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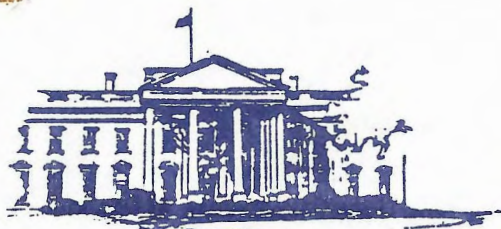
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NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY (Wednesday Evening)

PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN -- The backdrop for Mondale's harvest tour looked like it had been lifted from Ronald Reagan's commercials.

During lunch at Ohio State, the President said he has no apologies for a letter he wrote in 1960 comparing John Kennedy's programs to Karl Marx and Hitler.

GRENADA -- The anniversary of honor, as President Reagan called it, was being observed today. From what the Pentagon showed you of the invasion, you'd hardly know the human toll of combat.

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NATIONAL NEWS

LAST DEBATE AFFECTED FEW VOTES

Few votes were changed by the final debate between Walter Mondale and President Reagan, according to the Washington Post-ABC News poll. The survey showed the President with a 54-42% lead. A new Harris survey shows Reagan leading 56-42%. Three out of 10 respondents said they thought Reagan was too old to serve a second term as President -- about the same percentage who had held that opinion before the debate.

(David Broder and Barry Sussman, Washington Post, A1)

MONDALE STUMPS WITH RURAL VOTERS: REAGAN HECKLED AGAIN

Walter Mondale pleaded with rural voters to carry him to a Truman-style win while a confident President Reagan confronted hecklers at Ohio State with his standard charge, "You ain't seen nothing yet." Reagan was cheered loudly by most of the 13,000 people, but was taunted by about 50-to-75 protesters who frequently chanted in unison, "It just ain't so," as the President attacked his rival. Mondale's showing in the ABC-Washington Post poll prompted Mondale to announce a new policy. "I'm not going to comment on any polls between now and the election," he said in Milwaukee. Mondale used Harry Truman as his model, recalling he traveled with Truman across the midwest during the Democrat's uphill battle in 1948.

(David Lawsky, UPI)

MONDALE SPENDING BLASTED BY REAGAN

COLUMBUS -- President Reagan charged that Walter Mondale's string of promises will send government spending out of control. The President declared that Mondale's approach to national defense is so much like that of the previous administration that millions of Americans have decided the national cannot afford to go down that path again. With an eye to the first anniversary of the Grenada invasion, Mr. Reagan said, "It took him 11 months to decide that rescuing our sons and daughters in Grenada was a good thing."

(Jeremiah O'Leary, Washington Post, A2)

MONDALE STUMPS THROUGH MIDWEST

BURLINGTON, Iowa -- Walter Mondale, pounding his fists and speaking emotionally, discussed his values in detail and appealed for voters' trust as he visited farm towns of his native Midwest. The candidate seemed lifted by crowds and scenery and, at each stop, drew on his rural roots. "I never lived in a community this big," he said in Canton, Mo., (pop. 2,000). "Our town was 900, if you counted the dogs." With televised debates behind them, their arguments before the public and gaps in the polls still daunting, candidate and staff know that the prospect of victory is remote. Yet no one has visibly lost spirit or hope.

(Paul Taylor, Washington Post, A8)

Mondale Pledges to Rescue Farmers by Raising Income

QUINCY, Ill. -- Walter Mondale rose before dawn to urge rural Americans to recapture their government and thereby save their farms. Campaigning through the central states, where both he and the harvest are behind, the Democratic nominee pledged to raise agricultural income and rescue desperate farms from the Reagan Administration. Noting that he was the first pea inspector to be elected vice president, and contending American agriculture has suffered its four worst years, Mondale declared, "I understand family farms, and Ronald Reagan never will."

(Alan McConagha, Washington Times, A3)

REAGAN PLANS RIGOROUS LAST-WEEK CAMPAIGN PUSH

President Reagan, who plans "to keep the pressure on" until election day, will train his political guns on the Northeast and Midwestern states in the final 12 days of the campaign. His strategists were huddling to plan his travel schedule with seven days set aside for rigorous campaigning. Since he is subject to questions only on occasion and on the run, Reagan has not said what his second-term plans might be, except that he wants to continue the policies of the first term.

(Helen Thomas, UPI)

FERRARO FIGHTS TO CLOSE GAP ON REAGAN IN CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES -- Geraldine Ferraro says she and Mondale are closing the gap against President Reagan in California, where she has been campaigning nonstop this week. Ferraro has drawn large, enthusiastic crowds during her first two days in California. A Field poll showed Reagan now leads by about 10% in California, compared to 18 percentage points in September. At a late night rally, Ferraro charged that Reagan was "out of step" with the American people on issues ranging from defense to the environment. She also said Reagan was misinforming the public about his opinion of President Kennedy, whom Reagan often praises at campaign rallies.

(Michael Posner, Reuter)

OPM DIRECTOR BLAMES FERRARO

A Reagan Administration official blamed Geraldine Ferraro for letters he sent to the governors of Ohio, Texas and New York questioning the legality of voter registration drives by state employes. Donald Devine said he was following directions from Ferraro when he warned the three governors last month that some federal aid to their states might be stopped because employes were registering voters in state offices. The Democratic governors accused Devine of trying to thwart the drives because people were being registered in all state offices, including employment and welfare offices. Devine said Ferraro said states might "return to a spoils system" if OPM did not enforce the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970.

(Pete Earley, Washington Post, A7)

Fund Cutoff Threat Linked by Governors to Voter Drive

The Democratic governors of Texas, Ohio and New York claimed the Reagan Administration threatened to cut off federal funds unless their new state-run voter registration drives were cleared of alleged politicization. Donald Devine said governors' charge of harrassment were baseless.

(Thomas Brandt, Washington Times, A2)

BUSH DENIES EFFORT TO DENIGRATE RIVAL

Vice President Bush said that it is "absolutely absurd" to suggest that he, his wife, or his staff are involved in a calculated effort to use off-color remarks to denigrate Ferraro. (Washington Post, A19)

'84 CAMPAIGN SKIMS FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES, SPECIALISTS WARN

Americans will be poorly informed about the candidates' foreign policy views when they go the polls. Diplomatic experts say that neither President Reagan nor Walter Mondale is shedding light on crucial issues that will confront both the next president and voters. Further, analysts doubt whether the debate this week or the myriad stump speeches given by the two candidates in recent weeks have served to enlighten voters. Instead of dealing with the substance of issues, foreign policy analysts say, the candidates have resorted to sloganeering, simplistic themes, and imagemaking. Mondale seeks to present himself as an arms controller, but as a "tough" one. Reagan continues to infuse his speeches with optimism, giving the impression that there are no serious problems.

(Charlotte Saikowski, Christian Science Monitor, A1)

DEMOCRATS TURNING TO PACs

Democratic members of the House apparently are becoming more and more addicted to campaign contributions from political action committees. 94 members of Congress relied on PAC contributions for at least half of their campaign treasuries in the 1982 election and more than four out of five were Democrats. (George Lardner Jr. Washington Post, A9)

REALIGNING OF GOP SEEN AFTER TRIUMPH

The chairman of the Republican Party predicts a Reagan landslide and a conservative mandate for the next four years. But he says the real victory of 1984 could be a long-term realignment built on a whole new generation of Republicans. Fahrenkopf said the real story of 1984 is the large number of new young voters the Republicans have signed up despite massive Democratic efforts to register new voters, particularly among Hispanics, women and blacks. (Don McLeod, Washington Times, A1)

LIBERTARIAN WOULD LIQUIDATE U.S. ASSETS TO PAY OFF DEBT

BOULDER -- Unlike the other presidential candidates, David Bergland has a plan to eliminate the budget deficit and the national debt forever in his first year in the White House. Bergland's Libertarian administration would sell the national parks and forests, the Federal Triangle, the service academies, the Hoover Dam, the gold in Fort Knox, all overseas military bases and just about every other government asset. It would use the income to pay debts and make a lump-sum final payment to all Social Security beneficiaries so that program could be shut down as well.

(T.R. Reid, Washington Post, A4)

EDITOR'S NOTE: Elisabeth Bumiller's article, "Into the Stretch with Mondale," appears on page D1 of The Washington Post (Style).

'SPIN CONTROLLERS' THROW CURVES AT POLITICAL REPORTERS

"Putting a spin on a story" is an old usage in journalism. The new expression was born, it is believed, about a year ago when David Gergen was retiring. Bruce Drake of The New York Daily News wryly commented, "Well, there goes the spin patrol man." As for the high-minded, independent press, they speak of "spin control" with snide superiority, but its members will go for a "spin" at the drop of a hat.

(News analysis by Jeremiah O'Leary, Washington Times, A3)

PRICES CLIMB 0.4%; INDEXED TAXES TO DIP

Consumer prices rose at a modest 4.3% annual rate in September, completing the reporting period on which a new system of inflation breaks for taxpayers is based, the Labor Department said. The news came as a bouquet of roses for President Reagan. But the broadest smiles may be on the faces of taxpayers who, based on the new inflation number, will learn how much they will be saving next year because of indexing.

(Ralph Hallow, Washington Times, A1)

First Adjustment for Inflation Set in the Income Tax

Sen. Dole said that taxpayers would pay some \$6B less in income taxes next year than they would without indexing. He put the savings for the median taxpayer -- one with a 1985 income of \$31,686 -- at 2.7%.

(Robert Hershey Jr., New York Times, A1)

3.5% BENEFIT RISE SET UNDER SOCIAL SECURITY

Social Security benefits will go up 3.5% next year and Social Security taxes will also rise, the government said, but income taxes will fall slightly as the tax code for the first time is automatically indexed to offset the effects of inflation.

(Spencer Rich, Washington Post, A1)

U.S. PAID FOR FEMA CHIEF'S ATTENDANCE AT FUNDRAISER

FEMA Director Louis Giuffrida and his wife attended a \$250-a-plate reception for Vice President Bush in February at the expense of a FEMA consulting firm, which then charged the evening to the government, according to documents made public Wednesday. The documents also show that the agency has spent \$5,000 in the last year for Giuffrida's wife to accompany her husband on first-class flights to Rome, Paris, Brussels, Tel Aviv and Mexico City.

(Howard Kurtz, Washington Post, A1)

Disaster Agency Payments 'Intolerable,' House Chairman Charges

Financial documents suggest "an extensive pattern of misconduct and mismanagement" in the nation's disaster relief agency, including improper payments to two contractors, a House subcommittee chairman says. Rep. Gore released subpoenaed documents, declaring the situation at FEMA "is, in a word, intolerable."

(William Kronholm, AP)

TOXIC THREAT SEEN TO WATER SUPPLIES

The key Government program to monitor the contamination of underground water supplies by toxic waste is not working, according to a report drafted by officials of the EPA. The failure means that water systems beneath many waste disposal and storage sites could be contaminated, several agency officials and environmentalists said. They said such sites might eventually have to be cleaned up at a heavy cost to the Government. (Philip Shabecoff, New York Times, A1)

EEOC CHIEF BLASTS BLACK LEADERS

The chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission says black leaders are "watching the destruction of our race" as they "bitch, bitch, bitch" about President Reagan but fail to work with the Administration to solve problems. Clarence Thomas said in an interview that, in his 3 1/2 years on the job, no major black leader has sought his help in influencing the Reagan Administration.

(Juan Williams, Washington Post, A5)

JAPANESE CRIME NETWORK FOUND MOVING INTO AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK -- The Japanese Yazuka, a ruthless organized crime network with more than 100,000 members in Japan, is moving into the U.S. with extensive drug-smuggling, gun-running, prostitution, gambling, extortion and money-laundering activities, the President's Commission on Organized Crime said. (Margot Hornblower, Washington Post, A19)

COLOMBO CRIME FAMILY CHARGED AFTER UNDERCOVER FBI PROBE

NEW YORK -- Leaders of New York's Colombo crime family have been charged with federal crimes after a three-year undercover operation in which an FBI agent posed as a wealthy buyer of stolen goods while others spied on a pasta-import business. "We have the Mafia on the run," Attorney General Smith declared as he announced a 51-count indictment of 11 members of one of New York City's major crime families. (Reuter)

11 Indicted by U.S. as the Leadership of a Crime Family

Replying to questions, Smith denied his announcement and the timing of the indictment had anything to do with political considerations.

(Arnold Lubasch, New York Times, A1)

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

INVASION'S ANNIVERSARY: REAGAN CELEBRATES ACTION IN GRENADA

At a White House ceremony heavy with campaign overtones, President Reagan celebrated the invasion of Grenada a year ago as "an anniversary of honor for America" that demonstrated "the meaning of peace through strength." Only once during the day did Reagan mention another recent anniversary, the Oct. 23 suicide bombing of the Marine headquarters in Beirut. White House aides said the event was non-partisan, but Reagan, in a speech earlier in the day at Ohio State University, made Grenada the symbol of his foreign policy differences with Mondale.

(Lou Cannon and Karlyn Barker, Washington Post, A1)

Reagan Recalls Day of Honor

On hand for the ceremony were 85 of the more than 600 American students rescued from Grenada's St. George University. Mr. Reagan's remarks to the students and several dignitaries came just minutes after he returned to Washington following several days of campaigning. When his helicopter touched down on the White House lawn, the students cheered the President from their vantage point along the White House balcony.

(John McCaslin, Washington Times, A6)

NOTES: A front page picture, captioned "Robin Luketina kneels at grave of his son, who was fatally injured in the Grenada invasion, as students look on." appears with this story. A seven-page supplement, "Grenada: One Year Later," begins on page A35 of The Washington Post. Gus Constantine's article, "Rebuilding a Broken Island," appears on page A1 of The Washington Times. Above the story is a photo of a Grenadan cab driver relaxing in front of a building painted, "Thank God for U.S. and Caribbean heroes of freedom." A look at Grenada after the operation appears on pages A4-A6 of The Washington Times.

American Military, Grenadians Mark Invasion Anniversary

President Reagan said the invasion was a turning point in obliterating America's "period of self-doubt and national confusion" during the late 1970s -- when Mondale was vice president in the Carter Administration.

(Carolyn Curiel, UPI)

In Grenada, One Year Later, Many Plans but Little Change

American soldiers still patrol the streets and help run the police stations and enjoy the same popularity as when they first arrived. U.S. aid technicians have noted that the country often is without electricity, the telephones do not work, the water supply is unpredictable and the roads are crumbling. They have devised programs to take care of most of these problems, they say, and about \$50 million in aid has been allocated for the country. But, so far, not much has changed. Perhaps more than anything, Grenadians and Americans on the island say, the last year has been a time of gradual psychological recovery from some of the most traumatic events in the island's history.

(Joseph Treaster, New York Times, A1)

One Year Later: Grenada at Turning Point

Rising expectations include a desire for more jobs on an island where as much as a third of the labor force is out of work. American aid and a handful of investments have helped to create hundreds of new jobs, with the promise of more to come. But these jobs have not been sufficient to fulfill expectations of many Grenadians.

(Daniel Southerland, Christian Science Monitor, A1)

Reagan Gets Political Mileage Out of Grenada Invasion

President Reagan has used the anniversary of the Grenada invasion to celebrate the end of "self-doubt and national confusion" in the U.S. while noting that Mondale was initially opposed to the action. Reagan got political mileage out of the White House anniversary ceremony, reminding voters of his decision to send in forces to rescue American students and liberate the Caribbean island from a radical Marxist regime. Mondale has not made the invasion an issue. Instead, he has frequently attacked Reagan's "negligence" in Lebanon. But the disaster at the Marine barracks and two terrorist bombings of U.S. Embassy buildings in Beirut have done little to dent Reagan's popularity. (William Scally, Reuter)

STATE DEPARTMENT WARNS AMERICANS ABOUT TRAVELING TO LEBANON

The State Department cautioned Americans anew about terrorist attacks in Lebanon on the basis of "new information concerning threats across the board to Americans," including members of the press. The occasion of the new warning was a report that four Lebanese employees of the Associated Press had disappeared in Beirut en route to work.

(Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A29)

U.S. Says All Americans Threatened by Lebanon's Terrorists

The Reagan Administration says there is an "across the board threat" by terrorists against all Americans in Lebanon and that it may be part of a campaign to isolate Lebanon from the West. NSC Adviser McFarlane said the increased threats were "up a piece from the ones we have had before." Apparently the threats are for actions "in the days ahead." An informed State Department official, who spoke only on condition he not be identified, said there is an obvious effort by radical groups in Lebanon to drive all Americans and other Westerners out of the embattled country.

