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Democratic candidates sink teeth into Big Apple

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NEW YORK — Walter Mondale, Gary Hart and the Rev. Jesse Jackson toured New York yesterday in a frantic final day of campaigning for the state Democratic presidential primary — the biggest prize so far in the "red-hot" race for the party's nomination.

Mondale, the leader in the polls, visited several upstate cities, where he appealed for support on the basis of a "lifetime of public service... I'm not a guess-what candidate who just shows up on the scene today and asks for your votes," he said in an obvious, though unnamed reference to Hart.

Hart, also campaigning upstate, counter-attacked on "special interests" and campaign contributions. "We cannot elect a president to reform the campaign finance laws of this nation who goes into office beholden to those special interest groups who have financed his campaign on that basis," he said.

Mondale takes no campaign contributions from political action committees, but doz-

ens of independent committees set up around the country are supporting the former vice president and accepting thousands of dollars from political action committees. Jackson, hoping for a strong turnout among black and Hispanic voters in New York City, campaigned in Harlem and Brooklyn.

"We will clean the garbage off our streets," he said. "We will take the handguns off the streets."

Jackson finished third in the public opinion polls, but he has been predicting, "We'll win."

All three contenders put in exhausting days — an effort justified by the big prize of delegates at stake in today's statewide primary election.

The 252 delegates are the biggest single-state cache so far in the election calendar. Only the California primary on June 5 will award more.

The primary comes at a time when Mondale is trying to complete a comeback in the Democratic presidential race. He campaigned as front-runner for more than a year, only to be defeated by Hart in the first

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primary — in New Hampshire on Feb. 28. Hart quickly ran off a string of successes that had Mondale reeling.

But three weeks ago, Mondale won the Illinois primary and said his comeback was on track.

The former vice president has 73.25 delegates, Hart has 437 and Jackson has 93.5. Others account for 93.5, while there are 212.25 delegates uncommitted to any candidate.

It takes 1,967 to win the nomination at the party convention next July in San Francisco.

The most recent ABC News-Washington Post poll, based on interviews conducted

Friday through Sunday, gave Mondale 41 percent in New York, Hart 30 percent and Jackson 22 percent. The survey of 226 likely voters carried a margin of error of 6 percentage points.

In addition to New York, Wisconsin will begin allocating 79 delegates at party caucuses on Saturday and the Pennsylvania primary next Tuesday will award 172 delegates.

That's more than 500 delegates up for grabs in the space of eight days, and the winner of New York would have momentum leading into the two other states.

"If we lose we're in trouble," Mondale said Sunday. "But if we win they're going to have to make a pretty good grab at our coattails to catch up with us." He made his remarks in a private meeting with teachers, but confirmed them for reporters yesterday.

The former vice president began his six-city tour of New York before 7 a. m. in Rochester, where he greeted unionized factory workers.

"Need your help," he told workers entering the plant. "Remember me tomorrow."

"This primary hits at a time when at the time the campaigning is red hot," he said. Hart is trying to regain the momentum that was his until three weeks ago.

Referring to the likely impact that the New York primary will have on future contests, he told a rally in Albany. "You can send a message to the people of Pennsylvania, the people of California and the inhabitant of the White House.

"And that is, we are ready to recapture our future and avoid this slip back into our past," he said.

Hart has outperformed Mondale by a considerable margin in New York, and in his tour of the state yesterday, he hit continuously on the theme of "special interest money."

"You can be assured as of this date and throughout this nominating race that not one cent of political action committee money will go to this camp or any of its delegate slates, unlike my principal opponent," he said in Buffalo.

Jackson spent the day in a lengthy round of campaign appearances around New York City, reaching out for the support of non-blacks.



AP Photos

Down a lazy river . . .

Taking advantage of a warm Sunday afternoon, Hanover, N.H. residents board their own private iceberg and set sail down the Connecticut River. However,

Hanover police were not so amused and cut the trip short. All passengers safely set foot on land and no charges were filed.

Jacob A. Stein named as special prosecutor

By TOM SEPPY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Jacob A. Stein, a former Watergate defense lawyer, was named special prosecutor yesterday in the investigation of Attorney General-designate Edwin Meese III.

A special panel of three federal judges chose Stein, 59, of Washington, "to investigate this matter and to prosecute for any violations of federal criminal law disclosed by his investigation."

