

Out to 'make America great again'

Reagan taking charge

DETROIT—The Republican National Convention's leading man, Ronald Reagan, today took personal charge of efforts to heal the little cracks threatening to mar the Grand Old Party's facade of unity.

The superstar of this Republican week flew out of the West Monday, wife Nancy at his side, and embraced an almost frenzied crowd of loyalists who greeted him in the convention headquarters hotel lobby with a hero's welcome of football-like chants and cheers.

Reagan's answer: "In our hearts we are determined... to make America great again."

The principal problem Reagan faces is the need to make a final, that end he set up meetings today with Gerald Ford, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, and Rep. Margaret Heckler and other women distressed at his opposition to the Equal Rights Amendment.

The party unity on display this week is deep and true, and covers the great majority of GOP delegates and political leaders.

Ford and his allies are reported to be concerned the conservative platform and a conservative ticket would alienate potential Democratic and independent defectors the GOP must have to win in November.

Kissinger is said to be miffed over Reagan's failure to mention him in any discussion of a high government appointment—although he said Monday, "I have never had any discussions with him or any of his people about a job. I am not looking for a job."

And Heckler and other women are heartsick at Reagan's lack of support for the ERA and at the platform language on both equal rights and abortion.

Today's late afternoon session included adopting the party's platform; speeches by Kissinger, Sen. Barry Goldwater, John Connally, and vice presidential hopeful Rep. Jack Kemp; and the convention's keynote address by another possible Reagan running mate, Rep. Guy Vander Jagt of Michigan.

There could yet be a floor fight over abortion—but not over the controversial platform plank endorsing an anti-abortion amendment.

Ford, whose main differences with Reagan are over the ERA and the constitutional amendment on abortions, was featured speaker at the convention session Monday night, and got a big, warm welcome in the huge hall.

His pledge to make an all-out effort on Reagan's behalf won sustained applause as did his declaration:

"How much better it would have been to have had the intelligence and foresight to maintain our military strength to deter our adversaries before Afghanistan rather than to penalize our own people after Afghanistan."

It was Ford's 67th birthday, and when he concluded his speech Vander Jagt told him \$350,000 had been raised in the form of solicited birthday contributions for a Ford presidential library.

Vander Jagt also gave the former president a solid gold convention floor pass on a gold chain. Ford bobbed it, but caught it before it fell.

Pro-abortion forces trying to force roll call on platform

DETROIT—Republican women challenging the anti-abortion stand of the 1980 GOP platform failed to find the votes needed to force a convention floor fight—clearing the way for speedy, harmonious platform approval tonight by the 2,000 delegates.

But the Republican Women's Task Force and Illinois Sen. Charles Percy, seeking to strike all mention of abortion from the platform, said they will try to round up six state delegations to force a roll-call vote on the entire platform.

Delegates had until Monday afternoon to secure the signatures of 27 members of the platform committee to produce a floor vote. Percy said Monday night he thought he had un-

til today. Tanya Melich, a task force member, said she will seek to employ a GOP platform rule allowing the majorities of six state delegations to force a roll call on the platform.

She and Percy faced a formidable task in trying to muster the six states—let alone round up support for rejection of the entire platform over the abortion issue. Percy, however, said he had promises of support from leaders of several delegations and has contacted others.

"I think in principle, the party ought not to be tainted with this," Percy said. "If Gov. Reagan sincerely wants to have this out of the platform, I'm sure he can do a lot to see that that happens."

The conservative-dominated, 106-

member Platform Committee gave formal approval to the 1980 policy statement calling for "support of a constitutional amendment to restore protection of the right-to-life for unborn children."

In a separate provision, the platform also pledges the GOP will "work for the appointment of judges at all levels of the judiciary who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life."

"It would put a litmus test for candidates for federal judge on the issue of abortions," he said. "I think it would be a good thing for the convention to change the platform—at least on that one issue—on the floor," Percy said.

Rep. Henry Hyde of Illinois, a leading congressional opponent of abortion, said, "I shall not get excited about anything. It's not a critical issue."

The platform also fails for the first time in 40 years to endorse the Equal Rights Amendment.

Reagan still unsure about running mate

LOS ANGELES—Ronald Reagan, headed for the Republican National Convention and the successful finale to a 12-year quest for the presidential nomination, insisted today he still has not picked a running mate.

"I don't know," the about-to-be candidate answered when asked about his vice presidential choice before boarding a plane in Los Angeles for the flight to Detroit.

"No, honestly," he replied when asked the same question again.

