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Photo by FRANK IRWIN

The starting grid for Sunday's Texas Race of Champions awaits the call to start their engines at the Texas World

Speedway. More photos and a complete race summary will be in tomorrow's Battalion

Voter turnout big in Nicaragua; Reagan calls election 'phony'

United Press International

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — Nicaraguans turned out in large numbers to vote Sunday despite an opposition boycott of the first national elections since the ruling Sandinistas overthrew dictator Anastasio Somoza in 1979.

The candidates of the leftist Sandinista Front, who were expected to win overwhelmingly, called the elections in an attempt to legitimize their rule and avoid feared U.S. military action.

President Reagan paused Sunday from his campaigning for Tuesday's presidential elections to label Nicaragua's elections "phony." But Sandinista junta leader and presidential candidate Daniel Ortega called them Nicaragua's "first free elections."

An impressive government campaign to get out the vote appeared to be working in Managua and in provincial capitals where housewives, workers and uniformed soldiers waited for hours in sweltering heat

to cast votes for candidates representing seven political parties.

A president, vice-president and a 90-member Constituent Assembly that will write a new constitution will be elected. Preliminary election results are not expected before Monday and winners will be announced Wednesday.

The presidential and vice presidential terms are for six years.

"This is a great experience for us," said Ortega as he cast his vote in Managua six minutes after the polls opened. "It is the first time in Nicaraguan history that we are really voting. It is a historic moment for our people."

As voters lined up at neighborhood poll stations throughout the nation, the government reported U.S.-backed "counterrevolutionary" rebels Saturday ambushed and killed four Sandinista soldiers in Quilali, Nueva Segovia province, 162 miles north of Managua.

The two strongest rebel groups

fighting to overthrow the Sandinista government had called an election-day truce, and the government charges could not be independently confirmed. No incidents were reported Sunday.

The Sandinistas say they expect 80 percent of some 1.55 million registered voters in the nation of 3 million people to hand them a landslide victory over the minor opposition candidates, most belonging to parties that support the government.

The main opposition group, the Democratic Coordinating Council, boycotted the elections, charging voter intimidation and lack of electoral fairness.

"I imagine that the Committee for Sandinista Defense is here, watching and checking to see who is voting," said a government worker who refused to give his name at Managua's "Los Angeles barrio" polling place.

Lottery worker Caetano Sanchez disagreed.

"Well, yes, a lot of people are here

because they think the committee is checking or that they are going to take away their ration cards, but that isn't true," Sanchez said.

Sgt. Maj. Alejandro Castillo, wearing olive-drab fatigues and a day's growth of grey whiskers, said with a wide grin, "The (Coordinating) Council is the cancer of the revolution. With these free, democratic elections, we are going to get rid of it."

And in the lakeside city of Granada, a cigar-chomping woman named Alicia Chamorro smiled and said, "I'm for the (Sandinista) Front. I'm for Daniel!" — a view voiced by many workers and peasants.

Timed deliberately two days before U.S. elections, the Sandinistas feel they will be in a stronger position against "imperialist aggression" with an elected government in place.

Ortega has charged repeatedly, including in a U.N. address Oct. 15,

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About 2,600 will graduate Dec. 7, 8

By KARI FLUEGEL

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Graduating seniors are counting down. The end is in sight. Only 33 more days until graduation.

About 2,600 students — 2,200 undergraduates and 400 graduate students — will receive their degrees Dec. 7 and 8 in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Karen Price, a staff assistant with the Registrar's Office, said the number of students graduating this semester is a slight increase over last year. Less students are applying for

graduation, but more of those applying are meeting the qualifications, Price said.

Students who will graduate Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. include graduate students (all masters and doctoral candidates) and undergraduates in the colleges of agriculture, architecture, business and geosciences. Students graduating from Texas A&M at Galveston also will receive their degrees at that time.

Students in the colleges of education, engineering, liberal arts, science and veterinary medicine will

graduate Dec. 8 at 9 a.m.

The College of Medicine has no December degree candidates.

At this time, no speakers are scheduled for the commencement services, but Sheran Riley, assistant to President Frank Vandiver, said speakers will probably be scheduled at a later time.

