouse or even with a Southern Democratic governor like Robb of Virginia, the message is the President is saying what the South wants to hear. (Gov. Robb: "He talks about this country is standing tall again. He talks about values that relate to family and some of the basics that all of us can relate to. To be perfectly honest, Walter Mondale has yet to reach people in that context.") Darden says it's that and better economic times that has made Reagan so popular with Southerners. (Darden: "...He's almost become Uncle Sam to them.") Campaigning in Georgia last week, Mondale's people argued the situation could still be turned around with a massive voter registration drive and a big voter turnout in an area of the country where Democrats still far outnumber Republicans. But with Mondale's message not yet getting through, apparently, to white middle class Southerners, they concede it's going to be tough. (CBS-6)

ABC's Peter Jennings: Both Mondale and President Reagan have been concentrating their campaigns in the South today. Mr. Reagan has been blaming the Democrats for the record budget deficit. Mr. Mondale has been describing the President's plans for social programs as savage, mean-spirited and shameful.

ABC's Brit Hume: Mondale tried to sharpen the contrast between himself and President Reagan. There he was, coat off and sleeves up in a sweltering high school gym, taking questions from all comers, friendly and unfriendly. (Questioner: "The party platform that you represent, and are accountable for, is pro-abortion, pro-gay rights and anti-religion." Mondale: "All right now, the last point you made is about anti-religious. Where do you get that? You, know, I (cheering).") The main subject, though, was Medicare. Mondale said the President had tried to cut it before and, if reelected, inevitably would try again. (Mondale: "Of all the shameful ways to cut money out of that budget is to go to a senior citizen who's retired and who's now sick and in the hospital, and say 'We've figured out a way to save money; we're going to raise your hospital and your medical bills while you're on that hospital bed sick. I will not do it....'") Cheering.) The Mondale forces hope that as the campaign wears on, he will begin to get credit from voters on two counts: one, for having specific proposals where the President has none, and two, for staking out positions more popular with more people than those Mondale will attribute to the President.

ABC's Sam Donaldson: President Reagan, campaigning in Nashville, ignored Mondale's charges about his future economic plans, and instead patted himself on the back for the good times at hand. (President: "With your support and Sen. Baker's, we've had 21 straight months of economic growth. That is the best expansion since World War II. Some people have labored so long at making government bigger, they've developed a knee-jerk addiction to tax increases. And every time their knee jerks, we get kicked." Laughter, applause.)

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY EVENING, September 13, 1984

PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN (continued)

Donaldson continues: The President failed again today, however, to say exactly how he intends to reduce the deficit if not with higher taxes. None of this talk about deficits and taxes and such is the essence of the Reagan campaign. The essence is a never-ending string of spectacular picture-stories created for television and designed to place the President in the midst of a huge throng of wildly cheering, patriotic Americans. Today's occurred right here in Nashville at the Grand Ole Opry. (TV Coverage: President comes on stage with Minnie Pearl and Roy Acuff. Acuff cuts birthday cake.) With Roy Acuff and Minnie Pearl and a packed house of Reagan-Bush campaign supporters. (President: "Do you feel better off than you did four years ago?" Cheering.) Yes, roared the Reagan-Bush campaign supporters. But the President hadn't come primarily to make a speech. He'd come to be seen celebrating Roy Acuff's 81st birthday and to sing along with Lee Greenwood's patriotic hit song. (TV Coverage: Greenwood sings "God Bless the USA" as confetti comes down. Crowd cheers, waves flags.) God, patriotism and Reagan. That's the essence this campaign is trying hard to project. (ABC-7)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: Mondale charged President Reagan is bent on slashing government aid for the elderly and sick. He attacked Reagan again for refusing to issue a plan to cut the deficit. And he told the citizens of Tupelo, Miss. what they could expect if Reagan is reelected. (TV Coverage: Cheering crowd. Mondale: "Well, here he goes again. If you elect Mr. Reagan in 1984, he's going to savage Social Security and Medicare and destroy it for millions. And that's why he won't answer your questions. If he answers your questions before the election, you won't vote for him.") So far the polls show that President Reagan is not suffering from Mondale's attacks on the deficit. And, as Chris Wallace reports, the President sees no need to change his strategy of ignoring the Mondale charges.

NBC's Chris Wallace: The President kept refusing to get specific about how he would cut the deficit. But there were new numbers he did want to talk about: new polls that show him leading Mondale by as much as 16 points. (TV Coverage: President walks over to meet reporters on South Lawn before takeoff. President: "How come none of you have mentioned the polls?" Reporter: "What do you think of the polls?" President: "Goody.") But the President said he would continue to run scared as he headed for Nashville. (TV Coverage: President on stage with Roy Acuff, Acuff about to cut birthday cake.) Here at the Grand Ole Opry, he celebrated the 81st birthday of Roy Acuff, the king of country music. And that, aides said, will help Mr. Reagan with country fans everywhere. The President's jab certainly had a country accent. (President: "I think we all better remember that the other side's promises are a little like Minnie Pearl's hat. They both have big price tags hanging from them." TV shows Minnie Pearl laughing with the rest of the crowd.) But what was most noticeable today was Mr. Reagan's increasing effort to link support for him to what he calls the "new patriotism."

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY EVENING, September 13, 1984

PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN (continued)

Wallace continues: In a speech to Tennessee business leaders, the President listed Administration accomplishments, saying they're not his victories but America's victories. (President: "That's why I want to offer a little friendly advice to our critics. Rather than saying things that always seem to run America down, how about giving the American people a pat on the back.") And back at the Opry, the President's men put on a show, complete with flags, confetti and the unofficial campaign theme song. (TV Coverage: Lee Greenwood sings "God Bless the USA," the President at his side, as confetti comes down on stage.) What the President has done, very skillfully, is to wrap his campaign in what appears to be a new wave of good feeling about this country. So the Democratic attacks against him are made to seem almost unpatriotic. (NBC-6)

SOVIET ARMS VIOLATIONS

Rather: President Reagan is said to have decided to delay release of a highly critical report that accuses the Soviet Union of longtime violations of arms control agreements. According to sources, the delay is likely to last beyond the scheduled meeting with Gromyko. (CBS-7)

