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Although final delegate counts were not yet available from the four Tuesday primaries in Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico and California, Mass. Gov. Michael Dukakis easily jumped over the magic 2,081 number of delegates needed to clinch his party's nomination with a landslide finale. Dukakis defeated the Rev. Jesse Jackson by margins of better than 2-1. Vice President George Bush added to his totals, although he already had more than the 1,039 needed to nominate. In the latest returns:

New Jersey:
Dukakis....................................405,639 or 63 percent
Jackson....................................209,762 or 33 percent
Bush..236,140 or 94 percent

New Mexico:
Dukakis....................................109,957 or 61 percent
Jackson......................................49,797 or 28 percent
Bush..65,733 or 78 percent

Montana:
Dukakis......................................82,034 or 69 percent
Jackson......................................26,571 or 22 percent
Bush..62,395 or 73 percent

California (with 63 percent of the precincts counted):
Duakakis.................................1,200,107 or 62 percent
Jackson.....................................659,379 or 34 percent
Bush.......................................1,140,853 or 83 percent

Dukakis, Bush frontrunners at end of primary season

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After the presidential primary season drew to a close Tuesday with the final four primaries, Mass. Gov. Michael Dukakis and Vice President George Bush garnered enough delegates to secure nominations for president from their respective parties and are concentrating their attention on the November election.

"The governor is going to get out in June and travel extensively," said a Dukakis campaign spokesman. "We will be doing a Southern swing June 16, 17 and 18 (but the itinerary has not been finalized)."

Dukakis still faces a potential fight at the Democratic National Convention, which will be held in Atlanta July 18 to 21. Dukakis will face runner-up Jesse Jackson, who controls a bloc of more than 1,000 delegates.

"(The Rev. Jackson) believes he should be considered for it (the vice-presidential position), and that he has earned it." said a Jackson spokesman.

But Dukakis refuses to discuss the possibility of a Dukakis-Jackson ticket. "At this point, he (Dukakis) hasn't ruled out anyone," a spokesman from Dukakis' national cam-

George Bush

paign headquarters said.

Another power broker at the convention will be Tenn. Sen. Albert Gore Jr., who controls 421 delegates. "He has no plans at this point to release his delegates (before the convention)," spokesman Mike Cobb said. "(But) he intends to help in the

spirit of unity. He will 100 percent wholeheartedly endorse the nominee."

The Republican National Convention, to be held in New Orleans Aug. 15 to 18, should be smooth sailing for Bush, who has run unopposed since March and has firm control of the national party apparatus.

But Bush's successful primary campaign has done little to help his standing in the polls. His recent decline is, according to a campaign official, due in large part to a lack of media coverage.

"He (Dukakis) is getting his name in the headlines every Tuesday. He's getting his free ride now, and that's fine," said Dan Schnuer, a Bush spokesman.

"He's a candidate that's left of Jimmy Carter, and left of Walter Mondale ... we're approaching George McGovern here, but he appears moderate because he's been running against someone even more liberal (Jackson)," Schnuer said.

A Dukakis campaign spokesman said this year's race is comparable to the 1960 Nixon-Kennedy contest. Referring to recent New York Times and Washington Post polls, the spokesman said "it is better to be ahead than behind, but it's still early."

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