

# Anderson blames conventions for poll drop

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Independent presidential candidate John Anderson said yesterday his campaign has been obscured by the "millions of dollars in free air time" given to the Republican and Democratic conventions, but will soon climb in the polls again.

He told television interviewers he expects to meet qualifications set by the League of Women Voters to participate in presidential debates this fall, and called himself the candidate with the best chance to defeat Republican Ronald Reagan.

Anderson appeared on NBC's "Meet the Press," and was pressed for full answers to two questions — how to explain his recent drop in the polls to a low level of 14 percent recorded by Gallup in yesterday's papers, and whether he would be able to persuade a nationally respected Democrat to become his running mate.

His answer to both questions was an emphatic yes. He said he had anticipated a sharp fall-off in support during the conventions, but believes "in the period of the next two or three weeks we will recover... and meet the debate qualification."

The League of Women Voters has decided the debates should be open to any candidate who is on the ballot of enough states to have a chance of election, and who has 15 percent or more support in recognized national polls.

Reminded that he had dropped from around 24 percent in June to 14 percent yesterday, Anderson replied:

"Those figures should be viewed in the context of the two national conventions which dominated millions of dollars of free air time while we were in the shadow. He also was pressed to name Democrats who have

indicated they will, or may, support him or even join him on the ticket. But he did not do so. He acknowledged the difficulty "for a Democratic office holder to turn his back on his party," but said he had talked to a number of them and will have the support of many.

Anderson did not commit himself to a choosing a Democratic running mate, although the new Gallup poll said most of his supporters would prefer one. But he replied: "Yes — I don't want to limit myself, but yes," to the question whether his running mate will be "someone with a national reputation who holds, or has held, an elective office."

On CBS' "Face the Nation" Sunday, liberal Sen. George McGovern, D-S.D., said he had pledged his support to Carter and believes most of the other Democrats who previously supported Sen. Edward Kennedy also will do so.

# Poland's workers won't topple 'master politician'

NEW YORK (UPI) — The worker unrest rocking Poland may result in some unorthodox modifications in the country's communist system but it is unlikely to topple the government of Edward Gierk, says an expert on Eastern Europe.

"There's just no alternative to Gierk waiting in the wings," said Prof. Jane Curry of Columbia University's East European political science division. "And, the strikers aren't demanding a change in leadership, as they have in the past. The Poles know their problems are more complex."

The 35 million Poles face a \$20 billion dollar foreign debt that claims 70 percent of the country's budget — just to meet interest charges. It's the result of rapid industrialization that failed to meet expectations due to bad planning, bad harvests, the Western recession and the energy crunch.

Gierk, "a master politician" who tightened his political grip at February's party congress by installing his own people in all major posts, set out to ease Poland's disastrous finances July 1. He attacked food subsidies — an explosive issue that brought him to power in 1970 and has been the downfall of Polish leaders since 1956.

He ordered the amount of meat sold in higher priced "commercial" stores increased over that sold in regular state stores. Some 150 strikes later, he is holding firm — despite the continued labor troubles.

The Polish government, Curry said, has been anything but confrontational. Instead of bringing in troops as it did in the past, "the

government has been willing to buy off individual groups, one by one giving them pay raises."

Rare for a communist system, the workers are meeting with local managers to settle their disputes, giving them a direct voice in their affairs. At the giant shipyards in Gdansk, they called for dissolution of the Central Council of Trade Unions in Warsaw and freely elected workers committees.

"But that's a lot less threatening than a demand for another party or leader," Curry said.

Poland has always been a country of compromise with communism — a majority of the land is held in small private farms worked by peasants, the church is very strong and the dissident movement is allowed to express itself relatively freely, she said.

Workers have not been organized nationwide and instead, each group has generally concentrated on its own demands.

The dissidents have tried to organize the workers but "they have failed," Curry said. Even among them, the demands are for reform within the communist system.

An underground group known as Experience and the Future which represents some of the top leaders in the country has issued two reports calling for decentralization and a return to individual responsibility to improve Poland's manpower productivity, among the lowest in Europe.

"Everyone sees the possibility of Russian intervention as the worst possible alternative," Curry said.

# Reagan begins cross-country campaign trip

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Ignoring the traditional post-convention political recess, Ronald Reagan began a four-day, cross-country campaign trip yesterday, featuring speeches to the nation's two largest veterans organizations.