Grades for graduating students are due Nov. 30 at 4 p.m., Price said. Grades will be mailed Dec. 3, but students can pick up a copy of their grades Dec. 4 in the Pavilion.

The clear list will be posted at 8

a.m. on Dec. 5. Those students with red dots beside their names have until noon on Dec. 6 to clear any blocks.

Preregistration is the start of the process for those students graduating in May, Price said.

During the preregistration process, those graduating in May should stop by the specified table in the Pavilion so that their diploma fee will be included with their fee statement. If students fail to have the fee included on their fee slips, they must pay their diploma fee at the Fiscal Office in the Coke Building.

Democrats keeps plugging on in Memphis

Reagan visits Mondale's backyard

United Press International

President Reagan, smelling a 50-state landslide in Tuesday's election, made an unscheduled stop in Walter Mondale's home state of Minnesota Sunday to ask for votes in the state his Democratic rival has the best chance of winning.

Reagan's last minute political maneuver came as poll after poll showed a big win for the conservative president. The final Washington Post-ABC poll showed Reagan ahead 57 percent to 39 percent with a strong lead in 45 states and a chance of capturing all 50.

With Reagan's re-election seemingly assured, Republican thoughts turned to coattail power, especially in close Senate races where GOP in-

cumbents Charles Percy of Illinois and Jesse Helms of North Carolina were seen clinging to narrow leads, while a third, Roger Jepsen of Iowa, was slightly behind. No Democratic Senate incumbents were in trouble in final polls.

But there was no veil of doom in the Democratic camp as Mondale fought on despite the odds.

Speaking from the pulpit of a black Baptist church in Memphis, Mondale invoked the memory of Martin Luther King Jr. and said the Reagan administration "has turned its back on civil rights."

"This crowd can hear the faintest drum, but they can't hear the cry of a hungry child in the street," Mondale, told the congregation.

Reagan spoke to reporters in Rochester, Minn., during a hastily arranged airport news conference, with Air Force One waiting outside to whisk him on to St. Louis. Reagan said he could not resist the temptation to stop in Mondale's backyard, "particularly when I know my opponent's spending so much time in California."

"Everyone knows that we've never written off any state nor taken any state for granted. ... We've never taken the voters for granted," Reagan said.

Reagan sought to dismiss any notion that his second term might bring an increase in taxes, reiterating a firm stand against any boost in rates while offering a more ambigu-

ous explanation for what might be expected from a long-awaited tax reform study nearing completion by the Treasury Department.

Both Mondale and Reagan wound up Midwest campaigning Sunday and headed for California where the president will spend Election Day at his ranch. Mondale will fly home to Minnesota for the voting.

Vice President George Bush was heading home to Texas for some final campaigning while Geraldine Ferraro campaigned in Michigan and planned a final swing through New England before going home to New York.

Reagan's unscheduled stop in

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Gandhi gets new cabinet, more fighting

United Press International

NEW DELHI, India — Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi named a new Cabinet Sunday and fired the lieutenant governor of Delhi for failing to suppress four days of murder, arson and looting against Sikhs by Hindu mobs avenging the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

Thousands of terrified Sikhs cowered in makeshift refugee camps and prayed for deliverance from mob violence that left their homes and businesses in flames and more than 1,100 people dead across northern India.

"We were the middle class yesterday," said Darshin Singh, one of 15,000 Sikhs who took refuge at a Delhi secondary school. "Today we are beggars. This is what they have done to us. We have nothing. We are destroyed."

Mother Teresa, the Nobel Peace Prize winner, read a prayer asking for harmony Sunday before 2,000 people set out on a "peace march" through areas of the capitol torn by communal violence.

Officials said the level of violence across the nation of 720 million people had fallen off sharply since Gandhi was cremated Saturday in a ritual Hindu ceremony on the banks of the holy Yamuna River.

An official announcement said her ashes would be scattered over the Himalayas in northern India Nov. 11 after being taken across In-

dia in special trains to give mourners a chance to bid farewell to the woman who led the world's most populous democracy for 15 of the past 18 years.