(Gregory Nokes, AP)

FOES DEMAND MARCOS QUIT

MANILA -- Political opponents of President Marcos demanded his resignation and threatened to seek parliamentary impeachment proceedings against him. The call came after a majority report by an official fact-finding board implicated Gen. Ver in the Aquino assassination. In response, Marcos in effect temporarily relieved Ver and another top general of their commands and ordered their prosecution along with 23 other military men and one civilian named by the board's majority as "indictable" for premeditated murder.

(William Branigin, Washington Post, A1)

SHIFT IN PHILIPPINE AID PACKAGE IS SIGN OF U.S. CONCERN

A decision by Congress to give the Philippines less than half the military aid sought for 1985 is a sign of growing U.S. concern over the future of Marcos' government, congressional sources say. Instead of the \$60M in military sales credits requested by President Reagan, Congress voted to cap the figure at \$15M. (Carol Giacomo, Reuter)

NICARAGUAN BISHOP CALLS FOR VOTE AGAINST SANDINISTAS

MANAGUA -- Nicaragua's leading Roman Catholic bishop accused the left-wing leadership of trampling human rights and said elections due next month were designed only as a show of obedience. In what he called a personal statement, the President of the Nicaraguan Bishops' Conference, Pablo Antonio Vega, told a news conference the Sandinistas have violated fundamental rights ranging to the right to life to the right to property. The unusually sharply-worded attack drew parallels between the Somoza government and the present government and said there was no point in voting if people had no sense of freedom and no real choice. (Bernd Debusmann, Reuter)

OFFICERS' DEATHS CHANGE NOTHING, DUARTE SAYS

SAN SALVADOR -- The deaths of four top battle commanders in a helicopter crash and the recent increase in leftist guerrilla activity will neither "demoralize" the army nor stop peace talks with the rebels, President Duarte said. (Washington Times, A8)

CIA CRASH VICTIMS IDENTIFIED

A former Air Force physicist from Fairfax County who "died suddenly" after telling coworkers he was doing "something exciting" and two men whose families said they died in Florida reportedly were among the four CIA employes killed last week when their plane slammed into a mountain in El Salvador. (Washington Post, A11)

SOVIETS URGED TO TREAT JEWS BETTER

Former presidents Carter and Ford, along with several political and religious leaders, sent a letter to President Chernenko requesting improved treatment for Soviet Jews. Sen. Percy organized the effort over the past month, his office announced. The letter asks that Soviet Jews be allowed to practice their religion freely and to emigrate if they do choose. (Washington Post, A17)

RENEWED VIOLENCE HITS BLACK SOUTH AFRICA

PRETORIA -- South African troops have pulled out of restless black townships south of Johannesburg after a massive house-to-house search but police reported new outbreaks of arson and violence in other areas of the country. A police spokesman said there was renewed violence in other parts of the country with crowds of youths smashing school windows, stoning police and setting fire to houses and vehicles. (Reuter)

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NEWS FROM THE STATES

POST-DEBATE POLL SHOWS VOTERS FAVOR REAGAN

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UPI) -- A poll commissioned by a television station shows that more area voters think Walter Mondale outperformed Ronald Reagan in the Oct. 21 debate, but more said they would vote for the president. The telephone survey of 400 registered voters was conducted by SRI Research Inc. of Lincoln, Neb. in Jackson, Clay, Platte, Ray and Cass counties in Missouri, and in Wyandotte and Johnson counties in Kansas. Asked who they would vote for "if the general election for president were held today," 50 percent said Reagan; 37 percent said Mondale; 12 percent were undecided; and 1 percent said none. Thirty-five percent said they thought Mondale performed better in the debate; 33 percent believed Reagan had a stronger showing; 26 percent thought it was a tie; and 7 percent said they did not know. Ninety-one percent said the debate did not cause them to change their minds about who they would vote for; 9 percent said it did; and 1 percent said they did not know. WDAF, which commissioned the poll, said the error factor was 4.9 percent.

HISPANIC LEADERS SAY REAGAN HAS FAILED

CHICAGO (UPI) -- Hispanic leaders surveyed in 10 Midwestern states say President Reagan has failed on issues of economic recovery and foreign policy, it was announced Tuesday. More than 600 Hispanic leaders were polled over an eight-month period by the Midwest Voter Registration Education Project for the survey. The project is an organization dedicated to increasing Hispanic participation in elections. Of those polled, 75.2 percent, voiced strong disapproval of the way Reagan has handled the presidency overall. Nearly 80 percent of the group rated unemployment as the first or second most important issue facing the nation. Inflation was rated second. By a 76.2 percent margin, the leaders said Reagan is poor on issues of helping those in economic trouble. Two issues Reagan supports did receive favorable reviews from the group. A constitutional amendment to balance the federal budget was favored by 69.4 percent, while 56.1 percent said they support a constitutional amendment to permit prayer in public schools. But the administration's approach to Central America received disapproving votes from a majority of the group, with 83.4 percent expressing fear the region could evolve into another Vietnam. The leaders were surveyed in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio and Wisconsin.

FLORIDA POLL: REAGAN HOLDS BIG LEAD

President Reagan, maintaining his firm grip on Florida voters, leads Democratic nominee Walter Mondale by a 2-to-1 margin in the Sunshine State with less than two weeks left in the campaign, according to a poll published today. Reagan holds a commanding lead of 29 percentage points in the latest Florida Newspaper Poll, which asked the opinion of 749 registered voters across the state. Of those polled, 61 percent said they would vote for Reagan and 32 percent said they would cast their ballot for Mondale. The results were virtually identical -- 64-27 in Reagan's favor -- in a poll taken last month. The poll has a four-point margin of error.

NEWS FROM THE STATES (continued)

RHODES BLASTS MONDALE'S PLEDGE TO HELP YOUNGSTOWN

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (UPI) -- Former Gov. James Rhodes stopped in Youngstown today, one day after Walter Mondale, to remind voters that as vice president the Democratic presidential nominee did not save the steel mills of the Mahoning Valley. "Walter Mondale never came when you needed him. He only comes when he needs your votes," Rhodes, an avid Reagan supporter, said during a news conference. "Now, Geraldine Ferraro is a nice lady," Rhodes said, "but putting her in charge of saving the Mahoning Valley is like appointing Billy Carter secretary of state or putting Tip O'Neill in charge of a weight-loss program."

CUOMO ATTACKS ADMINISTRATION AT ACID RAIN RALLY

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (UPI) -- Political clouds overshadowed a rally on acid rain as Gov. Mario Cuomo termed President Reagan's re-election campaign "macho." Cuomo said Reagan's facetious offer to arm wrestle Democratic challenger Walter Mondale after the first debate was an example of what the president wants to do to the Soviet Union. "We won't talk. We will pile missiles to the sky. That's their whole approach," Cuomo said of Reagan and Bush. "It is unintelligent, it is extreme and it lacks courage." Using a rally on acid rain as a chance to campaign for Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro, Cuomo Tuesday blasted Reagan's refusal to enact acid rain legislation before an auditorium of students at the state College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

FERRARO SPEAKS AT FRESNO RALLY

FRESNO (UPI) -- Democratic vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro spent 30 minutes Wednesday telling a cheering, clapping, sign-waving crowd how much better Walter Mondale would handle the presidency than President Reagan has done. Ferraro told some 3,500 people crammed into the gymnasium at Fresno City College that Reagan's policies on education, nuclear arms, equal rights and agriculture were a disaster for the nation. Every time she leveled a barb at the Reagan administration, the crowd burst into applause, forcing her to stop her speech and wait for quiet.

KENNEDY CRITICIZES PRESIDENT'S QUOTING OF DEMOCRATS

LOS ANGELES (UPI) -- During a final campaign swing California Wednesday for the Mondale-Ferraro ticket, Sen. Edward Kennedy asked President Reagan to stop quoting his brother. "When President Reagan changed parties he should have changed quote books," the Massachusetts Democrat told a breakfast meeting of about 300 labor, education, and political figures. "In 1960, Ronald Reagan was a Democrat for Nixon, and he attacked John Kennedy. I have a simple question, why doesn't Reagan quote Nixon now?" Campaigning in Northern California Tuesday Kennedy evoked images of his late brothers in asking voters to reject the "selfishness" of the Reagan administration.

NEWS FROM THE STATES (continued)

TOWER ATTACKS MONDALE ON SOCIAL SECURITY

HOUSTON (UPI) -- Lameduck Sen. John Tower, R-Texas, Wednesday accused the Democrats of lying that President Ronald Reagan is a threat to Social Security and suggested the system might be bankrupted if Walter Mondale should be elected. "They are preying on the fears of older Americans in an attempt to get their votes and their money. Frankly, The Democrats are lying to voters in Texas and throughout the country about Social Security," Tower told a news conference at the Harris County Reagan-Bush headquarters. "I resent the Democrats' deceptions and I believe they owe senior citizens an apology. If there is anything senior citizens should be frightened about, it is the prospect that Walter Mondale could become president, and once again put Social Security on the road to bankruptcy."

Later at another news conference in Houston, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, held fast to the Democratic theme that Reagan attempted a drastic cut of Social Security benefits after taking office.

TEXAS GOV. ACCUSES ADMINISTRATION OF HURTING VOTER REGISTRATION

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- Texas Gov. Mark White today accused the Reagan administration of orchestrating a "coordinated attack" to reduce voter turnout in populous states considered critical in the outcome of the Nov. 6 election. White, testifying before the House Subcommittee on Manpower and Housing, harshly criticized a Sept. 24 letter from Donald Devine, director of the federal Office of Personnel Management, to the Democratic governors of Texas, New York and Ohio. Devine's letter questioned whether the states' voter registration efforts within state agencies violated federal laws that ban the use of state workers for partisan political purposes.

CARTER ADVISER SAYS REAGAN RE-ELECTION WILL HURT WOMEN

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (UPI) -- An adviser to former President Jimmy Carter said she fears the re-election of President Reagan could slow the progress of the women's movement. Sarah Weddington, who advised Carter on women's issues, said her concern results from Reagan's positions on such issues as abortion and the Equal Rights Amendment. She also said the next president may have the opportunity to name several Supreme Court justices.

DEFENSE OFFICIAL SAYS ADMINISTRATION HAS BOUGHT A SAFER WORLD

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (UPI) -- The Reagan administration's defense spending has purchased both a stronger force and a safer world, Deputy Secretary of Defense William H. Taft IV said. The Reagan administration has improved the military to the extent that potential aggressors are cautious not to endanger the peace, Taft said Tuesday, speaking to a group of 200 Defense Department people who administer a \$14 billion military depot system. However, Taft said "national will" also plays an important role in deterring aggression, adding "we must maintain public support" by eliminating any hint of waste or inefficiency.

NEWS FROM THE STATES (continued)

MISSISSIPPI POLITICIANS LOOK AT DEBATE

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (UPI) -- Mississippi partisans David Bowen and Haley Barbour examined the 1984 presidential race from opposite ends of the political spectrum Tuesday night at an "honors forum" program at Southern Mississippi. Bowen, a former Democratic Congressman from Cleveland, assailed President Reagan for increasing the federal budget and deficits by cutting social programs and increasing military spendings. Barbour, a Yazoo City attorney and Republican National Committeeman, challenged voters to ask themselves if the country is not stronger defensively and better off economically than it was four years ago when Jimmy Carter and Walter Mondale left office.

MISSOURI CANDIDATES DEBATE

CLAYTON, Mo. (UPI) -- Rep. Robert A. Young, D-Mo., and his Republican challenger, Jack Buechner, argued about "Star Wars" space weapons, legalized abortion and balancing the federal budget in their first campaign debate. Young and Buechner took part in a candidate's forum Tuesday night at the St. Louis County Government Center. The outer-space defense program pushed by the Reagan administration is "absolutely ridiculous" and too costly, Young said. Buechner compared such a view to opposing development of the atomic bomb in the 1940s, even though it could bring World War II to a quick close.

GOP GETS 60 PERCENT OF NEW FLORIDA VOTERS

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (UPI) -- The Florida Republican Party increased its strength by almost one-third during President Reagan's term, signing up 60 percent of the state's new voters, the Secretary of State's office said Wednesday. Final vote totals confirmed the estimates of elections supervisors in major urban counties, who said after he books closed Oct. 6 that the GOP's million-dollar registration effort was paying off. In each of a dozen urban counties which account for nearly 70 percent of the statewide vote, Republican registration rose while the Democrats were down from 1980.

FLORIDA ENVIRONMENTALISTS BACK MONDALE

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (UPI) -- A group of Florida environmentalists, accusing President Reagan of showing "a basic hostility" toward the environment, Tuesday endorsed Democratic nominee Walter Mondale for president. The Mondale-Ferraro campaign put together the group of 82 environmentalists, headed by author Marjory Stoneman Douglas, who denounced the Reagan administration's record on acid rain, handling of the Environmental Protection Agency's "Superfund" for cleaning up toxic waste sites and safety of workers who handle hazardous materials.

ALABAMA FOOD COSTS DECLINE

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (UPI) -- Food prices in Alabama dropped 1.5 percent in October with an 8.2 percent decline in produce costs leading the way, the Alabama Farm Bureau reported. The Farm Bureau said a market basket of 20 basic food items sampled from throughout the state cost \$28.13, down 45 cents from September but up 58 cents from a year ago.

NEWS FROM THE STATES (continued)

HEFLIN WARNS AGAINST STRAIGHT GOP VOTING

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (UPI) -- Sen. Howell Heflin, D-Ala., says Democratic voters' ancestors would be appalled if they voted a straight Republican ticket Nov. 6. Heflin, who faces GOP Senate nominee Albert Lee Smith in his bid for re-election, said Tuesday night that he knows that President Reagan will attract some Democratic voters. "If there are some who I can't convince to vote Democratic, now don't you go crazy and pull the straight Republican ticket," he told supporters at a political rally.

HINCKLEY MISSES VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

GOLDEN, Colo. (UPI) -- Presidential assailant John Hinckley Jr. will not be voting in this year's presidential election. Jefferson County Clerk Norm Allen Tuesday said Hinckley, who requested an absentee ballot last month, had not responded and had missed the Oct. 5 deadline for registering. If Hinckley had registered in time, Allen said his office would have had to determine if the man is a prisoner or a hospital patient. Prisoners, under the law, have no voting rights.

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CANDIDATES' SCHEDULES

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- The schedules for the presidential and vice presidential candidates for Thursday, Oct. 25, and tentative schedules for ensuing days.

Walter Mondale:

Thursday, Oct. 25: 9:15 a.m. Arrives Gen. Billy Mitchell Field, Milwaukee.

9:30 a.m. departs for Cleveland.

11:50 a.m. arrives Cleveland.

12:20 p.m. rally at the Arcade, Fourth and Euclid streets, Cleveland.

1:05 p.m. departs for airport.

2 p.m. departs for Toledo, Ohio.

2:50 p.m. arrives Toledo.

3:30 p.m. private time, Holiday Inn, Toledo.

5 p.m. rally, Portside Festival Marketplace, 408 N. Summit St., Toledo.

7 p.m. departs for Flint, Mich.

Overnights Flint.

Friday, Oct. 26: 9 a.m. CDT reception, Northern High School Gymnasium, Flint.

Departs for Des Moines, Iowa, no time given.

Noon CDT event, Nolan Plaza, Third and Lucas streets, Des Moines.

3:30 p.m. CDT arrives El Paso, Texas. Evening rally, Yaleta Mission, El Paso. Departs El Paso for San Diego.

Overnights San Diego.

Saturday, Oct. 27: Morning events, San Diego and Riverside, Calif.

Travels to San Francisco, Calif.; no schedule available for San Francisco.

Geraldine Ferraro:

Thursday, Oct. 25: 7:45 a.m. PDT departs Hyatt Hotel, San Jose, Calif., for Italian Gardens, 1500 Amander Road, San Jose.

8 a.m. reception, Italian Gardens.

8:40 a.m. private time, Italian Gardens.

9 a.m. departs for Apple Computer Co., San Jose.

9:15 a.m. rally, Apple computer plant.

9:45 a.m. private time, plant.

10:10 a.m. departs for San Jose airport.

10:30 a.m. private time, airport.

11:15 a.m. departs for Stockton, Calif.

11:45 a.m. arrives Stockton airport.

12:20 p.m. event, Hunter's Square, Stockton.

1 p.m. departs for Holiday Inn, Stockton.

1:15 p.m. private time, Holiday Inn.

2:35 p.m. departs for Stockton airport.

3:10 p.m. departs for San Francisco.

3:40 p.m. arrives San Francisco International Airport.

4:25 p.m. private time, St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco.

5:20 p.m. departs for Apparel Center, 22 Fourth St., San Francisco.

5:30 p.m. reception, Apparel Center.

6:10 p.m. departs for Sheraton Palace Hotel, 639 Market St., San Francisco.

