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The long line of cars parked near Heaton Hall on Ross Street gives some indication to the

amount of activity going on this week during late registration.

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Bush encourages GOP moderates

United Press International

DALLAS — Vice President George Bush tried Tuesday to dispel doubts that the Republican ticket is so conservative there is no room for GOP moderates and said even liberal Massachusetts "is fertile Reagan country."

"The Republican Party has never been more united in the last 40 years," Bush told the Bay State delegation to the Republican National Convention.

Bush was born in Milton, Mass., and reared in Connecticut, which sent his father, the late Prescott Bush, to the Senate. After serving in World War II he moved to Texas, made a fortune in the oil business and went into politics.

The vice president spoke to the Massachusetts delegation, which claims him as a native son and includes his sister, Nancy Bush Ellis.

"There is absolutely no way that anyone with any authority at any level in the Reagan-Bush campaign would do anything but run to win in Massachusetts. ... It is fertile Reagan country," Bush said.

The Reagan-Bush ticket carried the state by a whisker in 1980, although it has a record of liberal and moderate politics. Jimmy Carter

won the state in 1976 and George McGovern in 1972.

Bush, holding the convention spotlight until President Reagan arrives in Dallas on Wednesday, has been campaigning from dawn to midnight this week, concentrating on delegate groups — women, blacks, Jews, moderates — and revving up delegates with a message of optimism.

He holds a news conference on foreign policy later Tuesday and greets former President Ford at an evening gala.

On Monday Bush attacked "fringe" elements in the party as the "severest critics of the president" who are "irrelevant" and not even Republicans.

An aide said Bush was angry about National Conservative Political Action Committee leader Terry Dolan's suggestion that moderates and liberals leave the GOP. Bush also had in mind mass mail king Richard Viguerie, who devoted an issue of his magazine, Conservative Digest, earlier this year to savaging Bush as too liberal for the Reagan administration, the aide said.

Mondale riding out tide of bad publicity

United Press International

NORTH OAKS, Minn. — While Republicans basked in prime-time television Tuesday, Democrat Walter Mondale stayed at home and tried to get his uphill presidential campaign rolling.

Mondale conferred with advisers and hoped the tax disclosure by running mate Geraldine Ferraro and her husband, real estate investor John Zaccaro, would end nagging financial questions about the couple that has dogged his drive for the White House.

The Democrat, with polls showing that he is behind President Reagan, is mapping out plans and preparing new campaign ads during the four-day Republican National Convention in Dallas that ends Thursday.

Aides said Mondale will be watch-

ing the convention, where Republicans are hailing Reagan's record and predicting victory this fall, in preparation for his return to the campaign trail Friday with a visit to Springfield, Ill.

Campaign chairman Jim Johnson also expressed hope that the public would agree with Mondale's assessment that the financial records show no wrongdoing and now focus on other issues.

"We believe that when they (the public) have looked at the materials ... they will come to the conclusion that she has done nothing that violates the public trust and that she and her husband are people of integrity, and move onto the issues that are so profound between the Mondale-Ferraro ticket and the Reagan-Bush ticket," Johnson said.

Heat hinders convention protestors

United Press International

DALLAS — A camping area for anti-Reagan protesters, which once boasted 1,500 demonstrators gathering for the Republican National Convention this week, was virtually empty on Tuesday — the victim of blistering August heat.

Police reported that only 25-30 people of the original 1,500 remained at Tent City, the Trinity River bottoms camping area about one mile west of the city's convention center where Republicans are meeting this week.

"For all intents and purposes it (the campsite) has been shut down,"

said Dr. Jesse Jones of Dallas' Progressive Voter League, which participated in Tent City protests.

Record high temperatures, including a record 108-degree reading on Sunday, played a key part in depleting the ranks of the campers. The National Weather Service predicted temperatures Tuesday would climb to 100 degrees.

About 1,000 protesters with Associated Community Organizations for Reform Now packed up their striped tents and headed home as planned Monday. Others had been taken into the homes of sympathetic Dallas residents.

The remaining 100 or so protesters may take over a city park in search of shade, said Les Ledbetter of the Dallas March and Rally Committee.

Represented by a Wisconsin lawyer, the anti-Reagan demonstrators made an unsuccessful bid in federal court Monday to force the city to move them to air-conditioned surroundings or at least let them camp in a tree-shaded park.

U.S. District Judge Barefoot Sanders reminded the protesters they agreed to camp in the rocky Trinity River bottoms.

Ledbetter said city officials "certainly knew" when it negotiated with protesters in June for a protest camp area that temperatures during the convention would be at record levels.

Also on Monday, a leftist anti-Khomeini faction calling itself the "Army of the Masses" clashed with 300 protesting Iranian monarchists in the first violence to mar the convention.

Police quickly separated the combatants, who were armed with placards and clubs.

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