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Reagan, Republicans sweep into office

President wins landslide election

WASHINGTON — President Reagan swept to runaway re-election over Walter F. Mondale last night, but Republicans struggled to translate his landslide into significant gains in Congress.

Mondale conceded defeat, telephoned his congratulations to Reagan and told cheering supporters in St. Paul, Minn., "He has won. We are all Americans; he is our president and we honor him tonight."

Reagan won easily in North Carolina, while GOP Sen. Jesse Helms defeated Democratic Gov. Jim Hunt and Republican Jim Martin bested Democrat Rufus Edmisten in the governor's race.

With 1,825 of 56 percent of 2,354 precincts reporting, Reagan had 984,580 votes or 62 percent, to 593,175 votes or 38 percent for Mondale. Libertarian candidate James Bergland had 2,439 votes, less than 1 percent.

Nationally, the GOP was headed for renewed control of the Senate, even if by a reduced margin. Republicans were gaining in the House, but Democrats successfully battled against the Reagan tide in district after district to protect their large majority.

The president's victory was convincing: he and Vice President George Bush came close to the 50-state sweep he sought. Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro won easily in the District of Columbia and led in three states.

Reagan won 46 states with 505 electoral votes and led in 2 more with

17. In the Associated Press count, the electoral votes of South Dakota pushed his total past the 270 majority mark.

Sen. Paul Laxalt, Reagan's campaign chairman, said, "We've got at least a reasonable chance to have the most historic landslide in all American history."

The president got news of his victory in Los Angeles, where he and his wife watched the returns in a Century Plaza Hotel suite equipped with four television sets.

He told reporters he hoped to participate in a summit with the Soviet Union during a second term in office.

The president insisted all day he was superstitiously avoiding predictions, but felt confident enough to outline his goal for a second term in an interview with *The Washington Post*. He said he would push again for congressional approval on a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution and the right to veto individual sections of spending bills, two measures he wants to help reduce federal spending.

With votes counted in 41 percent of the precincts, Reagan was polling 58 percent to 42 for Mondale.

In Senate races, with 33 seats at stake and 51 needed to forge a majority, Republicans won in seven and led in 10, and had 36 holdovers. Democrats won 11 and led for three, and had 31 holdovers. The pre-election count was 55 Republicans and 45 Democrat.

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Martin comes from behind to beat Edmisten



A two-party state? Martin now the 2nd GOP governor this century

From staff reports
Flanked by his wife, Linda, N.C. Attorney General Rufus Edmisten virtually conceded the gubernatorial race to Republican Rep. Jim Martin at 11:35 p.m. in his only announcement at Democratic headquarters at the Raleigh Inn, as returns showed him trailing Martin by more than 90,000 votes.

"You can't beat the whole nation," he said of President Reagan's landslide victory and the coattail effect as a hush grew over the crowd.

"When you have people like you that work so hard you're not a loser. We don't know what the future holds, but I know this — I go out with great pride." Suddenly the silence was punctuated by a supporter's shout of "You're still tops," which brought tears to the eyes of some Edmisten loyalists and caused others to embrace.

"I'll see you a little bit later, thank you," Edmisten said, flashing the No. 1 sign to the crowd as he walked off the podium.

With 1,309 out of 2,354 precincts reporting, Edmisten trailed Martin 493,364 votes or 45 percent to 615,033 votes.

Taking the podium at his second-floor headquarters at the Raleigh Hilton amid a drum roll and a deafening roar of applause from supporters, Martin seemed confident of victory at 9:40 p.m. "You guys pretty happy tonight?" Martin asked. "Yes," roared the crowd.

Martin poked fun at Edmisten's statewide campaign organization which was said by political observers to be one of his strengths. "I've heard so much talk about that strong organization that Mr. Edmisten has been bragging about," he said. "Those battle-tested mercenaries (Edmisten campaign workers) . . . But look at what this rag-

tag bunch of volunteers has done." The crowd roared.

"We feel this campaign has been one we can be proud of," he said upon returning to watch late returns in his eighth-floor suite along with his wife Dottie, his mother-in-law and other members of his family.

Even before 8 p.m. there were signs that Edmisten, attorney general since 1974, was headed for defeat. ABC News projected Martin the winner at 7:23 p.m. with only eight precincts in, causing an angry reaction from the Edmisten camp. Producers of ABC-TV's mobile unit at the Raleigh hotel said the projection was based on a computer survey of voters from key precincts.

"It's totally irresponsible for the network to call a winner when the people are still voting, but apparently they've made a habit of it," Edmisten press secretary Daniel Hoover said shortly after the network had called the race.

The polls opened at 6:30 a.m. and were scheduled to close at 7:30 p.m. except in counties with voting machines, where hours could be extended.

Meanwhile, at Martin headquarters in the Raleigh Hilton, the announcement brought loud cheers as campaign officials and supporters hissed while watching Hoover's remarks on WRAL-TV.

When asked about the controversy over ABC's early announcement, Martin campaign manager Jack Hawke said, "We weren't upset at all, as long as we're ahead."