6:15 p.m. rally, Sheraton Hotel.

7 p.m. private reception, Sheraton Hotel.

7:40 p.m. departs for St. Francis Hotel.

7:50 p.m. arrives hotel for overnight.

Friday, Oct. 26: Morning event in Medford, Ore. Afternoon events in Eugene and Portland, Ore. Evening event in Takoma, Wash. Overnights Takoma.

CANDIDATES' SCHEDULES (continued)

President Reagan:

Thursday: No schedule available.

Friday, Oct. 26: Begins campaigns trip to New Jersey, New York and Connecticut.

Vice President George Bush:

Thursday, Oct. 25: 8:25 a.m. EDT departs Washington for Syracuse, N.Y.

9:25 a.m. arrives Syracuse.

10 a.m. forum, Syracuse University.

11:35 a.m. departs for Rochester, N.Y.

12:35 p.m. arrives Rochester.

1 p.m. testimonial luncheon for Rep. Willis Gradison Jr., R-Ohio., Burgandy Basin, Pittsford, N.Y.

4:45 p.m. departs for Cincinnati.

6 p.m. arrives Cincinnati.

7 p.m. forum, Cincinnati.

Overnights Cincinnati.

Friday, Oct. 26: 7:30 a.m. market walk-through, Cincinnati.

9 a.m. departs for Bowling Green, Ky.

10 a.m. arrives Bowling Green.

12:30 p.m. rally, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green.

3:30 p.m. departs for Andrews Air Force Base.

4:45 p.m. EDT arrives Andrews Air Force Base.

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PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

CBS's Dan Rather: With 13 days to go to election day, Walter Mondale pitched for votes today in a part of the country where economic recovery is yet to be fully felt: rural, Midwest, Farm Belt America. For his part, President Reagan tried for a field day of another sort, marking the first anniversary of the U.S. invasion of Grenada and mocking Walter Mondale.

CBS's Susan Spencer: The backdrop for Mondale's harvest tour looked like it had been lifted from Ronald Reagan's commercials. But Mondale thinks, with farm income down and foreclosures up, the heartland should be his. (Mondale: "In the first debate, he said this: Farmers are not the victims of anything this Administration has done -- " Man in crowd: "Bull!" Mondale: "Correct.") That was basically Mondale's message, carried by bus through Illinois, Missouri and Iowa. He conceded the Carter administration's grain embargo had hurt this region, again said he had been against it, but said that should not be an issue now. (Mondale: "Finally, Mr. President, it's four years since that embargo has been lifted. Don't blame all your problems on everybody else. You're the President of the United States! What are you doing now?") While today's main message was about farm policy, this carefully orchestrated tour had another, more subtle point as well. Walter Mondale is not about to give Ronald Reagan any monopoly on good old American values. From Canton to Kiakoff, there were balloons and bands and babies, all put together with White House-like precision. It's critical for Mondale to be seen amid such enthusiasm to counter perceptions that because he is so far behind, the race is over. (Mondale: "This election is close. If you remember me, I'll remember you. Let's get it done.") With just two weeks left, Mondale insists victory is not impossible. (CBS-3)

CBS's Leslie Stahl: During lunch at Ohio State University, the President said he has no apologies for a letter he wrote in 1960 comparing John Kennedy's programs to Karl Marx and Hitler. (President: "That was a good letter. I was explaining my philosophy. I just said if we set down the road of stateism, it leads to socialism. And no matter how well it is presented, whether it goes to the left or the right, it eventually winds up as totalitarianism.") For a second day in a row, Mr. Reagan was interrupted by almost constant heckling from a small band of protesters. (President: "You know, I know it's going to break their hearts, but I can't understand a word their saying." (Cheers)) The President hailed the invasion of Grenada, then used it to try to score points against Mondale. (President: "Well, it took him 11 months to decide that rescuing our sons and daughters in Grenada was a good thing." (Cheers)) Back at the White House, a ceremony with some of the students who were on Grenada. Most of them were flown here compliments of a conservative organization. The President paid tribute to one of the servicemen who died in Grenada, whose father was in the audience. (President: "You asked him, 'Sean, was it worth it?' And, 'Yes, Dad,' he answered. You asked him, 'Would you do it again?' And he looked up at you and said, 'Hell yes, Dad.' (Applause) A few

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Stahl (continued): months ago, Sean died of his wounds. But he, Sean Luketina, gave his life in the cause of freedom.") Left unsaid: that Sean Luketina was a victim of friendly fire. He was in a command post that was strafed by a U.S. Navy jet which had been given the wrong coordinates. (CBS-4)

ABC's Peter Jennings: The President is having a good ride in the polls and the campaign itself, with some exceptions, is reflecting it. The President was in Ohio today. Once again there was a bit more heckling. But it didn't stop the President.

ABC's Sam Donaldson: The Reagan campaign of impressive symbolism rocked back and forth today, displaying both the strengths and weaknesses of the President's style. At a Reagan-Bush rally in Columbus, Ohio, a band of Mondale-Ferraro supporters subjected the President to heckling for the second day in a row, but were quickly turned into unwitting foils for a Presidential putdown of Mondale. (President: "You know, I know it's going to break their hearts, but I can't understand a word they're saying." Crowd, chanting: "Fritz is a wimp! Fritz is a wimp!" President: "You're tempting me beyond my strength." (Cheers)) But if the President was sorely tempted to join in the "Fritz is a wimp" chant, he seemed not equally tempted today to follow his usual practice of invoking the name of John F. Kennedy as he appealed for Democratic votes. His 1960 letter to Richard Nixon attacking Kennedy is now public, and later in the day as he dined with fraternity brothers at the TKE house on the campus of Ohio State University, Mr. Reagan had to defend it. (President: "That was a good letter. I was explaining my philosophy." Reporter: "Why did you compare his policies to Marx's and Hitler's?" President: "I didn't. I just said if we start down the road of stateism, it leads to socialism. And no matter how well it is presented, whether it goes to the left or the right, it eventually winds up as totalitarianism.") The President seemed somewhat uncomfortable with his answer, since he had indeed compared Kennedy's program with the programs of Marx and Hitler. But things soon turned up. Back at the White House, Mr. Reagan presided over a triumphant ceremony celebrating last year's invasion of Grenada. Some of the rescued American students were there along with representatives of the armed forces who fought in Grenada, and the President made the most of it. (President: " -- period of self-doubt is over. History will record that one of the turning points came on a small island in the Caribbean where America went to take care of her own.") As it turns out, some of the rescued students are about to repay the favor. At the request of the Republicans, they'll fan out on college campuses tomorrow to campaign for the Reagan-Bush ticket, which now that it's heading up once again in the polls seems bent not just on a win, but a landslide. (ABC-6)

ABC's Brit Hume: Walter Mondale has not gained, even in his own poll, since the second debate. But he is, as he likes to say, a farm kid and something in the country air seemed to inspire him today. In an Illinois barn before breakfast, he reminded farmers of what they had done for Harry Truman and asked they do the same for him.

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Hume (continued): (Mondale: "Quietly, by the thousands and then by the millions, rural Americans with dignity went to the polls and they voted Ol' Harry Truman back in that White House. I ask you to do use these days now (sic). Think it through. See what you've seen. Ask who you trust. And then by the hundreds, and then by thousands, and then by the millions walk into that polling booth and take control of your government again.") That was the first stop on a day-long bus tour of five Mississippi Valley farm towns in Illinois, Iowa and Missouri. Mondale walked the streets, rode the back of a truck, spoke from platforms, in barns, even in a gas station. Everywhere pleading with farmers, many of whom are hard pressed these days to help him. In terms of sheer numbers, there are not a lot of votes in the Farm Belt. But there is real distress here and a real chance for Mondale to gain. And besides, what presidential campaign would be complete without a promise to farmers of bigger markets, easier credit and higher prices. (ABC-7)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: Time is running out for Walter Mondale and so he figures if it worked for Harry Truman against Tom Dewey in '48, it might work for him against Ronald Reagan in '84. Mondale today went to Iowa, Illinois and Missouri.

NBC's Lisa Myers: At dawn on one of the thousands of farms threatened with foreclosure, Mondale pleaded for help. He asked people who knew about hard times to give him a chance. (Mondale: "You think I'm just another politician putting out the bull, why worry? And I'm here today to ask you to trust me. I need you, and you need me.") He rolled from embattled family farms to declining small towns, places where Reagan out to be in trouble but apparently isn't. He conceded that the Carter embargo on grain sales to the Soviet Union was a disaster, that he did everything he could to stop it. But he argued that Ronald Reagan isn't blameless. (Mondale: "Mr. President, it's four years since that embargo's been lifted. Don't blame all your problems on everybody else. You're the President of the United States! What are you doing?") Again and again he invoked the memory of Harry Truman, who also was way down in the polls but never gave up. (Mondale: "Quietly by the thousands, and then by the millions rural Americans with dignity went to the polls and they voted Ol' Harry Truman back in that White House. I ask you to do use these days now. Think it through. See what you've seen. Ask who you trust. And then by the hundreds, and then by the thousands, and then by the millions walk into that polling booth and take control of your government again." (Cheers)) Although Mondale insists there's still time, aides dismiss the odds against him increase almost hourly. He not only must make his case heard, he must come from behind and win virtually every state he campaigns in. (NBC-Lead)

Brokaw: President Reagan was the target of some scattered heckling at Ohio State today, where he defended the American invasion of Grenada last year and back at the White House that invasion was the centerpiece of a well-orchestrated ceremony. The political message was not incidental.

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NBC's Chris Wallace: The White House today tried to make a political winner out of what it views as the President's biggest foreign policy success. Republican-backed groups paid for 87 students evacuated from Grenada to join Reagan at the White House. (President: "Together we celebrate today with joy an anniversary of honor for America.") Reagan said Grenada showed the country had ended the self-doubt and decline of the Carter-Mondale years. He praised the soldiers who died there, and spoke directly to the father of one of them. (President: "On one of those moments when your son regained consciousness, you asked him, 'Sean, was it worth it?' And, 'Yes, Dad,' he answered. And you asked him, 'Would you do it again?' And he looked up at you and said, 'Hell yes, Dad.'") Campaign officials say Grenada is not a big concern for voters, but that the episode blunts Mondale's charge that the President can't lead in a crisis. They also say the leadership issue is a big reason why Reagan's polls show his lead over Mondale widening since Sunday's debate to 20 points last night. Reagan pollsters had a group of 40 sample voters watch the Kansas City debate and react by pressing on hand-held computers. (TV Coverage: Videotape of Walter Mondale during the debate with a graph of sample group response plotted over his face.) Those responses were later charted as a line imposed on a tape of the debate. The pollsters say the line went down, showing a negative response, during certain Mondale attacks. (Mondale: "They have not pursued the diplomatic opportunities either within El Salvador or as between the countries -- " As Mondale speaks, the line plummets. Richard Wirthlin: "It was clear that Mondale attempted to use the debate to bring into question the President's ability to command his knowledge of the facts and what this particular test demonstrated to us was that that attempt backfired.") Confidence here is now so high that aides are again talking about Presidential coattails. They say Reagan will go to the low-priority state of West Virginia next week largely to help other Republicans in tight races. (NBC-2)

Jennings: Well, it is now 13 days until the elections, and a new ABC News-Washington Post poll shows that Walter Mondale is no longer closing the gap on President Reagan.

ABC's Barry Serafin: The new poll shows President Reagan out in front of Walter Mondale by the same margin as a week ago -- 12 points. Mondale had been narrowing the gap since the first presidential debate, but this survey shows no further tightening of the race. Last week, 54 percent of the voters we questioned favored Mr. Reagan. 42 percent Mondale. And ABC News poll over the weekend indicated it had closed to a 10-point margin, 52 to 42. But now, in a poll of the same voters we surveyed a week ago, the results are the same as then, a 12-point lead for the incumbent. The second presidential debate apparently did not give the challenger the same boost he got from the first one, where Mondale was widely seen as the winner. 37 percent of the voters we surveyed now think Mr. Reagan won this time, 25 percent say Mondale won, and the largest group, 38 percent, call it a tie. Mondale aides insist the challenger has not stalled out, that the race will tighten. The focus now, they

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Serafin (continued): say, will be on the states with the electoral votes needed for a win. (Paul Tully, Mondale aide: "We will spend more time in big, contested states. But it's not -- we will certainly be back in California." Reporter: "New York?" Tully: "We'll certainly be in New York and Pennsylvania and Ohio and Michigan and Illinois.") In concentrating on electoral votes, the Mondale campaign is doing what it has to do. But aides acknowledge that, as of now, the challenger is still behind in the states needed to produce those votes. (ABC-5)

GRENADA

Rather: While the U.S. military invasion of Grenada occurred one year ago tomorrow, the anniversary of honor, as President Reagan called it, was being observed today. Secretary Weinberger hailed the action that left 19 American servicemen dead and 115 wounded as a -- quote -- genuinely successful and necessary enterprise. However necessary and whatever words they use to describe that invasion, it was a war, and it had all the horror that goes with war.

CBS's David Martin: (TV Coverage: Videotape of invasion) From what the Pentagon showed you of the invasion of Grenada, you'd hardly know the human toll of combat. A few distant puffs of smoke were as close as you got to the fighting. You were not shown the wholesale destruction that is inevitable in war, even a war like Grenada where the U.S. vastly outgunned the enemy. Ask Army Ranger William Sears, now paralyzed from the waist down, what it was really like. (Sgt. William Sears: "I could hear people screaming. And one of 'em -- it seemed like the guy was right in my ear, just screaming. It sounded pitiful. They were amputating his leg about ten feet from me.") That scene from Hell occurred here, at what's left of Calvigney Barracks. A nightmare hard to imagine later when President Reagan honored a hero of that battle. (Sgt. Steven Trujillo: "It finally hits you between the eyes that you might die. I couldn't care less about glory, and anybody who's really been there felt the same. It's something.") Calvigney Barracks was the last Cuban stronghold. Three helicopters went down there, three Americans died. More would have if Sgt. Trujillo had not pulled the wounded from the wreckage. (Sears: "Those same helicopter blades were literally chopping people to pieces. He had ducked under them somehow and kept his head about him, and he pulled -- I don't know -- I don't know how many people out of those helicopters.") This in what was supposed to be a low-risk operation. (President: "A top priority was to minimize risk, to avoid casualties to our own men and also the Grenadian forces as much as humanly possible.") What we saw last October was a sanitized war. It was short, the press was kept out and American forces enjoyed overwhelming superiority. About the only thing it had in common with other wars was that young men fought bravely and some of them were killed or maimed. They were the only Americans who saw the real face of war in Grenada.

(CBS-11)

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U.S. EMBASSY SECURITY

Jennings: There is fear in Washington tonight that somewhere in the world there is soon going to be more than a threat against American lives or an American government installation. U.S. intelligence is seeing all the signs.

ABC's John McWethy: U.S. intelligence source say they have detected disturbing signs in the last few weeks of a well-orchestrated terrorist action that appears to be aimed at American facilities and citizens around the world. Though State Department spokesman John Hughes refused to be specific, he did provide chilling confirmation that the Reagan Administration believes the terrorist situation could get much worse in the near future. (Hughes: "But I think there is new information concerning the threat across the board to Americans including newspaper correspondents and newsmen. There is a great deal of information, some of it unsubstantiated, some of which proves never to result. Activity about the movement of people and money and resources around a region.") The situation is regarded as so threatening in Beirut that the U.S. Embassy there is conducting virtually no business. Dependents have been evacuated, as has a third of the embassy staff, which has now been cut to 30. Intelligence sources claim the U.S. is now receiving 100 terrorist threats a week, with the largest number being lodged against American facilities in the Middle East. But U.S. intelligence sources stress: What they are seeing now -- the movement of known terrorists, many with Iranian connections, the shipment of arms and explosives plus cryptic intercepts of terrorist communications -- it all leads them to believe that there will be strikes against U.S. facilities and citizens. Some of the strikes, officials fear, could be in the U.S., probably before the elections. (ABC-Lead)

NBC's Jim Bittermann reports on how the new terrorist dangers are affecting diplomats. There is less glamor in a diplomats life these days and more risk. The problem is that these days big embassies like the one in Paris receive threats or warnings about possible attack as frequently as once a week. It is often impossible to tell which are real and which are not. And so the embassy can only ask its staff people to keep up their guard. Yet the State Department, which is beefing up its own defenses, claims there is no shortage of recruits, that each terrorist attack has only increased interest in serving the U.S. overseas. (NBC-13)

LEBANON

Rather: CBS News has learned that American journalists in Lebanon have been specifically targeted for attack by a pro-Iranian terrorist group. Senior U.S. officials tell State Department correspondent Bill McLaughlin that the terrorists consider the journalists to be spies. A State Department spokesman said today there is new information concerning the threat across the board to Americans in Lebanon, including journalists. (CBS-13)

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Jennings reports four Lebanese employees of the AP disappeared this morning on their way to work in West Beirut. The news agency's bureau chief says he believes they were kidnapped. And the U.S. Embassy in The Hague was evacuated today when an anonymous caller said a bomb had been placed in the building. No such device was found. (ABC-2)

INFLATION

Rather: The government released its final inflation report before the election, and it shows consumer prices rose a moderate four-tenths of one percent in September. That single-digit inflation could produce some big numbers on election day.

