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Tide for Carter running strong, full speed ahead

WASHINGTON — As that well-known 17th Century political writer Will Shakespeare noted, "There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune."

The tide is running strong these days for Jimmy Carter, who continues to set the pace — and force the race — for the remaining runners in the Democratic presidential field.

NBC analyst Richard Scammon has compared Carter's tactics to those of a sprinter in the mile run. While others carefully pace themselves, picking their primaries and hoarding their hard-won campaign cash, Carter started running flat-out, full-speed from the first caucus, never worrying about how he might have to sustain his drive if early victories came.

Thus far, these tactical decisions look nothing less than brilliant. Under the hammering of Carter's hard-nosed tactics, the field has been cut more than half in the first month's primaries. And the astonishing thing is that it could be sliced just as dramatically again, if Carter can sustain his pace for just another month.

In fact, if the former Georgia governor is able to add three more victories to his skein between now and April 27, he would be on the verge of locking up the nomination at an astonishingly early date.

Of these three remaining active opponents, George Wallace faces a moment of truth on Tuesday (March 23) in North Carolina; Morris K. Udall has the same sort of must-win situation in Wisconsin on April 6; and Henry M. Jackson is looking at a showdown in Pennsylvania on April 27.

In North Carolina, where neither Jackson nor Udall has made a major effort, Carter and Wallace face their third contest in as many weeks. In both Florida and Illinois, Carter finished first and the Alabama governor second. Wallace is on the record as saying he expects to win in North Carolina — for he carried the state in the 1972 primary. If he fails to beat Carter there, it could signal that the Alabamian has been reduced to a spoiler role in 1976.

For Udall who, like Wallace, is looking for his first primary victory, Wisconsin is the chosen state. It has a liberal reputation, a big university system, good newspapers, and a House delegation most of whose Democrats support their colleague from Arizona. But in Massachusetts, which shares many of the same characteristics of Wisconsin, he wound up second to Jackson —

because, he says, other liberal candidates drained off his votes. Now those other liberals are gone as active contenders, and Udall has only Carter and Jackson with full-scale organizations against him. He ought to win. If he fails, it will be more than just "disappointment," as he says, but a defeat from which he would not recover.

Carter has no business being favored over Wallace in North Carolina or over Udall in Wisconsin. And yet there are knowledgeable observers in both states betting he will win. Should that prove true, it would leave him facing Jackson in Pennsylvania on April 27 in what would be virtually a two-man race.

Jackson has played his hand as shrewdly as Carter so far, but his is a strategy as cautious as Carter's has been bold.

He skipped New Hampshire entirely, scored a surprise success in Massachusetts, made a modest show of strength in Florida, and now has committed his major resources to New York's April 6 contest, where he seems certain of victory over Carter and Udall.

But now Jackson knows he must face Carter again in Pennsylvania. The three-week campaign leading up to that April 27 contest could be the most dramatic yet in the Democratic race.

Again, the odds favor Carter's opponent, for Pennsylvania is the prime example of a state where the old-line labor union-city organizations exercise immense sway in the Democratic party. And those forces will be on Jackson's side. Yet Pennsylvania Democrats have given their nominations to such maverick anti-organization figures as Gov. Milton Shapp and Pittsburgh Mayor Pete Flaherty in recent years. Carter cannot be counted out in the Keystone State.

Successive knockouts of Wallace, Udall and Jackson would not guarantee Carter the nomination. There would still be favorite-sons, uncommitted slates, and draft efforts focused on Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey — all aimed at denying the Georgian a majority of the delegates' votes.

But the fact remains that the Georgian is much closer to his prize today than almost anyone but he and his campaign manager, Hamilton Jordan, thought possible three months ago. Their go-for-broke tactics have broken all but the last three opponents.

Senatorial candidates speak out

Editorial

Remarks by Senator Lloyd Bentsen

I am today beginning my campaign for a second term as United States Senator from Texas.

During the next four months, I will conduct an active campaign for the Democratic nomination based on my record of service to the people of this state.

I believe Texans want a strong voice in Washington. They want a Senator who can make himself heard effectively in our nation's capital. They want a Senator who can make himself heard effectively in the Democratic Party.

Most of you know that my background includes service in the Hidalgo County Courthouse and in both houses of the national Congress, as well as 16 years of building a private business and gaining first-hand knowledge of the economic forces which make our free enterprise system work.

As your Senator I have done my best to offer programs and support policies which promise to keep us strong and prosperous.

I have tried to put the welfare of the nation above the expediency of political gain — and believe I have succeeded.

I have tried to maintain a position of moderation during a time in our history when issues are so easily polarized — and I believe I have succeeded.

I have tried to vote issues and not ideologies — and believe I have succeeded.

When a decision is put before me, I have always asked myself three questions: Will it work? Do we need it? Can we afford it?

We face one of the great challenges of American history during these next few years: the challenge to turn back the costly, unwieldy growth of the federal government, to restore fiscal responsibility and make our government more responsive to the needs of people rather than the desires of empire-building bureaucrats.