The Republican nominee — who spent World War II as an Army Air Corps officer narrating training films in Hollywood — is scheduled to address the Veterans of Foreign Wars convention in Chicago today and the American Legion convention in Boston Wednesday.

Today in Philadelphia he will tour a ship yard and appear at a fundraiser for GOP Senate candidate Arlen Specter.

Reagan relaxed at his mountain ranch north of Santa Barbara, Calif., during last week's Democratic National Convention. Aides said yesterday he is now ready to do some "serious campaigning" and take advantage of the current fall he enjoys over President Carter in the polls.

At a news conference Saturday to see running mate George Bush off on a nine-

day trip to China and Japan, Reagan accused Carter of having "distorted charges" against him during the convention to draw attention away from his own administration's failures.

"I'm not going to spend this time dealing with the distorted charges that were made by the president in his effort to keep as far away as he could from having to talk about his own record," Reagan said about the president, "everything else looks like a fantasyland."

Reagan also shrugged off a post-convention remark by Carter that the minority vote would clinch his reelection in November.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Carter and members of his family wrapped up a weekend of trout fishing in central Pennsylvania yesterday, then returned to Camp David, Md., for more relaxation.

White House aides — their campaign plans against Republican presidential candidate Ronald Reagan fairly well set — also were taking a few days' rest in the hill before the traditional Labor Day opening of the race for the presidency.

An aide said Carter probably will return to the White House Wednesday or Thursday. On Thursday, Carter will travel to Boston for the American Legion convention where he will make his first public appearance since being renominated at last week's Democratic National Convention.

Carter was booted during a 1976 campaign speech to the American Legion when he repeated his pledge that as

president he would offer a blanket pardon for Vietnam-era draft law violators. He made that his first official action.

The White House confirmed the president flew to Huntingdon County, Pa., near Franklin, to fish in Spruce Creek — a spot he has visited before. Wayne Harpster, a dairy farmer at Seven Stars and a member of the Spruce Creek Rod and Gun Club, was Carter's host.

Carter was joined by his wife Rosalynn, daughter Amy, sons Jack and Chip, and two old friends, Carleton Hicks and Jim Bishop, both of Brunswick, Ga.

Observing its traditional secrecy about Carter's fishing expeditions, the Secret Service did not even notify the Pennsylvania State Police the president was coming to the area and kept a ring of tight security around the presidential camp, sources said.

# After fishing, Carter at Camp David

### News briefs

## Math genius shoots self, dies

DAYTON, Ohio (UPI) — James D. Egbert III, a teen-age mathematical genius with a mysteriously troubled personal life, was disconnected from life support systems and died from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound in the head, officials said yesterday.

Egbert, 17, died Saturday in Grandview Hospital — six days after the shooting without ever regaining consciousness. He had been kept alive by cardiac and respiratory life support systems.

The Montgomery County Coroner's Office said the boy was disconnected from the machines after doctors repeatedly tested for brain wave activity and found none. He was taken off with the approval of his parents and died at 3:50 p.m.

From the time of Egbert's admission, doctors gave him no chance of recovery.

Last August, Egbert disappeared from Michigan State University, where he was studying computer science.

## Volcanic eruption jolts Iceland

REYKJAVIK, Iceland (UPI) — A volcanic eruption, described by Icelandic officials as "enormous," hurled hot ash and smoke 15 miles into the sky yesterday and lava threatened nearby towns.

The cloud of smoke and ash could be seen in Reykjavik, about 70 miles to the west.

The 4,747-foot-high Hekla volcano, erupted at 1:18 P.M. (9:18 A.M. EDT) with a series of minor earthquakes jolting the island nation.

Officials could not determine the exact course of the steaming lava, but ash was falling on Akureyri, Iceland's second-largest town with a population of 14,000, the ash had already damaged houses and cars in the area.

There were no plans to evacuate Akureyri.

The area immediately surrounding Hekla is inhabited mainly by farmers.

There is also a hydroelectric plant near the volcano and power from the facility was interrupted for about 20 minutes just after the eruption.

The last serious eruption of Hekla was in 1947. There was a minor one in 1971.