CBS's Ray Brady: In the heart of Walter Mondale country, downtown Minneapolis, and in the rest of the country, it was good economic news for President Reagan. (Older man: "He's taken a situation and turned around, and I mean I think it's his leadership that did it.") Turnaround it's been. From 13½ percent in President Carter's last year, today's figures show inflation at 4.2 percent this year. There was a drop in food prices and, while gasoline prices popped up, that's expected to be temporary. The trend is down. (Woman with small child in her arms: "I don't know. I'm not as scared as I was a few years ago about gas going up and would I have to sell my car?") Three presidents before Mr. Reagan -- Nixon, Ford, with his Whip Inflation Now buttons, and Carter -- all tried and failed to cool prices. But inflation was finally controlled under Ronald Reagan, as he continues to remind voters. (President: "Somebody out there must be doing something right. 21 straight months of economic growth with the monster of inflation still locked its cage." Mondale economic adviser Walter Heller: "What really brought inflation down? The main thing was the reduction in oil prices. That had very little to do with Ronald Reagan. He's got the luck of the Irish!" Secretary Regan: "We planned it that way, believe me. This is not just good luck.") But in the Reagan years, prices were also held in check by good weather that brought bumper crops on the farm and by a bone-crunching recession that has left 8½ million Americans still out of work. Even in Walter Mondale country though, many see just one thing: those prices at the check out counter and the gas pump. (Woman in car: "Walter Mondale country. It's Walter Mondale country. You can vote for who you want." Reporter: "And you're voting for?" Woman: "President Reagan." Heller: "There will be a day of reckoning, but it will be well after the day of election.") How long will this good news on prices continued? At least through 1985, and that's a projection that comes not from Ronald Reagan's White House, but from top economic aides to Walter Mondale.

(CBS-Lead, ABC-9)

Rather: The government is also out today with new figures pegged to the inflation rate on what you will be giving and getting in some tax and benefit programs next year. Starting in January, the typical family of four earning \$25,000 a year will get a dollar a week tax cut because of inflation-pegged indexing. But the same family will more

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Rather (continued): than make up the tax cut with higher Social Security taxes for the year -- about \$87½ dollars higher. On the receiving end, the typical Social Security retiree will get about 15 dollars more a month starting in January. (CBS-2, NBC-9)

PHILIPPINES

The chief of the Philippine armed forces went on leave after being accused of conspiring to kill Benigno Aquino. The accusation was part of the majority report by the commission investigating that murder. For his part, President Marcos said he was saddened by having to announce Gen. Fabian Ver's leave. Aquino's widow said the commission had not gone far enough. (CBS-9, ABC-13, NBC-10)

EL SALVADOR

A Salvadoran army helicopter crashed, killing Col. Domingo Montarosa, El Salvador's top field commander, along with three other senior officers. Military and diplomatic sources are quoted as saying that Montarosa was one of the few Salvadoran officers capable of boosting troop morale and capability. (CBS-12, ABC-4, NBC-6)

NBC's Fred Francis: The CIA tried to hide their mission, their names and the way they died, but three of the four are no longer anonymous victims of the Administration's involvement in Central America. The bells of the Cutahey, Wisconsin, church tolled yesterday for 28-year-old Scott Van Leshaud, a three-year employee of the CIA. Van Leshaud, a mapping specialist, did not die in a Miami car crash, as his family was told to say. He perished early last Friday with three others when a plane slammed into the side of a Salvadoran volcano. 53-year-old Richard Spicer was also buried yesterday in Warren, Pennsylvania. He was a veteran pilot on contract to the CIA. He did not die in South Florida as his wife reported. And Curtis Wood, a former Air Force physicist, who told friends he was now doing something exciting, was interred yesterday by his wife and son outside Atlanta. It's believed they hit the volcano while tracking a small plane carrying arms to Salvadoran guerrillas. The CIA plane carried special radar and infrared gear which should have prevented the accident. They were the first known CIA men to die in the region, and one intelligence source complained today that they weren't getting the honor they deserved. He said the coverup wasn't necessary, they were just regular guys who died serving their country. (NBC-8)

NICARAGUA

ABC's Dennis Troute: State Department analysts say the Bulgarian ship arrived at the port El Bluff on Nicaragua's east coast yesterday and began offloading cargo. They're certain it's sensitive military gear because of the enormous security precautions taken. They believe there is some chance that, in the shipment, are high-performance aircraft which they fear would give Nicaragua a great advantage in air power over its neighbors. Crates believed to

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Troute (continued): contain jets dismantled and ready for shipment to Nicaragua were spotted in Bulgaria some time ago, and the unusual security at the El Bluff port in Nicaragua -- security including minesweepers, mobile radar and a special contingent of stevedores -- has some State Department analysts worried that these high-performance Soviet aircraft are now becoming part of Nicaragua's already formidable arsenal. (ABC-3)

THE PRICE OF CONGRESS

ABC's Charles Gibson reports on the high costs of running for political office. (ABC-8)

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EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

SECOND DEBATE

The Kansas City Debate -- "While the President was off-balance at times, he was also quite human and therefore less menacing a figure that his opponents portray. So if the debate was the fairly even encounter we suspect it was, it may have been enough to protect the President's formidable lead. With just over two weeks until election, that's the political bottom line." (Baltimore Sun, 10/22)

The Winning Issue -- "The debate confirmed what the records of President Reagan and Mr. Mondale have shown all along: that the President has by far the stronger commitment to national defense and the more realistic approach to relations with the Soviet Union....This alone made him the winner." (Richmond Times-Dispatch, 10/23)

The Winner! (II) -- "Our hunch is that Reagan's biggest muff is known only to the scriptwriters....We suspect he was working up to one of those pithy lines like "are-you-better-off-than-you-were-four-years-ago" when the time was called. So to shift from the metaphor to that of a prizefight, our conclusion is that Mondale won a TKO; but he needed a KO." (Evening Sun, 10/22)

Substance Crept Into Debate -- "If Walter Mondale won on points, as most say he did, then of course he lost Sunday night's debate. He didn't score the knockout he needed in order to overcome Ronald Reagan's long lead....Mondale was neither so good, nor Reagan so bad. And that means, of course, that Reagan won politically. Still, the President, if in better form than he was in the debate two weeks ago, was less than compelling." (Tom Teepen, Atlanta Constitution, 10/23)

Reagan Gets Back on Track -- "To close the gap in the final two weeks, Walter Mondale had to be terrific in the Kansas City debate and Ronald Reagan had to be terrible. As it turned out, Mondale was flat and the President was fine. The question on American's mind Sunday night was 'Is he OK?' By demonstrating he was OK, he won the debate. Reagan proved he could get up off the floor; he reassured the voting public that the man in the Oval Office still has all his marbles." (William Safire, Cleveland Plain Dealer, 10/23)

Reagan's Image Is Hard To Shake, Despite The Slips -- "The debates came too late in the campaign. Neither disagreements over policy and principle nor doubts about the President's grasp and alertness can be exploited in the few days left before Nov. 6." (David B. Wilson, Boston Globe, 10/23)

Reagan Clobbered Him... -- "Whether the press bias against Reagan is ideological, professional -- the media love to see a battle start, and hate to see one end -- or personal is no longer of much relevance. The Big Media -- which has repeatedly told the country Reagan is out of touch, isolated -- is itself out of touch....America is back; and so is Dutch Reagan -- four more years. Just one question. What the devil did he put in that time capsule?" (Patrick J. Buchanan, Philadelphia Inquirer, 10/24)

EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS (continued)

Ronald Reagan and Future Fog -- "Even without his index cards, Reagan should have been able to do a four-minute reprise of his basic Republican theme song of optimism, bootstraps, standing-tall-abroad and prosperity-with-less-government at home. Instead, he left his audience stranded somewhere on a California highway in a time warp, wondering what they were doing there and whether there would be a future at all."

(Joan Beck, Chicago Tribune, 10/24)

Kansas City Forum -- "The exchange regrettably focused more on the pursuit of national strength than on achieving an equal and parallel exercise of moral and diplomatic energy in pursuit of international peace. ...The emphasis was more on stating peaceful intentions than on mobilizing to broaden the conditions for harmony among nations. Now it's back to the public, to render the final election judgment."

(Christian Science Monitor, 10/23)

The Second Debate (Cont.) -- "Does it matter that Mr. Reagan's statements so frequently do not correspond with the facts? There is no evidence that Mr. Reagan deliberately seeks to deceive the public. He genuinely appears to believe what he is saying at the moment. But a president who deludes himself cannot be trusted to make decisions based on facts as they are and events as they were -- as opposed to facts as he wants them to be and a history that he wishes had taken place."

(St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 10/24)

A Disappointing Debate -- "Americans expect more sophistication from the two candidates seeking the highest office. Mr. Reagan was better in form and worse in substance than Mr. Mondale on Sunday, but that's not saying much. Sad to say, the technologically most advanced nation on Earth is not measuring up to its potential of producing visionary leaders. Messrs. Mondale and Reagan look at the world as a theater for America's manifest destiny to be played out, a view that we thought had peaked at the turn of the century."

(Hartford Courant, 10/23)

What Debates? -- "If the lords of the media were to be believed, eight years of observation and appraisal were as nothing. These so-called debates became 'all important.' They were 'crucial.' Commentators and pundits voted themselves into office as ringside judges, exuberantly scoring the hooks, jabs and knockdowns....A better arrangement, it seems to me, would be for the opposing campaign committees themselves to hire a hall. Who needs a sponsor? And who needs questioners? If we are to have debates, let us have debates. 'Resolved, that I should win and you should lose.' There's a question for you. Give each of the combatants a lectern, provide a timekeeper in the middle and let them go."

(James J. Kilpatrick, Baltimore Sun, 10/24)

The Debate Windup -- "Mr. Reagan did much better than he had done in the last debate. He has had some successes in foreign policy; his administration has done some things well. In certain respects we would say he even had a better case than he made. Factually, he was weak. We would give the edge to Mr. Mondale."

(Washington Post, 10/22)

EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS (continued)

The Soggy Debate -- "The great foreign policy debate was a soggy disappointment. Far from clarifying either the major issues of America's position in the world or the nasty incidents that have shocked the country, it served to confuse and mislead....It's depressing. The hope has to be that the next President will do better in the White House than either candidate did in Kansas City."

(Flora Lewis, Los Angeles Times, 10/23)

What You See... -- "The President does seem to have talked himself into believing that he is the world's leading advocate of arms control, and I suspect he wants to keep that commitment. Richard Nixon went to Peking and Ronald Reagan may be going to Geneva -- if, for nothing else, to prove that his expensive military buildup led to more than just jobs in the defense industry and to record deficits."

(Richard Reeves, Baltimore Sun, 10/24)

A Moving Target -- "Only the President can decide which line to take, and it's a pity Reagan hasn't come out and said exactly what his objective in Central America is. It's usually not our job to decide what sort of government any other country should have. There may be exceptions, such as Grenada, where a gang of thugs took over and could be removed quickly and easily. We should support a watertight Contadora treaty to stop Nicaragua to learn the hard way that communism is a social, political and economic disaster."

(New York Daily News, 10/23)

The Debates and Other Races -- "Did (the President) give voters reasons why he needs more Republicans on Capitol Hill in the next four years? His message on both domestic and foreign affairs is that he wants to continue on the course of the past four years. But that course has been set, in part, by the Democratic majority in the House. We saw little in what the President has called for that could not be achieved with a Congress like the present one."

(Washington Post, 10/24)

Bubble Has Burst On Enthusiasm In The '84 Campaign -- "The Democrats may have managed at last to make a race of it if only between exhausted runners. And then, on this dank day after (the debate), Geraldine Ferraro may have arrived at the suspicion that, just when her chance came, too many people had ceased to care."

(Murray Kempton, Newsday, 10/23)

"STAR WARS"

Star Wars Moonshine -- "Even a limited strategic defense could do much to make any first strike far more uncertain and less attractive....Why is this a historic decision, then, or even a particularly close one? Because of a strategic doctrine called mutual assured destruction (MAD), which holds that the way to avoid war is to make it unthinkably horrible....The real meaning behind Mr. Mondale's statements and commercials is that he prefers to rely on the MAD philosophy; otherwise we will have an 'arms race.' While President Reagan's position could be more cogent, clearly it does point away from MAD. There is a real difference here; we hope the voters will understand it well enough to decide which approach promotes peace and which increases the chance of war." (Wall Street Journal, 10/24)

FOREIGN MEDIA REACTION TO THE REAGAN-MONDALE DEBATE

Reagan is back in the Saddle -- "In a ... broadcast (Jean-Luc Hess) said: 'It was an even match. None of the two was able to knock out the other. Mondale however needed to crush his adversary. He showed his true nature, a man of substance...boring. Reagan made deplorable judgments but he back in the saddle.'"

(Radio France-Inter)

Advantage Reagan -- "'Advantage Reagan. He was more relaxed and joked about his age....'"

(Radio Luxembourg)

Both Candidates Offered Good Show -- "'Both candidates offered a good show. Reagan was poised and self-assured. He certainly defused the greatest risk he is running -- the problem of his age....'"

(Radio GR-1, Italy)

Ended in a Tie -- "'The match ended in a tie, but now Reagan is sure of his victory...'"

(Radio GR-2, Italy)

Vice President Mondale Conducted Himself More Confidently -- "The news agencies are noting that former Vice President Mondale conducted himself more confidently and demonstrated greater activity in the debate. They are speculating that he managed to win over many voters and closed the gap that existed until recently between him and the present head of the White House."

(Radio Moscow, Soviet Union)

Why Trade in the Genuine Article? -- "'Mr. Mondale... failed to win because he failed to say anything very different or very interesting....If you want to pick a President to slag off Fidel Castro on the same old formulation, why trade in the genuine article for a new model Mondale?...'"

(Guardian, Britain)

Tired, Totally Humorless Mondale -- "'Who won, who lost? According to the polls, it's a tie. One thing is clear: the general impression is favorable to Reagan, if only because he did not make any gaffe and because he looked good in the face of a tired, totally humorless Mondale.'"

(France-Soir)

In Control of His Old TV Magic -- "The debate 'was another success for Mondale but...did not inflict damage on Reagan....He was in control of his old TV magic...'"

(Frankfurter Allgemeine, West Germany)

Witty Phrases on TV and the Fate of the World -- "'The President was able to curb Mondale's attack and reach a tie....We should not be shocked if the outcome of a debate on the fate of the world is influenced by a couple of witty phrases on TV...'"

(La Repubblica, Italy)

Roles More or Less Reversed -- "'Roles were more or less reversed in the second Reagan-Mondale debate. This time the President acted in his old relaxed style....Anxious to repeat his successful showing in the first debate, Mondale was perhaps too tense and didn't look like a picture of health...'"

(Dagens Nyheter, Sweden)

There was No Winner -- "'There was no winner. After his poor showing in the first debate, Reagan was himself again and in good form...'"

(Radio Austria)

FOREIGN MEDIA REACTION TO THE DEBATE (continued)

President Held His Own -- "After an indifferent performance in his first televised debate, President Reagan held his own in the second....And indeed, that was all he was really required to do..."

(Tribune de Geneve, Switzerland)

Mondale Presented No Great Change in Foreign Policy -- "Mr. Mondale did not present a great change in U.S. foreign policy.... He did not oppose Reagan on a number of points....Their differences are over tactics rather than substance of foreign policy."

(Rude Pravo, Poland)

No Conspicuous Winner or Loser -- "The second TV debate ended... without a conspicuous winner or loser....Mondale...did not deal a fatal blow to the President."

(Hankook Ilbo, South Korea)

Reagan Puts up Better Show -- "Even Democratic Party functionaries concede that nothing is going to prevent Reagan from winning a second term....The remaining doubt is about the margin of victory."

(Hindustan Times, India)

Candidates Did Not Deal With Basic Middle East Problem -- "The superficial way in which Reagan and his Democratic rival addressed the Middle East issues in the face of decisive elections does not afford a satisfactory answer to any question."

