

# Senate race cools down

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**Battalion Staff**  
Candidates Kent Caperton and N.A. McNeil have replaced feverish campaigning with quiet activity for the time being in their race for the state's Fifth Senatorial District seat.

Caperton, who won an upset victory over incumbent Sen. William T. Moore of Bryan in the May Democratic primary, said he is working with his law practice now, and only devoting Thursdays and Fridays and an occasional weekend to the campaign.

"We've slowed down considerably, and cut back on all campaign activities for June and July," Caperton said.

McNeil said that he will not begin actively campaigning until closer to the election, and said he is currently running a "campaign of organization." He said he is meeting with conservative Democrats, who will organize each of the counties for him.

"I am running as a Republican, and I have to face the fact that there are 80,000 registered Democrats in this district, and only 10,000 Republicans. So to win I will need the support of some people who voted in the Democratic primary."

Both Caperton and McNeil agree that the election could be decided by the direction taken by voters who supported Moore in the Democratic primary. Although Caperton would, as the Democratic candidate, seem the logical heir to those votes, he does not consider them his — yet.

"I am not about to get overconfident," he said. "McNeil is a formidable candidate, and the Republican party in this area is very well organized."

But he said he is "certainly going to try" to win over the Moore vote, and it is with that in mind that he met with the Texas A&M System Board of Regents May 27.

Caperton said the meeting went "very well," and that he and the board had "a fine discussion."

"It goes without saying that Texas A&M is of great importance to me, and I am looking forward to working toward the University's continued success," he said.

Although he is running as a Republican, McNeil is confident that he will attract the votes of the Moore democrats.

"Many of Moore's supporters have told me that they will vote for me," he said. "He's conservative and I am conservative, so I believe I'll get the conservative vote — whether Democrat or Republican."

Both McNeil and Caperton will heat up their campaigns once the summer is over. Caperton's strategy during the primary was to go out and meet people, drinking coffee at restaurants rather than holding large rallies or dinners in the cities he visited. He plans to continue with this strategy of "direct campaigning" in the fall, but he will also hold a few major functions to "thank the people who have helped us," he said.

McNeil also plans to avoid major functions in favor of personal campaigning. He said his major problem is a lack of name-identification, and he hopes to overcome that problem through the use of bumper stickers and lawn signs. McNeil also said that shaking hands and meeting people will win an election, and he plans to do a lot of both.

# Carter: Can we deport leaders?

**United Press International**  
WASHINGTON — President Carter has asked the Justice Department if the United States legally can deport the ringleaders of the Fort Chaffee riot.

At the same time, congressional leaders urged Carter Tuesday to crack down hard on rioters and other "criminal elements" among Cuban refugees and send them back to their communist-ruled island.

At the White House, press secretary Jody Powell said Carter has asked the Justice Department for a review

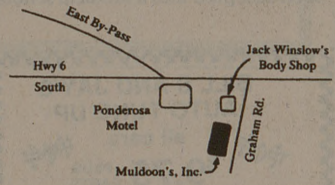
to determine whether deportation of the ringleaders is a "practical legal option."

"The United States must not be allowed to become a dumping ground for criminals," said Senate Democratic leader Robert Byrd, joining House colleague Jim Wright in calling for immediate deportation of some Cubans.

"The rioters must be identified, arrested and deported," Byrd said in a speech on the Senate floor. "Those found to be criminal elements must also be deported — expeditiously."

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An ounce of gold sold for \$561.50 in London and \$560.50 in Zurich, a rise of \$8.50 from Tuesday's close in London and \$8 in Zurich.

The dollar fell on every major money market, but the declines were only slight in light trading.

"The dollar held reasonably steady with only a few small orders appearing at first," said a dealer for Barclay's Bank International.

In London, the pound sterling started the day worth \$2.3160 an increase of more than one cent from Tuesday's close of \$2.3040.

The dollar also dropped in Frankfurt with an opening of 1.7730 Deutschmarks from 1.7775, in Zurich with an opening of 1.6482 Swiss francs from 1.6575, in Paris with an opening of 4.1240 francs from 4.1465 and in Brussels with an opening of 28.680 Belgian francs from 28.745.

In Amsterdam, the dollar opened at 1.9470 guilders from Tuesday's close of 1.9570, while in Milan, the opening of 833.75 lire was down from 837.80 and in Tokyo, the close of 220.40 yen was down from Tuesday's close of 223.50.

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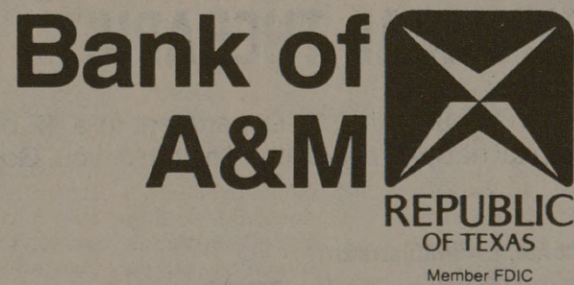
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