ORGAKOV

Rather: An intriguing explanation was revealed for last week's puzzling removal of Orgakov as chief of the Soviet armed forces. A U.S. official quoted a senior Soviet diplomat as saying Orgakov was ousted because of "un-party like tendencies." (CBS-11)

SOVIET UNION/MOSLEM POPULATION

NBC's Garrick Utley reports there are 45M Soviet Moslems, and Moscow's concern is that the appeal of Ayatollah Khomeini or the resistance in Afghanistan could spread to Soviet Moslems. (NBC-7)

BILLY GRAHAM/SOVIET UNION

ABC's Jim Hickey: On this visit, the evangelist says he wants to meet the common Russian people, the believers. This week, he's meeting them. In Leningrad, 2,000 people packed a Baptist Church, some of them smuggling in banners to tell Graham how much freedom they don't have. Graham says he's not here to interfere with Soviet politics. For the most part, he's kept his word, only occasionally making reference to religious persecution. His officially-approved tour is being noticed by the state-run press, but with no mention of his subtle references to persecution or of the Leningrad protesters. (ABC-9)

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY EVENING, September 13, 1984

COMMENTARY -- SOVIET RELATIONS

NBC's John Chancellor: A study of American opinion published this week in the magazine "Foreign Affairs" contains some surprises. Four years ago, Americans were in an anti-Soviet mood. Ronald Reagan was elected. Defense spending was increased. Today, Americans feel the country is stronger, but this has not made them want to be tougher on the Soviets. It has made them more anxious to negotiate a settlement on nuclear arms. The study found that while Americans don't want to fall behind in the development of nuclear weapons, they also believe the Russians will match any weapon developed by the U.S. That inevitability has increased their desire to be rid of nuclear weapons. Eight out of 10 are not sure if any life on this planet could survive a nuclear war. By a margin of 2-1, they say let's spend less time building weapons and more time negotiating. If Moscow and Washington could reduce their nuclear stockpiles, 66% would be willing to pay higher taxes for non-nuclear weapons, a striking statistic. (NBC-8)

FAULTY MICROCHIPS

Brokaw: A high-ranking Pentagon official said that about half of the microchips of the type that were found to be faulty have been cleared for use. He predicted none of the chips will fail. (NBC-4)

INDIA/PAKISTAN

Jennings: There is concern on Capitol Hill about a possible confrontation between India and Pakistan. ABC's John Scali reports that some senators became alarmed after they received a briefing from the CIA. The senators say they learned of a possible Indian attack on a Pakistani nuclear facility. U.S. intelligence authorities insist no special warning was given to the senators that any attack on the facility was imminent, that this was just one of several trouble spots worth watching closely. (ABC-10)

ISRAELI GOVERNMENT

Rather: There was agreement on the bipartisan power-sharing government. Peres and Shamir ended 7 weeks of political stalemate with a handshake. They will take turns leading the coalition. Peres's first pledge was to invite Jordan's King Hussein to peace talks and to withdraw Israeli troops from Lebanon. (ABC-8, CBS-8)

ISRAEL/LEBANON

CBS's Don McNeill: Almost 600 young Israeli men have died in Lebanon in the last two years, but in the war and occupation, something else has died as well: the enthusiasm and dedication of Israeli youth for military service. There is mounting resistance. (CBS-9)

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY EVENING, September 13, 1984

MOONIE MONEY

NBC's Carl Stern: Conservative political activist Terry Dolan has received \$500,000 from businesses controlled by Rev. Moon's Unification Church to fund political activities. The money came from an American-based Korean who runs newspapers for the Unification Church, and went to Dolan's Conservative Alliance. The money went to produce television commercials, which will air this fall, featuring the wife of the congressmen killed in KAL-007. (TV Coverage of Mrs. MacDonald in commercial: "The missiles that were used to murder my husband were manufactured with technology sold to the Soviets by American companies in deals financed by American banks. To help stop this madness, join me in supporting CALL, the Conservative Alliance.") Democrats think the commercials funded with Moonie money may have to be labeled "foreign propoganda." (NBC-5)

CITRUS CANCRE

Rather: The federal government halted shipments of all Florida citrus fruit and trees, a measure to try to contain spread of a highly contagious and incurable plant disease. The ban, ordered by the Department of Agriculture, is to stay in effect until further notice. It comes just weeks before Florida's billion-dollar fall harvest of grapefruit and some varieties of oranges. (ABC-3, NBC-2, CBS-2)

AUTO SALES

Rather: U.S. auto makers reported that early September sales rose almost 30% over the same period last year. Industry analysts said that shows consumers are hungry for new cars. (CBS-3)

DENNIS BANKS

Jennings: American Indian movement leader Dennis Banks, sought by the authorities in South Dakota since he was convicted of rioting and assault in Custer, S.D. back in 1973, gave up in Rapid City. (CBS-5, NBC-3, ABC-2)

STOCK MARKET

Jennings: A rally on the bond market spilled over into the Stock Market. The Dow soared nearly 28 points in very heavy trading. (ABC-6)

REP. STUDDS

NBC's Fred Briggs reports on Gary Studds' campaign in Massachusetts in the aftermath of his censure by the House. Studds leads in the polls, although some show his lead narrowing in recent weeks. (NBC-10)

COMMENTARY -- VOTING BY SECRET BALLOT

ABC's George Will calls for elimination of the secret ballot: Let's have our vote on public record so we can't lie about how we voted when the candidate we voted for turns out to be a dud. (ABC-7)

EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

LINE-ITEM VETO

The Item Veto: An Idea Whose Time Shouldn't Come -- "...A president who truly wanted a balanced budget should propose one in the first place. A president who disliked major spending projects can and should use the existing general veto regularly. Reagan has used that very sparingly. Or, under the 1974 Budget and Impoundment Control Act, a president can defer what he deems unnecessary spending until the end of the fiscal year. Reagan and other supporters of the item veto do us a disservice when they do not frankly acknowledge that two of the three or four leading causes of our huge deficits have been brought about by Reagan policies -- major tax cuts and major defense spending increases."