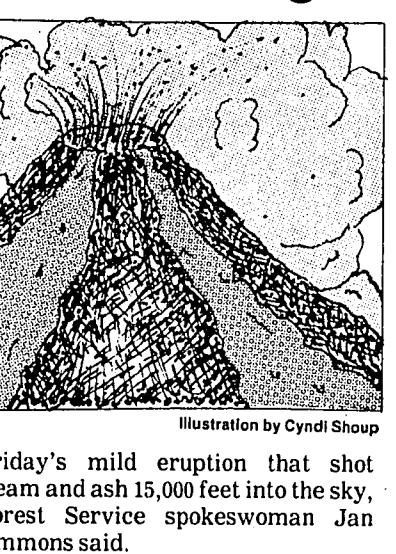
Spotter pilots flying over the peak confirmed that the lava dome, a 100-foot-wide mound of solidifying molten rock pushing up from the volcano's core, had not been blown out by Friday's mild eruption that shot steam and ash 15,000 feet into the sky, Forest Service spokeswoman Jan Simmons said.

## Helen's dome still unchanged

VANCOUVER, Wash. (UPI) — A glowing red lava dome inside the inner crater atop simmering Mount St. Helens appeared unaffected by the volcano's latest eruptive activity, the U.S. Forest Service reported yesterday.

The volcano itself was "just sitting there steaming a little," U.S. Geological Survey scientist Don Finley said. Ash and steam were seen drifting over the lip of the main crater towards the southeast, but no earthquakes were detected, he added.

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## Bolivia says Post part of plot

LA PAZ, Bolivia (UPI) — Bolivia's military government accused the Washington Post yesterday of publishing a story alleging government involvement in drug trafficking as part of an international plot to discredit the regime.

A statement by the Foreign Ministry said a Washington Post story Aug. 14 alleging official involvement in cocaine traffic was "filled with slander, not only against the Bolivian government, but also the Bolivian people."

U.S. State Department spokesman David Passage was also taken to task

in the statement for "echoing the insidious offense."

Passage said Friday the U.S. expected no cooperation from Bolivia on drug control in light of reports of official involvement in the cocaine trade.

The Foreign Ministry complained that "Bolivia is now in a difficult situation because it lacks the means to control the drug traffic."

It added, however, the government was willing to hold talks with the United States on any issue, "however delicate."

## Producers may agree to talks

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Movie and television producers will decide today whether to break an impasse in negotiations and return to federal mediation with striking actors, a spokesman said yesterday.

Phil Meyers, speaking for the producers, said if representatives determine at a 10 a.m. meeting to resume mediation, they probably will face the actors' union Wednesday or Thursday.

Kim Feller, Screen Actors Guild spokesman, said the SAG is willing to participate in mediation talks if producers will do likewise.

The strike, which enters its fifth week today, has paralyzed the movie and television film producing industry, killing 60,000 actors and actresses who belong to the SAG and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists.



