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VP choice surprised even Bush himself

United Press International
DETROIT — Republican presidential candidate Ronald Reagan chose George Bush as his surprise running mate because Gerald Ford wanted too much, key Reagan aides said today.

Ford asked for Henry Kissinger as Secretary of State, Allen Greenspan as secretary of Treasury and authority over foreign policy, the Office of Management and Budget and the Treasury as conditions of his accepting the vice presidency, the aides told United Press International.

"He wanted in effect to be copresident and that was unacceptable," said a source.

Reagan and Bush spent most of today polishing their acceptance speeches — the last order of business for this 32nd Republican National Convention after the vice presidential roll call.

There were rumblings among conservatives who consider Bush too liberal and dislike his support of the Equal Rights Amendment and abortion.

Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina pondered an earlier threat to run himself if Bush were named — a move that could divide a party that only hours before seemed unified and optimistic for the November campaign against President Carter.

And Phyllis Schlafly, leader of anti-ERA forces, said Reagan "made a big mistake ... he picked someone that will lose votes for the ticket."

For hours Wednesday, party leaders and

insiders from both camps said Reagan had offered the job and Ford was on the verge of accepting.

But, shortly before midnight, negotiations between Reagan and Ford aides collapsed over the sticky question of what sort of official duties a former president could expect as No. 2.

So the choice was Bush, who had challenged Reagan doggedly but unsuccessfully through six months of primaries.

"He (Ford) and I have come to the conclusion and he believes deeply that he can be of more value ... campaigning his heart out, which he has pledged to do," Reagan told the delegates.

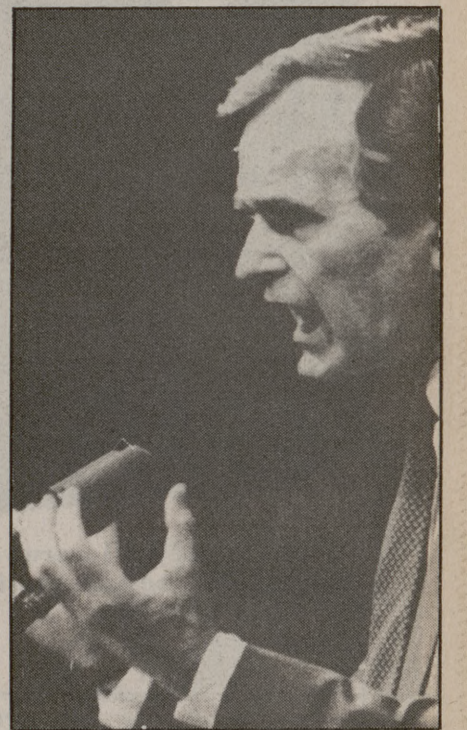
Wednesday's nomination was pro forma. Reagan had systematically demolished a dozen opponents in the primary campaign — Bush the last to drop out.

The roll call of the states gave the 69-year-old former California governor 1,939 of the 1,996 votes. Rep. John Anderson, now running for president as an independent, got 37 votes, Bush 13, Anne Armstrong one and four abstained.

The convention began its fourth session with routine business and speeches. Keynote speaker Guy Vander Jagt of Michigan delighted the delegates with his sharp criticism of Carter's economic policies.

Carter, he said, deliberately had plunged "1 million more fathers into the heartache of saying, 'daddy doesn't have a job anymore,'" to try to fight inflation.

And Bush, who addressed the conven-



George Bush

tion just before the roll call began, received an even more enthusiastic welcome that was silenced only when he ignored the din and began speaking.



Hot rubber on concrete

The hot noon sun didn't stop Texas A&M University employees Mary Mendez, Linda Hosea and Paul Scott from working out with a little jog. Forecasters predicted another cloudless day today, with temperatures once again over the 100-degree mark.

Photo by Craig Blackburn

Heat deaths hit 18 states

United Press International
The merciless heat scorching a large part of the country — and blamed for over 800 deaths so far — is turning farmlands into dust bowls, spurring a rash of air conditioner thefts and even causing an increase in child abuse cases.

The National Weather Service said some three dozen high temperature records were broken or tied Wednesday. It was the 29th straight day of 100-plus heat at Del Rio, and the 25th straight day for Dallas.