"It is ordered that the independent counsel shall have jurisdiction to investigate any allegation or evidence of violation of any federal criminal law by Mr. Meese," said Judges Roger Robb, J. Edward Lumbard and Lewis R. Morgan.

Stein, described by the presiding judge in the Watergate trials as "one of the finest attorneys in Washington," said in a telephone interview, "I hope to carry out a dignified, thoroughly professional investigation."

"I was contacted by the three-judge panel today. I thought it was a high honor and I accepted," he added.

Stein refused to comment on how long he expected the investigation to take. "I've got a mandate and an appointment order, and that's what I'm going to follow. The panel of judges has identified the nature of the investigation, and that is my map on the subject."

Attorney General William French Smith last week had asked the special judicial panel to name a prosecutor to investigate all allegations against Meese. President Reagan's counselor and top policy adviser.

The Justice Department asked that the prosecutor look into Meese's receipt of loans from, and his other financial transactions

with, people who later got federal jobs; special treatment for businesses in which Meese had an interest; Meese's promotion in the military reserve; and what he knew about the receipt by the Reagan campaign in 1980 of then-President Carter's campaign materials.

Meese, whose nomination to succeed Smith as attorney general has been held up by the Senate Judiciary Committee while the investigation proceeds, has denied any wrongdoing.

"Mr. Meese has issued a formal written public statement to the effect that the acknowledged omissions on his official financial disclosure forms were inadvertent and that there was no connection between the government jobs and the financial transactions," the judicial panel's order said.

"Resolution of these questions requires a careful investigation," Meese's lawyer and spokesman, Leonard Garment, issued a statement saying. "We are pleased that the judicial panel has acted promptly and has appointed a distinguished lawyer to serve as the independent counsel. We look forward to cooperating fully with him."

The White House referred all queries to Garment.

The appointment of a special prosecutor is provided for by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, which was passed as a result of the Watergate scandal. Under the law, if allegations are made against a top government official, the Justice Department must determine if they are frivolous. If they are not, the department recommends to the special judicial panel — whose members were named by Chief Justice Warren Burger — that the "independent counsel," as the special prosecutor is called in the act, be appointed.

state news briefs

Survey Gallups through Pennsylvania

HARRISBURG (AP) — The Gallup Co. has completed a state-funded survey of 1,500 Pennsylvanians to discover how residents feel about schools and teachers and what changes are needed.

The state Board of Education ordered the survey, which used telephone interviews during the past two weekends with randomly-selected residents in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, other major cities, suburbs and rural areas, according to board Executive Director Jeff Grotzky.

Grotzky said yesterday that a final report on Gallup's findings could be released within 60 days by the board, which develops regulations and policies for public education.

"We'll look at the results and make changes or develop plans to respond to the survey," Grotzky said. "We feel that since the public is paying for education, they should have some say in it."

The board put a limit of \$37,000 on the cost of the survey, Grotzky said.

The pollsters asked questions about a variety of issues, including statewide testing of students, testing for promotion, teacher pay and teacher training.

Pittsburgh power station is delayed

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The start-up date for the \$2.3 billion Beaver Valley Power Station Unit No. 2 has been delayed from May 1986 to the end of that year, it was announced yesterday.

Earl J. Woolever, vice president of nuclear construction for the Central Area Power Coordination Group, said the additional time will be used to test the already-completed construction and to assure an adequate transition from the project's construction phase to its operational phase.

"The revised start-up date has a direct impact on the increased cost," said Woolever, noting the previous estimated cost was \$2 billion.

The total financing charges associated with the construction are now estimated at \$1.13 billion, Woolever said.

Duquesne Light Co. is responsible for the construction and operation of the Beaver Valley plant, located 30 miles north of Pittsburgh, and owns 13.74 percent of the project.

nation news briefs

Anti-child abuse campaign launched

WASHINGTON (AP) — Health and Human Services Secretary Margaret M. Heckler called yesterday for police to get tough with parents who abuse their children.

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She honored actor Bob Keeshan, television's Captain Kangaroo, insurance magnate and philanthropist W. Clement Stone and the late Dr. C. Henry Kempe for their efforts to prevent child abuse.

Heckler's department estimates 1.4 million children and youth are victims of child abuse and neglect in the United States each year.

Keeshan said the magnitude of the problem may be even greater, since much abuse goes unreported. He called it "one of the most serious diseases of childhood."

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High court to consider silent prayer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court, while adhering to its 22-year ban on officially sponsored school prayers, said yesterday it will consider letting public schools provide a daily "moment of silence" for students.