Reagan, who spent Sunday resting at his Pacific Palisades home, said he wants to talk to party leaders at the convention before deciding on a vice presidential nominee.

He told reporters at the airport he does not understand the controversy over the equal rights plank of the proposed GOP platform and was going to the convention worried only about the decisions he must make.

"I don't know what that is all about," he said of the dispute over the platform committee's decision to end

40 years of GOP support for the Equal Rights Amendment. "The delegates there have probably made the most forthright pledge to equal rights for women that has ever been made by any party."

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Fans needed in record heat

The governors of Missouri and Arkansas—which have the highest death tolls from three weeks of record temperatures—declared states of emergency and asked for millions of dollars in federal funds to provide air conditioners and fans, aid farmers near bankruptcy and repair heat-damaged highways.

Missouri Gov. Joseph Teasdale called out the National Guard Monday to transport heat sufferers to relief centers and asked for an immediate \$5 to \$8 million in federal aid to buy coolers for residences, hospitals and nursing homes.

"When our frail elderly are suffering and dying in our nursing homes, when so hospitalized children as well as adults cannot get relief, and when no relief from the weather is expected for more than a week, Missouri must act," Teasdale said.

Of 579 heat-related deaths reported by today in a 15-state area, Missouri had the highest number—125—most of them in the past week since the killing temperatures began moving to the north and east.

Arkansas had reported 112 deaths, followed by Texas with 90, Tennessee 45, Georgia 37, Mississippi 34, Alabama 33, Illinois 32, Oklahoma 31, Kansas 25, Louisiana 6, Indiana 3, Florida 3, Nebraska 2 and Colorado 1.

Two inmates at the Menard Correctional Center in southern Illinois were found dead in their cells Monday, at least one of them an apparent victim of oppressive heat at the century-old prison. Last week another inmate died from the heat.

The prison's warden said to compensate for the heat inmates were being allowed more outside activities, extra shower periods and frequent beverage breaks.

At the unair-conditioned Shelby County jail in Memphis, Tenn.,

fans were rigged up to blow across buckets of ice after guards reported the heat was causing short tempers and more fights.

In Arkansas, which has felt the full brunt of the heat wave for the weeks, Gov. Bill Clinton said Monday he was declaring a full state emergency to try to pry loose federal funds.

Clinton said he had asked U.S. Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland to give immediate attention to farmers' requests for aid and extensions on their loans, adding "there is no way to calculate what the cost of damage is going to be." Poultry producers already have reported losses in excess of \$8 million.

The Arkansas Highway Department also has asked for \$11.7 million to repair roads that have buckled and exploded because of the heat.

Clinton said he had obtained permission to use \$130,000 in federal energy funds to buy fans and had requested more money from the Federal Community Service Administration for fans, air conditioners and medical care.

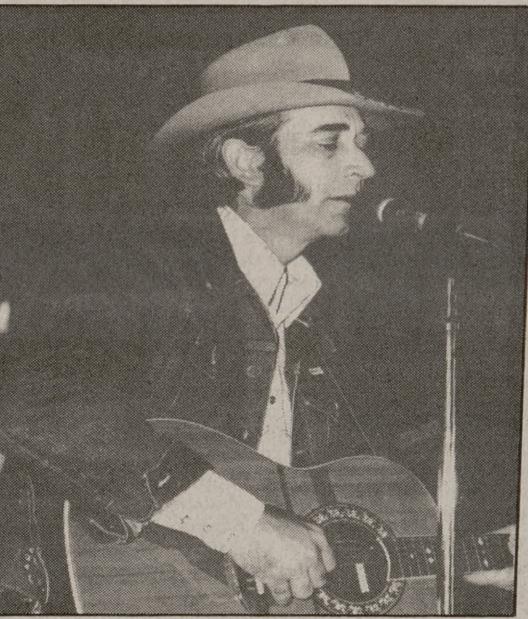
In addition, he said he would push for utility bill payment breaks such as are available during the winter.

Reluctance to run up a higher electric bill was blamed for an apparent heat death of an 80-year-old Kansas City woman whose found her body near an unused fan donated by a relief organization.

"She apparently didn't want to use (the fan)," said police Sgt. James Treece. "These people are afraid in so many cases. They say 'Well, it's going to cost a lot of money.'"

The mayor of Birmingham, Ala., declared a "disaster situation" Monday and established emergency shelters for the needy, although officials said they feared many elderly people would refuse to leave their homes.

The mayors of Macon and Valdosta, Ga., also proclaimed states of emergency and opened the cities' air-conditioned auditoriums.



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