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Reagans await results

By MICHAEL PUTZEL
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Reagan, offering no predictions on the outcome of yesterday's elections, returned to Washington to await the voting results with his wife, Nancy, in the privacy of their White House quarters.

The Reagans, who had voted by absentee ballot in California, left Los Angeles yesterday morning for the homeward leg of the president's 24,839-mile campaign trek trying to save the Senate for his Republican Party.

Reagan crisscrossed the South and West in the last week of the campaign, trying to drum up support for nine Senate candidates whose races were still deemed too close to call when the polls opened yesterday. Moments after the presidential plane, Air Force One, lifted off from Los Angeles International Airport, a warning light in the cockpit indicated one of the landing gear brakes was hot, a White House spokesman said.

Mark Weinberg, an assistant press secretary, said the pilot coped with the problem by leaving the nose gear down in flight briefly to cool it off. It was retracted after a few minutes, Weinberg said, and the trip continued uninterrupted.

Chief White House spokesman Larry Speakes told reporters aboard the plane that the captain, Col. Robert Ruddick, "says there is nothing wrong with the aircraft."

The presidential jet landed without incident at Andrews Air Force Base in suburban Maryland in late afternoon.



President Reagan holds a framed picture of puppies as he departs Los Angeles airport yesterday to return to Washington to await election results.

Abortion, tax laws face voter test

By CHRISTOPHER SULLIVAN
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Arkansas voters in early returns Tuesday narrowly favored a proposition limiting state spending on abortions, one of four such measures being considered around the country, while New Jerseyans were backing a hazardous waste cleanup issue.

Vermont's equal rights amendment appeared to be in trouble. With 4 percent of precincts reporting, 59 percent of the vote was against the measure, with 41 percent in favor.

An effort by a predominantly poor, black section of Boston to secede was failing.

Other major ballot issues around the nation included tax rollback measures in five states and lottery propositions in six.

Unofficial returns from 3 percent of Arkansas' 2,915 precincts showed 9,338 votes for the abortion issue, and 8,797 against, or 51 percent for 49 percent against.

The Arkansas amendment prohibits spending state funds for abortions unless the mother's life is in danger. Also considering measures to limit abortion funding were Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Oregon.

Hazardous waste issues were on many ballots. A \$200 million New Jersey bond issue to clean up hazardous waste sites was favored in early returns. With 10 percent of precincts counted, 158,168 or 65 percent voted yes, and 84,769 or 35 percent voted no.

A New York bond issue would set aside \$1.2 billion for hazardous waste site cleanup. A proposition in Massachusetts would require a timetable for cleaning up waste sites.

Five states were battling in the tax revolution inspired by the late Howard Jarvis in California. Californians weighed Proposition 62, which would nullify a 1982 state Supreme Court ruling that allowed local governments to raise general taxes without a two-thirds vote of the people. A separate California measure would cap state employees' salaries.

In another high-profile race involving a woman seeking a Senate seat, Democratic Lt. Gov. Harriett Woods Mikulski beat Linda Chavez in their fight to represent Maryland, and GOP Sen. Paula Hawkins lost her bid for re-election in Florida.

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Senate supports fast

By SUSAN KEARNEY
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The Undergraduate Student Government Senate voted last night to support students currently participating in a weeklong fast for the starving victims of apartheid in South Africa.

Kimm Tynan, vice president of the Committee for Justice in South Africa, said five people began fasting Sunday. She said she hoped the fast would give attention to the apartheid issue at the Board of Trustees' meeting tomorrow and Friday. The fast ends this Sunday, she said.

"I'm asking USC to support the fast," she said. Tynan said other students have volunteered to fast for one or two days.

Todd May, a member of the committee and one of the five who began the fast, said, "We're not trying to punish anybody by inflicting hunger on ourselves."

"We thought by the fast we would bring home a sense of urgency to Penn State regarding the hunger that exists in South Africa," May said.

Pat Devlin, a West Halls senator, said because USC supports the fast students should not think that the senate is in full support of divestment.

East Halls Senator Kelly Maloney said that last year the Senate supported legislation recommending a divestment policy for the University.

A vote in support of the fast means USC "believes that American corporate policy has failed," May said.

"Discussion has died down this semester. This (resolution) is saying we support keeping discussion on the issue of divestment," said Susan Weinstein, a town senator.

Senate President Joe Scoboria said whether one is pro-divestment or not, everyone has to agree that apartheid is morally wrong.

Women mix gains, losses in nation

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S. Africa drops Boesak charges

By JAMES F. SMITH
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JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — The government has dropped 14-month-old subversion charges against prominent anti-apartheid leader the Rev. Allan Boesak, a prosecutor said yesterday.

A spokeswoman for Putco, the government-subsidized company that operates bus services to Soweto, Johannesburg's black township, said a driver was injured when a crowd attacked his bus on the second day of a commuter boycott to protest a 17.5-percent fare increase. She said 500 windows of other buses were smashed and one bus was burned by a crowd.

Boesak had been charged with four counts of subversion, in part for organizing a march in August 1985 to Pilsbory Prison near Cape Town, where black African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela is serving a life sentence on a treason charge. The march was banned, but youths tried to stage the protest anyway, and violence broke out that left scores dead over several weeks.

The prosecutor, Willem Viljoen, confirmed yesterday that he had notified the court and Boesak's lawyer that charges were formally dropped on Monday. Viljoen declined to give reasons for the decision.

In other developments in South Africa: About 2,000 General Motors workers in Port Elizabeth continued a weeklong strike to press for a role in

the new management taking over the South African GM operation. The U.S. parent company is selling its interests in South Africa to local managers.

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Botha announces Cabinet shuffling

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — President P.W. Botha announced major Cabinet changes yesterday that included replacing Louis le Grange, the law and order minister who has dealt with two years of racial violence.

Botha said Le Grange had indicated he wanted a change. The president said le Grange would become speaker of Parliament. The minister was in charge of internal security for seven years.

Two other Cabinet members were retiring for personal reasons, Botha said. The only clear dismissal was of Information Minister Louis Nel.

It was offered another job but had not decided and "is busy saying, 'I love you, I love you not,'" Botha said.

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Out for blood

Above, Nancy Tallman (senior-agriculture science) gets moral support and a little encouragement from the Nittany Lion at Delta Upsilon fraternity yesterday as part of the Pitt-Penn State Blood Donor Challenge. Left, the Lion says "aaaaah" as Debbie Tomaszchik (senior-nursing) and Barbara Pfischner (senior-nursing) take his temperature. Delta Upsilon, 229 Locust Lane, hosted the first drive of the blood challenge yesterday. It will be followed by two drives from 1 to 7 p.m. today and tomorrow at the Pollock Union Building.

Candidate's ex-wife shoots son, self

MIAMI (AP) — The former wife of a candidate for attorney general made a hysterical telephone call to police between fatally shooting their only son and killing herself beside a downtown telephone booth, authorities said yesterday.

Sandra Butterworth, 43, who was divorced in 1976 from Bob Butterworth, shot their 16-year-old son Robert III four times in the chest and neck Monday then shot herself in the head, police said.

A note Mrs. Butterworth left in her car showed she was emotionally distraught, said police spokeswoman Cori Zywtow.

MI. Mike Gonzalez. "She didn't want to leave him behind."

A .38-caliber pistol was found beside her body, police said.

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