Vote race

Critical Iowa caucus is still wide open

Sen. Edward Kennedy's Iowa mategists say President Carter still olds top cards in the state, but inedients are there for a Kennedy ctory in the caucuses next Monday at start the delegate selection pro-

Kennedy operatives Bob Miller d Paul Tully said Monday the de-ling factor could be the success of a ssive get-out-the-vote effort in ing days. Tully said Kennedy ould have organizers in 2,300 of e state's 2,531 caucuses by next

"If we do our job, we'll be in good appe in this state," he said. "We jink we'll have enough identified apport by the 21st (Monday) to make it very close or possibly a win."

Kennedy bought 30 minutes of tlevision time in eight cities in Iowa and neighboring Nebraska Monday ght for a commercial featuring his swers" - on foreign policy, milistrength, agriculture, the omy, price controls, nuclear ower, tax reform, ERA and the in embargo - in the debate with ter that never came off.

Also on Monday, former Ambaslor George Bush predicted that of nine Republican contenders only and former California Gov.

Ronald Reagan may be left in the Republican race by the time the votes are counted in the March 18 Illinois primary

Bush revealed his New Hampshire organization chart to reporters in Concord. It showed the names of campaign chairmen in all but 19 of the state's 236 towns and cities, and Bush said the remaining 19 will be

added by the end of this week. Bush's Vermont manager, Clark Benson, meanwhile, said he was not dismayed at news that 600 seats had been sold and another 800 applicants urned away from a dinner arranged for Reagan's first swing through Vermont this week

'It doesn't strike fear into our hearts," Benson said. "He (Reagan) is a national figure. People want to see him because they remember him from the 1938 movies. It transcends

California Gov. Edmund Brown Jr. also was in New Hampshire Monday — laying full blame for the Iranian crisis on President Carter's

'He's the fellow who made the decision to let the shah in and not bring the diplomats home first," Brown told factory workers in Manchester. "He left them exposed to that Iranian

LWV planning primary debates

United Press International WASHINGTON — The League of Women Voters said Tuesday it will hold six additional debates between candidates for the Democratic and Republican presidential nomina-

The group which sponsored the debates between Jimmy Carter and Gerald R. Ford in 1976, said it would hold similar forums in Manchester, N. H., on Feb. 19 for Democrats and Feb. 20 for Republicans.

The new forums will be: -March 12 Democrats and March 13 Republicans in Chicago.

The Illinois primary is March 18.

—April 22 Democrats and April 23
Republicans in Houston. Texas Republicans hold a primary May 3.

—May 27 Republicans and May 28
Democrats in San Francisco. The

California primary is June 3.

The Houston debate is the same night as the Pennsylvania primary, which is shaping up as a potentially important contest in both the Demo-

cratic and Republican races.

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he agency had planned to anmce its inquiry into the suspici-oil processing deals on Jan. 2, but press release was quashed bese officials regarded its language to strong, an agency source said. The contemplated rule-making addresult in a ban or new restric-

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tions on certain processing arrange-

partment said Tuesday it is conering whether to ban or limit
elements between oil producers
l refiners that could be used to

The advantage to the producer could be the difference between sell-ing crude oil at a controlled price under \$7 a barrel and marketing re-sidual fuel oil, for example, at prices of about \$16 a barrel.

The agency said such processing agreements between producers and refiners, rare in the past, have increased six-fold in the past year.

The agency said its probe of the practice would not affect processing

agreements that serve a useful purpose, such as those made between two refiners when one is faced with a temporary maintenance shutdown.

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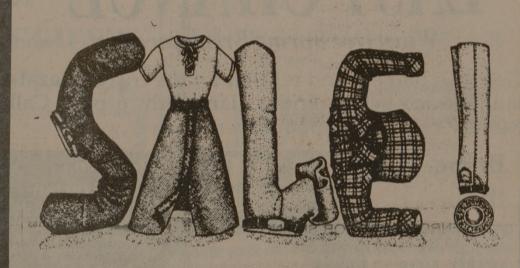
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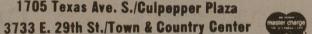
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