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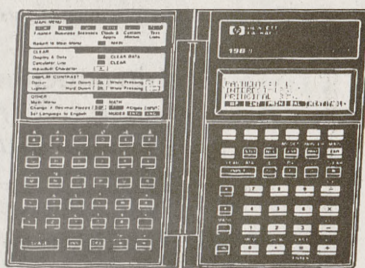
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**Clinton boosts campaign efforts**

□ During a visit to California Monday, President Clinton denounced the direction of politics in Washington.

MONTEREY, Calif. (AP) — Cranking up his re-election campaign in vote-rich California, President Clinton denounced Washington as a cynical, short-sighted town "where talking is more important than doing."

Labor Day, a holiday of picnics and politics, found Clinton eagerly sympathizing with Americans who are telling pollsters in record numbers that they are disenchanted with their government.

"You couldn't run a family, a business, a university, a church, a civic organization — you couldn't run anything in this country the way people try to run politics in Washington," he told 20,000 people at a college dedication.

Without mentioning Gov. Pete Wilson by name, Clinton also staked a claim to two issues seized by the Republican presidential candidate: immigration and affirmative action.

The remarks came on a sunny, blue-sky day on the central coast, as Clinton dedicated a new California State University campus and attended a Labor Day picnic.

The visit, his 19th to California as president, marks a new stage of the 1996 Clinton-Gore campaign.

This is the logical place to get the campaign in gear, with 54 electoral votes and huge supply of political cash at the ready.

Most political observers believe Clinton must win California to remain in the White House.

Putting off the day when everything he

does is considered political, Clinton has kept his re-election machinations low key so far. But his efforts will become more and more obvious — starting with this trip.

In a long, wandering speech that touched on dozens of topics, Clinton said Washington is a town driven by news bites and conflict, "where talking is more important than doing" and where "you have to exaggerate every difference and make it 10 times bigger than it is. And you have to be willing to sacrifice every good in the moment for the next election."

"No one could run anything that way," he said.

The president looked like a man on the stump Sunday night, climbing a steep hill upon his arrival to greet hundreds of voters on the other side of a fence.

Reaching between jags of barbed wire atop the fence, Clinton shook dozens of hands and posed for picture.

He is expected to announce key campaign advisers in the next few weeks and has a lengthy campaign trip scheduled for late September. Several fund-raisers are on tap for the next few months.

Clinton won California by a wide 46 percent to 33 percent margin in 1992, but his prospects are doubtful 14 months away from the election.

Though the state unemployment rate is down from 9.4 percent in 1993, the figure rose from 7.6 percent to 7.9 percent this summer — against a national average of 5.7 percent. Incomes here failed to keep pace with inflation last year, while Americans elsewhere did sig-

nificantly better. Wilson backers scoff at the president's California push.

"Despite frequent visits by the president and his army of Cabinet secretaries, the administration's policy decisions have done California much more harm than good over the past three years," spokesman Paul Kranhold said.

Clinton touted administration immigration initiatives, trying to temper Wilson's inroads on the issue.



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In a veiled jab at the California governor, he said, "We've done what we can to close the borders ... but — you know what? — this is the nation of immigrants."

A cornerstone of Wilson's campaign is his push to eliminate affirmative action programs. "I'm against quotas. I'm against reverse discrimination," Clinton said. "But I am making a conscience effort at bringing the American people together."

The president and other administration officials have wooed the state with \$3.2 billion in assorted aid. On this trip, Clinton promoted a \$240 million federal investment in California State University at Monterey Bay, built on the closed Fort Ord.

**Dole launches fall presidential bid**

□ Sen. Bob Dole used Labor Day as a chance to attack bilingual education, affirmative action and taxes.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole launched his fall presidential campaign today by accusing the federal government and "embarrassed-to-be-American" political elites of undermining American values through its schools and cultural institutions.

Dole attacked bilingual education and called for recognizing English "as America's official language," and derided new, government-funded national history standards as an attempt "to disparage America."

He delivered the cultural criticisms in a Labor Day speech pre-

pared for delivery to an American Legion convention here.

