

# Mondale leads others in congressional backing

**United Press International**  
**WASHINGTON** — Former Vice President Walter Mondale leads all Democratic presidential candidates in the race for endorsements from members of Congress, but he remains far short of a majority, a United Press International survey shows.

One year before the Democratic National Convention, most Capitol Hill politicians are still uncommitted to any Democratic presidential candidate.

But with the support or endorsement of 61 of the 321 congressional Democrats, Mondale is doing better than all his five rivals combined, the survey revealed. The challenge will be for him to hold the support.

The endorsements have special importance because under new party rules House and Senate Democrats will choose 188 of their number as delegates to the party's national convention — all free to vote their conscience.

That will be one of the largest blocs of delegates to be chosen to attend the convention.

More important, these will be no ordinary delegates. As Richard Moe, the man in charge of Mondale's year-old, extensive congressional canvassing effort, put it, "These members will have enormous influence and prestige at the convention, beyond their mere votes. All have influence and standing in their districts and with their state delegations."

House members, concerned about their own re-elections in 1984, could turn fickle if they think another candidate has longer coattails to ride.

Backers of Sen. John Glenn of Ohio are counting on him to be perceived at the convention as having a better chance than Mondale to beat President Reagan.

In addition to the 60 members publicly supporting Mondale, it is clear that another five

or more members privately support him. Some allies of Mondale place his total support as high as 70 or 80.

By contrast, Glenn has only 19 members either pledged or strongly leaning to him. One source close to the Glenn campaign says that another three dozen members lean to Glenn and some of those will endorse him before the year is out.

Other candidates seeking congressional support are California Sen. Alan Cranston with 13 supporters and Florida Gov. Reubin Askew with 11 supporters. Both are concentrating on Iowa and New Hampshire. Colorado Sen. Gary Hart has five endorsements and Sen. Ernest Hollings' three endorsements are from his home state of South Carolina.

Mondale, leaning on Cranston in his home turf, has taken the endorsements of 10 of California's 28 House Democrats.

## Family breakup causes anger among teens

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**NEW YORK** — Today's teenagers should be aware of the frightening and confusing reactions that often accompany a family breakup, regardless of their own family situation, says a New York psychiatrist who notes that nearly half of all marriages now end in divorce.

Dr. Robert E. Gould, professor of psychiatry at New York Medical College, says in *Seventeen* magazine that teenagers who become angry about a divorce may turn to self-destructive behavior such as shoplifting, using drugs, failing in school, or getting involved in sexual relationships.



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# Student evaluations

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 Panel member Wilbert J. McKeachie agreed.

McKeachie, former president of the American Association for Higher Education, said that during the time of opposition to student evaluations he was an "evangelist" for the cause of student input into faculty evaluations, but he warned that universities should not go overboard in using that tool.

him ineffective without having a system to which he can turn to address his problem, Stice said.

He added, however, that the student evaluation is one of the best tools for evaluating the performance of an instructor.

"Student evaluations give the instructor the opportunity to tap into student feedback that's likely to be frank," Stice said.

Stice said professors can't expect students to walk up to them and tell them what they are doing wrong. "It just doesn't happen," he said.

He also said that students probably have the best knowledge as to whether an instructor is effective.

"The students were there," he said. "They know what you (the instructor) meant to them. They know if you motivated them."

The other panel members seemed to agree with Stice's assessment of student evaluations.

In his opening presentation, Johnson quoted an article by panel member Manuel M.

Davenport, former head of the Texas A&M Department of Philosophy and Humanities.

Davenport wrote: "It must be acknowledged that no one is better qualified to judge a teacher's ability to interest his students in a particular subject matter than the students themselves. Thus, students must participate in the evaluation of good teaching."

Panel members also fielded questions from the audience of about 200.

One man asked the panel whether the whole discussion wasn't "much ado about nothing." He said that student evaluations are not used substantially at Texas A&M in questions of promotion and that such questions are decided arbitrarily by administrators.

Eble, in reply, said, "If I hear you right, you're somewhat backward in your practices here."

He said that while practices such as the questioner spoke of were common 20 years ago, he found that more and more uni-

versities were using a saying that documented approach after general faculty promotion. He said Aggies have however, that there is not the same knowledge of the problem of search as opposed to gifts, rank ability, but that acknowledgment of the problem is the first step toward solving that problem.

Another audience member of the A&M asked if student evaluations, attributed in that report to the teachers — ones who get "People who grades for poor personnel better are given better evaluations than the students."

Stice dismissed that as a myth. Students know the Texas they are getting out of a promotion. Fourn said, adding that the support the highest evaluations. "In formal students are pretty accurate in their kind of thing," he said.

Eble agreed that high praise they believe do not correspond with their evaluations.

"That comes about as they give," utter nonsense as any Corporation statement," he said.

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# Disputes mar OPEC meeting

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**HELSINKI, Finland** — OPEC oil ministers gathered Monday to reinforce 4-month-old agreements on price and production, but a leading spokesman said the cartel still was bedeviled by internal disputes.

Armed police guards escorted the 13 ministers to the

downtown Finlandia Conference Center for their semi-annual meeting.

"Some countries will not adhere to the London agreements," Indonesian oil minister Dr. Subroto said Sunday, hinting that production quotas set by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries last March had been violated.

Conference sources said Nigeria, which has a general election next month, was one possible offender. The sources said Iran was offering discounts on the \$29 a barrel basic price set by OPEC in London four months ago.

Saudi Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani said his country favored maintaining

the basic price at \$29 a barrel. Asked if the ministers discussed revising the quota, Yamani said, "We will maintain the ceiling for the price. If demand goes up sharply, we will meet any time."

"At this conference we will keep it as it is," he said.

Yamani stressed the price would aim "to consolidate what we have gained from the agreement."

He said Saudi Arabia was producing 4 million barrels a day, about 300,000 barrels more than in March.

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