

# Presidential rivals Bush, Dukakis sport campaign themes at rallies

**From Associated Press**  
 Presidential rivals George Bush and Michael Dukakis campaigned on opposite sides of the country on Labor Day, with Bush linking his Democratic opponent to Jane Fonda and "the liberal left," and Dukakis asking, "Can we afford four more years" of Republican economic policies.

Vice presidential nominees Lloyd Bentsen and Dan Quayle also were on the road Monday for the symbolic kickoff of the fall campaign, using the opportunity to find fault with the heads of the opposition tickets.

With little more than two months remaining before Election Day, the rival candidates tested campaign themes at rallies in key states.

Republican nominee Bush was in California where he said the campaign is "foremost about jobs and peace. It's about protecting the gains we've made in jobs and peace and it's about how to make new breakthroughs in both areas."

Dukakis told a holiday rally in Detroit "the time has come to bring prosperity home to every home in

every neighborhood in America. The time has come to stop ignoring foreign competition and start beating it."

The Massachusetts governor cited Census Bureau statistics he said showed that "the rich have become richer, the poor have gotten poorer" during the Reagan presidency.

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"High paying jobs being replaced by low paying jobs, average weekly wages down over the past eight years, benefits down over the past eight years," he went on. "My friends, I ask you, can we afford four more years of that?"

Campaigning in California, Bush said Dukakis opposes the MX and Midgetman missiles, the Star Wars missile defense program and two new aircraft carrier task forces.

"I wouldn't be surprised if he thinks that a naval exercise is something you find in Jane Fonda's workout book," said the vice president, in a reference to the actress who was a leading activist against the Vietnam war.

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—Michael Dukakis

In his speech on the San Diego waterfront before a backdrop of two aircraft carriers anchored in the harbor, Bush said his opponent follows "the standard litany of the liberal left."

Quayle, the Indiana senator who is the GOP vice presidential nominee, stood at the base of the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor and said he and Bush "proudly and unapologetically embrace the values

embodied in the Pledge of Allegiance."

He cited Dukakis' veto of legislation to require Massachusetts teachers to lead public school students in daily recitation of the pledge as an example of the "mindset that could well sterilize public education of its proper role as a transmitter of the values and standards on which we must rely — and which have been central throughout our history."

Democratic vice presidential nominee Bentsen was in Waco, Texas, before flying to join Dukakis at a rally in St. Louis.

The Texas senator referred to Bush as a former Texas oilman and then added, "But frankly, I can't remember anything he's done for the energy industry in the past eight years."

"The Republicans like to talk about left and right," Bentsen said. "But this election is not about moving left or right. It is about standing still with George Bush or moving forward with Mike Dukakis."

# Reagan puts campaign plea to election-minded congress

**SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP)** — President Reagan is planning dual fall campaigns: an overt political one on behalf of George Bush and the other an effort to wring a wish list of items from an election-minded Congress.

"I'm sure the president's philosophy right now is very much — 'So little time and so much to do,'" said Kenneth Duberstein, Reagan's chief of staff.

But Reagan's mix of lambasting Democrats on the political stump and then seeking cooperation from them on Capitol Hill is not one that necessarily has produced legislative successes in the past.

"If lame duck means he's in his last year in office, then he's a lame duck, but if it means he can't get anything done, it doesn't fit," contended White House spokesman B. Jay Cooper, in Santa Barbara with the Reagan entourage.

Cooper said that among other things, Reagan intends to push for Senate passage of the U.S.-Canadian Free Trade Agreement and designation of a Cabinet-level Department of Veterans Affairs.

With some fanfare, the president also will sign the new housing bill — seen as an election-year boost for both parties.

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The president also will look for the near-certain approval of his two Cabinet nominees, Nicholas Brady as Treasury Secretary and Lauro Cavazos to head the Department of Education.

Included on the more contentious side of the ledger are the renewal of aid to the Nicaraguan Contras, welfare reform and passage of the remaining 11 appropriations bills.

When he signed an appropriation bill in mid-August, Reagan told Capitol Hill not to repeat its past habit of sending him "a single mega-bill ... that wraps up the various appropriations bills in a single bill that spends \$600 billion of the taxpayers' money."

And in his radio address on Saturday, Reagan gave notice he'll veto any welfare legislation

Congress sends him if it does not contain a work requirement.

On his way back from a vacation at his ranch in California, Reagan planned two stops Tuesday — the dedication of the Gray Communications Center at Nebraska's Hastings College and an address to the American Legion in Louisville, Ky.

