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Campaigns officially start

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California's 47 electoral votes lured both President Reagan and Democratic nominee Walter Mondale Monday on the traditional Labor Day opening of the 1984 presidential campaign.

Neither they, nor their running mates, Vice President George Bush and Rep. Geraldine Ferraro, wasted time in initiating political attacks at the start of the nine-week campaign season. But there was sharp contrast in campaign styles.

Reagan's entourage rolled through the communities of conservative Orange County to well-organized rallies complete with big crowds — an estimated 50,000 in Fountain Valley — red, white and blue helium balloons, placards, signs and chants of "Four More Years."

Mondale and Ferraro, after marching in a poorly attended Labor Day parade in Manhattan, flew to an enthusiastic crowd in tiny Merrill, Wis., and rode in a 1958 Ford Fairlane convertible to a campaign rally there before completing their cross-country journey in Long Beach, Calif.

Only Bush was off on his own in Lemont, Ill., where he attacked Mondale's "low-road campaign" that he said would return America to "the nightmare of Jimmy Carter."

"Four years ago today, a Democratic administration attempted to raise a smoke screen to obscure one of the sorriest economic records in the history of the United States," Bush said. "In their desperation, they tried to make Ronald Reagan into something he wasn't and isn't. They used the worst demagoguery on the issue of war and peace."

Reagan told thousands of loyalists at Cupertino, Calif.:

"Today, we set out to achieve a victory for the future over the past, for opportunity over retreat, for hope over despair, and to move up to all that is possible and not down to that which we fear."

"You ain't seen nothing yet."

In a swipe at Mondale, he said, "The future we are building is not about promises, but about promise."

Maureen Reagan, the president's daughter, filled her role as chief family cheerleader with an admonition against complacency.

"We may be a few points ahead," she said, "but we're running like we're 10 points behind."

In Merrill, a town of 10,000, an estimated 10,000 people turned out in a light rain to cheer Mondale and Ferraro.

Observers said people had come in from surrounding towns to see the Democrats and attend an antique car rally.

Mondale accused Reagan of an "uncaring, icy indifference to American society."

"I don't believe a president should just serve all the people in his country club," he said. "I believe a president should serve all the people in the country."

Mondale and Ferraro both continued to attack Reagan for attempting to impose religious views on the American people.

"We are the most religious people on earth ... we don't need politicians who tell us how to pray," Mondale said. "Those who seek to inject government and politics into religion ... seem to be saying the people can't be trusted."



Silver Taps tonight

Photo by Dean Saito

Bruce Dean Goodrich, 20, Webster, N.Y., sophomore, electrical engineering, August 30.
James William (Bill) Robinson, 22, Round Rock, senior, journalism, August 27.
Jay Warren Hanks, 23, Franklin, junior, civil engineering, August 25.
Paul Wayne Roof, 25, San Antonio, junior, biomedical engineering, July 1.

Christy Allyson Cobb, 19, Allen, freshman, psychology, June 12.
Michele Elizabeth Neckar, 21, Lorena, senior, agriculture-economics, April 8.
Mark Thomas O'Brien, 26, San Antonio, veterinary medicine, April 8.
Mark B. Kelley, 20, Houston, sophomore, general studies, April 4.

Bomb kills three in railway station

United Press International

MONTREAL — A bomb explosion ripped through the city's main train station packed with Labor Day holiday travelers Monday, killing at least three people and injuring 29 others. Police said the blast may have been a warning against a visit next week by Pope John Paul II.

Police said the 10:23 a.m. EDT blast originated in a bank of baggage lockers that blew 120 feet across Montreal's Central Station, scattering burning luggage and debris and shattering windows of a hotel built over the terminal.

The blast came on the eve of national elections and followed the discovery last Friday of a note that apparently was intended as a threat against Pope John Paul II, who is scheduled to arrive in Montreal next Sunday to begin a 11-day visit to Canada.

The rambling, barely coherent hand-printed letter was found by a ticket agent in the station and turned over to police. It said in part:

"9:30 a.m. September 3, 1984. End of the unholy Vatican. Kill popes! Fry bloody papacy! First 18 popes died violently. Pope Leo issued the tomos. First to die peacefully in his bed."

Police said they considered the letter evidence in the case. Police spokesman Pierre Vezina said "the letter revealed a lot of targets and we investigated right away."

Harry Smith, a Winnipeg-bound visitor from New Zealand, who was standing about 90 feet from the explosion, said "people were screaming and yelling and running, and police ordered everyone to get out — and we got out."

Another witness, Marcel Brais, said, "I heard the explosion and it was terrific. I saw balls of fire and suddenly I saw a cloud around the surroundings where the

bomb exploded."

Spokesmen for Montreal Police and the Urgence Sante ambulance service said three people were pronounced dead at the scene and taken to the morgue.

Ambulance service supervisor Anthony Di Monte said 29 injured victims were taken to six hospitals. Most of the victims suffered burns, cuts and shock and one was unconscious, he said. Two of the injured were reported in serious condition.