We must begin with the recognition that the public demands upon government are many and we sometimes expect government to do more than it was ever intended to do.

Some politicians think it is good politics to rail against government. No one is more critical of big government than I am, and no one has worked harder to reduce red tape and help individual citizens survive the callousness, thoughtlessness, and arrogance of government agencies which have grown too big for their own good.

But critics should also offer solutions — and during the five years I have served as Senator I have put forth ideas and programs which can help bring about efficiency, economy and an end to tragic fiscal deficits which are sapping the strength of the nation.

I believe the chance for making needed reforms is now greater than at any time since I have been in Washington.

I pose as no miracle worker. It is not my purpose to fan emotions without substance but to propose policies which will help restore confidence in America by restoring the moral and economic muscles of America — by creating jobs, by increasing production, by bringing more equity and fairness to all elements in our society, by strengthening this great economic system which has given a high standard of living to more people with more freedom and dignity than any other on earth.

Those are my goals in serving Texans in Washington, and I believe they are attainable goals, if we have leadership, if we marshal the immense material and spiritual resources of the nation, if we strive for unity and reduce the political passions of the moment.

Remarks by Phil Gramm

A former president of Texas A&M University, General Earl Rudder, was fond of saying that 10% of solving a problem was talking about it and complaining about it and the other 90% was rolling up your sleeves and going to work on it. General Rudder thought that the difference between Aggies and everybody else was that additional 90%.

I have outlined below my position on six key issues. I believe this will give you a good summary of my economic and political philosophy.

1) **Inflation:** In the last ten years the federal government has run a \$100 billion deficit and has driven up demand twice as fast as industry and agriculture have been able to produce new goods and services. As a result, prices have risen 70% in a decade.

We will stop the inflation only when we slow down the rate of growth in government spending and put the federal government on a budget like everyone else. I will work to hold federal spending within the limits of the growth in tax collections to get off the fuel to the fires of inflation. I will actively support a Constitutional amendment to eliminate the power of our federal government to run deficits except in national emergencies.

2) **Unemployment:** We will achieve full employment in the American economy only when we slow down the rate of growth in federal spending, balance the budget, free capital for private use and lower the interest rate so that people can again build and buy their own homes and invest in their own businesses.

Over the last three years, the federal government has used up 60% of available savings to pay for government deficit spending. As a result, private industry and agriculture have not had the capital that was required to provide jobs for all Americans.

I am opposed to the Public Employment Act which would add a million more people on federal payrolls. We need a million new jobs in private business where people are producing goods and services which we can consume. We need a million more Americans pulling the wagon; we do not need and cannot afford to have a million more Americans riding in that wagon.

3) **Energy:** If we want more energy at a price we can afford to pay, we are going to have to produce more by opening up the Continental Shelf for drilling, not just along the Texas coast, but along the California and Massachusetts coasts as well.

We must deregulate natural gas prices on the interstate sales so that people in the Northeast have to pay the same prices we pay here in Texas to provide incentive for new investment.

4) **Detente and Foreign Aid:** Detente is a policy of concession which endangers world peace by convincing potential enemies we are both stupid and weak. We have spent \$150 billion on foreign aid in the last quarter century and it is hard to find a friend anywhere in the world we have bought.

5) **Busing:** I am totally opposed to the forces busing of our school children and favor the use of money now spent on busing to upgrading education in neighborhood schools.

Busing is a bankrupt social experiment which promotes racial segregation by inducing families who have money to flee to the suburbs or put their children in private schools. I will work for a Constitutional amendment to limit the power of the courts to destroy neighborhood schools by busing children to achieve racial quotas.

6) **Agriculture:** I believe we have an opportunity with expanding world markets to make rural America not just a good place to live, but a good place to make a living again. I pledge to work toward an orderly growth of U.S. agricultural markets abroad not just for U.S. grain but for U.S. beef as well. I will oppose any export quotas which seek to limit the ability of American farmers to sell their products on the world market.

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The columns of David S. Broder, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist of The Washington Post, will start appearing regularly in The Battalion beginning today.

Broder was awarded the Pulitzer in May 1973 for "distinguished commentary." In an American University survey of 100 leading political journalists in 1972, Broder was rated America's most respected political reporter. An example of his enterprise was his news break in the fall of 1973 disclosing that Vice President Spiro T. Agnew was planning to resign.

In addition to reporting the on-going political scene for The Washington Post as a staff member, Broder writes this twice-weekly column that covers an even broader aspect of American political life.

Before joining the national reporting staff of the Post in 1966, Broder covered national politics for the New York Times (1965-66), for the Washington Star (1960-65) and for Congressional Quarterly (1955-60).

He has covered every national campaign and convention since 1956, traveling up to

100,000 miles a year to interview voters and report the candidates. Broder is a frequent contributor to magazines such as Harper's and Atlantic Monthly, an active participant on radio and TV political panels and interview shows, and a speaker before college and civic audiences.

He is the author of "The Party's Over: The Failure of Politics in America," published by Harper and Row in 1972. Earlier he and Stephen Hess wrote "The Republican Establishment" (Harper and Row, 1967).

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