

Dole predicts landslide win

MIDLAND, Tex. (UPI) — Republican vice presidential candidate Robert Dole, in a burst of enthusiasm, predicted yesterday he and President Ford might win every state but the District of Columbia in tomorrow's election.

"We're winning. We're going to win in Texas. We're going to win in New York. We're going to give Carter maybe the District of Columbia," Dole said.

"We may get all the rest of the states in the nation the way it's going now," he told

the cheering audience of about 200. "That may be just a bit optimistic, but we are optimistic."

At an airport rally in oil-rich Midland, Dole also spoke about Texas concerns of energy, defense, right to work and gun control before heading for Louisiana and Illinois.

Dole continued his attacks on Carter and Walter Mondale for advocating divestiture in the oil industry and continued price controls on new oil and natural gas.

He repeated his sharp criticism of Mondale, saying the Democratic vice presidential nominee was trying to "dredge up Watergate."

In his prepared text, which went undelivered in Midland, Dole said there is one way to sum up the "difference" between Ford and Carter.

"One is looking for ways to spend your money," he said. "The other is looking for ways to give it back to you."

He asked: "Whom should you trust with power? A man who has hungered for it for years with single-minded ambition and calculation...? Or a man like Gerald Ford who never sought power but who has handled it well?"

He said breaking up oil companies and cutting the defense budget would not openly hurt the nation as a whole, but would cost jobs in Texas.

Mondale sees win

CANTON, Ohio (UPI) — Democratic vice presidential candidate Walter Mondale, expressing confidence Jimmy Carter will win, yesterday brushed off recent polls showing President Ford gaining strength.

He said it was similar to the 1960 election when John F. Kennedy started with a large lead but barely won the election.

At an airport news conference, Mondale said Carter still holds a lead in every national poll "and that's the place to be."

"We're going to win and win very handsomely," Mondale said.

Asked why the polls had taken such a swing

in Ford's favor, the Minnesota senator answered, "when you get close to the election and when you're running against a sitting president, it makes it tough."

Earlier, Mondale told a corps of Carter volunteers in the Cleveland area that every vote counts and a vote in each precinct in Ohio could give Carter the state and the election because "it's that close."

He thanked the volunteers for all their work and then joked with the crowd, telling them "you don't need any sleep... you all look rested" and said they should work around the clock until election day.

Ford a nice man, Carter's mom says

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — Jimmy Carter's mother said yesterday President Ford is such a nice man she sometimes wishes her son was running against someone else.

The 78-year-old Miss Lillian stressed that she is "strictly for Jimmy and not against Mr. Ford" in the campaign.

"In fact," she said, "Mr. Ford is such a nice man I sometimes wished we had something worse to run against."

During a stopover in Pittsburgh in her 21-city final campaign tour, the Democratic presidential candidate's mother disputed a suggestion that she and first lady Betty Ford would make a good ticket of their own.

"Mrs. Ford likes to dance, and I like to fish," she said.

Miss Lillian said she is concerned about issues such as equal rights for women and the plight of senior citizens, but does not expect to become a presidential adviser on the elderly in a Carter administration.

Politics is not a key to her relationship with son Jimmy Carter, she said.

"Politically, we've never hit base together," she declared. "We just don't discuss political issues."

Post mildly favors Carter

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Making its first endorsement of a presidential candidate in more than two decades, the Washington Post said yesterday it is inclined to favor Jimmy Carter because he would bring a fresh view to serious problems that lie ahead.

The newspaper acknowledged in an editorial, however, that its recommendation was "not much of an endorsement."

A spokesman for the Post said the last time the newspaper had formally endorsed a presidential candidate was when it backed Dwight Eisenhower in 1952.

"A reasonable and respectable case can be made for the election of Gerald Ford to a full term as president in Tuesday's election, if you believe the presidential business of the next four years will be pretty

much business as usual," a Post editorial said.

"A marginally stronger case can be made for the election of Jimmy Carter, if you believe the immediate and long-term future will require something else. We are inclined to the second of these propositions."

The editorial said Ford "has been a very good president in many respects," and many of his failures have been the consequences of dealing with a hostile Democratic Congress.

The combination of Carter and a Democratic Congress, while not guaranteed, at least provides a chance for more cooperation, the Post said.

The newspaper said Carter's credentials to become president include his selection of Walter Mondale as his running mate, his sympathy for ill, elderly and unem-

Pollster sees close vote with TV blitz important

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The presidential race is "up for grabs" in the final days and tonight's election eve media blitz planned by both candidates could decide the winner, pollster Louis Harris said yesterday.

Prime time bought by both candidates on the major networks tonight "probably will make the difference," he said. "It looks very much like 1960 and 1968 all over again."

Harris said he would be surprised if either candidate had more than a four-point lead on tomorrow morning.

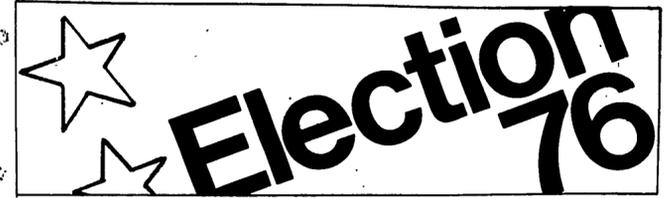
He said a vote turnout of 50 per cent or smaller is likely to help President Ford, but one of 55 per cent or higher would favor Democrat Jimmy Carter's chances.

Although independent Eugene McCarthy may draw only two per cent nationwide, Harris said the former Minnesota senator "ironically could be a factor nationally" by tipping states such as New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Illinois where the difference between Ford and Carter is within one percentage point.

The last Harris poll showed Carter with 45 per cent of the vote, and Ford with 44. Harris said polling since then has given him "no reason to change" that assessment.

