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Department unveils proposal to help migrant farm workers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Labor Secretary Ann McLaughlin announced a \$14.8 million plan Monday to meet the emergency survival needs of thousands of migrant and seasonal farm workers devastated by the drought.

But Rep. Albert Bustamante, D-Texas, himself a migrant worker for 23 years, said the Labor Department's package is not enough to help migrant workers stranded across the drought-parched Midwest without a job or enough money to finance the return trip home.

"When you're looking at the amount of money big farmers, agri-conglomerates are getting, they really are not providing for the bottom-rung people who do the harvesting and stoop labor," Bustamante said.

"They should have been more fair in trying to bring relief to these people," he said.

Bustamante said he had sought \$20 million to \$25 million, which would have come closer to "meeting short-term survival needs."

A \$3.9 billion package of drought assistance for farmers, ranchers and dairy producers passed the Senate on Monday and could receive final legislative approval as early as today in the House.

Bustamante said he was working with Majority Whip Tony Coelho of California and House Agriculture Committee Chairman Kika de la Garza to free more money for the migrant workers.

McLaughlin promised the Labor Department would marshal funds for "emergency and supportive serv-

ices" and said the agency would be flexible and quick in making decisions about spending.

She is also writing to state governors and agencies to recommend "special employment services and unemployment insurance consideration for migrant farm workers."

"The severe drought in some parts of the nation has had a devastating effect on migrant farm workers and their families," McLaughlin said in a statement. "Some are stranded without work or money to return home, while others face extreme hardship at their home base."

McLaughlin said she has authorized existing migrant worker programs operating under Labor Department grants to use up to 15 percent of their current funding for emergency services such as health

care, transportation and temporary shelter. The agency said that amount up to \$9.5 million must be spent.

She said another \$5 million has been set aside from a Job Training Partnership Act reserve account for displaced workers used specifically for migrant farm workers hurt by the drought.

She said a \$300,000 discretionary fund is being set up to provide emergency and supportive services for areas that have exhausted other resources.

The Labor Department also said portions of some states may be declared disaster areas, triggering disaster unemployment insurance programs.

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Bush calls Dukakis 'stealth candidate' with vague policies

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — George Bush, teeing off on his Democratic opponent during a rare pre-convention platform appearance, accused Michael Dukakis Monday of being "the stealth candidate," pushing policies that "can be neither seen nor heard."

The Republican vice president promised he would campaign on a crystal-clear statement of party principles.

Dukakis — whose lead in the national polls has triggered an avalanche of Bush attacks in the past week — tended to state business in Boston with an eye on the fall campaign.

He told reporters he was not going to respond "every day to what some speechwriter has put in front of Mr. Bush."

"George Bush has some of the highest negatives ever recorded in the history of American politics and I think one of the reasons for it is people have seen his campaign as an essentially negative campaign," Dukakis said.

anything that will help build up a TV audience."

Bush has said he will withhold his choice until the last day of the convention, and his only comment Monday was, "Still working on it."

He was equally uninformative at a family dinner Sunday night in Kennebunkport, Maine, where he had spent the weekend.

"We went around the table last night at dinner," Bush said. "Some popped off and argued. I sat silent, like a sphynx." According to his oldest son, George W. Bush, "We bombarded him at dinner. Nothing. No expression on his face."

President Reagan, warming to his role as Bush campaigner, boasted of the accomplishments of the past seven years of Republican control of the White House, though he stayed away from the specifics of the Bush-Dukakis match-up in a speech to the nation's governors in Cincinnati.

"Our states, like our citizens, have known the blessings of the longest peacetime economic expansion on record," Reagan said. "In the last seven and one-half years, we have broken the federal government of its compulsion to control every breath the states take."

Bush and Reagan are not scheduled to appear together at next week's convention, but the vice president said a joint airport appearance was possible on the second day of the meeting.

Cease-fire declared in Angolan war zone

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — South Africa, Cuba and Angola Monday declared an immediate cease-fire in the 13-year Angolan war. South Africa also said it plans to begin granting independence to South-West Africa on Nov. 1.

Foreign Minister Pik Botha cautioned, however, that more talks are needed to reach agreement on a mutual date for the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola and independence for South-West Africa, commonly known as Namibia.

Botha said South Africa, Cuba, Angola and mediators from the United States will seek to set a date when they hold peace talks the week of Aug. 22 at a site still to be announced.

"A de facto cessation of hostilities (in Angola) is now in effect," Botha told a news conference in Pretoria.

"This is the first step of a very long, arduous road to peace."

Angola's Marxist government later said it had accepted the agreement along with its Cuban allies. Its Foreign Ministry statement was reported by Angola's official Angop news agency and monitored in Lisbon. Angola is a former Portuguese colony.

