

Dukakis visits Bush's hometown for campaign

HOUSTON (AP) — Democratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis came to opponent George Bush's hometown Monday to talk about the energy business and raise big dollars from Texas backers.

Dukakis, with running mate Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas in tow, was speaking Monday at a national energy forum sponsored by a group called "People For An Energy Policy."

The group specifically was formed by oil industry executives to address what they said was a need for a national energy policy.

"Our purpose is to inject energy into this campaign as a viable issue," A.H. Wadsworth, chairman of Wadsworth Oil Co. of Houston and

chairman of People For An Energy Policy, said.

Bentsen, in an interview published Monday in the *Houston Chronicle*, complained that the Reagan-Bush administration had allowed the energy-producing states to "twist in the wind" by not having an energy policy.

"Not having an energy policy is an outrage," Bentsen said. "They have just turned their backs on our state. There is an insensitivity to the problems down here."

After a late afternoon appearance before the forum, Dukakis and Bentsen were scheduled to attend a \$1,000-a-plate reception and dinner that was expected to raise \$1 million for the Democratic presidential cam-

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The event was planned for Houston's Hyatt Regency Hotel, where Bush officially began his GOP campaign for the White House at the end of last year.

Bush also was invited to the energy forum but declined to participate in the popular event, Wadsworth said.

Instead, former U.S. Sen. John

Tower of Texas appeared at a Houston press conference Monday on behalf of the Bush campaign, describing Bush as a knowledgeable oilman and Dukakis as a candidate speaking on an crucial Texas issue he knows little about.

"Mr. Dukakis has a newfound interest in the oil and gas industry in Texas," Tower said.

"But I find that a little hard to be-

lieve for a man who opposed the repeal of the windfall profits tax, who continually opposed the deregulation of the price of oil and gas, a man who represents a state that's been getting drunk on cheap, imported oil."

Outlining Bush's support of tax breaks for enhanced recovery efforts and for independent exploration, Tower described Bentsen as a Texan who was being exploited for campaign purposes, only to be shut out of his own administration at a later date.

"If we value the economy of this state, if we want to see the creation of a climate in this country in which economic recovery in Texas is possible, we have to elect a man who is

sympathetic to our situation," Tower said.

Bush and President Reagan, however, were planning to campaign in Texas and Houston later in the week.

"We're obviously disappointed the vice president chose not to attend," Wadsworth said. "His campaign staff gave no reason, and we're shocked that they turned it down."

The group's director, Les Malory, Jr. of Houston-based Grasso Oil Field Services, said the appearance of only the Democratic candidates did not mean the session was strictly a Democratic presidential function.

"We remain non-partisan," he said.

Polish officials decide to resign due to economy

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — The government of Prime Minister Zbigniew Messner resigned Monday after sharp criticism of its management of the economy. A lawmaker called on parliament to legalize the Solidarity labor federation.

The resignation of Messner and all 19 government ministers was announced in a speech by Messner to the Sejm, or parliament.

It was the first time in Poland's postwar history the entire government stepped down. Messner said the resignations would make it easier for parliament to make "proper decisions" about the government's future.

Messner, prime minister since 1985, defended the government's performance but conceded "mistakes" in not standing up to inflationary wage demands.

Inflation caused a wave of labor strikes in April. A second wave in August ended when authorities and Solidarity leader Lech Walesa agreed to hold broad-based talks next month that may include the topic of legalizing Solidarity.

Under Poland's system, the Communist Party led by the Polit-

buro is the actual seat of power and appoints the government through its majority in parliament. The government is responsible for executing the party's goals.

The party leadership has maintained that its goals for reforming the economy and political system have been correct but the implementation by Messner's government has been faulty.

The outlawed Solidarity federation should regain its proper place in the trade union movement, Ryszard Bender, independent parliament member from Lublin, said during a debate in parliament on the economy and government.

"Apart from associations, apart from Solidarity... there is also a need to have new political parties," he said.

It was apparently the first call in parliament for legalizing the union since Solidarity was suppressed in the 1981 by the imposition of martial law.

Bender urged Poland's leader, Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, to make a joint statement with Walesa, the first Nobel Peace Prize laureate in Polish history, concerning Poland's most vital interests.

Officials analyze Haiti uprising

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — An upsurge in atrocities not seen in Haiti since the terror of the 29-year Duvalier dynasty appears to have triggered an army revolt that toppled the government of Lt. Gen. Henri Namphy.

Some see an opening for democratic reforms under Haiti's new leader, Lt. Gen. Prosper Avril, who announced on nationwide television Sunday that he was assuming the presidency to save the country from anarchy and chaos.

But a Haitian government official said privately that Avril may be thwarted by the military high command, which the official said is not favorable to an opening toward the civilian sector and wants to maintain its privileges.