Gandhi, 66, a Hindu, was assassinated Wednesday by two of her trusted Sikh bodyguards in apparent retaliation for an army assault June 6 on the Sikh's holiest shrine, the Golden Temple of Amritsar, that left at least 600 dead.

One of the assailants was killed by other security agents while the other was severely wounded and is hospitalized under heavy guard.

The assassination triggered an explosion of violence by enraged Hindus, who looted shops, set fire to buildings and hunted and killed Sikhs in their homes, in the streets and on trains. More than 500 of the deaths occurred in the capital.

Nine more bodies were found Sunday in a local shuttle train at the Maripat Station near Ghaziabad on the eastern outskirts of New Delhi, the Press Trust of India reported. Scores of bodies of Sikhs were found on Delhi-bound trains Friday at the height of the rioting.

Reports of rioting and death from areas outside New Delhi continued to reach the capital, but the violence appeared to be declining across the country and officials say they hoped the worst of the sectarian violence was over.

Gandhi's son and successor as

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County polling places set in Tuesday election

Listed below are the polling places for each voting precinct in Brazos County:

• Voters in precinct 1 vote at the Millican Community Center

• Precinct 2 — Wellborn Water Supply Building, Green's Prairie Road

• Precinct 3 — S.P.J.S.T. Hall at Smetana

• Precinct 4 — Carver School, 1401 W. 19th St.

• Precinct 5 — Fellowship Hall, East Building, Tabor Road

• Precinct 6 — Edge Community Center, Edge School House Road

• Precinct 7 — Steep Hollow Community Center, FM 1179

• Precinct 8 — South Knoll Elementary School, 1220 Boswell

• Precinct 9 — College Station Community Center, 1300 Jersey St.

• Precinct 10 — College Station Police Station, 2611 Texas Ave.

• Precinct 11 — Crockett Elementary School, 401 Elm Ave.

• Precinct 12 — Sul Ross Elementary School, 3300 Parkway Terrace

• Precinct 13 — Henderson Elementary School, 801 Matous Dr.

• Precinct 14 — Ben Milam Elementary School, 1201 Ridgedale St.

• Precinct 15 — Fannin Elementary School, 501 S. Baker St.

• Precinct 16 — Bowie Elementary School, 401 W. 26th St.

• Precinct 17 — Travis Elementary School, 901 E. 25th St.

• Precinct 18 — Bryan Central Fire Station, 801 N. Bryan St.

• Precinct 19 — Bonham Elementary School, 2801 Wilkes Dr.

• Precinct 20 — Memorial Student Center, Rooms 140 & 140A

• Precinct 21 — Hensel Park Clubhouse

• Precinct 22 — Army Reserve Center, 511 Carson Street

• Precinct 23 — L.B.J. Elementary School, 3800 Oak Hill Dr.

• Precinct 24 — College Hills Elementary School, 101 Williams St.

• Precinct 25 — American Legion Hall, 2301 Texas 21 E.

• Precinct 26 — Bryan High School, 3401 E. 29th St.

• Precinct 27 — Bright Light Baptist Church, Harvey Road

• Precinct 28 — Peach Creek Community Center, Rock Prairie Road

• Precinct 29 — Brushy Community Center, Brushy Lane at FM 60

• Precinct 30 — Fellowship Hall, West Building, Tabor Road

• Precinct 31 — A&M Consolidated High School, 701 W. Loop S. (Nueces Dr. entrance)

• Precinct 32 — College Station Fire Station No. 2, 2100 Rio Grande Drive (includes part of County Precinct 2)

• Precinct 33 — College Station Lincoln Center, 1000 Eleanor St.

• Precinct 34 — College Station Central Fire Station, 1101 Texas Ave.

• Precinct 35 — College Station Municipal Building, 101 Church St.

• Precinct 36 — V.F.W. Hall, 1447 FM 2818

• Precinct 37 — Bryan Municipal Golf Course Clubhouse, 206 W. Villa Maria Rd.

• Precinct 38 — Castle Heights Baptist Church, Texas 21 E.

Texas A&M students living on the south side of campus will vote in precinct 20 and students on the north side and in Northgate area apartments will vote in precinct 35. For more information about voting, call the Brazos County Courthouse at 775-7400.

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