(Thomas Cronin, Christian Science Monitor, 9/4)

SOCIAL SECURITY

Social Security Purge Must End -- "...What had begun under the Carter Administration as an appropriate review of the eligibility of persons receiving disability payments has turned, in the current Administration, into a sweeping purge. Persons with desperate disabilities, especially those with mental illness, have been bounced equally with malingerers....The indiscriminate purge that so far has denied benefits to more than 470,000 physically and mentally disabled people -- people ill-equipped to fend for themselves, and apt to be reinstated if they fight back -- must be scrapped, before it does more harm."

(Atlanta Constitution, 9/12)

GRACE COMMISSION

A Downpayment on Waste? -- "J. Peter Grace...is likely to develop a wider audience for his ideas now that his report, "War on Waste," is being published by MacMillan for only \$9.95. The report also is available from the Government Printing Office -- for \$45.99. Maybe the difference can be considered a downpayment in the war on waste." (Detroit News, 7/12)

SOCIAL SPENDING

Reagan by the Numbers: Social Spending has Increased -- "...Many people, no doubt confused over who is right, must wonder why the Washington news media do not check the actual dollar amounts spent on (social) programs to see if deep cuts have been made. To help set the record straight, I checked with the congressional committees and executive agencies that are responsible for some of the government's biggest social programs and compared what we're spending now to what was being spent when President Carter left office....The safety net has not been torn full of holes, as some would have us believe. In simple dollar terms, these programs (examples given: Supplemental Security, disability payments, Medicaid, Medicare, education, school lunches, Women Infants and Children Program, food stamps), many of them providing open-ended assistance to the needy, have grown during the Reagan years -- in many cases, substantially....These numbers clearly show that Congress has been doing far more spending than cutting. The government is spending more on social programs today under Ronald Reagan than it was spending under the Carter Administration, when Democrats controlled both Congress and the White House."

(Donald Lambro, Santa Ana Register, 9/10)

-end-

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1984 -- 6 a.m. EDT Edition

TODAY'S HEADLINES

NATIONAL NEWS

President Upbeat Down-Home in Nashville -- Ronald Reagan took his politics of euphoria, faith and hope to the Mother Church of Country Music, paying homage to the king of the hymns to the hard times of the working man. (AP, UPI, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Washington Times)

Political Outlook Challenged -- In a lecture seen as a key statement in the controversy over politics and religion, Gov. Cuomo said, "There is no church teaching that mandates the best political course for making our belief everyone's rule." (New York Times, Washington Post, Gannett)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Report on Soviet Arms Violations Will Be Delayed -- The Reagan Administration has decided to delay a report to Congress and the public in which the Soviet Union is accused of flouting nearly a quarter-century of arms control agreements, a knowledgeable congressional source said. (Feuter, New York Times, Washington Post, Washington Times)

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY (Thursday Evening)

HURRICANE DIANA -- Hurricane Diana has slammed ashore and is blowing itself out. (ALL NETS LEAD)	NATIONAL NEWS.....A-2
PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN -- Heading south, President Reagan said he might propose more cuts in social programs for women and children.	INTERNATIONAL NEWS.....A-8
Walter Mondale tried to sharpen the contrast between himself and President Reagan.	NETWORK NEWS.....B-1
ISRAELI GOVERNMENT -- There was agreement on the bipartisan power-sharing government in Israel.	EDITORIALS.....B-7

This Summary is prepared Monday through Friday by the White House News Summary Staff. For complete stories or information, please call ext. 2950

NATIONAL NEWS

REAGAN, AT OPRY, SAYS HIS FOES 'SING THE BLUES'

NASHVILLE -- President Reagan sang a chorus of economic joy on the stage of the Grand Ole Opry, denouncing the Mondale-Ferraro ticket as one that "probably couldn't perform here because all they sing is the blues."
(David Hoffman, Washington Post, A5)

President Upbeat Down-Home in Nashville

Reading the words from a hard-paper fan, the President joined Roy Acuff and a dozen stars of the Grand Ole Opry in a rousing chorus of "God Bless the U.S.A." as a blizzard of golden confetti dropped from the rafters, so thick it temporarily obscured the stage from the Tennessee Republicans who packed the 4,400 seats of the Grand Ole Opry House.
(Wesley Pruden, Washington Times, A3)

Reagan parlayed the promise of high-tech industry and the values represented by Grand Ole Opry legend Roy Acuff to picture his opponents as frightened and uninspired mediocrities unable to grasp the nation's inherent go-getter spirit.
(Arnold Sawislak, UPI)

Attacked all week by Walter Mondale for large federal budget deficits, Reagan is insisting that the Democrats are responsible for the record red ink under his Administration, while Mondale is shrugging off the polls showing him far behind the President.
(William Welch, AP)

Reagan Stumps in Democratic Bastions
And Some Democrats Are Receptive

The President's visit to Nashville was his third foray of the week into traditionally Democratic territory. Against the backdrop of colorful ethnic festivals and to the strains of both polka and country music, Reagan demonstrated all week that he is prepared to take on Walter Mondale in the areas the Democratic nominee must capture if he is to win this November's election.
(David Shribman, Wall Street Journal, A62)

Reagan Plays His Campaign Song at Country Music's Capital

"Long live the King!" Reagan proclaimed in journeying to celebrate Acuff's 81st birthday. He arrived not to his usual fanfare of "Hail to the Chief" but to the railroad surge of Acuff's "Wabash Cannon Ball."
(Francis Clines, New York Times, A18)

ACTOR AS PRESIDENT: HALF-HOUR COMMERCIAL
WRAPS HIM IN ADVERTISING'S BEST

Television is President Reagan's medium. It is the context for his Presidency as it is the frame of reference for most Americans. A President who uses it well does so before more people now than any other President ever has.
(Dudley Clendinen, New York Times, A18)

REAGAN CALLS HUSBAND OF HOSPITALIZED COUNTRY SINGER

NASHVILLE -- President Reagan asked Barbara Mandrell's husband to tell the country music singer that she is in his "thoughts and prayers" as she recovers from an automobile crash that killed the driver of the other vehicle. Mandrell was asleep when Reagan called her husband, Ken Dudley, from Air Force One as he traveled to Nashville.

