

World and Nation

Candidates make campaign stops

From Associated Press reports

George Bush campaigned like a president-to-be Tuesday, saying he hoped for a meeting with Soviet Leader Mikhail Gorbachev soon after moving into the Oval Office. Democrat Michael Dukakis said "Made in America" was the only label he cared about as he bid for union support.

The polls one week before Election Day showed Bush a solid leader, and the contrast in campaign styles between the front-runner and the underdog couldn't have been plainer.

The vice president struck an above-the-fray pose in a speech at the

University of Notre Dame, saying he wanted to meet Gorbachev for a "serious and direct examination" of superpower relations.

Dukakis was in the political trenches, blending his appeal for blue-collar support with an attack on alleged Republican influence peddling.

His aides said their private polls pointed to a race that was narrowing. Privately, some Democrats expressed doubts, and ABC said its survey of California showed Bush a leader by seven points in the nation's biggest state.

Dan Quayle, Bush's running mate, expressed irritation with GOP campaign managers after they abruptly switched his schedule to cancel a trip to South Bend, Ind. — the same city Bush was visiting.

Democratic vice presidential candidate Lloyd Bentsen climbed into the cockpit of an F-16 fighter for the benefit of television cameras as he renewed his campaign to persuade Texans that Dukakis would be strong on defense.

President Reagan was on the road for the benefit of Bush and other Republicans, ripping into Dukakis for describing himself as a liberal in the mold of Roosevelt and Truman. Dukakis is no "Harry Truman and he's no FDR," the outgoing president said and then depicted this year's Democratic candidate as a man pursuing the "Carter-Mondale liberal agenda."

Transition planners were on a schedule that couldn't wait for the election. Stationery bearing the politically correct letterhead "Office of the President-elect" was on order to suit either Bush or Dukakis.

Bush behaved like a man who thought he'd be using the stationery.

He said "much progress has been made" in superpower relations during the Reagan years and added it was important for he and Gorbachev to

"size each other up" correctly. He said he would ask his secretary of state to "make it clear that I am prepared to meet with General Secretary Gorbachev at the earliest time that would serve the interests of world peace."

"My purpose in such a meeting would not be to achieve any grand breakthrough but to engage in a serious and direct examination of where we are and how we can get forward toward further arms reductions, a decrease in regional tensions and further adherence to human rights and thus toward a surer peace," he said.

The vice president was heckled periodically by about two dozen people, but he told the rest of his audience of 2,000 that he had come to expect it as a part of life on the campaign trail.

In a curious sidelight to the campaign, a top Bush fund-raiser denounced as "rotten" a report implying that he was trying to use his position to land a public relations contract for his firm with the government of Haiti. Fred Bush, who is not related to the vice president, said he had told his partner Michael Govan to "forget it" when it came to Haiti, but his partner had ignored the admonition and had written the nation's new president using Bush's name.

Polish officials anticipate protest of shipyard closing

From Associated Press reports

WARSAW, Poland — A government spokesman said Tuesday night that authorities are prepared for strikes in protest of the closing of the Lenin shipyard in Gdansk, birthplace of Solidarity.

The spokesman, Jerzy Urban, said such disruptions would be a normal consequence of reforming the economy and would not be treated "like an earthquake" as in the past.

On Monday, the government announced that Poland's biggest shipyard, where the banned Solidarity trade union came to life in August 1980, would be closed for economic reasons Dec. 1.

The shipyard has long been a symbol of worker dissent in Poland. Its August 1980 strike toppled Communist Party leader Edward Gierek, and a strike in August of this year contributed to the ouster of Prime Minister Zbigniew Messner.

Soviets work to cut deficit

MOSCOW — The Soviet Union's top economic managers said Tuesday they have begun to reduce a 10-year budget deficit and now are worried about a socialist-style inflation that is driving cheap consumer goods off the shelves.

Finance Minister Boris Gostev told a news conference called by the new Information Department of the Council of Ministers that the deficit was "extremely large, critically large" in the mid-1980s but has begun to drop slightly.

That is starkly different from previous Soviet claims of annual surpluses.

"For the first time we have clearly stated that a deficit exists," Gostev said.

NCAA penalizes Kansas

MISSION, Kan. — The University of Kansas, the defending national college basketball champion, was put on a three-year probation Tuesday by the NCAA for recruiting violations and will not be allowed to defend its title.

In addition to being barred from postseason play in the first year of the probation, the Jayhawks will not be allowed to give paid campus recruiting visits in 1989 and will be stripped of one scholarship during that period.

The NCAA strongly considered the "death penalty" which would have shut down the basketball program for one year. Only Southern Methodist University has ever suffered this censure.

News in Brief

Jordan pitches road plans

CHARLOTTE — Democrat Bob Jordan kept up his attack Tuesday against incumbent Gov. Jim Martin, telling area residents at a midday rally they have more at stake in the election than any other part of the state.

Jordan said Charlotte's traffic congestion would be improved dramatically by his plan to seek \$5 billion in state funds for road construction through the end of the century.

Speaking about his \$5 billion highway package, Jordan said his opponent "doesn't have the guts to call on the people of North Carolina to do what needs to be done."

Tim Pittman, a spokesman for the Martin campaign, said Jordan has not explained what he would do with his highway package or how he would raise the money to fund it.

S.C. state trooper buried

DILLON, S.C. — Hundreds of highway patrolmen stood at attention in long, gray rows Tuesday as a 21-gun salute crackled in the crisp autumn air to honor slain highway patrolman George Tilmann Radford.

The plaintive notes of taps sounded across the wind-washed Greenlawn Perpetual Care Cemetery east of Dillon as Gov. Carroll Campbell and more than 500 law enforcement officers, some from as far away as Maryland and Mississippi, looked on.

About 200 others attended the funeral for Radford, who was shot and beaten after giving a motorist a warning ticket for a defective headlight late Saturday night.

A 30-year-old Latta man, Douglas Manning, has been charged with murder, kidnapping, armed robbery and driving with a suspended license in the case, authorities said.

Dow Jones edges upward

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials rose 2.31 points to 2,150.96.

Declines edged out advances by around 8 to 7 on the New York Stock Exchange, with 772 issues down, 688 up and 508 unchanged.

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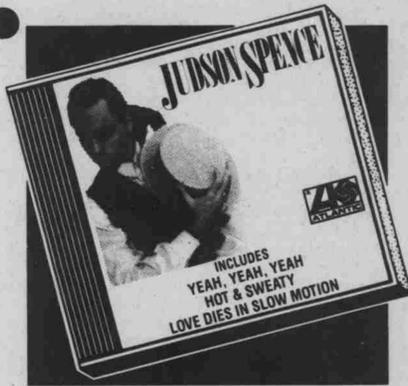
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