(al-Akhbar, Egypt)

Not Surprised at President's Admiration of Zionists -- "We were not surprised by President Reagan's defense of and admiration of the Zionist invasion of Lebanon....The President's remarks reveal the extent to which Washington is ready to go in its defense of aggression, terrorism and racism..."

(ar-Ray, Jordan)

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Invasion's Anniversary: Reagan Celebrates Action in Grenada -- At a White House ceremony heavy with campaign overtones, President Reagan celebrated the invasion of Grenada a year ago as "an anniversary of honor for America" that demonstrated "the meaning of peace through strength." (Christian Science Monitor, New York Times, Washington Post, Washington Times, AP, UPI, Reuter)

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY (Wednesday Evening)

PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN -- The backdrop for Mondale's harvest tour looked like it had been lifted from Ronald Reagan's commercials.

During lunch at Ohio State, the President said he has no apologies for a letter he wrote in 1960 comparing John Kennedy's programs to Karl Marx and Hitler.

GRENADA -- The anniversary of honor, as President Reagan called it, was being observed today. From what the Pentagon showed you of the invasion, you'd hardly know the human toll of combat.

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NATIONAL NEWS

LAST DEBATE AFFECTED FEW VOTES

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MONDALE STUMPS WITH RURAL VOTERS: REAGAN HECKLED AGAIN

Walter Mondale pleaded with rural voters to carry him to a Truman-style win while a confident President Reagan confronted hecklers at Ohio State with his standard charge, "You ain't seen nothing yet." Reagan was cheered loudly by most of the 13,000 people, but was taunted by about 50-to-75 protesters who frequently chanted in unison, "It just ain't so," as the President attacked his rival. Mondale's showing in the ABC-Washington Post poll prompted Mondale to announce a new policy. "I'm not going to comment on any polls between now and the election," he said in Milwaukee. Mondale used Harry Truman as his model, recalling he traveled with Truman across the midwest during the Democrat's uphill battle in 1948. (David Lawsky, UPI)

MONDALE SPENDING BLASTED BY REAGAN

COLUMBUS -- President Reagan charged that Walter Mondale's string of promises will send government spending out of control. The President declared that Mondale's approach to national defense is so much like that of the previous administration that millions of Americans have decided the national cannot afford to go down that path again. With an eye to the first anniversary of the Grenada invasion, Mr. Reagan said, "It took him 11 months to decide that rescuing our sons and daughters in Grenada was a good thing." (Jeremiah O'Leary, Washington Post, A2)

MONDALE STUMPS THROUGH MIDWEST

BURLINGTON, Iowa -- Walter Mondale, pounding his fists and speaking emotionally, discussed his values in detail and appealed for voters' trust as he visited farm towns of his native Midwest. The candidate seemed lifted by crowds and scenery and, at each stop, drew on his rural roots. "I never lived in a community this big," he said in Canton, Mo., (pop. 2,000). "Our town was 900, if you counted the dogs." With televised debates behind them, their arguments before the public and gaps in the polls still daunting, candidate and staff know that the prospect of victory is remote. Yet no one has visibly lost spirit or hope. (Paul Taylor, Washington Post, A8)

Mondale Pledges to Rescue Farmers by Raising Income

QUINCY, Ill. -- Walter Mondale rose before dawn to urge rural Americans to recapture their government and thereby save their farms. Campaigning through the central states, where both he and the harvest are behind, the Democratic nominee pledged to raise agricultural income and rescue desperate farms from the Reagan Administration. Noting that he was the first pea inspector to be elected vice president, and contending American agriculture has suffered its four worst years, Mondale declared, "I understand family farms, and Ronald Reagan never will."

(Alan McConagha, Washington Times, A3)

REAGAN PLANS RIGOROUS LAST-WEEK CAMPAIGN PUSH

President Reagan, who plans "to keep the pressure on" until election day, will train his political guns on the Northeast and Midwestern states in the final 12 days of the campaign. His strategists were huddling to plan his travel schedule with seven days set aside for rigorous campaigning. Since he is subject to questions only on occasion and on the run, Reagan has not said what his second-term plans might be, except that he wants to continue the policies of the first term.

(Helen Thomas, UPI)

FERRARO FIGHTS TO CLOSE GAP ON REAGAN IN CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES -- Geraldine Ferraro says she and Mondale are closing the gap against President Reagan in California, where she has been campaigning nonstop this week. Ferraro has drawn large, enthusiastic crowds during her first two days in California. A Field poll showed Reagan now leads by about 10% in California, compared to 18 percentage points in September. At a late night rally, Ferraro charged that Reagan was "out of step" with the American people on issues ranging from defense to the environment. She also said Reagan was misinforming the public about his opinion of President Kennedy, whom Reagan often praises at campaign rallies.

(Michael Posner, Reuter)

OPM DIRECTOR BLAMES FERRARO

A Reagan Administration official blamed Geraldine Ferraro for letters he sent to the governors of Ohio, Texas and New York questioning the legality of voter registration drives by state employees. Donald Devine said he was following directions from Ferraro when he warned the three governors last month that some federal aid to their states might be stopped because employees were registering voters in state offices. The Democratic governors accused Devine of trying to thwart the drives because people were being registered in all state offices, including employment and welfare offices. Devine said Ferraro said states might "return to a spoils system" if OPM did not enforce the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970.

(Pete Earley, Washington Post, A7)

Fund Cutoff Threat Linked by Governors to Voter Drive

The Democratic governors of Texas, Ohio and New York claimed the Reagan Administration threatened to cut off federal funds unless their new state-run voter registration drives were cleared of alleged politicization. Donald Devine said governors' charge of harrasment were baseless.

(Thomas Brandt, Washington Times, A2)

BUSH DENIES EFFORT TO DENIGRATE RIVAL

Vice President Bush said that it is "absolutely absurd" to suggest that he, his wife, or his staff are involved in a calculated effort to use off-color remarks to denigrate Ferraro. (Washington Post, A19)

'84 CAMPAIGN SKIMS FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES, SPECIALISTS WARN

Americans will be poorly informed about the candidates' foreign policy views when they go the polls. Diplomatic experts say that neither President Reagan nor Walter Mondale is shedding light on crucial issues that will confront both the next president and voters. Further, analysts doubt whether the debate this week or the myriad stump speeches given by the two candidates in recent weeks have served to enlighten voters. Instead of dealing with the substance of issues, foreign policy analysts say, the candidates have resorted to sloganeering, simplistic themes, and imagemaking. Mondale seeks to present himself as an arms controller, but as a "tough" one. Reagan continues to infuse his speeches with optimism, giving the impression that there are no serious problems.

(Charlotte Saikowski, Christian Science Monitor, A1)

DEMOCRATS TURNING TO PACs

Democratic members of the House apparently are becoming more and more addicted to campaign contributions from political action committees. 94 members of Congress relied on PAC contributions for at least half of their campaign treasuries in the 1982 election and more than four out of five were Democrats. (George Lardner Jr. Washington Post, A9)

REALIGNING OF GOP SEEN AFTER TRIUMPH

The chairman of the Republican Party predicts a Reagan landslide and a conservative mandate for the next four years. But he says the real victory of 1984 could be a long-term realignment built on a whole new generation of Republicans. Fahrenkopf said the real story of 1984 is the large number of new young voters the Republicans have signed up despite massive Democratic efforts to register new voters, particularly among Hispanics, women and blacks. (Don McLeod, Washington Times, A1)

LIBERTARIAN WOULD LIQUIDATE U.S. ASSETS TO PAY OFF DEBT

BOULDER -- Unlike the other presidential candidates, David Bergland has a plan to eliminate the budget deficit and the national debt forever in his first year in the White House. Bergland's Libertarian administration would sell the national parks and forests, the Federal Triangle, the service academies, the Hoover Dam, the gold in Fort Knox, all overseas military bases and just about every other government asset. It would use the income to pay debts and make a lump-sum final payment to all Social Security beneficiaries so that program could be shut down as well.

(T.R. Reid, Washington Post, A4)

EDITOR'S NOTE: Elisabeth Bumiller's article, "Into the Stretch with Mondale," appears on page D1 of The Washington Post (Style).

'SPIN CONTROLLERS' THROW CURVES AT POLITICAL REPORTERS

"Putting a spin on a story" is an old usage in journalism. The new expression was born, it is believed, about a year ago when David Gergen was retiring. Bruce Drake of The New York Daily News wryly commented, "Well, there goes the spin patrol man." As for the high-minded, independent press, they speak of "spin control" with snide superiority, but its members will go for a "spin" at the drop of a hat.

(News analysis by Jeremiah O'Leary, Washington Times, A3)

PRICES CLIMB 0.4%; INDEXED TAXES TO DIP

Consumer prices rose at a modest 4.3% annual rate in September, completing the reporting period on which a new system of inflation breaks for taxpayers is based, the Labor Department said. The news came as a bouquet of roses for President Reagan. But the broadest smiles may be on the faces of taxpayers who, based on the new inflation number, will learn how much they will be saving next year because of indexing.

(Ralph Hallow, Washington Times, A1)

First Adjustment for Inflation Set in the Income Tax

Sen. Dole said that taxpayers would pay some \$6B less in income taxes next year than they would without indexing. He put the savings for the median taxpayer -- one with a 1985 income of \$31,686 -- at 2.7%.

(Robert Hershey Jr., New York Times, A1)

3.5% BENEFIT RISE SET UNDER SOCIAL SECURITY

Social Security benefits will go up 3.5% next year and Social Security taxes will also rise, the government said, but income taxes will fall slightly as the tax code for the first time is automatically indexed to offset the effects of inflation.

(Spencer Rich, Washington Post, A1)

U.S. PAID FOR FEMA CHIEF'S ATTENDANCE AT FUNDRAISER

FEMA Director Louis Giuffrida and his wife attended a \$250-a-plate reception for Vice President Bush in February at the expense of a FEMA consulting firm, which then charged the evening to the government, according to documents made public Wednesday. The documents also show that the agency has spent \$5,000 in the last year for Guiuffrida's wife to accompany her husband on first-class flights to Rome, Paris, Brussels, Tel Aviv and Mexico City.

(Howard Kurtz, Washington Post, A1)

Disaster Agency Payments 'Intolerable,' House Chairman Charges

Financial documents suggest "an extensive pattern of misconduct and mismanagement" in the nation's disaster relief agency, including improper payments to two contractors, a House subcommittee chairman says. Rep. Gore released subpoenaed documents, declaring the situation at FEMA "is, in a word, intolerable."

(William Kronholm, AP)

TOXIC THREAT SEEN TO WATER SUPPLIES

The key Government program to monitor the contamination of underground water supplies by toxic waste is not working, according to a report drafted by officials of the EPA. The failure means that water systems beneath many waste disposal and storage sites could be contaminated, several agency officials and environmentalists said. They said such sites might eventually have to be cleaned up at a heavy cost to the Government. (Philip Shabecoff, New York Times, A1)

EEOC CHIEF BLASTS BLACK LEADERS

The chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission says black leaders are "watching the destruction of our race" as they "bitch, bitch, bitch" about President Reagan but fail to work with the Administration to solve problems. Clarence Thomas said in an interview that, in his 3 1/2 years on the job, no major black leader has sought his help in influencing the Reagan Administration. (Juan Williams, Washington Post, A5)

JAPANESE CRIME NETWORK FOUND MOVING INTO AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK -- The Japanese Yazuka, a ruthless organized crime network with more than 100,000 members in Japan, is moving into the U.S. with extensive drug-smuggling, gun-running, prostitution, gambling, extortion and money-laundering activities, the President's Commission on Organized Crime said. (Margot Hornblower, Washington Post, A19)

COLOMBO CRIME FAMILY CHARGED AFTER UNDERCOVER FBI PROBE

NEW YORK -- Leaders of New York's Colombo crime family have been charged with federal crimes after a three-year undercover operation in which an FBI agent posed as a wealthy buyer of stolen goods while others spied on a pasta-import business. "We have the Mafia on the run," Attorney General Smith declared as he announced a 51-count indictment of 11 members of one of New York City's major crime families. (Reuter)

11 Indicted by U.S. as the Leadership of a Crime Family

Replying to questions, Smith denied his announcement and the timing of the indictment had anything to do with political considerations. (Arnold Lubasch, New York Times, A1)

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

INVASION'S ANNIVERSARY: REAGAN CELEBRATES ACTION IN GRENADA

At a White House ceremony heavy with campaign overtones, President Reagan celebrated the invasion of Grenada a year ago as "an anniversary of honor for America" that demonstrated "the meaning of peace through strength." Only once during the day did Reagan mention another recent anniversary, the Oct. 23 suicide bombing of the Marine headquarters in Beirut. White House aides said the event was non-partisan, but Reagan, in a speech earlier in the day at Ohio State University, made Grenada the symbol of his foreign policy differences with Mondale.

(Lou Cannon and Karlyn Barker, Washington Post, A1)

Reagan Recalls Day of Honor

On hand for the ceremony were 85 of the more than 600 American students rescued from Grenada's St. George University. Mr. Reagan's remarks to the students and several dignitaries came just minutes after he returned to Washington following several days of campaigning. When his helicopter touched down on the White House lawn, the students cheered the President from their vantage point along the White House balcony.

(John McCaslin, Washington Times, A6)

NOTES: A front page picture, captioned "Robin Luketina kneels at grave of his son, who was fatally injured in the Grenada invasion, as students look on." appears with this story. A seven-page supplement, "Grenada: One Year Later," begins on page A35 of The Washington Post. Gus Constantine's article, "Rebuilding a Broken Island," appears on page A1 of The Washington Times. Above the story is a photo of a Grenadan cab driver relaxing in front of a building painted, "Thank God for U.S. and Caribbean heroes of freedom." A look at Grenada after the operation appears on pages A4-A6 of The Washington Times.

American Military, Grenadians Mark Invasion Anniversary

President Reagan said the invasion was a turning point in obliterating America's "period of self-doubt and national confusion" during the late 1970s -- when Mondale was vice president in the Carter Administration.

(Carolyn Curiel, UPI)

In Grenada, One Year Later, Many Plans but Little Change

American soldiers still patrol the streets and help run the police stations and enjoy the same popularity as when they first arrived. U.S. aid technicians have noted that the country often is without electricity, the telephones do not work, the water supply is unpredictable and the roads are crumbling. They have devised programs to take care of most of these problems, they say, and about \$50 million in aid has been allocated for the country. But, so far, not much has changed. Perhaps more than anything, Grenadians and Americans on the island say, the last year has been a time of gradual psychological recovery from some of the most traumatic events in the island's history.

(Joseph Treaster, New York Times, A1)

One Year Later: Grenada at Turning Point

Rising expectations include a desire for more jobs on an island where as much as a third of the labor force is out of work. American aid and a handful of investments have helped to create hundreds of new jobs, with the promise of more to come. But these jobs have not been sufficient to fulfill expectations of many Grenadians.

(Daniel Southerland, Christian Science Monitor, A1)

Reagan Gets Political Mileage Out of Grenada Invasion

President Reagan has used the anniversary of the Grenada invasion to celebrate the end of "self-doubt and national confusion" in the U.S. while noting that Mondale was initially opposed to the action. Reagan got political mileage out of the White House anniversary ceremony, reminding voters of his decision to send in forces to rescue American students and liberate the Caribbean island from a radical Marxist regime. Mondale has not made the invasion an issue. Instead, he has frequently attacked Reagan's "negligence" in Lebanon. But the disaster at the Marine barracks and two terrorist bombings of U.S. Embassy buildings in Beirut have done little to dent Reagan's popularity. (William Scally, Reuter)

STATE DEPARTMENT WARNS AMERICANS ABOUT TRAVELING TO LEBANON

The State Department cautioned Americans anew about terrorist attacks in Lebanon on the basis of "new information concerning threats across the board to Americans," including members of the press. The occasion of the new warning was a report that four Lebanese employees of the Associated Press had disappeared in Beirut en route to work.

(Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A29)

U.S. Says All Americans Threatened by Lebanon's Terrorists

The Reagan Administration says there is an "across the board threat" by terrorists against all Americans in Lebanon and that it may be part of a campaign to isolate Lebanon from the West. NSC Adviser McFarlane said the increased threats were "up a piece from the ones we have had before." Apparently the threats are for actions "in the days ahead." An informed State Department official, who spoke only on condition he not be identified, said there is an obvious effort by radical groups in Lebanon to drive all Americans and other Westerners out of the embattled country.

(Gregory Nokes, AP)

FOES DEMAND MARCOS QUIT

MANILA -- Political opponents of President Marcos demanded his resignation and threatened to seek parliamentary impeachment proceedings against him. The call came after a majority report by an official fact-finding board implicated Gen. Ver in the Aquino assassination. In response, Marcos in effect temporarily relieved Ver and another top general of their commands and ordered their prosecution along with 23 other military men and one civilian named by the board's majority as "indictable" for premeditated murder.