(Marta Warnick, AP)

MONDALE AND REAGAN HAVE AGREED TO TWO DEBATES, SOURCES SAY

ST. LOUIS -- Negotiators for President Reagan and Walter Mondale have agreed to hold two televised presidential debates and a third between their running mates, according to sources. The debates probably would be held in October, the sources said.

(Mike Shanahan, AP)

CUOMO CHALLENGES CHURCH

SOUTH BEND, Ind. -- Roman Catholic leaders who can't get their flock to accept their teachings on abortion and other issues shouldn't be seeking laws to impose their beliefs on others, Gov. Cuomo said.

(Washington Post, A1)

Catholics must abide by church teachings on abortion and other issues, Cuomo told a Notre Dame audience, but they do not have to follow political strategies set by religious leaders.

(David Dawson, Gannett)

Cuomo Advises Catholics to Live by Example, Not to Impose Views

Cuomo spoke at the invitation of the department of theology, which asked him to lecture on the role his Catholic faith played in governing.

(Michael Oreskes, New York Times, A1)

FERRARO LEADS MONDALE IN VOTER SURVEY

Geraldine Ferraro is more popular than her running mate Walter Mondale, but it is not clear that she has added significant strength to the Democratic ticket, according to a new Washington Post-ABC News poll.

(Bill Peterson, Washington Post, A1)

When asked whether they have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Ferraro, 50 percent of 1,507 voters surveyed said favorable and 39 percent said unfavorable. Mondale received a 47 percent favorable rating and a 49 percent unfavorable rating.

(AP)

Mondale made light of the news. "You can stuff the polls," he joked to reporters on his campaign trail.

(Rodney Pinder, Reuter)

O'NEILL DISMISSES ETHICS PROBE AS 'POLITICS'

The American people see the House Ethics committee probe of Rep. Ferraro's finances as "politics on the part of a few ultra-conservatives," according to House Speaker O'Neill.

(Washington Times, A8)

MISSISSIPPI CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PUPILS
GIVE HOSTILE RECEPTION TO MONDALE

TUPELO, Miss. -- Walter Mondale ran into his most hostile reception of the campaign as hundreds of students, many of whom had arrived in vans from a nearby Christian school, heckled him at a school here.

(Paul Taylor, Washington Post, A4)

Divided Southerners Hear Mondale Campaign Stance

After the former vice president finished speaking, whites carrying Reagan banners got into a shouting confrontation with black Mondale supporters that ended in torn posters and some pushing.

(Alan McConagha, Washington Times, A3)

Mondale Defends Himself on Religion Issue in South

His face damp with sweat, his voice faintly tremulous, Mondale told the audience that included noisy hecklers that politicians should keep their "nose out of religion."

(Bernard Weinraub, New York Times, A18)

MONDALE WOULD USE AWACS TO FIGHT DRUG SMUGGLERS

ST. LOUIS -- Walter Mondale says he is working on a low-cost plan to use the Army, Navy and Air Force to stem "the worst invasion in our history" -- drug smuggling.

(Matthew Quinn, UPI)

CONTENDERS OUTLINE EDUCATION GOALS

Both President Reagan and former Vice President Mondale have outlined their specific programs and strategies to improve the quality of education in separate articles in the September issue of Phi Delta Kappan, the magazine published by the professional fraternity in education.

(Carol Innerst, Washington Times, A4)

ELDERLY CHEER A FERRARO BACKER, 22

Donna Zaccaro, the 22-year-old daughter of Geraldine Ferraro and John Zaccaro, made her public speaking debut for the presidential campaign before an enthusiastic crowd of elderly people in Federal Plaza in downtown Manhattan to protest cuts in their health care services.

(Sara Rimer, New York Times, A19)

Editor's Note: "Feminist Issues Alone Not a Magnet to Women Voters," by Margaret Engel, appears on page A3 of The Washington Post.

The second story of the two-part series on "The Rise of Ferraro," "Ferraro quickly sought O'Neill's support, soon became his protege" by Stephanie Nall, is on page A1 of The Washington Times.

BALANCED-BUDGET PROPOSAL SUFFERS PAIR OF SETBACKS

The controversial drive to add a balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution suffered two down-to-the-wire election-year setbacks, one in the House of Representatives, the other in the Michigan state legislature. The setbacks came even as the Senate Judiciary Committee finally approved an amendment, 11 to 4, and sent it for a vote on the floor.

(Helen Dewar, Washington Post, A1)

Balanced Budget Proposal Faces New Problems

Majority Leader Baker, facing a dwindling number of legislative days before Congress adjourns about Oct. 5, has not yet committed the issue to floor debate because of reluctance to spend time on a proposal that has little hope of house passage this year.

(Thomas Brandt and Ralph Hallow, Washington Times, A1)

Senate Votes for Deficit Curb

Even if the Senate passed it, a floor vote by the House is unlikely. The House rejected such an amendment in 1982.

(Jonathan Fuerbringer, New York Times, A26)

MICHIGAN LAWMAKER STALLS BUDGET-AMENDMENT DRIVE

LANSING, Mich. -- The national drive to add a balanced-budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution stalled two states shy of a major goal when a veteran Republican state legislator voted against the measure despite White House pressure on Michigan lawmakers to approve it. "I realized I don't want the Constitution tampered with," said Ruth McNamee, moments after the 5-to-4 committee vote in a crowded state capitol hearing room.

(Kevin Klose, Washington Post, A7)

REPORT ON MEESE IN JUDGES' HANDS

Jacob Stein, the independent counsel who has been investigating allegations of wrongdoing on the part of Edwin Meese, the Presidential counsel (sic), submitted his final report Wednesday to the three-judge panel that appointed him to conduct the inquiry.

(Leslie Maitland Werner, New York Times, A25)

ECONOMIST: BIG MARKUPS FOR FOOD 'BEHIND US'

After a one-month surge, food prices fell again at the wholesale level in August, preventing business inflation from doing any more than inching up slowly, private analysts say. The Labor Department publishes its Producer Price Index today.

(Denis Gulino, UPI)

Wholesale prices, running at an annual clip of just 2.9 percent so far this year, should keep to that modest pace for the rest of the year, analysts say.