The station, crowded with Labor Day travelers, was evacuated about an hour after the explosion, but police said an anonymous caller told police at 11:40 a.m. that a second bomb had been planted.

"There is no second bomb yet," Montreal Police spokesman Real Cantin said two hours later. "We'll continue the search but so far we haven't found anything."

Cantin said the bomb was planted in a locker close to a men's room, near an escalator leading down to the train platform. Some 125 Ottawa-bound travelers were nearby, lining up to take an escalator down to the train platform.

"We were just up off the platform from the train going to Toronto and all we heard was this massive explosion and all we could see was just black smoke (that) filled the station and people were panicking," said Via Rail employee Gary Johnston.

The blast, which was felt in several downtown Montreal skyscrapers, blew out shop windows on the lower level of the elegant Queen Elizabeth Hotel built above the station.

Ice still there, but no space walk

United Press International

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Flight controllers, worried about possible damage during the return to Earth, told the crew of the shuttle Discovery Monday a spacewalk might be required to chisel off a 10-pound ice chunk blocking an outside water nozzle.

The astronauts at first were told such a venture outside the cabin could occur today, but three hours later they were advised there will be no spacewalk today.

Left open was the possibility of a spacewalk Wednesday, with the mission being extended a day and landing on Thursday.

However, Henry Hartsfield, Michael Coats, Richard Mullane, Steven Hawley, Judy Resnik and Charles Walker remained scheduled to land at 6:39 a.m. PDT Wednesday at Edwards Air Force Base in California's Mojave Desert.

The astronauts were in no immediate danger because of the ice, but

the concern was that the 18-inch ice chunk, estimated to weigh 10 pounds, might break off during the return and damage the shuttle's tail section.

"I guess I've been concerned all along about the size of that thing and its implications for entry," commander Henry Hartsfield said after being informed of the options under consideration. "Apparently you've been worried about it too."

Flight director John Cox said the concern increased late Monday after an analysis by Rockwell International, builder of Discovery, suggested that such a big piece of ice breaking off at high speed could cause considerable damage to the ship.

Cox said the astronauts first probably will be asked to use the ship's robot arm to try to break off the ice. Astronaut Sally Ride, Hawley's wife and an arm expert, tried the procedure in a simulator in Houston and said visibility is bad for an arm knock

and she hoped something else would be tried.

Cox said the crew might also be asked to discharge water at a higher pressure or blow air through the line. He said a spacewalk would be the last resort.

"We'd probably only resort to that if we can't get enough off with the arm or these other techniques," Cox said.

Hartsfield suggested that he first fire the ship's big control jets to give Discovery "a few bangs" back and forth and up and down to try to dislodge the ice.

"Give it a few whacks," he said. "It can't hurt anything. Then tomorrow morning we'll see what it looks like."

Before being told there would not be a spacewalk Tuesday, astronauts Richard Mullane and Steven Hawley donned helmets to begin breathing pure oxygen to eliminate nitrogen bubbles in their blood — the bends — during a spacewalk. The ship's cabin pressure also was being low-

ered to prepare for a possible spacewalk.

Although a spacewalk was not planned for this mission, two members of each shuttle crew are trained for emergency spacewalks. The proper equipment is stored aboard Discovery for such an outside venture.

If a spacewalk is necessary, Cox said Mullane and Hawley have a hammer, chisel and pry bar to use to knock off the ice while standing on the end of the mechanical arm over the side of the ship.

Flight director Randy Stone said earlier in the day that the ice buildup was not considered a serious problem and an emergency spacewalk had not even been considered. But Cox said the later Rockwell study changed the situation.

Dick Richards in mission control gave the astronauts their first inking about 4:15 p.m. EDT Monday that a spacewalk was being considered.

Chicago printer wins biggest single lottery

United Press International

CHICAGO — A 28-year-old Chicago printer showed up Monday to claim the \$40 million Illinois Lotto jackpot, the biggest single lottery prize in the world.

Michael E. Wittkowski, wearing blue jeans and flanked by his smiling family, grinned broadly as he told a news conference he would share the windfall with his family and pay some bills. He also plans to get married.

"I'm going to pay off a few bills," Wittkowski said. "Beyond that, it's a family project. We're that close. We're a family."

"My lifestyle will probably not change," he said. "I've got a beautiful life with a family and a future fiancée."

Wittkowski's family routinely plays the lottery and he had been playing the same six numbers for several months, said Illinois Lotto Superintendent Michael Jones.

Joining Wittkowski at the podium was his girlfriend, Francine Pappas, 22, also of Chicago. The two plan to marry as soon as Pappas sets the date, Wittkowski said, and one of his first purchases will be an engagement ring.

Pappas said she's not dreaming of a multicarat diamond solitaire. "I'd settle with a little one," she said. "I don't care."

Wittkowski said he and his family — his father, Frank, his brother, Dan, and his sister, Eileen — spent about \$35 combined on the \$1 lottery tickets last week.

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