"I would say that this election is up for grabs," Harris said in an interview on ABC-TV's "Issues and Answers."

Carter's support has remained fairly stable since September, while Ford has been gaining and narrowing the gap as the previously uncommitted choose sides.



Women won't increase ranks in House, Senate

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Women may increase their numbers in state level political offices tomorrow, but experts anticipate no increase in the strength of female representation on Capitol Hill.

Leaders of the National Women's Political Caucus and the Women's Campaign Fund were disappointed by the prospects for women candidates — primarily because they wanted to break the current sex barrier in the U.S. Senate.

But only one woman, Connecticut's Gloria Schaffer, survived the primaries. Despite her popularity as secretary of state, she apparently has failed to woo voters from GOP incumbent Lowell Weicker.

Although 52 women are running for the House, the experts agree that number is misleading because so many face strong incumbents.

"The most discouraging revelation of 1976 is that access to party nominations has not improved for women seeking open seats in the U.S. House of Representatives," said Betsy Wright, who heads the fund-raising arm of the Women's Political Caucus.

Only 15 women congressional candidates are heavily favored — including 12 incumbents and two newcomers. Three incumbents are retiring and four others — Pat Schroeder, D-Colo., Martha Keys, D-Kan., Gladys Spellman, D-Md., and Helen Meyner, D-N.J. — have strong challengers.

Washington and Stella Hackel in Vermont.

In Indiana, Democrat Virginia McCarthy seeks to become the nation's first woman elected a state attorney general. And in Oregon, where no woman ever has served in a statewide office, two are running for separate posts.

Although the women's caucus and campaign fund have raised an estimated \$150,000 for female candidates this year, their initial efforts cannot compare to the millions of dollars available from traditional sources.

"The greatest barrier to a woman candidate is still money," says Rep. Martha Heckler, R-Mass. "She doesn't have the same business network, the 'old boy' clubs, the golf dates."

Fewer blacks seeking office

WASHINGTON (UPI) — There are 287 blacks seeking major political office this year according to a survey by the Joint Center for Political Studies — but the number running for Congress is slightly down.

Forty-three blacks are seeking House seats and two are running for the Senate. In 1974, there were 53 black House aspirants and three seeking Senate seats.

In addition, 240 black candidates are running for

state legislative seats around the nation.

Cecil Partee is the Democratic candidate for attorney general of Illinois, while Asa Spaulding is the Republican nominee for secretary of state in North Carolina.

The 17 black members of the House — all Democrats — are seeking re-election. Seven face challenges from black Republicans; five from white Republicans; and five are opposed by both white

Republicans and black Socialist Workers candidates.

The center said the only black incumbent who faces more than token opposition, however, is Rep. Harold E. Ford of Tennessee.

The only black senator, Edward Brooke of Massachusetts, is not up for re-election.

Nor were any great gains likely to be made in the House, where women occupy 19 seats.

"Holding even at 19 will be a gain in itself since we have to elect three new women members to do that," lamented Carol Randles of the Women's Campaign Fund.

But there has been a marked increase in political activity among women during 1976, reflected most noticeably on the state level—the traditional training ground for candidates seeking to come to Washington.

Nineteen women have been nominated as major party candidates for statewide jobs — including two with good chances of becoming governors. And the number of women seeking state legislative offices has increased by 12 per cent over 1974.

Rep. Keys has been battling a unique election problem, stemming from her marriage to a congressional colleague, Rep. Andrew Jacobs, D-Ind. While Jacobs has heard little criticism, his wife's opponent has generated among Kansas voters considerable concern about the marriage.

Democrats Barbara Mikulski in Maryland and Mary Rose Oaker of Ohio are expected to win House seats. Oaker, in fact, has no Republican opponent.

Women are continuing to make history on the state level, following closely in the steps of Connecticut Gov. Ella Grasso. Two years ago, Grasso became the first woman in the nation's history to become governor without trading on a husband's reputation.

Two more Democratic women could follow this year — Dixy Lee Ray in

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Last day for signing Fall Term NDSL and University Long Term Loans, Room 108 Shields.
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Last date for a graduate student to apply for permission to resume study in the Winter Term 1977.

MEETINGS

Bridge Club, 6:30 p.m., Room 301 HUB.
Microbiology Club, 6:30 p.m., Room 350 N Frear.
OTIS, 6:30 p.m., Room 307 HUB.
Women in Communications, Inc., 7 p.m., Room 317 HUB.
Alpha Phi Omega, 7 p.m., Room 308 Boucke.
USG Senate, 7:30 p.m., Room 225 HUB.
Penn State Folklore Society, 7:30 p.m., Room 324 HUB.
Geological Sciences Club, 7 p.m., Room 26 Mineral Sciences. Lucille Tanner, U.S. Geological Survey, on "Recent Explorations of the Atlantic Continental Shelf: Deep Stratigraphic Test Results."
Penn State Magazine Club, 8 p.m., Room 320 HUB.
Alpha Lambda Delta, 8 p.m., Room 316 Boucke.

FILM

Free Shakespeare film, "Hamlet" (Williamson, Richardson), 6:30 p.m., Room 101 Chambers.

EXHIBITS

Museum of Art: Antwerp Drawings from the 16th and 17th Centuries. Twenty-four British Pottery.
Zoller Gallery: "Super Mud." Student Invitational.
Chambers Gallery: Gary Rosine, Drawings and Paintings.
Museum of Art - HUB Gallery: "Super Mud" Women's Exhibit, Master Works Exhibit.
Kern Gallery: Sandra Leitsinger. Watercolors. Grace Pilato, Ceramics. Jack Troy, Potter, Canadian Art.
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