(Sally Jacobsen, AP)

DEFENSE COMPROMISE STILL IS SOUGHT

House Speaker O'Neill and Senate Majority Leader Baker continued to edge toward a compromise on defense spending for next year but stopped short of a final agreement, according to sources close to the talks.

(Washington Post, A16)

Aides to both leaders would say only that the meeting was "productive" and another session was planned early next week. O'Neill and Baker both ducked reporters, who were barred even from the hallway outside the speaker's office.

(Lee Byrd, AP)

ADDABBO HINTS AT MORE MX OPPOSITION

With a compromise on next year's defense spending slowly congealing, MX missile opponent Rep. Addabbo says he may make another charge on the weapon in today's meeting of the key House Appropriations Committee.

(Eliot Brenner, UPI)

FIRM TO TALLY SUSPECT CHIPS FOR PENTAGON

DALLAS -- A senior official at Texas Instruments, Vice President Norman Neureiter, said that the company will turn over to the Defense Department next week a list of microchips that may have been improperly tested.

(Washington Post, A16)

MICROCHIP TESTING LAPSE SAID NOT HARMING WEAPONS

A supplier's sloppy testing of electronic microchips -- traced to a former plant manager now labeled a "jackass" -- are (sic) not expected to lead to weapons systems failures, Under Secretary of Defense Richard DeLauer said.

(Walter Andrews, Washington Times, A4)

REPORT CITES NAVY IN CARRIER FIRE

BREMERTON, Wash. -- Navy officials who sent the USS Ranger to sea before a 1983 fire that killed six sailors knew that the aircraft carrier's oil pipes were corroded and leaking and that the oil crew was overworked and ill-trained, The Seattle Times reported.

(Washington Post, A16)

MOON GROUP FINANCING ANTI-COMMUNIST LOBBY

A political arm of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church has contributed \$500,000 to finance a new anti-communist lobbying campaign headed by John "Terry" Dolan, chairman of NCPAC.

(Michael Isikoff, Washington Post, A1)

The Post said the money will be used to pay for television commercials and mailings urging an end to imports from Communist countries and high-technology transfers to the Soviet Union. They will also support development of anti-satellite weapons.

(Reuter)

HELMS CONTINUES TO BLOCK GENOCIDE TREATY VOTE

Sen. Helms continued to block Senate Foreign Relations Committee approval of a 35-year-old treaty against genocide and threatened to prevent a vote on the treaty by the full Senate before its scheduled adjournment Oct. 5. (Washington Post, A30)

REAGAN'S SENATE ALLIES SURPRISED BY MOVE ON GENOCIDE PACT

Senate aides said that President Reagan's recent endorsement of a U.N. convention outlawing genocide had come as a surprise to his allies on Capitol Hill, who now fear a bruising debate on the Senate floor. (Martin Tolchin, New York Times, A4)

POLL SHOWS TEEN SHIFT TO THE RIGHT

A majority of America's high-achieving high school students align themselves with the Republican Party on the issues of abortion and prayer in school, according to a poll conducted by "Who's Who Among American High School Students." (Washington Times, A4)

ROCKERS TRY TO ROLL OUT THE VOTE

NEW YORK -- A star-studded lineup of civic-minded rockers, including Cyndi Lauper, Huey Lewis and the Pointer Sisters, are appearing in public service ads urging their listeners to register and vote. MTV, the 24-hour cable music station which began airing the four-week ad series Monday, said the spots "are designed to tap the voting power of a potentially influential, but often silent, population of eligible young voters." (UPI)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. DELAYS ARMS REPORT HITTING SOVIETS

The Reagan Administration, in a reversal of earlier plans, has decided not to release a report criticizing Soviet arms-control compliance until after Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko meets with President Reagan Sept. 28, official sources said.

(Walter Pincus and Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A1)

Report on Soviet Arms Violations Will Be Delayed

According to a knowledgeable congressional source, it had been decided to release the findings next Wednesday, but, at the request of the State Department, release will be postponed.

(Washington Times, A2)

The White House had no comment about similar reports on the publishing delay in both The New York Times and The Washington Post, Marlin Fitzwater told Reuters. (Reuter)

U.S. Holds Up Study Accusing Soviet on Arms

"Some people would say that releasing the report would poison the atmosphere for the talks, that we were not serious about seeking agreements," a State Department official said. "I don't know if it would poison the atmosphere, but why run that risk."

(Bernard Gwertzman, New York Times, A1)

SOVIETS SEEM SURE OF REAGAN RE-ELECTION

A high Administration official, Assistant Secretary of State Richard Burt, pointed to President Reagan's anticipated November victory as a possible explanation for the Soviet Union's decision to dispatch Foreign Minister Gromyko to the White House for talks later this month.

(Gus Constantine and Walter Andrews, Washington Times, A1)

SOVIET GRAIN DECLINES PUSHING U.S. SALES HIGHER

Another dip in the Soviet Union's 1984 harvest outlook will mean record-matching grain imports in 1984-85, according to a new analysis by the Agriculture Department. (Don Kendall, AP)

POLISH OFFICIAL COMPLAINS OF U.S. DELAY ON BACKING IMF ENTRY

WARSAW -- Amid renewed expressions of eagerness by Poland to join the International Monetary Fund, a senior government official has voiced concern about continued U.S. opposition to Poland's entry.

(Bradley Graham, Washington Post, A24)

U.S., MOROCCAN MISPERCEPTIONS LED TO SHOCK OVER LIBYAN UNION

RABAT, Morocco -- U.S. diplomats missed key signals of Morocco's intention to join Libya in a political union that now has caused the United States considerable embarrassment and raised official concern in Washington that Libyan leader Qaddafi may be breaking out of his diplomatic isolation, according to sources. (Jonathan Randal, Washington Post, A25)

UNESCO WITHDRAWAL IS DEBATED

The Reagan Administration still plans to withdraw from UNESCO by the end of the year as announced last December because possible reforms lack "specific provisions for implementation," a U.S. official, Assistant Secretary of State Gregory Newell, told a House Foreign Affairs subcommittee. (Washington Times, A6)

