

# Mondale, Hart both fear second Reagan term

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 NEW YORK — Democratic rivals Walter Mondale and Gary Hart made peace Tuesday, saying a "profound fear of a second Reagan term" will heal their differences and unite their party for the fall election. While Hart said he will not drop his bid for the nomination because his delegates deserve an option at the Democratic National Convention next month, the two said they will talk later about the possibility of Hart being Mondale's running mate. The once-bitter rivals met for nearly two hours in a millionaire friend's townhouse just off Park Avenue, as 200 reporters and photographers jammed the street outside awaiting their joint appearance. Hart and Mondale exchanged angry charges and counter-charges during the long primary season, but called each other life-long friends af-

ter the meeting. In Mondale's words, "The things that divide us are modest compared with the things that divide us from President Reagan." "Neither of us accused each other of witchcraft, which Mr. Bush accused Mr. Reagan of four years ago," Hart said in a reference to candidate George Bush's description of candidate Ronald Reagan's economic program as "voodoo economics." "I think the reports of conflict or animosity or hostility have been over-reported," Hart said. While Hart and Mondale both said they will have further discussions later, they called it premature to talk of a Mondale-Hart ticket while both are formal candidates for the nomination. As of Tuesday, Mondale had 2,065 delegates, with 1,967 needed for nomination. Hart had 1,249 and

Jesse Jackson 340, with the remainder uncommitted or pledged to other candidates. Mondale said he will get in touch with Jackson when the black candidate returns from a tour of Central America and Cuba, and set up a meeting with his other rival for the nomination. Throughout their news conference on the front stoop of the home of movie producer Arthur Krim, Mondale and Hart spoke almost with one voice of the things they have in common. "Walter Mondale and I are united by two principle objectives," Hart said. He said one is the "fundamental values of the Democratic Party," and the other is "our profound fear of a second Reagan term." "We will do everything in our power to see that Ronald Reagan does not have a second term

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## Medal of Freedom awarded

# Reagan honors civilian

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 WASHINGTON — President Reagan posthumously honored Sen. Henry Jackson with the nation's highest civilian award Tuesday, praising the Democrat as a "bipartisan patriot" who championed a firm and realistic foreign policy. "Henry Jackson was a protector of the nation — a protector of its freedoms and values," Reagan said in a Rose Garden ceremony bestowing the Presidential Medal of Freedom on the senator from Washington state who twice sought the Democratic presidential nomination. "Henry Jackson understood that there is great good in the world and great evil, too — that there are saints and sinners among us," Reagan said. Jackson, nicknamed "Scoop" in childhood, died of a heart attack Sept. 1. He was 71. Reagan also urged Senate Republican leader Howard Baker to make room for Jackson's portrait in a Senate conference room where likenesses of five senators — selected 20 years ago by a Senate group as the best in history — are displayed. The five are Robert Taft, Robert LaFollette, John C. Calhoun, Daniel Webster and Henry Clay. Reagan offered to un-

veil the Jackson portrait when it is completed. The ceremony came as Reagan stepped up a week of meetings and ceremonial events that reflect the Rose Garden strategy his advisers are determined to follow until the campaign heats up this fall. The guest list included prominent members of the American Jewish community — an important political constituency for Reagan — as well as members of Congress and the Cabinet. Jackson's wife, Helen, accepted the medal. A liberal on many issues, Jackson was one of Israel's strongest allies in Congress and — like Reagan — took a hard-line stand toward the Soviet Union. The president dubbed his Central America aid package "the Jackson plan" after the 40-year veteran of Congress and others persuaded him to have a bipartisan commission assess the economic and military needs of the region. Reagan, whose handling of military and foreign affairs has produced major confrontations with Congress, praised Jackson as "the great bipartisan politician of our time."