(William Branigin, Washington Post, A1)

SHIFT IN PHILIPPINE AID PACKAGE IS SIGN OF U.S. CONCERN

A decision by Congress to give the Philippines less than half the military aid sought for 1985 is a sign of growing U.S. concern over the future of Marcos' government, congressional sources say. Instead of the \$60M in military sales credits requested by President Reagan, Congress voted to cap the figure at \$15M. (Carol Giacomo, Reuter)

NICARAGUAN BISHOP CALLS FOR VOTE AGAINST SANDINISTAS

MANAGUA -- Nicaragua's leading Roman Catholic bishop accused the left-wing leadership of trampling human rights and said elections due next month were designed only as a show of obedience. In what he called a personal statement, the President of the Nicaraguan Bishops' Conference, Pablo Antonio Vega, told a news conference the Sandinistas have violated fundamental rights ranging to the right to life to the right to property. The unusually sharply-worded attack drew parallels between the Somoza government and the present government and said there was no point in voting if people had no sense of freedom and no real choice. (Bernd Debusmann, Reuter)

OFFICERS' DEATHS CHANGE NOTHING, DUARTE SAYS

SAN SALVADOR -- The deaths of four top battle commanders in a helicopter crash and the recent increase in leftist guerrilla activity will neither "demoralize" the army nor stop peace talks with the rebels, President Duarte said. (Washington Times, A8)

CIA CRASH VICTIMS IDENTIFIED

A former Air Force physicist from Fairfax County who "died suddenly" after telling coworkers he was doing "something exciting" and two men whose families said they died in Florida reportedly were among the four CIA employes killed last week when their plane slammed into a mountain in El Salvador. (Washington Post, A11)

SOVIETS URGED TO TREAT JEWS BETTER

Former presidents Carter and Ford, along with several political and religious leaders, sent a letter to President Chernenko requesting improved treatment for Soviet Jews. Sen. Percy organized the effort over the past month, his office announced. The letter asks that Soviet Jews be allowed to practice their religion freely and to emigrate if they do choose. (Washington Post, A17)

RENEWED VIOLENCE HITS BLACK SOUTH AFRICA

PRETORIA -- South African troops have pulled out of restless black townships south of Johannesburg after a massive house-to-house search but police reported new outbreaks of arson and violence in other areas of the country. A police spokesman said there was renewed violence in other parts of the country with crowds of youths smashing school windows, stoning police and setting fire to houses and vehicles. (Reuter)

NEWS FROM THE STATES

POST-DEBATE POLL SHOWS VOTERS FAVOR REAGAN

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UPI) -- A poll commissioned by a television station shows that more area voters think Walter Mondale outperformed Ronald Reagan in the Oct. 21 debate, but more said they would vote for the president. The telephone survey of 400 registered voters was conducted by SRI Research Inc. of Lincoln, Neb. in Jackson, Clay, Platte, Ray and Cass counties in Missouri, and in Wyandotte and Johnson counties in Kansas. Asked who they would vote for "if the general election for president were held today," 50 percent said Reagan; 37 percent said Mondale; 12 percent were undecided; and 1 percent said none. Thirty-five percent said they thought Mondale performed better in the debate; 33 percent believed Reagan had a stronger showing; 26 percent thought it was a tie; and 7 percent said they did not know. Ninety-one percent said the debate did not cause them to change their minds about who they would vote for; 9 percent said it did; and 1 percent said they did not know. WDAF, which commissioned the poll, said the error factor was 4.9 percent.

HISPANIC LEADERS SAY REAGAN HAS FAILED

CHICAGO (UPI) -- Hispanic leaders surveyed in 10 Midwestern states say President Reagan has failed on issues of economic recovery and foreign policy, it was announced Tuesday. More than 600 Hispanic leaders were polled over an eight-month period by the Midwest Voter Registration Education Project for the survey. The project is an organization dedicated to increasing Hispanic participation in elections. Of those polled, 75.2 percent, voiced strong disapproval of the way Reagan has handled the presidency overall. Nearly 80 percent of the group rated unemployment as the first or second most important issue facing the nation. Inflation was rated second. By a 76.2 percent margin, the leaders said Reagan is poor on issues of helping those in economic trouble. Two issues Reagan supports did receive favorable reviews from the group. A constitutional amendment to balance the federal budget was favored by 69.4 percent, while 56.1 percent said they support a constitutional amendment to permit prayer in public schools. But the administration's approach to Central America received disapproving votes from a majority of the group, with 83.4 percent expressing fear the region could evolve into another Vietnam. The leaders were surveyed in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio and Wisconsin.

FLORIDA POLL: REAGAN HOLDS BIG LEAD

President Reagan, maintaining his firm grip on Florida voters, leads Democratic nominee Walter Mondale by a 2-to-1 margin in the Sunshine State with less than two weeks left in the campaign, according to a poll published today. Reagan holds a commanding lead of 29 percentage points in the latest Florida Newspaper Poll, which asked the opinion of 749 registered voters across the state. Of those polled, 61 percent said they would vote for Reagan and 32 percent said they would cast their ballot for Mondale. The results were virtually identical -- 64-27 in Reagan's favor -- in a poll taken last month. The poll has a four-point margin of error.

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RHODES BLASTS MONDALE'S PLEDGE TO HELP YOUNGSTOWN

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (UPI) -- Former Gov. James Rhodes stopped in Youngstown today, one day after Walter Mondale, to remind voters that as vice president the Democratic presidential nominee did not save the steel mills of the Mahoning Valley. "Walter Mondale never came when you needed him. He only comes when he needs your votes," Rhodes, an avid Reagan supporter, said during a news conference. "Now, Geraldine Ferraro is a nice lady," Rhodes said, "but putting her in charge of saving the Mahoning Valley is like appointing Billy Carter secretary of state or putting Tip O'Neill in charge of a weight-loss program."

CUOMO ATTACKS ADMINISTRATION AT ACID RAIN RALLY

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (UPI) -- Political clouds overshadowed a rally on acid rain as Gov. Mario Cuomo termed President Reagan's re-election campaign "macho." Cuomo said Reagan's facetious offer to arm wrestle Democratic challenger Walter Mondale after the first debate was an example of what the president wants to do to the Soviet Union. "We won't talk. We will pile missiles to the sky. That's their whole approach," Cuomo said of Reagan and Bush. "It is unintelligent, it is extreme and it lacks courage." Using a rally on acid rain as a chance to campaign for Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro, Cuomo Tuesday blasted Reagan's refusal to enact acid rain legislation before an auditorium of students at the state College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

FERRARO SPEAKS AT FRESNO RALLY

FRESNO (UPI) -- Democratic vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro spent 30 minutes Wednesday telling a cheering, clapping, sign-waving crowd how much better Walter Mondale would handle the presidency than President Reagan has done. Ferraro told some 3,500 people crammed into the gymnasium at Fresno City College that Reagan's policies on education, nuclear arms, equal rights and agriculture were a disaster for the nation. Every time she leveled a barb at the Reagan administration, the crowd burst into applause, forcing her to stop her speech and wait for quiet.

KENNEDY CRITICIZES PRESIDENT'S QUOTING OF DEMOCRATS

LOS ANGELES (UPI) -- During a final campaign swing California Wednesday for the Mondale-Ferraro ticket, Sen. Edward Kennedy asked President Reagan to stop quoting his brother. "When President Reagan changed parties he should have changed quote books," the Massachusetts Democrat told a breakfast meeting of about 300 labor, education, and political figures. "In 1960, Ronald Reagan was a Democrat for Nixon, and he attacked John Kennedy. I have a simple question, why doesn't Reagan quote Nixon now?" Campaigning in Northern California Tuesday Kennedy evoked images of his late brothers in asking voters to reject the "selfishness" of the Reagan administration.

NEWS FROM THE STATES (continued)

TOWER ATTACKS MONDALE ON SOCIAL SECURITY

HOUSTON (UPI) -- Lameduck Sen. John Tower, R-Texas, Wednesday accused the Democrats of lying that President Ronald Reagan is a threat to Social Security and suggested the system might be bankrupted if Walter Mondale should be elected. "They are preying on the fears of older Americans in an attempt to get their votes and their money. Frankly, The Democrats are lying to voters in Texas and throughout the country about Social Security," Tower told a news conference at the Harris County Reagan-Bush headquarters. "I resent the Democrats' deceptions and I believe they owe senior citizens an apology. If there is anything senior citizens should be frightened about, it is the prospect that Walter Mondale could become president, and once again put Social Security on the road to bankruptcy."

Later at another news conference in Houston, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, held fast to the Democratic theme that Reagan attempted a drastic cut of Social Security benefits after taking office.

TEXAS GOV. ACCUSES ADMINISTRATION OF HURTING VOTER REGISTRATION

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- Texas Gov. Mark White today accused the Reagan administration of orchestrating a "coordinated attack" to reduce voter turnout in populous states considered critical in the outcome of the Nov. 6 election. White, testifying before the House Subcommittee on Manpower and Housing, harshly criticized a Sept. 24 letter from Donald Devine, director of the federal Office of Personnel Management, to the Democratic governors of Texas, New York and Ohio. Devine's letter questioned whether the states' voter registration efforts within state agencies violated federal laws that ban the use of state workers for partisan political purposes.

CARTER ADVISER SAYS REAGAN RE-ELECTION WILL HURT WOMEN

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (UPI) -- An adviser to former President Jimmy Carter said she fears the re-election of President Reagan could slow the progress of the women's movement. Sarah Weddington, who advised Carter on women's issues, said her concern results from Reagan's positions on such issues as abortion and the Equal Rights Amendment. She also said the next president may have the opportunity to name several Supreme Court justices.

DEFENSE OFFICIAL SAYS ADMINISTRATION HAS BOUGHT A SAFER WORLD

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (UPI) -- The Reagan administration's defense spending has purchased both a stronger force and a safer world, Deputy Secretary of Defense William H. Taft IV said. The Reagan administration has improved the military to the extent that potential aggressors are cautious not to endanger the peace, Taft said Tuesday, speaking to a group of 200 Defense Department people who administer a \$14 billion military depot system. However, Taft said "national will" also plays an important role in deterring aggression, adding "we must maintain public support" by eliminating any hint of waste or inefficiency.

NEWS FROM THE STATES (continued)

MISSISSIPPI POLITICIANS LOOK AT DEBATE

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (UPI) -- Mississippi partisans David Bowen and Haley Barbour examined the 1984 presidential race from opposite ends of the political spectrum Tuesday night at an "honors forum" program at Southern Mississippi. Bowen, a former Democratic Congressman from Cleveland, assailed President Reagan for increasing the federal budget and deficits by cutting social programs and increasing military spendings. Barbour, a Yazoo City attorney and Republican National Committeeman, challenged voters to ask themselves if the country is not stronger defensively and better off economically than it was four years ago when Jimmy Carter and Walter Mondale left office.

MISSOURI CANDIDATES DEBATE

CLAYTON, Mo. (UPI) -- Rep. Robert A. Young, D-Mo., and his Republican challenger, Jack Buechner, argued about "Star Wars" space weapons, legalized abortion and balancing the federal budget in their first campaign debate. Young and Buechner took part in a candidate's forum Tuesday night at the St. Louis County Government Center. The outer-space defense program pushed by the Reagan administration is "absolutely ridiculous" and too costly, Young said. Buechner compared such a view to opposing development of the atomic bomb in the 1940s, even though it could bring World War II to a quick close.

GOP GETS 60 PERCENT OF NEW FLORIDA VOTERS

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (UPI) -- The Florida Republican Party increased its strength by almost one-third during President Reagan's term, signing up 60 percent of the state's new voters, the Secretary of State's office said Wednesday. Final vote totals confirmed the estimates of elections supervisors in major urban counties, who said after he books closed Oct. 6 that the GOP's million-dollar registration effort was paying off. In each of a dozen urban counties which account for nearly 70 percent of the statewide vote, Republican registration rose while the Democrats were down from 1980.

FLORIDA ENVIRONMENTALISTS BACK MONDALE

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (UPI) -- A group of Florida environmentalists, accusing President Reagan of showing "a basic hostility" toward the environment, Tuesday endorsed Democratic nominee Walter Mondale for president. The Mondale-Ferraro campaign put together the group of 82 environmentalists, headed by author Marjory Stoneman Douglas, who denounced the Reagan administration's record on acid rain, handling of the Environmental Protection Agency's "Superfund" for cleaning up toxic waste sites and safety of workers who handle hazardous materials.

ALABAMA FOOD COSTS DECLINE

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (UPI) -- Food prices in Alabama dropped 1.5 percent in October with an 8.2 percent decline in produce costs leading the way, the Alabama Farm Bureau reported. The Farm Bureau said a market basket of 20 basic food items sampled from throughout the state cost \$28.13, down 45 cents from September but up 58 cents from a year ago.

NEWS FROM THE STATES (continued)

HEFLIN WARNS AGAINST STRAIGHT GOP VOTING

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (UPI) -- Sen. Howell Heflin, D-Ala., says Democratic voters' ancestors would be appalled if they voted a straight Republican ticket Nov. 6. Heflin, who faces GOP Senate nominee Albert Lee Smith in his bid for re-election, said Tuesday night that he knows that President Reagan will attract some Democratic voters. "If there are some who I can't convince to vote Democratic, now don't you go crazy and pull the straight Republican ticket," he told supporters at a political rally.

HINCKLEY MISSES VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

GOLDEN, Colo. (UPI) -- Presidential assailant John Hinckley Jr. will not be voting in this year's presidential election. Jefferson County Clerk Norm Allen Tuesday said Hinckley, who requested an absentee ballot last month, had not responded and had missed the Oct. 5 deadline for registering. If Hinckley had registered in time, Allen said his office would have had to determine if the man is a prisoner or a hospital patient. Prisoners, under the law, have no voting rights.

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CANDIDATES' SCHEDULES

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- The schedules for the presidential and vice presidential candidates for Thursday, Oct. 25, and tentative schedules for ensuing days.

Walter Mondale:

Thursday, Oct. 25: 9:15 a.m. Arrives Gen. Billy Mitchell Field, Milwaukee.

9:30 a.m. departs for Cleveland.

11:50 a.m. arrives Cleveland.

12:20 p.m. rally at the Arcade, Fourth and Euclid streets, Cleveland.

1:05 p.m. departs for airport.

2 p.m. departs for Toledo, Ohio.

2:50 p.m. arrives Toledo.

3:30 p.m. private time, Holiday Inn, Toledo.

5 p.m. rally, Portside Festival Marketplace, 408 N. Summit St., Toledo.

7 p.m. departs for Flint, Mich.

Overnights Flint.

Friday, Oct. 26: 9 a.m. CDT reception, Northern High School Gymnasium, Flint.

Departs for Des Moines, Iowa, no time given.

Noon CDT event, Nolan Plaza, Third and Lucas streets, Des Moines.

3:30 p.m. CDT arrives El Paso, Texas. Evening rally, Yaleta Mission, El Paso. Departs El Paso for San Diego.

Overnights San Diego.

Saturday, Oct. 27: Morning events, San Diego and Riverside, Calif. Travels to San Francisco, Calif.; no schedule available for San Francisco.

Geraldine Ferraro:

Thursday, Oct. 25: 7:45 a.m. PDT departs Hyatt Hotel, San Jose, Calif., for Italian Gardens, 1500 Amander Road, San Jose.

8 a.m. reception, Italian Gardens.

8:40 a.m. private time, Italian Gardens.

9 a.m. departs for Apple Computer Co., San Jose.

9:15 a.m. rally, Apple computer plant.

9:45 a.m. private time, plant.

10:10 a.m. departs for San Jose airport.

10:30 a.m. private time, airport.

11:15 a.m. departs for Stockton, Calif.

11:45 a.m. arrives Stockton airport.

12:20 p.m. event, Hunter's Square, Stockton.

1 p.m. departs for Holiday Inn, Stockton.

1:15 p.m. private time, Holiday Inn.

2:35 p.m. departs for Stockton airport.

3:10 p.m. departs for San Francisco.

3:40 p.m. arrives San Francisco International Airport.

4:25 p.m. private time, St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco.

5:20 p.m. departs for Apparel Center, 22 Fourth St., San Francisco.

5:30 p.m. reception, Apparel Center.

6:10 p.m. departs for Sheraton Palace Hotel, 639 Market St., San Francisco.

6:15 p.m. rally, Sheraton Hotel.

7 p.m. private reception, Sheraton Hotel.

7:40 p.m. departs for St. Francis Hotel.

7:50 p.m. arrives hotel for overnight.

