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Carter, Reagan add to delegate totals

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President Carter and Ronald Reagan, within easy reach of the 1980 presidential nominations, won nearly 50 new delegates each in Maryland and Nebraska — victories sweetened by the memory of defeats four years past.

Carter beat Sen. Edward Kennedy and Reagan bested George Bush in the two primaries Tuesday. The results gave Carter 50 percent of the delegates needed to lock up the nomination; Reagan had about 88 percent.

There are 14 more primaries and Reagan could get the delegates needed to claim victory by the end of May. Carter probably will have to wait until June 3, when the primary season ends with balloting in nine states.

Kennedy called the outcome "a reasonably close split on the delegates" but added, "Quite frankly, I would have hoped that we could have done better in both of these states."

Bush, with little solace to be found in the

returns, looked toward next week. "On to Michigan and Oregon," he said. Reagan was elated, saying, "I can't help but feel very good about it because it's more than I expected."

Carter's campaign chief, Robert Strauss, praised Kennedy and talked more about party unity than the latest victories. "Senator Kennedy has run a good campaign the last couple of months," Strauss said, adding the Carter camp will do everything it can to soothe any "natural irritations that develop in a campaign like this."

Strauss said he believes "those we've run against will be responsive."

The primary voting:
Maryland: With all of the precincts in, Carter had 221,656 or 47 percent and 32 delegates to Kennedy's 178,517 or 38 percent and 26 delegates. Reagan had 79,116 or 48 percent and 18 delegates to Bush's 66,756 or 41 percent and 12 delegates.

Nebraska: With 92 percent in, Carter had 66,095 or 47 percent and 14 delegates to Kennedy's 53,442 or 38 percent and 10

delegates. Reagan had 140,010 or 78 percent and 24 delegates to Bush's 29,236 or 16 percent and 1 delegate.

Rep. John Anderson of Illinois, who dropped out of the GOP race to run as an independent, was on the Republican ballot in both states. In Maryland he got 9 percent and no delegates, in Nebraska 6 percent and at one point pulled one delegate out of Reagan's column.

Reagan swamped Bush in Nebraska, but Anderson held the balance in Maryland. Had Bush taken all Anderson's votes, he would have gained a virtual tie with Reagan.

"Anderson!" exclaimed Dorann Gundersen, Bush's Maryland coordinator. "And the man is not even in the Republican race!"

Carter captured less than 50 percent of the vote in each state. In what some observers believe is a significant trend, 10 percent of the Democrats trekking to the polls in Nebraska and Maryland voted for uncommitted delegates — or registered a hostile "none of the above."

Muskie calls for 'coherence'

NATO ministers meet

United Press International
BRUSSELS, Belgium — Secretary of State Edmund Muskie told NATO nations that the U.S. commitment to the alliance is stronger than ever, but Washington also expects unequivocal support from its partners.

The alliance was holding a joint meeting of foreign and defense ministers for only the second time in its 31-year history to discuss NATO's response to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

Diplomatic sources said the ministers agreed to accelerate several defensive programs to enable the United States to use arms that had been earmarked for NATO in the Persian Gulf, instead, if this becomes necessary.

The NATO meeting coincided with an extraordinary session in Warsaw of the Communist Party chiefs, foreign ministers and defense ministers of the Soviet-dominated Warsaw Pact nations. Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev and Premier Yuriy Andropov both were present at the two-day meeting.

Polish leader Edward Gierk appealed at the opening of the meeting for detente and discussions between the power blocs, and diplomats speculated some kind of diplomatic initiative might be forthcoming. Muskie will meet Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in Vienna on Friday.

While Muskie, according to U.S. officials, stressed the need for "coherence" in the alliance, one European minister de-

nounced the United States for lack of leadership and coherence itself.

Outgoing Belgian Foreign Minister Henri Simonet told Muskie and other ministers, "If leadership is not always understood, it's because there isn't always much to understand, and if therefore coherence does not appear clearly, it's quite simply because there isn't any."

U.S. officials said Muskie told the allies the United States wants specific support over Afghanistan and Iran "that goes beyond rhetoric."

He said that concrete steps had to be made now, not in the interest of confrontation with the Soviet Union, but to lessen the chance of confrontation later on.

