

Politics

Campaign time slips away

Candidates courting voters

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America will elect its next president in five weeks. As the date draws closer, the campaigning gets heavier.

President Carter stumped Manhattan Monday, declaring "I love New York ... I have always loved New York ... I will continue to love New York."

And Ronald Reagan scheduled a "Prelude to Victory" dinner in New York Tuesday — after topping first to court Iowa farmers.

Reagan, who spent the weekend at his ranch home in Santa Barbara, Calif., issued a statement Saturday reversing his longtime opposition to federal loan guarantees for New York City.

He said he had "opposed as a matter of principle" the Loan Guarantee Act of 1978, but since then has been impressed by the "steady progress toward the restoration of fiscal soundness" made by the city, and feels its people "should not have to suffer (from) ... economic failures in Washington."

Independent candidate John Anderson also began a new campaign tour Tuesday with stops in North Carolina and Florida.

At a meeting of religious broadcasters Monday in Washington, Anderson sharply chided politically active religious groups for endangering the basic principle of separation of church and state.

"The political marriage of the Moral Majority and the New Right is not one ordained in heaven," said Anderson, himself a member of the Evangelical Free Church. "It is a union which thunders with misguided motives ... which seeks to inject unbending rigidity and intolerance into church pew and polling place alike."

Carter was warmly welcomed in New York City.

New York state has 41 electoral votes, and it is generally acknowledged it would be almost impossible for Carter to win the election without them.

The president was greeted by top Democratic leaders — Gov. Hugh Carey, who stayed neutral in the primaries, Mayor Edward Koch, and Democratic Senate nominee Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman — and got a rousing reception at the convention of the International Ladies Garment

Workers Union, which also endorsed him.

Joel McCleary, Carter-Mondale campaign coordinator for New York, told reporters the president is "at least even, if not ahead in upstate New York."

"That's unheard of for a Democrat and that's why Carter is going to win the state," he said.

But he acknowledged a "huge undecided factor" among Jewish voters. Carter made a pitch for Jewish votes Monday, hinting strongly the United States would get out of the U.N. General Assembly if the assembly votes to oust Israel.

Former Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski held a news conference Monday to announce he will head a "Democrats for Reagan" organization because, "I'd rather have a competent extremist than an incompetent moderate."

He called Reagan an "extremist" last spring at the time he endorsed George Bush for the nomination.

Reagan said he was "very, very happy" at Jaworski's decision.

Bush: 'Mad as hell' about Carter

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FORT WORTH — Republican vice presidential candidate George Bush cited figures on unemployment and the rising cost of housing to declare: "Jimmy Carter has failed the American family."

Bush, addressing a crowd of about 1,000 at Texas Christian University Monday, borrowed a phrase from outspoken oilman and rally moderate Eddie Chiles, whose "I'm Mad" directly commercials are heard nationwide, to characterize his opinion of the present administration.

"I'm mad too, Eddie — mad as a wild animal," said Bush. "If one may use that expression on the Texas Christian University campus."

"Men and women who want to work are thrown out of work by the Carter recession," he said. "In 1978 the average cost of an average home was \$44,000; today it's \$65,000. Payments that used to be too high at \$50 a month are now up to \$500 a month."

The fatigued-looking candidate, who flew to Albuquerque, N.M., Tuesday, said Carter had this week stressed that the current recession had bottomed out and accused the president of downplaying a proposed \$65.2 billion budget deficit.

"Carter has taken unemployment statistics (at the end of the Ford administration) that weren't too good and made them worse," the former ambassador and CIA director said. "He's taken inflation that was good at 4.2 percent and doubled it."

Turning to foreign policy, Bush mentioned a "craving for peace" and added, "The way the U.S. can guarantee the peace is by staying strong to deter Soviet aggression."

"At Notre Dame he (Carter) said you don't have to have that inordinate fear of communism anymore. Then, three years later, after the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan, he said 'I don't trust the Soviet Union.'"

"It would not take Ronald Reagan three years to learn not to trust the Soviet Union," Bush said.

"It's true that no American is being shot at under Carter's administration. But it's also true that 52 Americans are being held hostage and the humiliation that goes with that."

In addressing the nearly all-white crowd at the Republican rally for

candidates ranging from the state Legislature to U.S. Congress, Bush held forth the promise under a Reagan administration of a better time for minorities, whom he consistently referred to as "they."

"We're going to offer them hope through economic zones, regulation relief and investment incentives to give these people jobs with dignity," he said.

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Ten judges confirmed by Senate

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WASHINGTON — The Senate has confirmed the nominations of 10 federal district judges — very probably the last to receive approval before the elections.

Republicans, who could have stalled the nominations, let the judges pass Monday after what Senate GOP leader Howard Baker called a "long and tortuous process."

Baker said, however, a "great

many other judicial appointments" are still in the Judiciary Committee.

Should Republican presidential nominee Ronald Reagan win the election, many of those are unlikely to win confirmation unless they are submitted anew next year by Reagan, or are given his approval during the planned lame duck session of Congress.

The nominations of the 10 judges

came to a vote after getting approval from a three-member Republican clearance committee appointed by Baker to go over all nominations. The members are Sens. Ted Stevens of Alaska, John Tower of Texas and Mark Hatfield of Oregon.

"Today is strong evidence that we want to minimize the practices of the past to hold up nominations in an election year," Hatfield said.

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