SANDINISTAS' FOE BACK IN MANAGUA; CLAIMS BACKING OF LATIN PRESIDENTS

MANAGUA, Nicaragua -- The leader of Nicaragua's major opposition coalition, Arturo Cruz, returned after meetings with the presidents of five Latin American countries and vowed to continue to press demands on the government that he says must be met for free elections. (John Lantigua, Washington Post, A31)

"If we reach an agreement (with the government) on the conditions, of course we will register candidates," Cruz told reporters on his return from a two-week Latin American tour. (Reuter)

Nicaraguan Predicts a 'Crisis' If Sandinistas Stay in Power

Cruz said leaders of the five countries he visited shared his dissatisfaction with the Sandinista government, which he said had "unnecessarily brought Nicaragua into the East-West conflict." (Stephen Kinzer, New York Times, A6)

NICARAGUA, VATICAN SEEN STILL AT ODDS

VATICAN CITY -- The week-long talks between high-level Nicaraguan and Vatican delegations failed to produce agreement on major issues that have strained relations, church sources said. (Sari Gilbert, Washington Post, A31)

HANOI SAYS U.S. MUST TAKE ALL PRISONERS

BANGKOK -- Vietnam will agree to a U.S. request for release of prisoners held in "reeducation camps" since the end of the Vietnam war, but only if the United States takes all prisoners and not just a select few, a Vietnamese Embassy spokesman said. (Washington Post, A31)

Hanoi Wants U.S. to Take All Its Political Prisoners

The spokesman said Vietnamese Premier Pham Van Dong and Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach have said Hanoi is ready to clear the camps, largely populated by former soldiers of the defunct South Vietnamese government. (Washington Times, A7)

U.S. LAUDS VIETNAM PEACE BID

The State Department said that comments by Vietnam's Foreign Minister seemed to open the door to progress toward a political settlement of the longstanding Cambodian issue. (New York Times, A8)

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY EVENING, September 13, 1984

HURRICANE DIANA

CBS's Dan Rather: Hurricane Diana has slammed ashore and tonight is blowing itself out as it moves inland. Gov. Hunt of North Carolina said his state has suffered some very great damage and said he will ask President Reagan to declare it a major disaster area.

(ALL NETS LEAD)

PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

CBS's Dan Rather: Heading south today, President Reagan said he might propose more cuts in social programs for women and children, cuts Mr. Reagan said could be made in some of the overhead costs of these programs without reducing how much help actually gets to the needy. For the most part, though, Mr. Reagan's campaign day down south was a piece of cake, including birthday cake in Nashville for veteran country music star Roy Acuff. And Candidate Reagan did a number of sorts on the Democrats. (President: "There's an old country and western song called 'Home on the Range,' where seldom his heard a discouraging word. I guess they haven't campaigned there yet." Laughter, cheering. "But they probably couldn't perform here anyway because all they do is sing the blues. All told, the President's highly produced road show was music to his ears and his campaign strategists's, hitting patriotic themes and up notes all the way. (TV Coverage: Singer Lee Greenwood singing "God Bless the USA" with President at his side, confetti coming down.)

There were plenty of flag-wavers, too, during Walter Mondale's campaign day in the South, and plenty of heat in a crowded, un-air conditioned high school auditorium, even before Mondale turned up some scorching rhetoric. (TV Coverage: Mondale supporters in gymnasium cheer.) Mondale tried to scorch Mr. Reagan's history of proposing cuts in social program spending. Speaking to a school audience of the young, Mondale specifically attacked the Reagan record on spending for the nation's old. (Mondale: "Of all the mean-spirited ways, of all the shameful ways to cut money out of that budget, Mr. Reagan's plan on Medicare is nothing short of official cruelty. My plan is simple decency and there's a big difference between the two of us.")

CBS's Bob Schieffer looks at the once solid-for-Democrats South: For 16 years in Alabama's Calhoun County, Jim Turner has been cutting hair and asking his customers how they're going to vote. But even in this highly conservative blue-collar area, he's never heard anything like he's hearing this year. (Turner: "I'd say that Reagan is probably running somewhere between 75-80%. I find that a lot of people like him; even when they don't like something he does, they respect what he does.") In Atlanta, southern pollster Claiborne Darden uses more sophisticated survey methods, but he hears rumblings of the same kind of Reagan landslide. (Darden: "Right now, we do not have a race for president in the South. We have an election. In our last poll of the deep South, we find Reagan at 60%, Mondale at 34.")

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY EVENING, September 13, 1984

PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN (continued)

Schieffer continues: Whether you check with the boys at the courthouse or even with a Southern Democratic governor like Robb of Virginia, the message is the President is saying what the South wants to hear. (Gov. Robb: "He talks about this country is standing tall again. He talks about values that relate to family and some of the basics that all of us can relate to. To be perfectly honest, Walter Mondale has yet to reach people in that context.") Darden says it's that and better economic times that has made Reagan so popular with Southerners. (Darden: "...He's almost become Uncle Sam to them.") Campaigning in Georgia last week, Mondale's people argued the situation could still be turned around with a massive voter registration drive and a big voter turnout in an area of the country where Democrats still far outnumber Republicans. But with Mondale's message not yet getting through, apparently, to white middle class Southerners, they concede it's going to be tough. (CBS-6)

ABC's Peter Jennings: Both Mondale and President Reagan have been concentrating their campaigns in the South today. Mr. Reagan has been blaming the Democrats for the record budget deficit. Mr. Mondale has been describing the President's plans for social programs as savage, mean-spirited and shameful.

ABC's Brit Hume: Mondale tried to sharpen the contrast between himself and President Reagan. There he was, coat off and sleeves up in a sweltering high school gym, taking questions from all comers, friendly and unfriendly. (Questioner: "The party platform that you represent, and are accountable for, is pro-abortion, pro-gay rights and anti-religion." Mondale: "All right now, the last point you made is about anti-religious. Where do you get that? You, know, I (cheering).") The main subject, though, was Medicare. Mondale said the President had tried to cut it before and, if reelected, inevitably would try again. (Mondale: "Of all the shameful ways to cut money out of that budget is to go to a senior citizen who's retired and who's now sick and in the hospital, and say 'We've figured out a way to save money; we're going to raise your hospital and your medical bills while you're on that hospital bed sick. I will not do it....'" Cheering.) The Mondale forces hope that as the campaign wears on, he will begin to get credit from voters on two counts: one, for having specific proposals where the President has none, and two, for staking out positions more popular with more people than those Mondale will attribute to the President.