Forecasters say the heat siege shows no signs of relenting. At least 807 heat-related deaths have been reported since the record temperatures began broiling the Southwest and spreading northward and eastward.

As of Wednesday, Missouri reported 191 heat-related deaths, followed by Arkansas with 117, Texas with 94, Alabama with 80, Tennessee with 62, Georgia with 56, Mississippi with 47, Kansas with 46, Oklahoma with 35, Louisiana with 16, South Carolina with six, Ohio, Indiana and Florida with three each, Nebraska and Iowa with two each, and Colorado with one.

In Dallas, welfare officials said child abuse cases were on the rise. Children, forced to stay indoors because of the heat, were aggravating some parents beyond

The Weather

Yesterday

High 102
Low 74
Humidity 30%
Rain 0.0 inches

Today

High 103
Low 72
Humidity 40%
Chance of rain none

their tolerance, the officials said.

Some people apparently were willing to steal to cool off. More than 80 air conditioner window units have disappeared in Shreveport, La., most from churches and schools.

"The air conditioner is fairly simple to take out," Lt. Dan Coker said. "What they do is go to a school or a church, for two

reasons. There's usually very few people around in the summer time at these places."

Police also said Steven Nash of Shreveport shot John Richard Autry of Oil City, La., in an argument about whether Nash could take a window fan from Autry's room to Nash's.

Autry was hospitalized with a bullet wound in the head and Nash was charged with attempted second-degree murder. An inmate at the New Orleans Central Lockup died of heat stroke inside his cell and six other people who had lapsed into comas were admitted to Charity Hospital Wednesday. The heat victims were immersed in ice-water baths to lower their body temperatures from 105 to 107 degrees to a normal 98.6 within an hour.

"We just don't know (if they will survive)," Dr. Albert J. Lauro said. "One man responded well to the ice bath and is now awake. The others are still ill."

Officials at an Menard State Prison in Illinois ordered 10 tons of Gatorade concentrate to see inmates through heat already blamed for three deaths at facility.

In Arkansas, the arid heat wave that first killed millions of chickens is now taking its toll on cattle and turning farms into dust bowls.

Official: New president, no difference to hostages

Iran closes all its borders

United Press International
The influential head of Iran's Revolutionary Council said Wednesday the election of new U.S. president would not make any difference in deciding the fate of the 52 American hostages.

Ayatollah Mohammad Beheshti also said Iran had sealed itself off from the world Wednesday, canceling flights out of the country to prevent what he called the second phase of a coup against Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. But he gave no details of his Tehran news conference.

Pars said President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr ordered the sealing of Iran's land, sea and air borders for 48 hours, following a decision by the Revolutionary Council to shorten its originally announced one-week stay on travel abroad.

And in a move seen as bolstering Iran's imposed isolation, a bill restricting Iran-

nians traveling abroad has been submitted to parliament, the Tehran Times newspaper reported Wednesday.

Minister of National Guidance Dr. Nasser Minachi said he wanted to curb unnecessary foreign trips, although trips for educational, political and other humanitarian reasons will be allowed.

The bill, if approved by parliament, will ban Iranians from making more than one journey out of the country a year.

But Tehran Radio said Mehrabad International Airport in Tehran will be closed and only outgoing flights canceled, with incoming flights not affected.

Earlier Tuesday, Bani-Sadr said the attempt against the Islamic Republic was a result of "the background of conspiracy" created by the nation's faltering economy.

Bani-Sadr announced the plotters would be put on trial in a day or two and Iran's "hanging judge" Sadegh Khalkhali vowed this week the conspirators would be "shown no mercy."

"We don't like to deal with President Carter or Ronald Reagan or another one," Beheshti told the news conference. "We prefer to have relations only with the American people."

Asked whether the election of Republican Reagan would affect the fate of the hostages, Beheshti said:

"I think the problem of the hostages should be resolved only in regard to our humanitarian duty in Islam and in regard to the national rights of our people in Iran. The foreign factors cannot play an important role in this regard."

Bani-Sadr was quoted by the state radio as blaming the government's inability to control prices and balance the economy as the cause of the abortive revolt that resulted in some 600 arrests, including a roundup of 500 military personnel.