The Hastings stop is viewed as a favor to a long-time acquaintance — Washington public relations executive Bob Gray — who attended the small, Midwestern campus and worked as the director of communications for Reagan's 1980 election victory.

Reagan also is scheduled to appear briefly at a fund-raiser for Sen. David Karnes, R-Neb., the appointed senator in a tight race against the popular former Nebraska governor, Bob Kerry.

In Louisville, Reagan is expected to extol his administration's record on defense and foreign policy, and repeat his message that the vice president will continue along the path he started, if elected.

Duberstein, interviewed Sunday on CBS-TV's "Face the Nation," said it is "a priority of the president to make sure that George Bush is elected."

# Eastern arranges layoff of 4,000, posts bond to cover union battle

**MIAMI (AP)** — Eastern Airlines will lay off 4,000 workers Saturday now that the financially troubled carrier has posted a \$4.7 million bond with a federal court in case unions battling the cuts win their case.

The bond was posted late Saturday, airline spokesman Virginia Sanchez said Sunday.

"The layoffs will be effective September 10 at the end of the employees' normal shift," Sanchez said. "We really don't know what the exact number of employees will be. Some may take early retirement, there are different options."

No union spokesmen could be reached for comment late Sunday.

But spokesmen earlier had said they eventually would win their case. "We strongly believe that the earlier ruling will be upheld," Charles Bryan, president of the Miami local of the machinists' union said.

The airline in July announced plans for the layoffs and service cutbacks in 14 cities.

The unions, however, contend that Texas Air Corp., Eastern's parent company, is stripping the Miami-based carrier's assets in favor of sister carrier Continental Airlines. Eastern has lost about \$1 billion during the past decade.

The three main unions sued when the layoff plans, the largest in Eastern's 60-year history, were announced. Those affected include management, about 1,000 flight attendants, 1,000 machinists and 500 pilots.

On Friday, the U.S. Court of Appeals dissolved an order by U.S. District Judge Barrington Parker in Washington, D.C., who ruled that Eastern could proceed with the service cuts but could not lay off union members.

The appeals court said the carrier would have to post the bond to cover a month of paychecks should the unions win.

After the machinists' union balked at pay and benefit cuts, Eastern asked federal mediators to declare contract talks at an impasse. If mediators, who have been involved off and on since January, make the declaration and no agreement is reached after a 30-day cooling off period, the unions could strike and Eastern could impose its terms on workers.

Machinists-union members are to vote Sept. 15 on a company proposal for \$161 million in annual wage concessions.

The company and its flight attendants' union Thursday reached a deal under which some workers would take leaves with workers keeping seniority if called back.

Dukakis lashed out at Bush's proposal to cut the capital gains tax, which he said could give a \$30,000 tax break to those making more than \$200,000 a year.

"That's more than the average teacher makes," Dukakis said. "That's enough to send your son or daughter to Michigan State for four years. The down payment young couples could use to buy their first home."

Demonstrators turned up several events.

Some 125 anti-abortion activists, by police estimates, turned up at a Dukakis appearance in Philadelphia, waving signs and chanting, "Life yes, abortion no. Duke of death must go."

## MDA telethon sets record, \$41,132,113

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — Jerry Lewis, vowing to tug at the hearts of viewers, used a parade of celebrities and emotional appeals from victims Monday to raise a record \$41,132,113 in his 23rd annual Labor Day telethon to fight muscular dystrophy.

The 21-hour event also featured appearances by corporate sponsors who contributed \$34,379,537 not included in the telethon's final tote.

This year's figure exceeded by about \$2.1 million the previous record of \$39,021,723 set last year.

"The success of the show is a tribute to the warmth and generosity of the American people, who go further each year in supporting MDA's fight against muscle diseases," Lewis said following the show.

Because of the longevity and the money raised up to this year — \$443,182,370 — the annual Labor Day event has become known as "the" telethon.

Lewis estimated that 120 million people in the United States and Canada would view the opening and closing hours of the telethon.

Lewis, who has long referred to young muscular dystrophy victims as "his kids," told viewers the telethon was "for your kids, who I never want to be my kids."

The telethon featured news on progress the past year in the battle against the crippling diseases that touch 1 million American families.

The Labor Day event, which Lewis started on a single New York City station in 1966, is now carried by more than 200 stations.

Ed McMahon, the telethon's long-time anchorman, was back, along with co-hosts Sammy Davis Jr., Casey Kasem, Tony Orlando, Norm Crosby and Julius LaRosa.

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