Muskie said the burden of the West must be shared in ways that are equitable and efficient, the officials said.

He told the allies that President Carter had displayed "6 months of incredible patience," and that his actions had been as moderate as possible given the mood of the U.S. public and Congress.

The U.S. officials quoted Muskie as saying he expected the nine European Common Market nations, all but one of which are also NATO members, to live up to the spirit and letter of their agreement April 22 to impose stiff economic sanctions on Iran if by May 17 there is no decisive progress toward releasing the U.S. hostages in Iran.

Common Market foreign ministers were scheduled to meet in Naples on that date to decide whether to go ahead with the sanc-

tions. But there is some disagreement whether the sanctions should apply to existing contracts.

One official said that disappointment was the mildest word that could be used to describe Muskie's feelings about the decision of the French National Olympic Committee to participate in the games.

Tornadoes kill 5, hurt 85 in Michigan

United Press International
Two tornadoes tore through downtown Kalamazoo, Mich., killing five people, injuring 85 others with flying glass and debris, and possibly trapping others in flattened buildings.

Civil Defense spokesman Ken Swisher said authorities found and identified five bodies — downgrading a previous death toll of seven persons. He said some of the victims apparently were counted twice.

Gov. William Milliken mobilized 200 state troopers to patrol the streets today and stop looters who roamed the debris-strewn downtown area and a wrecked shopping mall after the twisters late Tuesday afternoon.

"It's bad, it's just chaos here," said one resident surveying the downtown.

A state of emergency was declared by Mayor Edward Ammen and all available police officers were called to patrol the sealed-off downtown area. A curfew was imposed until 7 a.m. today, when officials planned to resume a search of the debris for more victims.

Five twisters touched down throughout the state — two in Kalamazoo, one in suburban Kalamazoo Township and one each near the southeastern locations of Howell and Fowlerville.

The National Weather Service also reported three twisters in Ohio and three in Texas, one of them in Calvert. Twenty-five twisters have touched down throughout the country in the last two days.

The dead in Kalamazoo included two people crushed when the back wall of a department store collapsed, a man trapped in a laundromat that caught fire when a gas line ruptured, a man blown from a scaffold in Kalamazoo Township and a motorcyclist.

Scores of other people, battered by flying glass and falling debris, were treated in local hospitals.

U.S. protests 'buzzing' by Cuban planes

Bahamas denies vessel linked to CIA

United Press International
NASSAU, Bahamas — The Bahamas government has rejected Cuba's latest explanation that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency provoked the fatal Cuban fighter plane attack on the Bahamas' Defense Forces vessel Flamingo.

Bahamian External Affairs Minister Paul L. Adderley denied late Tuesday that his government is involved in any way in American intelligence activity.

"I don't want the Cubans to think they can use us as a pawn in their international affairs and we do not propose to let them," Adderley said.

Adderley made the statement following receipt of a message from Cuba's Foreign Affairs Minister Isidoro Malmierca saying a diplomatic delegation would not be coming to Nassau Tuesday as scheduled for a



Cooling it

What looks like a girl caught in Tuesday's thunder-showers is actually a girl taking a break in Rudder Fountain last week. Melissa Witt, a junior range science major, decided the fountain was as good a place as any for a cooling dip.

Photo by Dave Tollefson

Judge to decide this week on suit by 18 Olympians

United Press International
WASHINGTON — A federal judge says he will rule this week on a lawsuit by 18 American athletes who are challenging the U.S. Olympic Committee's decision to boycott the 1980 Moscow Games.

The deadline for a final U.S. decision on whether to enter a team in the Moscow Games is May 24.

TPEA local meeting set for tonight

The Texas A&M University chapter of the Texas Public Employees Association will meet tonight at 7:30 in 402 Rudder.

Gary Rodgers, state president, will be the keynote speaker at the meeting. He will be accompanied by other state and local TPEA dignitaries.

TPEA is an organization which works for improving the working conditions of state employees.

U.S. District Judge John Pratt, who is hearing arguments on the legality of the American boycott, said he will rule on the issue by the end of the week.

In arguments Tuesday, lawyers representing the 18 athletes said the USOC lacks power to refuse to send a team, as requested by President Carter in retaliation for the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

However, a USOC lawyer contended the committee has full authority to accept or reject invitations to Moscow.