In the past, he has linked the economic crisis to international isolation over the holding of the 52 American hostages, who are spending their 257th day in captivity today.

Draft registration to start Monday at post offices

Sign-up day depends on birthdate

by BECKY SWANSON
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Battalion Staff

Draft registration is a reality. On Monday, July 21, men born in 1960 and 1961 will begin registering for military service. Texas A&M cadets who are under military contract will be included in the sign-up, an official said.

The ROTC program at Texas A&M University is not classified with the service academies, the official said. Therefore, all cadets meeting the age requirements will be required to register, he said. In the event that the draft is reinstated, cadets with military contracts will be classified 1-D, allowing them to graduate before serving in the military.

Draft registration will take place at each of the 34,000 post offices in the country.

During the two-week period which ends on Aug. 2, men born in 1960 should register during the first week; men born in 1961 should register during the second week.

To avoid long lines and confusion, men born in January, February, or March should register on Monday. Men with birthdays in April, May or June should register on Tuesday.

Men born in July, August or September should register on Wednesday; those with October, November or December birthdays should register on Thursday.

Friday and Saturday are designated as make-up times for those who cannot register on their specified day, but individuals

will not be turned away if they appear any time during the two-week period.

To register, an individual simply reports to any postal clerk and requests a registration form. At the post office, he then completes the form with his name, permanent and current address, telephone number, social security number and date of birth, and returns the form to any postal clerk.

The registrant will be required to show some standard form of identification, such as a driver's license.

Draft cards will not be issued.

Registration must take place at the post office, and must be done in person. Forms may not be taken elsewhere, or filled out by a substitute.

Men who do not register could face a fine of up to \$10,000, imprisonment for up to five years, or both.

The only persons not required to register are members of the active armed forces, cadets or midshipmen at the service academies, and nonimmigrant aliens (for example, members of diplomatic or trade missions and those on student or visitor visas).

Conscientious objector status cannot be conferred during registration since current draft registration does not include classification because local draft boards are not operating at this time.

Disabled or handicapped individuals are also required to register.

Current law does not include the registration of women for the military draft.



I WANT YOU

Draft may aid Corps enrollment

by SCOT K. MEYER
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Interest in the Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets among incoming freshmen is increasing, say Corps officials.

"We're anticipating an increased enrollment in our freshman class for the fall," Corps Commandant Col. James Woodall said. Woodall said he expected the order reinstating draft registration might be a factor in the decision of some freshmen to enroll in the Corps.

"We understand that in the event of classification of registrants, students in an ROTC program will be given a deferred status as in the past," Woodall said. "Selective Service policy was to classify ROTC students as 1-D."

Selective Service officials in Washington said that in the past 1-D status applied to "a member of a reserve component, or a student taking military training."

The 1-D classification will still be in effect, an official said, but its scope will be limited to those students, usually juniors or seniors, who have signed military contracts. Those students will be allowed to graduate, while other students would only be allowed to finish their current semester.

"I can say it's a lot better to be an officer than a private," he said.

Those who sign ROTC contracts obligating them for military service are commissioned as officers upon graduation.

There are two basic ways the Corps projects the size of the freshman class, Woodall said. The first is freshman advanced room reservations in cadet dormitories. At this

time last year there were 512 such reservations, while this year there are 636, an increase of 24 percent.

The second indicator of Corps strength is the number of prospective students who express an interest in the organization, Woodall said.

"We are getting more inquiries including more mail and more people coming in to find out about the cadet Corps," he said.

Registrants will not be classified at this time, barring a Presidential order, one official said. A registration system will probably be different from the one used in the past, the official said, with student deferments being eliminated for the most part.

Corps Commander Ken Cross said he doesn't think that registration is the main reason for increased freshman interest in the Corps. He instead attributes it to increased publicity about the Corps, and the fact that "the Corps is increasing its scholastic effort."

Cross said that students come to Texas A&M primarily for an education, and many have been frightened in the past by an attitude that puts academics behind Corps activities in priority. The Corps now puts academics in front, where it belongs, Cross said.

"Last year we started with a smaller Corps enrollment than usual," Cross said, "but we lost fewer people than we usually do, which was a good sign."

Cross attributes the smaller loss to the new stress on scholastic performance in the Corps.