Friday, Oct. 26: Morning event in Medford, Ore. Afternoon events in Eugene and Portland, Ore. Evening event in Takoma, Wash. Overnights Takoma.

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CANDIDATES' SCHEDULES (continued)

President Reagan:

Thursday: No schedule available.

Friday, Oct. 26: Begins campaigns trip to New Jersey, New York and Connecticut.

Vice President George Bush:

Thursday, Oct. 25: 8:25 a.m. EDT departs Washington for Syracuse, N.Y.
9:25 a.m. arrives Syracuse.

10 a.m. forum, Syracuse University.

11:35 a.m. departs for Rochester, N.Y.

12:35 p.m. arrives Rochester.

1 p.m. testimonial luncheon for Rep. Willis Gradison Jr., R-Ohio., Burgandy Basin, Pitsford, N.Y.

4:45 p.m. departs for Cincinnati.

6 p.m. arrives Cincinnati.

7 p.m. forum, Cincinnati.

Overnights Cincinnati.

Friday, Oct. 26: 7:30 a.m. market walk-through, Cincinnati.

9 a.m. departs for Bowling Green, Ky.

10 a.m. arrives Bowling Green.

12:30 p.m. rally, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green.

3:30 p.m. departs for Andrews Air Force Base.

4:45 p.m. EDT arrives Andrews Air Force Base.

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PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

CBS's Dan Rather: With 13 days to go to election day, Walter Mondale pitched for votes today in a part of the country where economic recovery is yet to be fully felt: rural, Midwest, Farm Belt America. For his part, President Reagan tried for a field day of another sort, marking the first anniversary of the U.S. invasion of Grenada and mocking Walter Mondale.

CBS's Susan Spencer: The backdrop for Mondale's harvest tour looked like it had been lifted from Ronald Reagan's commercials. But Mondale thinks, with farm income down and foreclosures up, the heartland should be his. (Mondale: "In the first debate, he said this: Farmers are not the victims of anything this Administration has done -- " Man in crowd: "Bull!" Mondale: "Correct.") That was basically Mondale's message, carried by bus through Illinois, Missouri and Iowa. He conceded the Carter administration's grain embargo had hurt this region, again said he had been against it, but said that should not be an issue now. (Mondale: "Finally, Mr. President, it's four years since that embargo has been lifted. Don't blame all your problems on everybody else. You're the President of the United States! What are you doing now?") While today's main message was about farm policy, this carefully orchestrated tour had another, more subtle point as well. Walter Mondale is not about to give Ronald Reagan any monopoly on good old American values. From Canton to Kiakoff, there were balloons and bands and babies, all put together with White House-like precision. It's critical for Mondale to be seen amid such enthusiasm to counter perceptions that because he is so far behind, the race is over. (Mondale: "This election is close. If you remember me, I'll remember you. Let's get it done.") With just two weeks left, Mondale insists victory is not impossible. (CBS-3)

CBS's Leslie Stahl: During lunch at Ohio State University, the President said he has no apologies for a letter he wrote in 1960 comparing John Kennedy's programs to Karl Marx and Hitler. (President: "That was a good letter. I was explaining my philosophy. I just said if we set down the road of stateism, it leads to socialism. And no matter how well it is presented, whether it goes to the left or the right, it eventually winds up as totalitarianism.") For a second day in a row, Mr. Reagan was interrupted by almost constant heckling from a small band of protesters. (President: "You know, I know it's going to break their hearts, but I can't understand a word their saying." (Cheers)) The President hailed the invasion of Grenada, then used it to try to score points against Mondale. (President: "Well, it took him 11 months to decide that rescuing our sons and daughters in Grenada was a good thing." (Cheers)) Back at the White House, a ceremony with some of the students who were on Grenada. Most of them were flown here compliments of a conservative organization. The President paid tribute to one of the servicemen who died in Grenada, whose father was in the audience. (President: "You asked him, 'Sean, was it worth it?' And, 'Yes, Dad,' he answered. You asked him, 'Would you do it again?' And he looked up at you and said, 'Hell yes, Dad.' (Applause) A few

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Stahl (continued): months ago, Sean died of his wounds. But he, Sean Luketina, gave his life in the cause of freedom." Left unsaid: that Sean Luketina was a victim of friendly fire. He was in a command post that was strafed by a U.S. Navy jet which had been given the wrong coordinates. (CBS-4)

ABC's Peter Jennings: The President is having a good ride in the polls and the campaign itself, with some exceptions, is reflecting it. The President was in Ohio today. Once again there was a bit more heckling. But it didn't stop the President.

ABC's Sam Donaldson: The Reagan campaign of impressive symbolism rocked back and forth today, displaying both the strengths and weaknesses of the President's style. At a Reagan-Bush rally in Columbus, Ohio, a band of Mondale-Ferraro supporters subjected the President to heckling for the second day in a row, but were quickly turned into unwitting foils for a Presidential putdown of Mondale. (President: "You know, I know it's going to break their hearts, but I can't understand a word they're saying." Crowd, chanting: "Fritz is a wimp! Fritz is a wimp!" President: "You're tempting me beyond my strength." (Cheers)) But if the President was sorely tempted to join in the "Fritz is a wimp" chant, he seemed not equally tempted today to follow his usual practice of invoking the name of John F. Kennedy as he appealed for Democratic votes. His 1960 letter to Richard Nixon attacking Kennedy is now public, and later in the day as he dined with fraternity brothers at the TKE house on the campus of Ohio State University, Mr. Reagan had to defend it. (President: "That was a good letter. I was explaining my philosophy." Reporter: "Why did you compare his policies to Marx's and Hitler's?" President: "I didn't. I just said if we start down the road of stateism, it leads to socialism. And no matter how well it is presented, whether it goes to the left or the right, it eventually winds up as totalitarianism.") The President seemed somewhat uncomfortable with his answer, since he had indeed compared Kennedy's program with the programs of Marx and Hitler. But things soon turned up. Back at the White House, Mr. Reagan presided over a triumphant ceremony celebrating last year's invasion of Grenada. Some of the rescued American students were there along with representatives of the armed forces who fought in Grenada, and the President made the most of it. (President: " -- period of self-doubt is over. History will record that one of the turning points came on a small island in the Caribbean where America went to take care of her own.") As it turns out, some of the rescued students are about to repay the favor. At the request of the Republicans, they'll fan out on college campuses tomorrow to campaign for the Reagan-Bush ticket, which now that it's heading up once again in the polls seems bent not just on a win, but a landslide. (ABC-6)

ABC's Brit Hume: Walter Mondale has not gained, even in his own poll, since the second debate. But he is, as he likes to say, a farm kid and something in the country air seemed to inspire him today. In an Illinois barn before breakfast, he reminded farmers of what they had done for Harry Truman and asked they do the same for him.

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Hume (continued): (Mondale: "Quietly, by the thousands and then by the millions, rural Americans with dignity went to the polls and they voted Ol' Harry Truman back in that White House. I ask you to do use these days now (sic). Think it through. See what you've seen. Ask who you trust. And then by the hundreds, and then by thousands, and then by the millions walk into that polling booth and take control of your government again.") That was the first stop on a day-long bus tour of five Mississippi Valley farm towns in Illinois, Iowa and Missouri. Mondale walked the streets, rode the back of a truck, spoke from platforms, in barns, even in a gas station. Everywhere pleading with farmers, many of whom are hard pressed these days to help him. In terms of sheer numbers, there are not a lot of votes in the Farm Belt. But there is real distress here and a real chance for Mondale to gain. And besides, what presidential campaign would be complete without a promise to farmers of bigger markets, easier credit and higher prices. (ABC-7)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: Time is running out for Walter Mondale and so he figures if it worked for Harry Truman against Tom Dewey in '48, it might work for him against Ronald Reagan in '84. Mondale today went to Iowa, Illinois and Missouri.

NBC's Lisa Myers: At dawn on one of the thousands of farms threatened with foreclosure, Mondale pleaded for help. He asked people who knew about hard times to give him a chance. (Mondale: "You think I'm just another politician putting out the bull, why worry? And I'm here today to ask you to trust me. I need you, and you need me.") He rolled from embattled family farms to declining small towns, places where Reagan out to be in trouble but apparently isn't. He conceded that the Carter embargo on grain sales to the Soviet Union was a disaster, that he did everything he could to stop it. But he argued that Ronald Reagan isn't blameless. (Mondale: "Mr. President, it's four years since that embargo's been lifted. Don't blame all your problems on everybody else. You're the President of the United States! What are you doing?") Again and again he invoked the memory of Harry Truman, who also was way down in the polls but never gave up. (Mondale: "Quietly by the thousands, and then by the millions rural Americans with dignity went to the polls and they voted Ol' Harry Truman back in that White House. I ask you to do use these days now. Think it through. See what you've seen. Ask who you trust. And then by the hundreds, and then by the thousands, and then by the millions walk into that polling booth and take control of your government again." (Cheers)) Although Mondale insists there's still time, aides dismiss the odds against him increase almost hourly. He not only must make his case heard, he must come from behind and win virtually every state he campaigns in. (NBC-Lead)

Brokaw: President Reagan was the target of some scattered heckling at Ohio State today, where he defended the American invasion of Grenada last year and back at the White House that invasion was the centerpiece of a well-orchestrated ceremony. The political message was not incidental.

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NBC's Chris Wallace: The White House today tried to make a political winner out of what it views as the President's biggest foreign policy success. Republican-backed groups paid for 87 students evacuated from Grenada to join Reagan at the White House. (President: "Together we celebrate today with joy an anniversary of honor for America.") Reagan said Grenada showed the country had ended the self-doubt and decline of the Carter-Mondale years. He praised the soldiers who died there, and spoke directly to the father of one of them. (President: "On one of those moments when your son regained consciousness, you asked him, 'Sean, was it worth it?' And, 'Yes, Dad,' he answered. And you asked him, 'Would you do it again?' And he looked up at you and said, 'Hell yes, Dad.'") Campaign officials say Grenada is not a big concern for voters, but that the episode blunts Mondale's charge that the President can't lead in a crisis. They also say the leadership issue is a big reason why Reagan's polls show his lead over Mondale widening since Sunday's debate to 20 points last night. Reagan pollsters had a group of 40 sample voters watch the Kansas City debate and react by pressing on hand-held computers. (TV Coverage: Videotape of Walter Mondale during the debate with a graph of sample group response plotted over his face.) Those responses were later charted as a line imposed on a tape of the debate. The pollsters say the line went down, showing a negative response, during certain Mondale attacks. (Mondale: "They have not pursued the diplomatic opportunities either within El Salvador or as between the countries -- " As Mondale speaks, the line plummets. Richard Wirthlin: "It was clear that Mondale attempted to use the debate to bring into question the President's ability to command his knowledge of the facts and what this particular test demonstrated to us was that that attempt backfired.") Confidence here is now so high that aides are again talking about Presidential coattails. They say Reagan will go to the low-priority state of West Virginia next week largely to help other Republicans in tight races. (NBC-2)

Jennings: Well, it is now 13 days until the elections, and a new ABC News-Washington Post poll shows that Walter Mondale is no longer closing the gap on President Reagan.

ABC's Barry Serafin: The new poll shows President Reagan out in front of Walter Mondale by the same margin as a week ago -- 12 points. Mondale had been narrowing the gap since the first presidential debate, but this survey shows no further tightening of the race. Last week, 54 percent of the voters we questioned favored Mr. Reagan. 42 percent Mondale. And ABC News poll over the weekend indicated it had closed to a 10-point margin, 52 to 42. But now, in a poll of the same voters we surveyed a week ago, the results are the same as then, a 12-point lead for the incumbent. The second presidential debate apparently did not give the challenger the same boost he got from the first one, where Mondale was widely seen as the winner. 37 percent of the voters we surveyed now think Mr. Reagan won this time, 25 percent say Mondale won, and the largest group, 38 percent, call it a tie. Mondale aides insist the challenger has not stalled out, that the race will tighten. The focus now, they

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Serafin (continued): say, will be on the states with the electoral votes needed for a win. (Paul Tully, Mondale aide: "We will spend more time in big, contested states. But it's not -- we will certainly be back in California." Reporter: "New York?" Tully: "We'll certainly be in New York and Pennsylvania and Ohio and Michigan and Illinois.") In concentrating on electoral votes, the Mondale campaign is doing what it has to do. But aides acknowledge that, as of now, the challenger is still behind in the states needed to produce those votes. (ABC-5)

GRENADA

Rather: While the U.S. military invasion of Grenada occurred one year ago tomorrow, the anniversary of honor, as President Reagan called it, was being observed today. Secretary Weinberger hailed the action that left 19 American servicemen dead and 115 wounded as a -- quote -- genuinely successful and necessary enterprise. However necessary and whatever words they use to describe that invasion, it was a war, and it had all the horror that goes with war.

CBS's David Martin: (TV Coverage: Videotape of invasion) From what the Pentagon showed you of the invasion of Grenada, you'd hardly know the human toll of combat. A few distant puffs of smoke were as close as you got to the fighting. You were not shown the wholesale destruction that is inevitable in war, even a war like Grenada where the U.S. vastly outgunned the enemy. Ask Army Ranger William Sears, now paralyzed from the waist down, what it was really like. (Sgt. William Sears: "I could hear people screaming. And one of 'em -- it seemed like the guy was right in my ear, just screaming. It sounded pitiful. They were amputating his leg about ten feet from me.") That scene from Hell occurred here, at what's left of Calvigny Barracks. A nightmare hard to imagine later when President Reagan honored a hero of that battle. (Sgt. Steven Trujillo: "It finally hits you between the eyes that you might die. I couldn't care less about glory, and anybody who's really been there felt the same. It's something.") Calvigny Barracks was the last Cuban stronghold. Three helicopters went down there, three Americans died. More would have if Sgt. Trujillo had not pulled the wounded from the wreckage. (Sears: "Those same helicopter blades were literally chopping people to pieces. He had ducked under them somehow and kept his head about him, and he pulled -- I don't know -- I don't how many people out of those helicopters.") This in what was supposed to be a low-risk operation. (President: "A top priority was to minimize risk, to avoid casualties to our own men and also the Grenadian forces as much as humanly possible.") What we saw last October was a sanitized war. It was short, the press was kept out and American forces enjoyed overwhelming superiority. About the only thing it had in common with other wars was that young men fought bravely and some of them were killed or maimed. They were the only Americans who saw the real face of war in Grenada.

(CBS-11)

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U.S. EMBASSY SECURITY

Jennings: There is fear in Washington tonight that somewhere in the world there is soon going to be more than a threat against American lives or an American government installation. U.S. intelligence is seeing all the signs.

ABC's John McWethy: U.S. intelligence source say they have detected disturbing signs in the last few weeks of a well-orchestrated terrorist action that appears to be aimed at American facilities and citizens around the world. Though State Department spokesman John Hughes refused to be specific, he did provide chilling confirmation that the Reagan Administration believes the terrorist situation could get much worse in the near future. (Hughes: "But I think there is new information concerning the threat across the board to Americans including newspaper correspondents and newsmen. There is a great deal of information, some of it unsubstantiated, some of which proves never to result. Activity about the movement of people and money and resources around a region.") The situation is regarded as so threatening in Beirut that the U.S. Embassy there is conducting virtually no business. Dependents have been evacuated, as has a third of the embassy staff, which has now been cut to 30. Intelligence sources claim the U.S. is now receiving 100 terrorist threats a week, with the largest number being lodged against American facilities in the Middle East. But U.S. intelligence sources stress: What they are seeing now -- the movement of known terrorists, many with Iranian connections, the shipment of arms and explosives plus cryptic intercepts of terrorist communications -- it all leads them to believe that there will be strikes against U.S. facilities and citizens. Some of the strikes, officials fear, could be in the U.S., probably before the elections. (ABC-Lead)

NBC's Jim Bittermann reports on how the new terrorist dangers are affecting diplomats. There is less glamor in a diplomats life these days and more risk. The problem is that these days big embassies like the one in Paris receive threats or warnings about possible attack as frequently as once a week. It is often impossible to tell which are real and which are not. And so the embassy can only ask its staff people to keep up their guard. Yet the State Department, which is beefing up its own defenses, claims there is no shortage of recruits, that each terrorist attack has only increased interest in serving the U.S. overseas. (NBC-13)

LEBANON

Rather: CBS News has learned that American journalists in Lebanon have been specifically targeted for attack by a pro-Iranian terrorist group. Senior U.S. officials tell State Department correspondent Bill McLaughlin that the terrorists consider the journalists to be spies. A State Department spokesman said today there is new information concerning the threat across the board to Americans in Lebanon, including journalists. (CBS-13)

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Jennings reports four Lebanese employees of the AP disappeared this morning on their way to work in West Beirut. The news agency's bureau chief says he believes they were kidnapped. And the U.S. Embassy in The Hague was evacuated today when an anonymous caller said a bomb had been placed in the building. No such device was found. (ABC-2)

INFLATION

Rather: The government released its final inflation report before the election, and it shows consumer prices rose a moderate four-tenths of one percent in September. That single-digit inflation could produce some big numbers on election day.

