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Kennedy, Mondale wooing labor support

United Press International WASHINGTON — The AFL-CIO, seeking to play a bigger role in politics, has taken steps to make its strength felt in next year's congressional elections.

But it faces the dilemma of whether to back Edward Kennedy or Walter Mondale for president in 1984. AFL-CIO president Lane Kirkland announced last December that the 15 million-member federation was considering a break with tradition in order to endorse a candidate in the 1984 presidential primaries.

Some felt labor's clout was minimal in 1980 because it was used to back nominee Jimmy Carter even though many union leaders and rank-and-file members had wanted Kennedy or another Democrat as their candidate.

Both the senator from Massachusetts and the former vice president are considered potential candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination and both are nearly impeccable labor representatives.

Kennedy received a thunderous ovation when he addressed the federation's biennial convention in New York Wednesday, promising to stand with labor in its fight against the Reagan administration. He called it "the most anti-union, anti-labor administration in modern history."

Kirkland responded in kind, telling Kennedy as he prepared to leave: "We shall stand, as we have in the past, shoulder to shoulder in our struggle to bring back decent and humane government in this country."

Two days earlier, Kirkland introduced Mondale as "a great friend of the labor movement" and noted that Mondale has not tried to squelch speculation on a presidential bid.

"I hope that before too long now you will stop idling away your time in private endeavors and heed the call to public service," Kirkland told him.

The former vice president, like Kennedy, joked about budget director David Stockman and assailed most of the social and economic programs of the Reagan administration. His speech was well-received, though not with the roar accorded Kennedy.

An AFL-CIO spokesman said Mondale and Kennedy were invited because they both have long records of support for labor. That shut out people like Gov. Edmund Brown Jr. of California; Sens. Gary Hart, D-Colo., and John Glenn, D-Ohio; and former Florida Gov. Reubin Askew, also considered possible candidates.

Brown came anyway and spoke to a group of union leaders. Illinois Gov. James Thompson, an Illinoisan who has maintained good relations with the labor movement, also showed up at a reception.

Before 1984, however, come next year's Senate and House elections.

The AFL-CIO, still hurting from the loss of the Senate to Republicans, has designated that election day as "Solidarity Day II."

It wants to recapture the enthusiasm that trade unionists showed last September when more than 250,000 protested in the nation's capital against administration policies.

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Jim Bolinger, a member of the expedition that returned a week ago, said the Ark was found in a sealed passageway inside a cave on Mount Pisgah, east of the town of Amman, Jordan.

The group did not move the Ark. Bolinger said his first instinct was not to touch it—but will take that up to wealthy international banker, David Rothschild.

Crotser said before leaving his two-week expedition that the plan set up in the Book of Revelation. He said the Ark would be restored to the Temple of Jerusalem so that all may be in order for the Second Coming of Christ, which he predicted would occur in September or October of 1988.

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the zirconium case, refused to discuss the matter.

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year-old reptiles that geologist Robert Sayre believes belonged to a family of dinosaurs.

The footprints measured from 3 to 6 inches across, leading Sayre to believe the prehistoric reptiles, ancestors of the more widely known massive beasts, were only 4 feet tall and 9 feet long.

From the variety in size of the footprints, he theorized the excavators had found "a family out for a walk and a drink."

The footprints are preserved in rock and date back to the Triassic Period, when dinosaurs thrived on the East Coast, Sayre said.

Philadelpia Electric Co., owners of the nuclear plant under construction, moved 15 slabs of rock — each bearing a footprint — to a safe corner of the site Friday.

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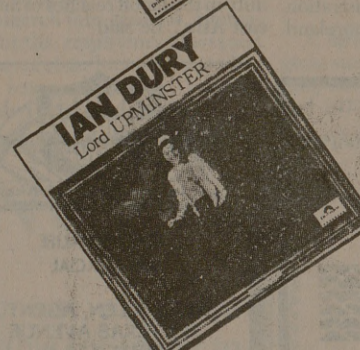
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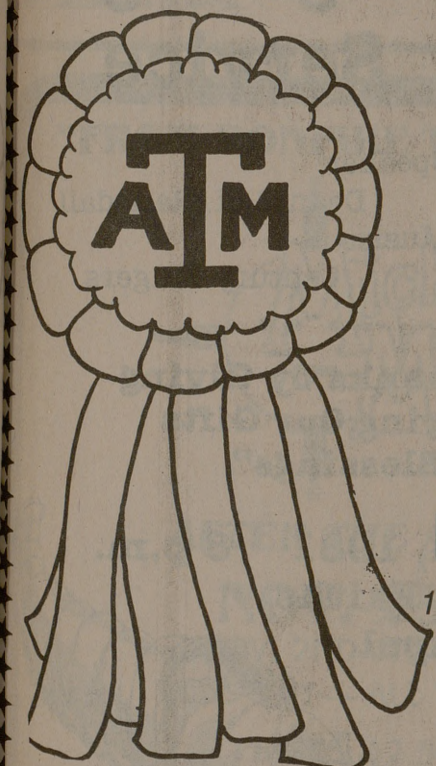
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