The justices said they will study an Alabama law that allowed periods of silence at the start of each school day for student meditation or prayer.

The law was struck down as unconstitutional by a federal appeals court that said the legislation's main purpose was promoting religion.

"At the same time yesterday, the justices agreed with the appeals court that a separate Alabama law that allowed public school teachers to lead willing students in prayer is unconstitutional.

The high court, showing no intention of reconsidering its 1962 decision outlawing officially sponsored prayer sessions in public schools, limited its review to the "moment of silence" law.

world news briefs

Olympics may join north and south

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea agreed yesterday to form a joint sports team with Communist North Korea for the 1984 Olympics and other international competitions.

South Korea accepted the proposal from North Korea and said it was eagerly awaiting a further response from the Communist government in Pyongyang.

North Korea last Friday proposed that a single team be organized for international sports competition. The response from South Korea came in a letter from Chung Ju-yong, the head of South Korea's National Olympic Committee.

The tone of Chung's letter was not very conciliatory. It opened with bitter criticism of North Korea for the Oct. 9 bomb attack in Rangoon, Burma, that killed 17 South Koreans in an apparent attempt on the life of President Chun Doo-hwan. The government says North Korean agents carried out the attack.

Leftist guerrillas denounce CIA plot

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — Leftist guerrillas blacked out part of northern El Salvador yesterday and denounced what they called a CIA plot to assassinate rebel leaders.

About 300,000 people in Chalatenango and parts of three other northern provinces were without power after guerrillas blew up five power poles along the main highway 20 miles north of San Salvador, civilian sources in the area said. The sources asked not to be identified for security reasons.

It was the 11th time this year the area has been without electricity because of rebel sabotage.

Scattered clashes between guerrillas and the army were reported near Dulce Nombre de Maria, 55 miles north of the capital, and Ciudad Barrios, 100 miles to the northeast, said a military spokesman, Lt. Col. Ricardo Cienfuegos.

New construction builds on housing industry

February's spending increase was largest jump since April, 1946

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
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WASHINGTON — Spending for new construction — powered by continuing strength in the housing industry — jumped 6.9 percent in February, the largest monthly increase in almost four decades, the government said yesterday.

The department said spending in February was at an annual rate of \$295 billion, compared with \$276 billion in January. The new rate reflected broad improvement throughout the construction industry with particularly strong showings in residential and industrial building.

The February gain followed a 4 percent increase in January and a 0.2 percent decline in December. It was the sharpest jump since an 8.1 percent increase in April 1946 when servicemen returning from World War II put massive demands on the housing industry.

Michael Sumichrast, chief economist for the National Association of Homebuilders, said the February increase was much higher than had been expected.

"We will have a very strong spring and possibly a good summer, but I wouldn't bet on any increases past the first half of 1984," he said.

"Housing will not continue to show these increases as the impact of higher interest rates begins to be felt."

The report showed a 10 percent rise in residential construction to an annual rate of \$128.5 billion, putting this segment 37 percent above the pace of a year ago, when increased spending for homes was beginning to lead the building industry out of the 1981-82 recession.

Construction spending for single-family homes was up 6 percent in February while apartment construction rose by 3 percent.

Also encouraging, analysts said, was a sharp 13 percent rise in industrial construction, a segment which until now has lagged behind the rest of the recovery.

Robert Ortner, chief economist for the Commerce Department, said industrial building should be spurred even further, because the nation's factories are now operating at 80 percent capacity.

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"These are long-lasting projects so the pick-up in construction will probably continue through this year and into next year," he said. "Commercial and industrial construction is likely to take over now as one of the strong sectors of the economy."

Total non-residential building showed a 9 percent rise in February to \$73.3 billion with industrial activity up 13 percent, office building up 15 percent and private educational

