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Mayor-elect Young plans to bring Atlanta together

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ATLANTA — Former U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young pledged Wednesday to bring Atlanta "together" as mayor, saying he defeated his white opponent with support from the white minority — although the victory margin mirrored the racial makeup of the city's voters.

"This is what we've been working for," Young said at a midnight pep rally for his jubilant campaign volunteers. "It's simply an opportunity to bring our city together."

Young defeated state Rep. Sidney Marcus with 57 percent of the vote and although a crossover factor of about 10 percent was credited to each candidate, the gross totals reflected the black-white composition of Atlanta's voting rolls.

Marcus, 53, a contractor and 13-year legislative veteran, had finished second in a seven-candidate field Oct. 6, polling 38 percent of the vote to Young's 41 percent. Young picked up the mostly black following of Fulton County Commissioner A. Reginald Eaves, who had run third.

But Young, 49, the former director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and a three-term Georgia congressman before his appointment to the United Nations job, said race was not a factor in his improvement over the Oct. 6

totals. "Where we worked hard, we got good votes — and that did not depend on race," said Young.

He said official results would show him finishing slightly stronger in white neighborhoods than he had done in the initial heat.

The outspoken Young had been preparing for the race since he was forced out of the Carter administration in 1979 because of his secret meeting with a Palestinian Liberation Organization envoy.

He will be inaugurated Jan. 4 to succeed Mayor Maynard Jackson, the city's first black mayor. Jackson, mayor since 1973, was not eligible for a third term.

Young and his wife, Jean, were mobbed by well-wishers — including Jackson, baseball great Hank Aaron and the Rev. Jesse Jackson of Chicago's Operation PUSH — as they entered his campaign headquarters minutes before midnight. The Rev. Jackson led the mostly young, overwhelmingly black crowd in chanting "Adeee! Adeee!"

"We have broken down barriers and we have determined that we will live together in peace and harmony," Young said, thanking voters for "the vote of confidence that you cast in this city."

Harkening to a pledge he made repeatedly during the campaign, Young said: "I want to be a better friend of Sidney Marcus after this campaign than I was before," and commended the runnerup on "a really tough and hard but fair campaign."

Marcus, apparently still angered by a few attempts by some black leaders to inject racial rhetoric into the campaign, said in his concession speech his supporters had not resorted to such tactics.

"I'm proud that we can look back on the way we conducted this campaign and feel pride," Marcus told a dwindling group of disappointed supporters in the ballroom of a downtown hotel a few blocks from Young's party.

Marcus said however he would work with the Young administration to help the city with legislative needs in the Georgia General Assembly, which is dominated by rural forces and often hostile to the state's biggest city.

Young said he would be out at daybreak to thank commuters at downtown bus stops. He said he would work slowly on the transition from the Jackson administration.

"We need to take our time to get a new consensus on where we want our city to go," he said.

Congress exceeds budget cut

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WASHINGTON — After weeks of opposition talk and hand-wringing, Congress is making its first concrete move against President Reagan's request for an additional \$13 billion in fiscal 1982 spending cuts.

The Republican-controlled Senate overwhelmingly passed a bill Tuesday that exceeds by \$1 billion Reagan's new budget targets for the Interior Department and related agencies.

It provides about \$7.6 billion for the Interior Department, Energy Department conservation programs, Indian health and education programs and several agencies dealing with federal land and monuments.

It was approved by an 87-8 vote after the Senate Appropriations Committee passed by voice vote another bill surpassing Reagan's funding request for transportation programs.

Both measures face the possibility of presidential veto, but negotiations were under way to prevent such action.

Appropriations Committee Chairman Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., said senators are discussing with the administration ways to prevent vetoes of several funding bills, all of which apparently will exceed Reagan's latest limits.

"The chances of there not being a veto are pretty good," Hatfield told reporters Tuesday.

Last month Reagan proposed an additional \$13 billion in fiscal 1982 budget cuts, along with tax measures that would generate \$3 bil-

lion in revenue. There has been widespread opposition to these proposals, which would be imposed on top of the record \$35 billion in spending reductions approved last summer.

Before completing the Interior bill, the Senate rejected an amendment by Sen. Mack Mattingly, R-Ga., that would have cut 5 percent from the cost of the Interior bill.

Mattingly said it was time "to prove we have not just been paying lip service" to goals of fiscal responsibility. But sponsors of the bill said the Mattingly amendment would have hardly any impact on the deficit and would cause problems by giving the administration power to decide where the cuts should be made.

Earlier, the Senate rejected an attempt to increase to \$150 million funds for weatherizing low income homes. Opponents warned every new dollar would increase the chance of a veto.

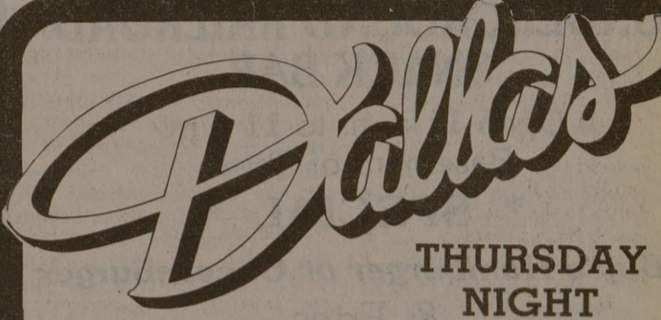
The Senate voted 49-46 against the amendment by Sen. George Mitchell, D-Maine, to add \$37.5 million to the bill.

The vote followed rejection by a 48-43 margin of another amendment, by Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., that would have increased funds for investigating price violations by oil companies.

Sen. James McClure, R-Idaho, chief sponsor of the overall measure, cautioned that "every dollar we add to this bill adds to whether the bill will be accepted by the administration."

Also Tuesday, the Senate

Appropriations Committee approved a bill providing \$10.4 billion for the Department of Transportation. Committee staffers said the measure exceeds Reagan's September target by \$637 million although it meets the level set by the president's initial budget cutting blueprint.



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Dead miners get disease benefits

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WASHINGTON — Investigators found the government's black lung program has been paying up to \$18 million in checks to dead beneficiaries, Social Security Commissioner John Svahn said Wednesday.

Svahn said Social Security auditors found 1,200 dead beneficiaries had been receiving the improper payments — for an average of 81 months at an average cost of \$12,200.

He said they found a total of \$15 million in improper payments under the \$1 billion program for disabled coal miners.

The auditors found the overpayments by matching Social Security death reports against the 237,000 black lung cases on file in the system's computers.

"It's one more glaring example of the kind of problems we in Social Security have inherited over the years," Svahn said. He blamed the system's "antiquated compu-

ters" and "past management failures."

The auditors began looking into the problem four months ago, at the same time they began a cross-check of Medicare benefit files that later turned up \$60 million in improper payments, some dating back 15 years.

Svahn said the government will try to collect back the overpayments, and the Social Security Administration will take additional steps internally to prevent further abuse.

He said in many cases the overpayments have gone to miners whose spouses have died or who have been divorced and who may not have realized their checks should have been reduced.

Svahn said there may be even more improper payments uncovered when auditors complete their double-check of all black lung beneficiaries who did not receive Social Security payments.

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