Before the coup, Avril was the army's adjutant general.

Soldiers of the elite, 1,000-man Presidential Guard ousted Namphy and sent him to neigh-

boring Dominican Republic early Sunday after several hours of sporadic gunfire that apparently caused no casualties. At least six people were reported killed, however, in what were described as reprisals against alleged Tonton Macoutes thugs blamed for recent atrocities.

In justifying the coup, Sgt. Joseph Heubreux said the noncommissioned officers who led it wanted to restore honor to the army and raise the prestige of the Haitian people degraded by so many acts which have revolted the conscience of the Haitian people and the world.

It was Heubreux who appeared on television here to introduce Avril as the new president of this impoverished Caribbean island nation.

Under Namphy, Haiti experienced increased random killings and intimidation of groups advocating democratic reform.

In the worst recent outrage, about 20 hood-

lums brandishing machetes, handguns and steel pikes burst into a Roman Catholic church during Mass on Sept. 11 and slaughtered 13 people. Seventy-seven others were wounded.

The toughs were identified as City Hall workers, and Namphy and Port-au-Prince Mayor Franck Romain were widely blamed for the attack.

Romain is thought to be a leader of a Macoutes faction. He reportedly was arrested at the presidential palace shortly before the coup, then taken to the Dominican Embassy.

A Western diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the church massacre was the apparent trigger for dissident noncommissioned officers who felt they were not getting proper pay and recognition.

Police bait bandits in New Mexico

SUNLAND PARK, N.M. (AP) — When Eduardo "Lalo" Medina dressed like a tourist, concealed his handgun and walkie-talkie and spent a day waiting to be robbed on Mount Cristo Rey, no one took the bait.

But Medina, the police chief of this El Paso suburb, said plainclothes officers will continue to check for bandits who prey on tourists and religious pilgrims trekking to the mountaintop shrine.

Robberies are common on the mountain, which stands just outside El Paso, near the intersection of three states — Texas, New Mexico

and Chihuahua, Mexico.

At the top of the 4,000-foot-high mountain is a 33-foot-tall, white marble statue of Christ on the cross. On the last Sunday in October, thousands of Catholics make the 1½-mile walk on a rough switchback path to the top of the 950-foot slope to attend an annual religious ceremony.

The summit, with its spectacular view of El Paso and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, is a popular destination year-round, and a prime spot for bandits who steal visitors' money and jewelry. Often, the thieves gain escape time by taking their victims' shoes.

So far this month, two robberies have been reported. In one, a victim was stabbed but not seriously injured. That prompted Friday's undercover patrol by Medina, whose jurisdiction covers most of the mountain, including the summit.

Medina, pointing out that he has six officers on his police force, said regular patrols of the mountain are unaffordable. But he pledged to send plainclothes officers to the mountain when possible.

"This undercover work is one way we may catch a few of these bandits," he said, adding that he believes most of the robbers are poverty-stricken

Mexicans.

"I have feelings for the people who come across, seeking employment to feed their families," Medina said. "I have no feeling for these bandits that come across to commit a crime."

After Medina walked back down the mountain on his patrol, he encountered a group of three men and two boys sitting in a sheltered picnic area on the mountain's base. All said they were from a Mexican village near the mountain's base and that they had gone to the mountain for religious devotion.

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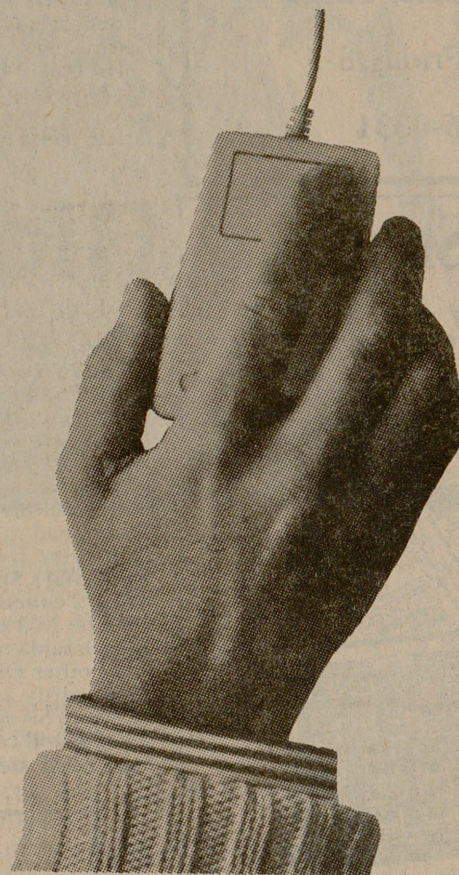
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