ABC's Sam Donaldson: President Reagan, campaigning in Nashville, ignored Mondale's charges about his future economic plans, and instead patted himself on the back for the good times at hand. (President: "With your support and Sen. Baker's, we've had 21 straight months of economic growth. That is the best expansion since World War II. Some people have labored so long at making government bigger, they've developed a knee-jerk addiction to tax increases. And every time their knee jerks, we get kicked." Laughter, applause.)

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY EVENING, September 13, 1984

PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN (continued)

Donaldson continues: The President failed again today, however, to say exactly how he intends to reduce the deficit if not with higher taxes. None of this talk about deficits and taxes and such is the essence of the Reagan campaign. The essence is a never-ending string of spectacular picture-stories created for television and designed to place the President in the midst of a huge throng of wildly cheering, patriotic Americans. Today's occurred right here in Nashville at the Grand Ole Opry. (TV Coverage: President comes on stage with Minnie Pearl and Roy Acuff. Acuff cuts birthday cake.) With Roy Acuff and Minnie Pearl and a packed house of Reagan-Bush campaign supporters. (President: "Do you feel better off than you did four years ago?" Cheering.) Yes, roared the Reagan-Bush campaign supporters. But the President hadn't come primarily to make a speech. He'd come to be seen celebrating Roy Acuff's 81st birthday and to sing along with Lee Greenwood's patriotic hit song. (TV Coverage: Greenwood sings "God Bless the USA" as confetti comes down. Crowd cheers, waves flags.) God, patriotism and Reagan. That's the essence this campaign is trying hard to project. (ABC-7)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: Mondale charged President Reagan is bent on slashing government aid for the elderly and sick. He attacked Reagan again for refusing to issue a plan to cut the deficit. And he told the citizens of Tupelo, Miss. what they could expect if Reagan is reelected. (TV Coverage: Cheering crowd. Mondale: "Well, here he goes again. If you elect Mr. Reagan in 1984, he's going to savage Social Security and Medicare and destroy it for millions. And that's why he won't answer your questions. If he answers your questions before the election, you won't vote for him.") So far the polls show that President Reagan is not suffering from Mondale's attacks on the deficit. And, as Chris Wallace reports, the President sees no need to change his strategy of ignoring the Mondale charges.

NBC's Chris Wallace: The President kept refusing to get specific about how he would cut the deficit. But there were new numbers he did want to talk about: new polls that show him leading Mondale by as much as 16 points. (TV Coverage: President walks over to meet reporters on South Lawn before takeoff. President: "How come none of you have mentioned the polls?" Reporter: "What do you think of the polls?" President: "Goody.") But the President said he would continue to run scared as he headed for Nashville. (TV Coverage: President on stage with Roy Acuff, Acuff about to cut birthday cake.) Here at the Grand Ole Opry, he celebrated the 81st birthday of Roy Acuff, the king of country music. And that, aides said, will help Mr. Reagan with country fans everywhere. The President's jab certainly had a country accent. (President: "I think we all better remember that the other side's promises are a little like Minnie Pearl's hat. They both have big price tags hanging from them." TV shows Minnie Pearl laughing with the rest of the crowd.) But what was most noticeable today was Mr. Reagan's increasing effort to link support for him to what he calls the "new patriotism."

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY EVENING, September 13, 1984

PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN (continued)

Wallace continues: In a speech to Tennessee business leaders, the President listed Administration accomplishments, saying they're not his victories but America's victories. (President: "That's why I want to offer a little friendly advice to our critics. Rather than saying things that always seem to run America down, how about giving the American people a pat on the back.") And back at the Opry, the President's men put on a show, complete with flags, confetti and the unofficial campaign theme song. (TV Coverage: Lee Greenwood sings "God Bless the USA," the President at his side, as confetti comes down on stage.) What the President has done, very skillfully, is to wrap his campaign in what appears to be a new wave of good feeling about this country. So the Democratic attacks against him are made to seem almost unpatriotic. (NBC-6)

SOVIET ARMS VIOLATIONS

Rather: President Reagan is said to have decided to delay release of a highly critical report that accuses the Soviet Union of longtime violations of arms control agreements. According to sources, the delay is likely to last beyond the scheduled meeting with Gromyko. (CBS-7)

ORGAKOV

Rather: An intriguing explanation was revealed for last week's puzzling removal of Orgakov as chief of the Soviet armed forces. A U.S. official quoted a senior Soviet diplomat as saying Orgakov was ousted because of "un-party like tendencies." (CBS-11)

SOVIET UNION/MOSLEM POPULATION

NBC's Garrick Utley reports there are 45M Soviet Moslems, and Moscow's concern is that the appeal of Ayatollah Khomeini or the resistance in Afghanistan could spread to Soviet Moslems. (NBC-7)

BILLY GRAHAM/SOVIET UNION

ABC's Jim Hickey: On this visit, the evangelist says he wants to meet the common Russian people, the believers. This week, he's meeting them. In Leningrad, 2,000 people packed a Baptist Church, some of them smuggling in banners to tell Graham how much freedom they don't have. Graham says he's not here to interfere with Soviet politics. For the most part, he's kept his word, only occasionally making reference to religious persecution. His officially-approved tour is being noticed by the state-run press, but with no mention of his subtle references to persecution or of the Leningrad protesters. (ABC-9)

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY EVENING, September 13, 1984

COMMENTARY -- SOVIET RELATIONS

NBC's John Chancellor: A study of American opinion published this week in the magazine "Foreign Affairs" contains some surprises. Four years ago, Americans were in an anti-Soviet mood. Ronald Reagan was elected. Defense spending was increased. Today, Americans feel the country is stronger, but this has not made them want to be tougher on the Soviets. It has made them more anxious to negotiate a settlement on nuclear arms. The study found that while Americans don't want to fall behind in the development of nuclear weapons, they also believe the Russians will match any weapon developed by the U.S. That inevitability has increased their desire to be rid of nuclear weapons. Eight out of 10 are not sure if any life on this planet could survive a nuclear war. By a margin of 2-1, they say let's spend less time building weapons and more time negotiating. If Moscow and Washington could reduce their nuclear stockpiles, 66% would be willing to pay higher taxes for non-nuclear weapons, a striking statistic. (NBC-8)