The Kansas Republican told the veterans' organization that the nation's language, history and values "are under attack from our government and from intellectual elites who seem embarrassed by America."

"English must be recognized as America's official language. Western tradition and American greatness must be taught in our schools. And the federal government must end its war on traditional American values," he said.

He charged that educators were waging "a shocking campaign ... to disparage America and disown the ideas and traditions of the West."

He said the National History Standards, commissioned by the Bush administration and

funded by \$2 million in grants from the Department of Education and National Endowment for the Humanities, slighted George Washington and other heroes while harping "on some of our worst moments: the scourge of McCarthyism and the rise of the Ku Klux Klan."



Their purpose seems to be "to denigrate America's story while sanitizing and glorifying other cultures," said Dole. "This is wrong and it threatens us as surely as any foreign power ever has."

Dole also saw the hand of "liberal, academic elites" at work in the Smithsonian Institution's plan for an exhibit on the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima to end World War II. It was scrapped amid an outcry from veterans.

Dole charged the museum would have depicted the Enola Gay as "an act of American violence against Japanese culture," Dole charged.

"Today, even Japan has finally apologized for its atrocities and aggression, so maybe it's time the embarrassed-about-America crowd gets the message, too: we're proud of our country," he said.

"And we won't put up with our tax dollars being used to drag it down or sow doubt about the nobility of America in the minds of our children," he added.

Dole also assailed affirmative action, saying, "Instead of making things better, it has made things worse."

In an address Tuesday to the Chicago Economic Club, Dole plans to speak out for simplifying the country's tax code and making it harder for Congress to raise taxes.

**Racial rift causes problems for Baptists**

□ The Southern Baptist Convention apologized for condoning racism in the past.

DALLAS (AP) — The president of a predominantly black Baptist convention expressed skepticism Monday at the Southern Baptist Convention's recent apology for condoning racism throughout most of its history. "There's been a whole lot of time since slavery for good, Christian people to apologize" before this year, Dr. E. Edward Jones, of Shreveport, La., said in advance of the opening of the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc.'s meeting in Dallas.

The national meeting, which is expected to attract 6,000 to 8,000 delegates, opens Tuesday and runs through Friday. Jones referred to an apology in June by the overwhelming white Southern Baptist Convention, which was born of the split between North and South over slavery.

During the group's annual convention in Atlanta, leaders apologized to blacks for condoning racism in the past.

The resolution "denounces racism, repudiates historic acts of evil such as slavery"

and asks for forgiveness.

The vote in favor of the resolution received a standing ovation from the 20,000 delegates of the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

Jones questioned the "sincerity" and "validity" of the apology, which he said was given only because of the burgeoning number of black churches and the growth of the black middle class.

"The civil rights struggle still goes on," Jones said.

The Southern Baptist Convention committed the 15.6 million-member church to eradicating vestiges of racism and notes that the denomination failed to support the civil rights movement of the 1950s and '60s.

Gary L. Frost, the only black in the Southern Baptist leadership, accepted the apology on behalf of black Southern Baptists in June.

Reached Monday night at his home in Youngstown, Ohio, Frost said he understood Jones' position, but hoped he would give Southern Baptists time to show they were sincere about the apology.

"We hope that over a period of time, we are able to express the genuineness of the apology beyond words into deeds," Frost

said. "I would pray they would allow time for the sincerity of the apology to be manifested. We just pray we're given the opportunity to demonstrate our sincerity."

The NBC-America and NBC-USA Inc. are the two main, primarily black conventions.

The NBC-USA's annual session is this week in Birmingham, Ala.

The conventions split in 1915 over a dispute over ownership of the convention's publishing house.

In 1961, another conflict produced the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., whose leaders included the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and other pastors who were committed to social change.

The NBC-USA, has about 8.2 million members; The NBC-America has about 4.5 million; and the Progressive NBC has an estimated 2.5 million.

The Southern Baptist Convention was created in 1845 in a split with the American Baptist Convention over the question of whether slave owners could be missionaries.

The church was silent or actively opposed civil rights through the 1970s, and many congregations excluded blacks. In 1989, the denomination first declared racism a sin.

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