Edmisten officials and supporters credited his loss more to the popularity of Reagan than the efforts of Martin. "The national ticket is where I have to put the exclamation mark," said Tom Merkel, Edmisten's Piedmont campaign coordinator.

"It'll be several days before we'll know (what happened)," said supporter Glen Wells. "It's probably the coattail effect."

"I've worked my butt off for someone to predict something before the polls are even closed . . . what can I say? We're going to win," said Edmisten's brother, Paul.

Harold Cobb, a black voting for Martin, said he expected Martin would receive 20 to 25 percent of the black vote. "If it came down to just candidates and no parties, 50 to 60 percent of the blacks would be supporting Martin," Cobb said.

UNC senior David Balmer, chairman of the 21-campus College Students for Jim Martin Committee, said what appeared to be a Martin victory would enliven the state's political system.

UNC senior Jim Goodman from Dunn said he was surprised at the strength of Martin's support. "I thought Rufus did a very good job of separating himself from Walter Mondale and of making a distinction between himself and the national party. This really shows how far down Reagan's coattails have gone in North Carolina."

"I hope his election leads to a two-party system in North Carolina that stretches down to the state level," Balmer said.

Edmisten has been attorney general since 1974. Martin, the 9th District Charlotte-area congressman since 1972, vacated his seat to seek the state house.

Written by Wayne Thompson, reported by Jim Surowiecki with Martin and Amy Stivers with Edmisten

Historic clash ends with Helms victory

From staff reports
With 1,924 of 2,354 precincts reported, Sen. Jesse Helms claimed victory over Gov. Jim Hunt in the Senate race by 51-48 percent.

Helms claimed victory at 11:10 p.m., hailing the win proof that "North Carolina is a God-fearing, conservative state."

"(It's) a state where the majority of people believe in free enterprise, school prayer, sanctity of human life, the importance of strength through peace," he told his supporters gathered at the North Raleigh Hilton.

The Soviets are not like us, Helms said, claiming freedom is under assault throughout the globe.

Helms addressed the black voters. "Whether you voted for me or not today, you have my hand of sincere friendship." He said he would help to set the blacks free from the one-party system to which they'd been led.

He also assured senior citizens that they could go to bed with the assurance that Social Security benefits were safe and would continue to be safe. "Self-serving politicians — liberal politicians — have practiced cruel hopes on senior citizens," he said. "They have ruled for the last time."

He ridiculed *The Washington Post* and the *Raleigh News and Observer*, who both endorsed Hunt for Senate. Someone in the crowd yelled, "Go to hell *News and Observer*!" amid the applause.

Helms supporters began their celebration at 7:30 last night when ABC-TV projected Helms the winner.

Spokesman Claude Allen said earlier in the night that the senator would be hesitant to claim an early victory, remembering what happened in 1980 when incumbent Robert Morgan claimed victory over John East and was then defeated.

"I still remember very vividly when they projected Robert Morgan, and we see who our junior senator is now," Allen said. "We're going to hold off and wait until we see a larger percentage of the vote in. I don't think we should use exit polls as an indication of the race."

Allen credited Reagan's coattails and Helms' record as a senator for the early lead. "It's accounted to the Reagan record and his seniority in Senate," Allen said.

GOP Chairman David Flaherty also attributed the Helms victory to Reagan's popularity. "It's no question we're all proud of Reagan heading up the ticket," Flaherty said. "We're pleased to have the greatest Republican ticket. I see it as a victory for Sen. Helms and Jim Martin."

Flaherty added: "The people in this state are ready for a two-party system." Race-car driver Richard Petty spoke on behalf of Helms. "Let's hope the Lord gives us Jesse Helms," he said before the win was assured. "It will give us the rest of our lives."

Helms' backers watched Hunt deliver his concession on television set up at the headquarters. They shouted "Jesse, Jesse," and waved goodbye to Hunt.

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Trying to beat the whole nation: Top-cop Rufus Edmisten blamed Reagan's coattails for his loss

Cobey wins, reversing '82 race results

From staff reports
Dark-horse Republican challenger Bill Cobey apparently withstood a late charge by Ike Andrews in the 4th

District Congressional race yesterday and narrowly defeated the Democratic incumbent 51.4 to 48.6 percent.

With 182 of the 200 precincts counted at 2:15 a.m., Cobey had about 6,000 votes more than Andrews. ABC-TV projected a Cobey victory around 10 p.m., but as late as midnight a close friend of Andrews said, "We don't know what precincts have not come in. It's a horse race now."

Cobey predicted the race would be close at 7 p.m. when he arrived at the North Raleigh Hilton campaign headquarters. "Any time you're running against a 12-year incumbent, you're in a horse race," he said.

Despite Andrews' charge from the gate with 70 percent of the vote in the first precinct to report results, Cobey won the next four and never again fell behind by more than a few percentage points.

About 9:40 last night, Cobey led 55 to 45 percent and increased his lead to 66 to 34 percent less than a half-hour later, although Andrews closed the gap to within 500 votes after 156 precincts reported.

