

Victory helps

Reagan-Ford race goes on

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Victory in North Carolina is a shot of adrenalin for Ronald Reagan's White House challenge, but political arithmetic shows it will be difficult for even his optimistic projections in smaller states to outweigh President Ford's domination of the larger ones.

After bowing to Ford in four consecutive contested primaries, Reagan won a solid upset victory in North Carolina balloting, because, he said, voters are beginning to catch on to his attacks against Ford.

On the Democratic side, Jimmy Carter won his fifth primary in six tries. His 3-to-2 margin over George C. Wallace further dampened the Alabama governor's chances of doing anything more at the Democratic National Convention than using a core of delegates in an attempt to influence party policy.

For Reagan, the 52 per cent victory was a needed boost both psychologically and for his fund-raisers. After last week's thumping at the hands of Ford in Illinois, a number of Republican officials had started to exert pressure on Reagan to quit the race in order to aid Republican chances in November.

Now Reagan can push on to the Texas Primary May 1 and other delegate selection events he claims will put him in position to win the nomination in August.

But before then, he is yielding without challenge huge chunks of delegates in New York and Pennsylvania which are likely to add to the big-state margins Ford has already built with his primary victories in Illinois and Florida.

Ford is alone on the ballot April 27 for Pennsylvania's 103 delegates. In New York, April 6, the dominant slate is nominally uncommitted but is headed by Ford's vice president, Nelson A. Rockefeller.

Reagan also considered passing up Ohio June 8, but now one group is trying to put together a full slate on his behalf in advance of Thursday's primary filing deadline. But the bulk of organization Republicans are on Ford's slate for the 97-slate primary.

The nine states with the largest delegations together account for 939 votes — less than 200 short of the 1,130 needed for nomination.

Reagan is counting on winning a good share of the 100 Texas delegates, but he will also face battles with Ford in New Jersey and Michigan — the latter Ford's home state.

That leaves California with its winner-take-all, 167-delegate primary June 8 as a must-win event for its former governor, even if his hopes in middle-sized and smaller states

materialize. The difference between psychological and arithmetical victory is well illustrated by North Carolina. Reagan won only three delegates more than Ford, 28 to 25.

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That left the President still in overall-delegate command 206 to 81, with 52 others uncommitted.

Reagan insists he has a substantial lead in Arizona, Alaska, Oklahoma, Iowa, South Carolina and Washington, states which are at local levels of delegate selection.

Party figures from Iowa, however, conflict with his assessment, showing delegates in a dead heat on Ford-Reagan preference.

Ford offered no excuses for the defeat, telling a group of Republican leaders at the White House that "it's never good to come in second."

Looking to his next contest against Reagan, April 6 in Wisconsin, the President said, "It will be close but we expect to win. We expect to go to Kansas City, and we expect to be nominated."

Reagan said before the North Carolina balloting that Ford might have a bigger bloc of delegates arriving at Kansas City, but that uncommitted delegates would hold the balance of power and nominate him.

On arriving in Los Angeles after his victory, he told supporters, "We're going to continue the campaign and continue talking about the issues, and I hope as we continue we can have a discussion of them."

Hours before his victory, his staff announced that Reagan would curtail campaigning in Wisconsin in order to concentrate on a planned nationally-televised speech. No topic has been announced.

While the Republican result was a

turnaround, Carter's rout of Wallace was a further expansion of the trend he began with a narrow victory over the Alabaman in Florida and broadened last week in Illinois.

Despite his front-running status with 167 delegates, nearly twice the 86 of runnerup Wallace, Carter faces two other leading candidates in upcoming Wisconsin and New York balloting.

Rep. Morris K. Udall, D-Ariz., is aiming for an initial primary victory in Wisconsin. Sen. Harry M. Jackson, D-Wash., is working to cement his Jewish-voter base for a victory in New York he hopes can add to momentum he gained with an earlier decision over Udall, Wallace and Carter in Massachusetts.

Carter, in Milwaukee Wednesday, noted Udall and Jackson victory predictions and said, "I'm going to cut down the margin of Udall's victory and cut into Jackson's landslide."

In answer to a question about the Wisconsin race, Carter said, "I'll come in first or second."

More people vote Demo

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Popular vote in the nation's first six primary elections hold an ominous message for Republicans: more than two-thirds of the 5.96 million votes cast were on Democratic ballots.

Although President Ford has the choice of 55.6 per cent of the public voting in these primaries, his popular vote total of 37.9 per cent is less than the 1.53 million polled by Jimmy Carter, who is one of a stable of Democratic candidates who at one time numbered as many as 12.