CBS's Ray Brady: In the heart of Walter Mondale country, downtown Minneapolis, and in the rest of the country, it was good economic news for President Reagan. (Older man: "He's taken a situation and turned around, and I mean I think it's his leadership that did it.") Turnaround it's been. From 13½ percent in President Carter's last year, today's figures show inflation at 4.2 percent this year. There was a drop in food prices and, while gasoline prices popped up, that's expected to be temporary. The trend is down. (Woman with small child in her arms: "I don't know. I'm not as scared as I was a few years ago about gas going up and would I have to sell my car?") Three presidents before Mr. Reagan -- Nixon, Ford, with his Whip Inflation Now buttons, and Carter -- all tried and failed to cool prices. But inflation was finally controlled under Ronald Reagan, as he continues to remind voters. (President: "Somebody out there must be doing something right. 21 straight months of economic growth with the monster of inflation still locked its cage." Mondale economic adviser Walter Heller: "What really brought inflation down? The main thing was the reduction in oil prices. That had very little to do with Ronald Reagan. He's got the luck of the Irish!" Secretary Regan: "We planned it that way, believe me. This is not just good luck.") But in the Reagan years, prices were also held in check by good weather that brought bumper crops on the farm and by a bone-crunching recession that has left 8½ million Americans still out of work. Even in Walter Mondale country though, many see just one thing: those prices at the check out counter and the gas pump. (Woman in car: "Walter Mondale country. It's Walter Mondale country. You can vote for who you want." Reporter: "And you're voting for?" Woman: "President Reagan." Heller: "There will be a day of reckoning, but it will be well after the day of election.") How long will this good news on prices continued? At least through 1985, and that's a projection that comes not from Ronald Reagan's White House, but from top economic aides to Walter Mondale.

(CBS-Lead, ABC-9)

Rather: The government is also out today with new figures pegged to the inflation rate on what you will be giving and getting in some tax and benefit programs next year. Starting in January, the typical family of four earning \$25,000 a year will get a dollar a week tax cut because of inflation-pegged indexing. But the same family will more

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Rather (continued): than make up the tax cut with higher Social Security taxes for the year -- about \$87½ dollars higher. On the receiving end, the typical Social Security retiree will get about 15 dollars more a month starting in January. (CBS-2, NBC-9)

PHILIPPINES

The chief of the Philippine armed forces went on leave after being accused of conspiring to kill Benigno Aquino. The accusation was part of the majority report by the commission investigating that murder. For his part, President Marcos said he was saddened by having to announce Gen. Fabian Ver's leave. Aquino's widow said the commission had not gone far enough. (CBS-9, ABC-13, NBC-10)

EL SALVADOR

A Salvadoran army helicopter crashed, killing Col. Domingo Montarosa, El Salvador's top field commander, along with three other senior officers. Military and diplomatic sources are quoted as saying that Montarosa was one of the few Salvadoran officers capable of boosting troop morale and capability. (CBS-12, ABC-4, NBC-6)

NBC's Fred Francis: The CIA tried to hide their mission, their names and the way they died, but three of the four are no longer anonymous victims of the Administration's involvement in Central America. The bells of the Cutahay, Wisconsin, church tolled yesterday for 28-year-old Scott Van Leshaud, a three-year employee of the CIA. Van Leshaud, a mapping specialist, did not die in a Miami car crash, as his family was told to say. He perished early last Friday with three others when a plane slammed into the side of a Salvadoran volcano. 53-year-old Richard Spicer was also buried yesterday in Warren, Pennsylvania. He was a veteran pilot on contract to the CIA. He did not die in South Florida as his wife reported. And Curtis Wood, a former Air Force physicist, who told friends he was now doing something exciting, was interred yesterday by his wife and son outside Atlanta. It's believed they hit the volcano while tracking a small plane carrying arms to Salvadoran guerrillas. The CIA plane carried special radar and infrared gear which should have prevented the accident. They were the first known CIA men to die in the region, and one intelligence source complained today that they weren't getting the honor they deserved. He said the coverup wasn't necessary, they were just regular guys who died serving their country. (NBC-8)

NICARAGUA

ABC's Dennis Troute: State Department analysts say the Bulgarian ship arrived at the port El Bluff on Nicaragua's east coast yesterday and began offloading cargo. They're certain it's sensitive military gear because of the enormous security precautions taken. They believe there is some chance that, in the shipment, are high-performance aircraft which they fear would give Nicaragua a great advantage in air power over its neighbors. Crates believed to

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Troute (continued): contain jets dismantled and ready for shipment to Nicaragua were spotted in Bulgaria some time ago, and the unusual security at the El Bluff port in Nicaragua -- security including minesweepers, mobile radar and a special contingent of stevedores -- has some State Department analysts worried that these high-performance Soviet aircraft are now becoming part of Nicaragua's already formidable arsenal. (ABC-3)

THE PRICE OF CONGRESS

ABC's Charles Gibson reports on the high costs of running for political office. (ABC-8)

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EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

SECOND DEBATE

The Kansas City Debate -- "While the President was off-balance at times, he was also quite human and therefore less menacing a figure that his opponents portray. So if the debate was the fairly even encounter we suspect it was, it may have been enough to protect the President's formidable lead. With just over two weeks until election, that's the political bottom line." (Baltimore Sun, 10/22)

The Winning Issue -- "The debate confirmed what the records of President Reagan and Mr. Mondale have shown all along: that the President has by far the stronger commitment to national defense and the more realistic approach to relations with the Soviet Union....This alone made him the winner." (Richmond Times-Dispatch, 10/23)

The Winner! (II) -- "Our hunch is that Reagan's biggest muff is known only to the scriptwriters....We suspect he was working up to one of those pithy lines like "are-you-better-off-than-you-were-four-years-ago" when the time was called. So to shift from the metaphor to that of a prizefight, our conclusion is that Mondale won a TKO; but he needed a KO." (Evening Sun, 10/22)

Substance Crept Into Debate -- "If Walter Mondale won on points, as most say he did, then of course he lost Sunday night's debate. He didn't score the knockout he needed in order to overcome Ronald Reagan's long lead....Mondale was neither so good, nor Reagan so bad. And that means, of course, that Reagan won politically. Still, the President, in better form than he was in the debate two weeks ago, was less than compelling." (Tom Teepen, Atlanta Constitution, 10/23)

Reagan Gets Back on Track -- "To close the gap in the final two weeks, Walter Mondale had to be terrific in the Kansas City debate and Ronald Reagan had to be terrible. As it turned out, Mondale was flat and the President was fine. The question on American's mind Sunday night was 'Is he OK?' By demonstrating he was OK, he won the debate. Reagan proved he could get up off the floor; he reassured the voting public that the man in the Oval Office still has all his marbles." (William Safire, Cleveland Plain Dealer, 10/23)

Reagan's Image Is Hard To Shake, Despite The Slips -- "The debates came too late in the campaign. Neither disagreements over policy and principle nor doubts about the President's grasp and alertness can be exploited in the few days left before Nov. 6." (David B. Wilson, Boston Globe, 10/23)

Reagan Clobbered Him... -- "Whether the press bias against Reagan is ideological, professional -- the media love to see a battle start, and hate to see one end -- or personal is no longer of much relevance. The Big Media -- which has repeatedly told the country Reagan is out of touch, isolated -- is itself out of touch....America is back; and so is Dutch Reagan -- four more years. Just one question. What the devil did he put in that time capsule?" (Patrick J. Buchanan, Philadelphia Inquirer, 10/24)

EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS (continued)

Ronald Reagan and Future Fog -- "Even without his index cards, Reagan should have been able to do a four-minute reprise of his basic Republican theme song of optimism, bootstraps, standing-tall-abroad and prosperity-with-less-government at home. Instead, he left his audience stranded somewhere on a California highway in a time warp, wondering what they were doing there and whether there would be a future at all."

(Joan Beck, Chicago Tribune, 10/24)

Kansas City Forum -- "The exchange regrettably focused more on the pursuit of national strength than on achieving an equal and parallel exercise of moral and diplomatic energy in pursuit of international peace. ...The emphasis was more on stating peaceful intentions than on mobilizing to broaden the conditions for harmony among nations. Now it's back to the public, to render the final election judgment."

(Christian Science Monitor, 10/23)

The Second Debate (Cont.) -- "Does it matter that Mr. Reagan's statements so frequently do not correspond with the facts? There is no evidence that Mr. Reagan deliberately seeks to deceive the public. He genuinely appears to believe what he is saying at the moment. But a president who deludes himself cannot be trusted to make decisions based on facts as they are and events as they were -- as opposed to facts as he wants them to be and a history that he wishes had taken place."

(St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 10/24)

A Disappointing Debate -- "Americans expect more sophistication from the two candidates seeking the highest office. Mr. Reagan was better in form and worse in substance than Mr. Mondale on Sunday, but that's not saying much. Sad to say, the technologically most advanced nation on Earth is not measuring up to its potential of producing visionary leaders. Messrs. Mondale and Reagan look at the world as a theater for America's manifest destiny to be played out, a view that we thought had peaked at the turn of the century."

(Hartford Courant, 10/23)

What Debates? -- "If the lords of the media were to be believed, eight years of observation and appraisal were as nothing. These so-called debates became 'all important.' They were 'crucial.' Commentators and pundits voted themselves into office as ringside judges, exuberantly scoring the hooks, jabs and knockdowns....A better arrangement, it seems to me, would be for the opposing campaign committees themselves to hire a hall. Who needs a sponsor? And who needs questioners? If we are to have debates, let us have debates. 'Resolved, that I should win and you should lose.' There's a question for you. Give each of the combatants a lectern, provide a timekeeper in the middle and let them go."

(James J. Kilpatrick, Baltimore Sun, 10/24)

The Debate Windup -- "Mr. Reagan did much better than he had done in the last debate. He has had some successes in foreign policy; his administration has done some things well. In certain respects we would say he even had a better case than he made. Factually, he was weak. We would give the edge to Mr. Mondale."

(Washington Post, 10/22)

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The Soggy Debate -- "The great foreign policy debate was a soggy disappointment. Far from clarifying either the major issues of America's position in the world or the nasty incidents that have shocked the country, it served to confuse and mislead....It's depressing. The hope has to be that the next President will do better in the White House than either candidate did in Kansas City."

(Flora Lewis, Los Angeles Times, 10/23)

What You See... -- "The President does seem to have talked himself into believing that he is the world's leading advocate of arms control, and I suspect he wants to keep that commitment. Richard Nixon went to Peking and Ronald Reagan may be going to Geneva -- if, for nothing else, to prove that his expensive military buildup led to more than just jobs in the defense industry and to record deficits."

(Richard Reeves, Baltimore Sun, 10/24)

A Moving Target -- "Only the President can decide which line to take, and it's a pity Reagan hasn't come out and said exactly what his objective in Central America is. It's usually not our job to decide what sort of government any other country should have. There may be exceptions, such as Grenada, where a gang of thugs took over and could be removed quickly and easily. We should support a watertight Contadora treaty to stop Nicaragua to learn the hard way that communism is a social, political and economic disaster."

(New York Daily News, 10/23)

The Debates and Other Races -- "Did (the President) give voters reasons why he needs more Republicans on Capitol Hill in the next four years? His message on both domestic and foreign affairs is that he wants to continue on the course of the past four years. But that course has been set, in part, by the Democratic majority in the House. We saw little in what the President has called for that could not be achieved with a Congress like the present one."

(Washington Post, 10/24)

Bubble Has Burst On Enthusiasm In The '84 Campaign -- "The Democrats may have managed at last to make a race of it if only between exhausted runners. And then, on this dank day after (the debate), Geraldine Ferraro may have arrived at the suspension that, just when her chance came, too many people had ceased to care."

(Murray Kempton, Newsday, 10/23)

"STAR WARS"

Star Wars Moonshine -- "Even a limited strategic defense could do much to make any first strike far more uncertain and less attractive....Why is this a historic decision, then, or even a particularly close one? Because of a strategic doctrine called mutual assured destruction (MAD), which holds that the way to avoid war is to make it unthinkably horrible....The real meaning behind Mr. Mondale's statements and commercials is that he prefers to rely on the MAD philosophy; otherwise we will have an 'arms race.' While President Reagan's position could be more cogent, clearly it does point away from MAD. There is a real difference here; we hope the voters will understand it well enough to decide which approach promotes peace and which increases the chance of war." (Wall Street Journal, 10/24)

FOREIGN MEDIA REACTION TO THE REAGAN-MONDALE DEBATE

Reagan is back in the Saddle -- "In a ... broadcast (Jean-Luc Hess) said: 'It was an even match. None of the two was able to knock out the other. Mondale however needed to crush his adversary. He showed his true nature, a man of substance...boring. Reagan made deplorable judgments but he back in the saddle.'"

(Radio France-Inter)

Advantage Reagan -- "'Advantage Reagan. He was more relaxed and joked about his age....'"

(Radio Luxembourg)

Both Candidates Offered Good Show -- "'Both candidates offered a good show. Reagan was poised and self-assured. He certainly defused the greatest risk he is running -- the problem of his age....'"

(Radio GR-1, Italy)

Ended in a Tie -- "'The match ended in a tie, but now Reagan is sure of his victory....'"

(Radio GR-2, Italy)

Vice President Mondale Conducted Himself More Confidently -- "The news agencies are noting that former Vice President Mondale conducted himself more confidently and demonstrated greater activity in the debate. They are speculating that he managed to win over many voters and closed the gap that existed until recently between him and the present head of the White House."

(Radio Moscow, Soviet Union)

Why Trade in the Genuine Article? -- "'Mr. Mondale... failed to win because he failed to say anything very different or very interesting....If you want to pick a President to slag off Fidel Castro on the same old formulation, why trade in the genuine article for a new model Mondale?....'"

(Guardian, Britain)

Tired, Totally Humorless Mondale -- "'Who won, who lost? According to the polls, it's a tie. One thing is clear: the general impression is favorable to Reagan, if only because he did not make any gaffe and because he looked good in the face of a tired, totally humorless Mondale.'"

(France-Soir)

In Control of His Old TV Magic -- "The debate 'was another success for Mondale but...did not inflict damage on Reagan....He was in control of his old TV magic....'"

(Frankfurter Allgemeine, West Germany)

Witty Phrases on TV and the Fate of the World -- "'The President was able to curb Mondale's attack and reach a tie....We should not be shocked if the outcome of a debate on the fate of the world is influenced by a couple of witty phrases on TV...'"

(La Repubblica, Italy)

Roles More or Less Reversed -- "'Roles were more or less reversed in the second Reagan-Mondale debate. This time the President acted in his old relaxed style....Anxious to repeat his successful showing in the first debate, Mondale was perhaps too tense and didn't look like a picture of health...'"

(Dagens Nyheter, Sweden)

There was No Winner -- "'There was no winner. After his poor showing in the first debate, Reagan was himself again and in good form...'"

(Radio Austria)

FOREIGN MEDIA REACTION TO THE DEBATE (continued)

President Held His Own -- "After an indifferent performance in his first televised debate, President Reagan held his own in the second....And indeed, that was all he was really required to do..."

(Tribune de Geneve, Switzerland)

Mondale Presented No Great Change in Foreign Policy -- "Mr. Mondale did not present a great change in U.S. foreign policy.... He did not oppose Reagan on a number of points....Their differences are over tactics rather than substance of foreign policy."

(Rude Pravo, Poland)

No Conspicuous Winner or Loser -- "The second TV debate ended... without a conspicuous winner or loser....Mondale...did not deal a fatal blow to the President."

(Hankook Ilbo, South Korea)

Reagan Puts up Better Show -- "Even Democratic Party functionaries concede that nothing is going to prevent Reagan from winning a second term....The remaining doubt is about the margin of victory."

(Hindustan Times, India)

Candidates Did Not Deal With Basic Middle East Problem -- "The superficial way in which Reagan and his Democratic rival addressed the Middle East issues in the face of decisive elections does not afford a satisfactory answer to any question."

(al-Akhbar, Egypt)

Not Surprised at President's Admiration of Zionists -- "We were not surprised by President Reagan's defense of and admiration of the Zionist invasion of Lebanon....The President's remarks reveal the extent to which Washington is ready to go in its defense of aggression, terrorism and racism..."

(ar-Ray, Jordan)