"His sense of bipartisanship was not only natural and complete, it was courageous," Reagan said. "He wanted to be president. But I think he must have known that his outspoken ideas on the security of the nation would deprive him of the chance to be his party's nominee in 1972 and 1976." Reagan, who has sought to attract conservative Democrats into his political camp, used the ceremony to offer a veiled invitation. "I'm deeply proud, as he would have been, to have Jackson Democrats serve in my administration," he said. "I'm proud that some of them have found a home here." Earlier in the day, Reagan — at 73 the oldest man to occupy the Oval Office — joked about his age as he saluted 200 of his fellow senior citizens for their volunteer activities. The East Room ceremony afforded him an opportunity to again dismiss suggestions that he may be too old for another term. "They always talk about presidents aging in office. And, of course, like everyone else, we do," he said. "But I also think that if you enjoy this office and the great debates of the day, then you'll stay young."

# Jackson meets with Fidel Castro

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 HAVANA — Jesse Jackson met Tuesday with Cuban President Fidel Castro in expectation of securing the release of Cuban political prisoners and Americans held in Cuban jails as a human rights gesture from the communist leader. Jackson and Castro began a scheduled 3½-hour meeting at the huge, modern Palace of the Revolution in late afternoon. They initially sat at a long conference table with about 30 aides and advisers and planned a later private session of several hours. Jackson said earlier he had gotten "good vibrations" from Castro and had "very high" hopes of securing the prisoner release. He met with the top U.S. diplomat in Havana to discuss setting up the machinery for a release should Castro agree to it. The two leaders planned a public statement at the conclusion of their talks, expected about 7 p.m. EDT. Among those sitting with Castro and Jackson at the conference table were top Cuban officials, including Ramon Sanchez Parodi, chief of the Cuban diplomatic office in Washington, who set up Jackson's unusual visit to Havana. Also present was Rep. Mervyn Dymally, D-Calif., and his two teenage sons, Yusef and Jonathan. Castro paid Jackson the unusual honor of meeting him personally at Jose Martí Airport Monday night when Jackson, a Democratic presidential candidate, arrived.

"We had good vibrations. It was not difficult to communicate," Jackson told reporters on a sight-seeing tour of Havana Tuesday. "I get the sense that Castro really understands the advantages of relating to the United States," he said. Aides said Jackson took two lists of prisoners to his meeting with Castro, who has ruled the Caribbean island nation for more than 25 years. One list has names of 21 Cuban political prisoners given him by Cuban-American groups, and the other contains names of 23 Americans in Cuban jails for various crimes. "I think it is important that Mr. Castro send a message to Cuban-Americans to give them the assurances they need," Jackson said. "I think it is important that all of us do what we can to rebuild families again. We shall make an appeal to release as many political prisoners as we can." Before seeing Castro, Jackson met with John Ferch, head of the U.S. interest Section in Havana, in an effort to "put the apparatus in motion" for release of the prisoners if he succeeds in securing it. In Washington, a State Department spokesman said, "Obviously, if the Cubans decided to move on this issue, we would be helpful and would move expeditiously also."

# Panel urges affirmative action OK

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 WASHINGTON — A bipartisan panel of former high-ranking government officials Tuesday urged President Reagan to reverse what its chairman called "open hostility to lukewarmness" toward affirmative action programs. The private Citizens' Commission on Civil Rights issued a 184-page report saying affirmative action remedies, with the backing of several administrations, led to significant improvement in the occupational status of minorities and women. "Beginning in 1981, the executive branch reversed its position," the panel chairman Arthur Flemming, former secretary of health, education and welfare and a former chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. The report was financed by grants from the Rockefeller Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation. "Our strongest recommendation is that President Reagan re-examine his position of opposition to affirmative action policies developed and implemented by his five predecessors," the report said. It said the administration's stance "has encouraged opposition and decreased the protections of the law available to persons who have been subjected to discrimination." In a statement accompanying the report, Flemming said the recommendations "are all designed to reverse the tone set by the present administration of open hostility to lukewarmness to the development and vigorous enforcement of affirmative action plans."

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