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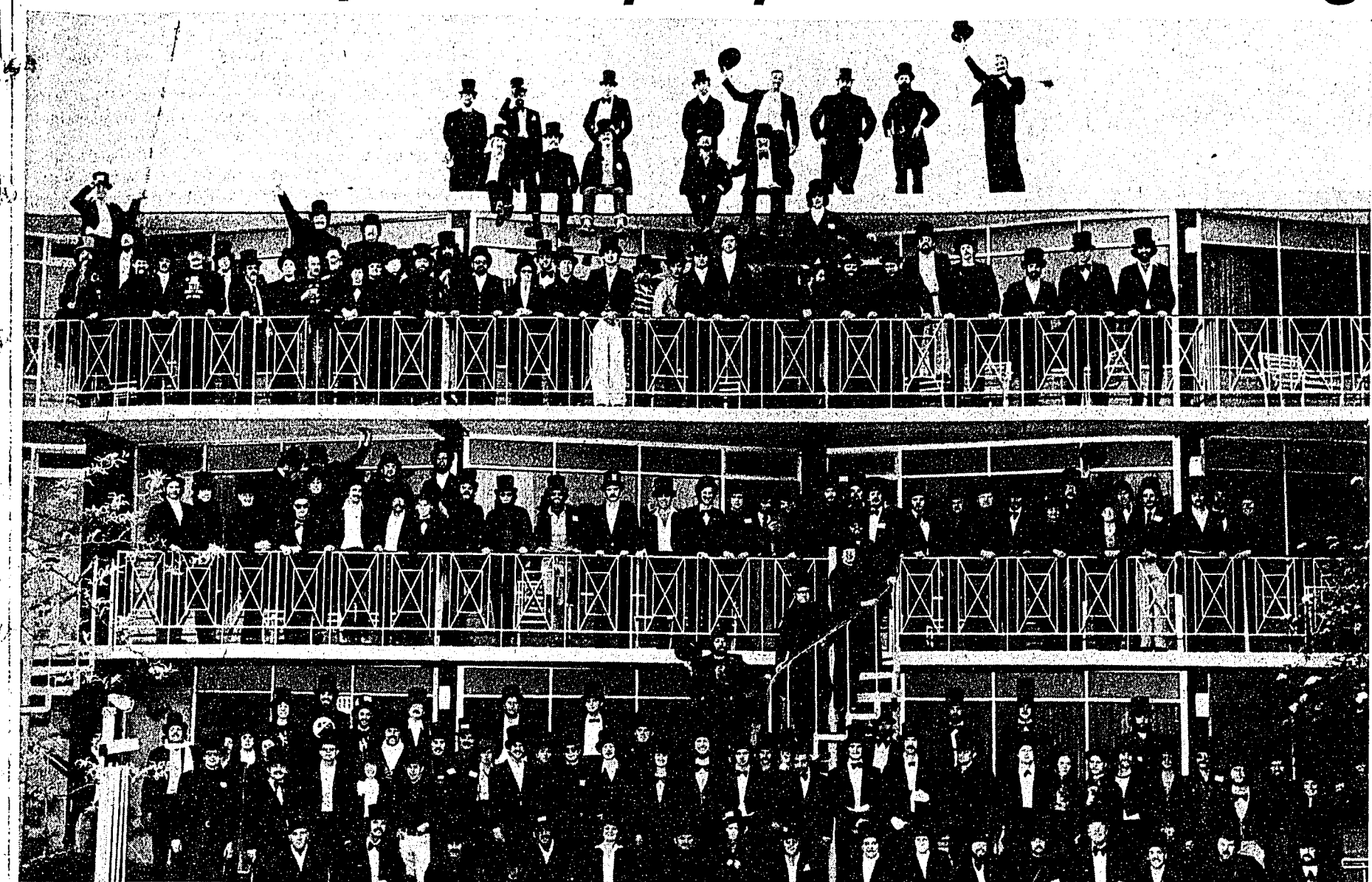
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# Chimney sweeps preserve an age-old occupation



More than 200 chimney sweeps from 28 states model their working attire at the world's largest gathering of sweeps held in Lancaster in June. Among them was Bob Williams of Red Lion Chimney Sweeps, 248 S. Burrows Road.

By DIANNE GARYANTES  
Daily Collegian Staff Writer  
Remember Mary Poppins? Remember all those grown men running around looking silly in what looked like old magicians' costumes? Believe it or not, even today, they are for real.

In fact, they just had a convention in Lancaster in June marking the largest gathering of chimney sweeps known to the world.

Bob Williams, of Red Lion Chimney Sweeps, 248 S. Burrows Road, was among the 230 sweeps from 28 states participating in the convention held by August West Inc., the largest supplier of specialized sweeping equipment in the country.

They came from as far as North Dakota, Boston and Canada, both part-time and full-time, single people and married couples working together, from 19- to 46-years-old, some owners of their own businesses, like Williams, and others not.

Chimney sweeps have an interesting history.

According to Williams, long ago an ancient king was out horseback riding when the horse suddenly got away from him. A chimney sweep happened by and calmed the horse down. The sweep walked away before the king got a chance to thank him for his help.

From then on, the king would bow down to any chimney sweep he saw to express his gratitude. So, sweeps became a symbol of good luck and the tradition has continued to this day.

Also fast becoming a tradition in the world of sweeps, is August West's

convention. Williams said he thoroughly enjoyed the convention where there were many speakers and, of course, much socializing. He said he learned a lot of different sweeping methods from both the speakers and the other chimney sweeps.

Williams said the first rule of chimney sweeps was decided at this year's convention: For something to get clean, someone or something else must get dirty.

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Speakers at the convention discussed topics such as safety measures for sweeps, new information on sweeping equipment, insurance protection, entrepreneurship skills and general information on heating with wood, Williams said.

Among the speakers at the convention were Jay Shelton, a prominent researcher of wood-burning and wood-burning stoves and author of many books on the subject, and Tom Risch, one of the founders and now president of August West, Inc., he said.

Williams, 31, has been in business in State College for three years now. "I expect that business will increase soon because more and more people are heating with wood," he said.

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