FAULTY MICROCHIPS

Brokaw: A high-ranking Pentagon official said that about half of the microchips of the type that were found to be faulty have been cleared for use. He predicted none of the chips will fail. (NBC-4)

INDIA/PAKISTAN

Jennings: There is concern on Capitol Hill about a possible confrontation between India and Pakistan. ABC's John Scali reports that some senators became alarmed after they received a briefing from the CIA. The senators say they learned of a possible Indian attack on a Pakistani nuclear facility. U.S. intelligence authorities insist no special warning was given to the senators that any attack on the facility was imminent, that this was just one of several trouble spots worth watching closely. (ABC-10)

ISRAELI GOVERNMENT

Rather: There was agreement on the bipartisan power-sharing government. Peres and Shamir ended 7 weeks of political stalemate with a handshake. They will take turns leading the coalition. Peres's first pledge was to invite Jordan's King Hussein to peace talks and to withdraw Israeli troops from Lebanon. (ABC-8, CBS-8)

ISRAEL/LEBANON

CBS's Don McNeill: Almost 600 young Israeli men have died in Lebanon in the last two years, but in the war and occupation, something else has died as well: the enthusiasm and dedication of Israeli youth for military service. There is mounting resistance. (CBS-9)

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY EVENING, September 13, 1984

MOONIE MONEY

NBC's Carl Stern: Conservative political activist Terry Dolan has received \$500,000 from businesses controlled by Rev. Moon's Unification Church to fund political activities. The money came from an American-based Korean who runs newspapers for the Unification Church, and went to Dolan's Conservative Alliance. The money went to produce television commercials, which will air this fall, featuring the wife of the congressmen killed in KAL-007. (TV Coverage of Mrs. MacDonald in commercial: "The missiles that were used to murder my husband were manufactured with technology sold to the Soviets by American companies in deals financed by American banks. To help stop this madness, join me in supporting CALL, the Conservative Alliance.") Democrats think the commercials funded with Moonie money may have to be labeled "foreign propaganda." (NBC-5)

CITRUS CANCRE

Rather: The federal government halted shipments of all Florida citrus fruit and trees, a measure to try to contain spread of a highly contagious and incurable plant disease. The ban, ordered by the Department of Agriculture, is to stay in effect until further notice. It comes just weeks before Florida's billion-dollar fall harvest of grapefruit and some varieties of oranges. (ABC-3, NBC-2, CBS-2)

AUTO SALES

Rather: U.S. auto makers reported that early September sales rose almost 30% over the same period last year. Industry analysts said that shows consumers are hungry for new cars. (CBS-3)

DENNIS BANKS

Jennings: American Indian movement leader Dennis Banks, sought by the authorities in South Dakota since he was convicted of rioting and assault in Custer, S.D. back in 1973, gave up in Rapid City. (CBS-5, NBC-3, ABC-2)

STOCK MARKET

Jennings: A rally on the bond market spilled over into the Stock Market. The Dow soared nearly 28 points in very heavy trading. (ABC-6)

REP. STUDDS

NBC's Fred Briggs reports on Gary Studds' campaign in Massachusetts in the aftermath of his censure by the House. Studds leads in the polls, although some show his lead narrowing in recent weeks. (NBC-10)

COMMENTARY -- VOTING BY SECRET BALLOT

ABC's George Will calls for elimination of the secret ballot: Let's have our vote on public record so we can't lie about how we voted when the candidate we voted for turns out to be a dud. (ABC-7)

EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

LINE-ITEM VETO

The Item Veto: An Idea Whose Time Shouldn't Come -- "...A president who truly wanted a balanced budget should propose one in the first place. A president who disliked major spending projects can and should use the existing general veto regularly. Reagan has used that very sparingly. Or, under the 1974 Budget and Impoundment Control Act, a president can defer what he deems unnecessary spending until the end of the fiscal year. Reagan and other supporters of the item veto do us a disservice when they do not frankly acknowledge that two of the three or four leading causes of our huge deficits have been brought about by Reagan policies -- major tax cuts and major defense spending increases."

(Thomas Cronin, Christian Science Monitor, 9/4)

SOCIAL SECURITY

Social Security Purge Must End -- "...What had begun under the Carter Administration as an appropriate review of the eligibility of persons receiving disability payments has turned, in the current Administration, into a sweeping purge. Persons with desperate disabilities, especially those with mental illness, have been bounced equally with malingerers....The indiscriminate purge that so far has denied benefits to more than 470,000 physically and mentally disabled people -- people ill-equipped to fend for themselves, and apt to be reinstated if they fight back -- must be scrapped, before it does more harm."

(Atlanta Constitution, 9/12)

GRACE COMMISSION

A Downpayment on Waste? -- "J. Peter Grace...is likely to develop a wider audience for his ideas now that his report, "War on Waste," is being published by MacMillan for only \$9.95. The report also is available from the Government Printing Office -- for \$45.99. Maybe the difference can be considered a downpayment in the war on waste." (Detroit News, 7/12)

SOCIAL SPENDING

Reagan by the Numbers: Social Spending has Increased -- "...Many people, no doubt confused over who is right, must wonder why the Washington news media do not check the actual dollar amounts spent on (social) programs to see if deep cuts have been made. To help set the record straight, I checked with the congressional committees and executive agencies that are responsible for some of the government's biggest social programs and compared what we're spending now to what was being spent when President Carter left office....The safety net has not been torn full of holes, as some would have us believe. In simple dollar terms, these programs (examples given: Supplemental Security, disability payments, Medicaid, Medicare, education, school lunches, Women Infants and Children Program, food stamps), many of them providing open-ended assistance to the needy, have grown during the Reagan years -- in many cases, substantially....These numbers clearly show that Congress has been doing far more spending than cutting. The government is spending more on social programs today under Ronald Reagan than it was spending under the Carter Administration, when Democrats controlled both Congress and the White House."

(Donald Lambro, Santa Ana Register, 9/10)