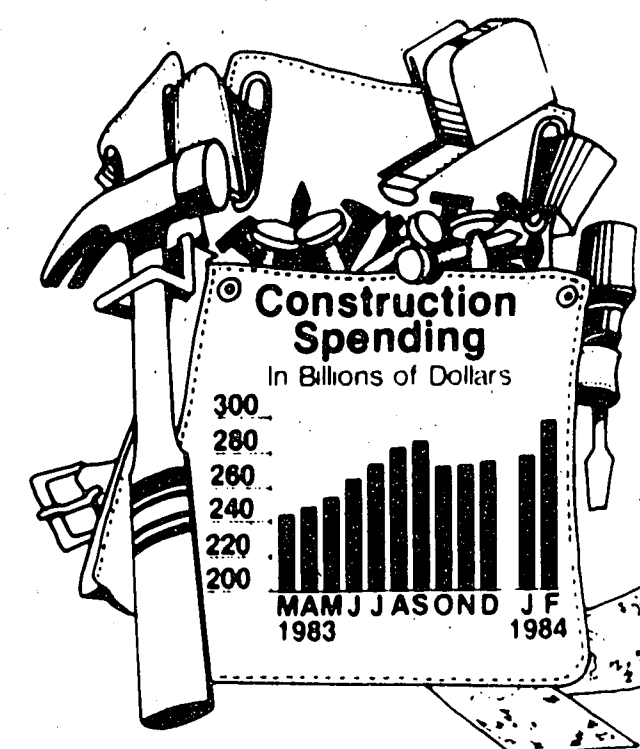
construction up 20 percent.

Sumichrast said the surge in office building was likely a "fluke" because that segment is over-built in much of the country.

Jack Carlson, chief economist of the National Association of Realtors, said the revival in non-residential construction could easily be cut short by the "recent upturn in interest rates and the threat of even higher rates later this year and through 1985."

Public construction also rose in February, by a smaller 3 percent, to an annual rate of \$52.3 billion. The increase was led by a 42 percent rise in publicly financed industrial construction, a 18 percent increase in government-backed housing construction and a 12 percent rise in highway construction, attributable in part to revenue raised from the five-cent-a-gallon federal gasoline tax increase.

Meanwhile, the realtors association said a seven-month trend toward more affordable housing — a combination of favorable financial terms and rising family income — ended in February.



stock report

Prices tumble in selling spree

NEW YORK (AP) — Stock prices tumbled yesterday in an afternoon outburst of selling touched off by rising interest rates.

Computer and other technology issues recorded some of the biggest declines.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, up more than 4 points in the early going, closed with an 11.7-point decline.

Volume on the New York Stock Exchange picked up to 85.88 million shares from 71.59 million Friday.

Volume Shares	Issues Traded
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● Dow Jones Industrials	1,153.16 - 11.73

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Golden Key meeting, 7 p.m., Room 306 Boucke.
DETT meeting, 7 p.m., Room 106 Boucke.
Student Union Board meeting, 7 p.m., Room 307 HUB.
Circle K Club meeting, 7 p.m., Room 319 HUB.
P.S. Students For Life meeting, 7 p.m., Room 318 HUB.
P.S. Science Fiction Society meeting, 7 p.m., Room 304 Boucke.
College Democrats meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 308 Willard.
Student Foundation for the Performing Arts meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 227 HUB.
College Republicans meeting, 8 p.m., Room 302 Willard.
Eco Action meeting, 8 p.m., Room 323-324 HUB.
History Roundtable, 8 p.m., Room 303 Willard.

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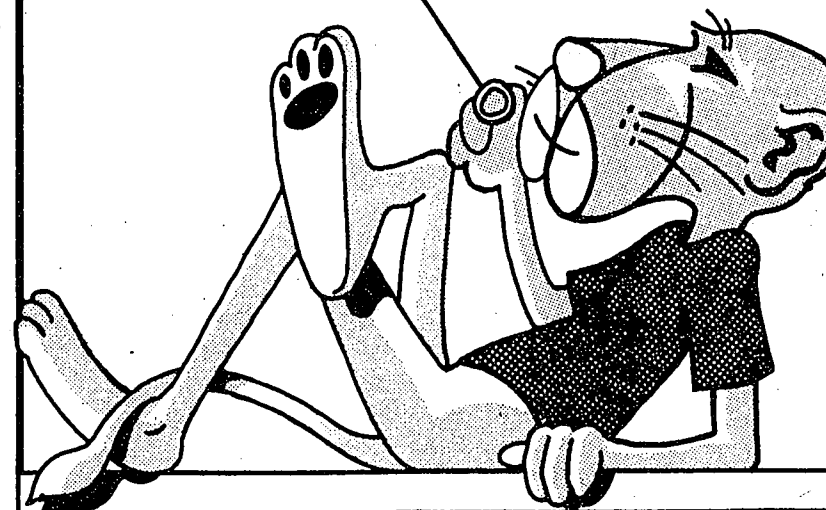
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