When Cobey campaign manager John King told the Chapel Hill business consultant that he won four out of the first five precincts around 10 p.m., Cobey looked surprised and said, "Wow."

Precincts that Cobey won included Ceder Rock, which had never before voted Republican in a Congressional race.

Andrews, who somberly watched the tabulations on television at his Raleigh Inn headquarters after arriving at 10:30, led Orange County, which he said should give him the largest margin of victory in any precinct.

Cobey said he did not expect to win in Orange County. "I hope we get over 40 percent of the votes in Orange County. That's important," the former UNC athletic director said. "I would say the majority of students at Carolina would support me. I was sorry I didn't get the support of *The Daily Tar Heel*."

"I'm very excited and glad to see a Carolina person go to Congress," said Teresa Jones, a graduate student from Durham. "I'm real surprised, but glad."

"My heart is with Cobey," said Dave Fazio, a senior from Indian Trail and a Students for America representative. "Liberalism in the 4th District is going to fall."

During the night, Cobey criticized Andrews' Congressional record. "He doesn't vote, and when he does vote it's not what the people of the 4th District want," he said. "People are tired of seeing their money wasted in Washington. I'm dedicated to being one of those people to watch-dog the Treasury."

One Democrat at the Raleigh Inn said Andrews' campaign didn't adequately confront Cobey on his promises. "The Democratic Party has lost the race tonight due to the fact that the electorate was played on by what they (the Republicans) wouldn't do and not on what they would do," he said.

The coattail effect of President Reagan's eventual landslide helped his own campaign, Cobey said. "That did get a lot of us (Republicans) into win column, but each candidacy has to stand on its own."

"I never dreamed that coattails would be this strong, not in this race," said Patrick Burns, a long-time friend of Andrews who has worked in all of his campaigns.

Other Andrews supporters at the Raleigh Inn buzzed with surprise at Cobey's surge after a smaller crowd paid little attention to Andrews' early lead. At that time, the bigger elections for president, Senator and governor drew more excitement.

Cobey said lack of publicity for the Congressional election wasn't a major concern. "We got our message out as best we could," he said. "I wasn't running for publicity."

Written by David Schmidt, reported by Mark Powell and Kathryn L. Hopper with Cobey and Vance Trefethen with Andrews.

State GOP celebrates victory reports, Democratic outlook not so optimistic

By LORETTA GRANTHAM
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The booming sounds of the Royal Carolina Dixieland Jazz Band and the strains of Jack Ward Law's Banjos said it all. Like the tortoise and hare fable, Jim Martin was leaving Rufus Edmisten in the dust in the North Carolina gubernatorial race . . . and the Raleigh Hilton crowd was loving every minute of it.

Girls clad in red, white and blue outfits distributed American flags to the overjoyed Martin supporters following ABC-TV's 7:23 p.m. announcement predicting the candidate's upset victory. Fans covered in Martin stickers and buttons stood side by side singing "Goodbye, Rufus" and jeering whenever an Edmisten supporter appeared on television.

"It looks like we've pulled the rabbit out of the hat," quipped Martin campaign manager Jack Hawke, who had been given a live rabbit for good luck just days before the election.

Pete Fortner, a 1962 UNC graduate,

said, "I voted for Jim Martin because of a combination of his personality and intelligence and the lack thereof of Rufus Edmisten."

Spirits were not so high, however, over at the Raleigh Inn, where Edmisten hopefuls were furious about ABC's announcement concerning the election. "They did the same damn thing in '80," complained a supporter about the media.

Although Edmisten huggers, "Recipes for Rufus" books and other goodies were still for sale, the mayor of Beaufort Creek appeared pessimistic about the situation. "I think we've lost it," he said.

"I don't see what everyone's so upset for," said a diehard Rufus fan in the hotel's second floor suite. "We haven't lost yet."

The suite, full of enthusiastic supporters at the beginning of the evening, was later closed off by 12 security guards.

Meanwhile, back at the Martin headquarters, Caroline Yarger, Wayne County Democratic coordinator for

Martin, said amidst blue "I'm for Eddie" stickers, "We were for Eddie Knox, but Jim Martin is the best candidate of the two left. We hope that tonight's election will get rid of the Democratic political machines."

Jesse Helms supporters, stationed at the North Raleigh Hilton, were ecstatic after ABC-TV's 7:30 p.m. projection naming Helms the winner. One man threw up his hands and exclaimed, "I love you, Jesse!" and the crowd responded with laughter and applause.

"We want Helms! We want Helms!" shouted the crowd, urgent for its man to appear and accept the victory. The candidate arrived at 11:13 p.m. and barely could be heard above "Jesse! Jesse!" cheers.

A spokesman for the Hunt camp at the Raleigh Inn said the mood went from exciting to somewhat calm. Supporters were grumbling a lot, especially about Mondale, and someone said that it was hard to win when the Democratic presidential candidate received only 27 percent of the vote.

If men were angels, no government would be necessary. — James Madison