The 18 athletes filed suit on April 23, contending their constitutional rights were violated by the boycott.

The suit argued the committee has no authority under the 1976 Amateur Sports Act to prevent U.S. participation.

On April 12, the USOC House of Delegates approved a resolution to boycott the games unless the Soviets withdraw 100,000 troops from Afghanistan by May 20.

"I can't find anything wrong with the members of the House of Delegates agreeing with the president of the United States," committee lawyer Patrick Sullivan said. "That's not against the law."

Attorney William Allen, representing the athletes, said when Congress passed the Amateur Sports Act it "very deliberately

withheld" from the committee any authority to deny athletes the right to compete in the games.

He said the USOC is "not authorized to go beyond sports-related considerations," and it clearly "has made a political decision."

Plaintiffs in the suit include 1976 gold medal winners Arnie Robinson, a long jumper, and Mac Wilkins, a discus thrower; Anita DeFrantz, a member of the women's eight-oared shell and a bronze medal winner at the 1976 Montreal games; weightlifter Philip Grippaldi, a member of the 1976 team; Robert Giordano, Louis Mucardo and Terry Manton; rowers Carol Brown, a bronze medal winner in 1976, Judy Geer and Jan Polchikoff, both 1976 team members; Charlie Geer, Jan Harville, Patricia Brink, Patricia Spratlan, Charles Altkruse, and Robert Espeseth, an alternate on the 1976 team; fencer Bruce Jugan; water polo team member Peter Schnugg; shot putter Allan Feuerbach, a member of the 1972 and 1976 teams; Robert Ernst, coach of the 1980 U.S. rowing team, and Burton Shaw, chairman of the national governing body for water polo and a member of the executive board of the Olympic Committee.

'Game' all too real to suicide-bent boy

United Press International
MERCER ISLAND, Wash. — At lunch time or after school, Jason, 16, and Dawn, 15, would lead their friends in long talks about suicide and reincarnation. No one knew how serious they were.

No one knew, that is, until early Monday when Jason Ferrine and Dawn Swisher stole a 1972 Chevrolet Camaro, roared at top speed across the North Mercer Junior High parking lot and smashed through the concrete wall of the school's gymnasium.

Jason, behind the wheel, was killed instantly. Dawn, who apparently had a change of heart and dived under the dashboard at the last second, was hospitalized in serious condition.

Dr. John Eisele of the King County Medical Examiner's office said a note, signed by Jason and found in the car, was "sufficient evidence" the cause of his death was suicide.

The tragedy stunned the teenagers of the affluent Seattle suburb, particularly the couple's close friends, who said they had "jokingly" discussed detailed suicide plans with them many times.

"It was a game. It was just a big game," Sheryl Riebmam, 15, said, shaking her head, on the verge of tears.

"They took the idea too far, I think," said Michael Mead, 16, another friend.

Sheryl, a blond junior high student with braces on her teeth, said she, Jason, Dawn and two other teen-agers began talking about reincarnation months ago after Dawn read the book, "Illusions," by Richard Bach.

"We're hoping to get Richard

Bach to just talk to Dawn when she comes out of it," she said.

In a fantasy hatched by the group, Sheryl said, Jason and Dawn were supposed to steal a red Italian sports car. They would die in a flaming crash at their old junior high school and move to a "higher plane of existence."

A year later to the day, Sheryl and another teen-ager would kill themselves in the same way, except in a green sports car.

Instead of a red Ferrari or Maserati, Jason and Dawn took a car belonging to Dawn's sister, Diane. They crashed into the school shortly after 5 a.m.

"I didn't really want to commit suicide and I thought they didn't want to either," Sheryl whispered, her eyes downcast. "No one knew they were serious."

Friends and families said both Jason and Dawn were troubled, alienated kids who despite seeing psychologists were having extreme difficulty adjusting to their first year of high school.

They lost interest in classes and pleaded for permission to drop out and move into an apartment together. Because the couple had stopped attending school anyway, their parents reluctantly allowed them to withdraw, effective last Friday.

Lawrence Smith, principal of Mercer Island High School, said he was "very concerned" that students could be so unhappy with their lives they would consider suicide.

"If there is a group of students thinking along those lines, there are some things that have to be done, some rather drastic things," Smith said.