Carter was the favorite of 37.9 per cent of Democrats voting so far. The popular vote totals may come under study by party strategists since they may indicate that more people voting as Democrats than general pollsters they consider themselves to be Democrats.

In the primaries so far, about 68 per cent of the voters have marked Democratic ballots, although the Gallup Poll showed last fall that on a

nationwide basis only 44 per cent of the American voters considered themselves to be members of the Democratic party.

That poll last September also showed only 21 per cent thought of themselves as Republicans, the GOP's lowest point since the Depression. The other 35 told Gallup they were independents.

Some primaries in the past have been prone to crossover voting where a member of one party votes on the other party's ballot. But there has been little reason this year to suspect crossover voting because every primary has been contested except the GOP balloting in tiny Vermont and because Democratic party rules now do their best to bar Republicans from getting Democratic ballots.

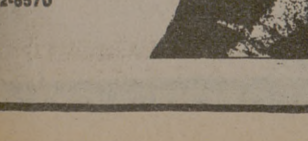
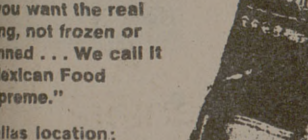
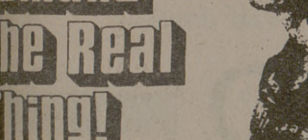
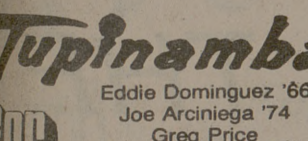
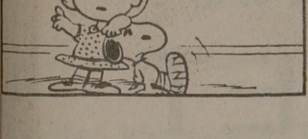
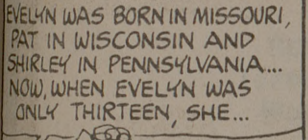
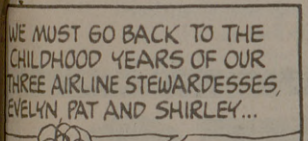
States voting so far are New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont, Florida, Illinois and North Carolina. All except Massachusetts went for Republican Richard Nixon in the 1972 presidential election.

But in this year's primaries, more Democratic votes were cast in all those states except New Hampshire, a traditional Republican state.

Of course considerations will be far different in November than in primary balloting. For example, a voter who favored a conservative Democrat in a primary might vote for a Republican in November.

Voting by candidate is subject to qualification because every candidate except Carter has skipped active campaigning in one or more primaries, although their names were sometimes on the ballot.

On the other hand, candidates sometimes skipped primaries in states where they believed they would do poorly.



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MSC ACTIVITIES

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

TOWN HALL

The University of Texas Wind Ensemble is coming back to the A&M campus as part of Town Hall's Young Artist Series. Those of you who heard these t.u. students here last time will agree that an amazing amount of talent is embodied in this 50-member ensemble, formed in the fall of 1973 on the Austin campus. They will perform on Tuesday, March 30, at 8:00 P.M. in Rudder Theatre. Prices are as follows:

A&M Student with Activity Card	free
Non A&M Student Date	\$1.00
General Public	\$2.50

ARTS

If you happened to enter any of your creative efforts in the field of rhyme and verse to the Arts Committee in hopes of receiving a Poetry Award, then you will be interested to know that the awards will be announced on Wednesday, March 31, at 8:00 P.M. in Rudder Theatre. The guest poet will be Robert Bly, a very important man in the world of poetry. Bly has founded/edited a poetry magazine specializing in English Translations of South American and European Poetry, and has received several Fellowships and awards for his poetry. This man will be a treat to listen to, and he will give readings of poetry in a style you will not soon forget! Come and see your fellow Aggies (or yourself) get awarded for their poetry! Admission is free to all.

The film "Les Enfants Terribles" will be shown in Rudder Theatre on Monday, March 29 at 8:00 P.M. Admission is \$1.00, and tickets are available at the Box Office.

GREAT ISSUES

Great Issues will kick off their spring series "The Nature of Man, Past, Present and Future" on Monday, March 29. The guest speaker will be Richard Leakey, and the topic is "The History of Man." Never fear, it won't be a dull lecture on mankind's past! Richard Leakey has been responsible for findings which have shattered the theories of his fellow anthropologists. Having no formal university education he instead received a more practical form of training from his famous parents, Dr. Louis and Mary Leakey, in the Olduvai Gorge in Tanzania. The program will begin at 7:30 P.M. in Rudder Auditorium.

The second program in the series will be held on Thursday, April 1. Dr. Daniel Bell, professor of sociology at

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