The Cuban government news agency Prensa Latina said an agreement in principle ending fighting in Namibia and granting Namibia independence this year has been converted into a permanent treaty and goes into force at once.

It said in a dispatch from Havana, monitored in Mexico City, that Cuba, Angola and South Africa agreed in Geneva last week to make the tentative 14-point agreement reached in July in New York "an official treaty."

The South-West African People's Organization (SWAPO), which has fought since 1966 for Namibian in-

dependence, said it would abide by the cease-fire pact.

But the Angolan rebel movement UNITA (the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola) said, "There can be no effective cease-fire in Angola if UNITA's position is not taken into account."

Neither SWAPO nor UNITA was involved in the direct peace negotiations.

Jonas Savimbi's UNITA has said it will not be bound by any agreement unless UNITA is brought into negotiations. It seeks a power-sharing accord with the Angolan government, which refuses to negotiate with it.

In Washington, the State Department released a joint statement in the name of Cuba, Angola and South Africa, stating that the parties set a Sept. 1 deadline for agreement on a timetable for the total withdrawal of Cuban troops.

Other U.S. officials said they believe agreement is possible if Cuba and Angola drop their insistence on a four-year withdrawal time frame and agree to an 18-month to 24-month withdrawal period.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Cuba and Angola also would have to agree on a substantial Cuban troop withdrawal during the early phases.

The developments followed last week's fifth round of peace talks held in Geneva.

Botha said South Africa planned to pull its estimated 3,000 troops out of Angola by Sept. 1.

South Africa and the United States Africa and its fight against the Angolan government

World briefs

Senate passes drought-assistance bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate voted 92-0 on Monday to approve the \$3.9 billion drought-assistance bill, a wide-ranging measure that would be the most expensive disaster-relief legislation for agriculture ever passed by Congress.

The bill would extend help to hundreds of thousands of growers and ranchers. It is expected to receive final congressional approval from the House, and perhaps as early as Tuesday, and President Reagan is expected to sign it quickly.

"This bill is a compassionate response from the heart of the American people," Sen. Patrick

Court says abortion law constitutional

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A Minnesota law requiring pregnant minors to notify their parents or secure court clearance before having an abortion is constitutional, a divided 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Monday.

The opinion reversed a ruling last year by a three-judge panel of the same court. The earlier opinion had upheld a finding by the U.S. District Court in Minnesota that the law was unconstitutional.

The law, which took effect on Aug. 1, 1981, was suspended in November 1986 by U.S. District Judge Donald Alsop, who ruled unconstitutional the law's requirement that a pregnant girl under

Duchess of York gives birth to girl

LONDON (AP) — The Duchess of York gave birth Monday to a daughter, the first child for her and her husband, Prince Andrew, and the fifth in line to the British throne, Buckingham Palace announced.

The child, who weighed six pounds, 12 ounces, and the mother, the former Sarah Ferguson, are doing well, the palace said.

Andrew, the Duke of York and second son of Queen Elizabeth II, was with his wife when she was "safely delivered of a daughter at 8:18 p.m. today," the palace said.

In May, Andrew said the child would be named Annabel.

Tropical storm rains pelt Louisiana

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Tropical storm Beryl blanketed south Louisiana with rain on Monday, but the vice president's pre-convention day trip to New Orleans came off as planned.

Thousands of workers from Louisiana marshes and offshore oil rigs were evacuated as a precaution while the storm hovered along the Gulf of Mexico coast.

South Louisiana, with more than half of the state's population, was warned of possible flooding by Tuesday morning, especially in coastal communities.

"We're on cautious alert now and we don't expect to go beyond that," said Andy Valence, mayor

Meese allows partial newspaper merger

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Detroit News and Detroit Free Press will be allowed to merge their business and production operations because the smaller Free Press was in danger of financial failure stemming from years of steady and apparently irreversible losses, Attorney General Edwin Meese III said Monday.

Meese rejected the recommendation of a Justice Department administrative law judge who said the two newspapers' pricing policies were unrealistic.

Meese, however, said there was little prospect for the Free Press to return to profitability in Detroit's highly competitive market.

Meese said the losses were manipulated but came from competition.

of Grand Isle, La., a coastal town about 40 miles south of New Orleans.

The National Weather Service said the storm was located about 50 miles from New Orleans and its behavior was expected to be slow and erratic into Tuesday.

Tropical storm warnings were posted from Morgan City, La., to Pensacola, Fla.

The National Weather Service said small vessels from Port O'Connor, Texas, eastward to Pensacola should remain in port.

Beryl began forming inland over Lake Pontchartrain, which borders New Orleans