

# World and Nation

## Democrats claim wins in state races

From Associated Press reports

In Virginia, Democrat L. Douglas Wilder clung to a narrow lead in his bid to become the nation's first elected black governor and capture the statehouse in the old capital of the Confed-

eracy, while in New Jersey, Democratic Rep. James Florio breezed to victory Tuesday night.

In New York, David Dinkins won election as the city's first black mayor. Wilder was fewer than 6,000 votes

ahead of Republican J. Marshall Coleman with 98 percent of the vote counted.

With 1,924 of 1,967 precincts in, Wilder had 872,707 votes, or 50 percent, to Coleman's 867,451 votes, also 50 percent.

Virginia's first woman attorney general, Democrat Mary Sue Terry, easily won re-election, crushing Republican state Sen. Joseph B. Benedetti by more than a 3-2 margin.

The governor's race pitted two candidates with a history of overcoming long odds and featured a high-profile debate over access to abortion, which Wilder supports and Coleman opposes.

Turnout was described as heavy in most parts of the state. Florio, who lost the closest governor's race in New Jersey history eight years ago, easily defeated Republican Rep. James Courter.

After eight years of GOP tenure in the statehouse and an unusually nasty campaign, Florio came back to win the Garden State's governorship.

With 47 percent, or 2,775, of the state's 5,845 precincts counted, Florio garnered 672,160 votes, or 62 percent, while Courter had 418,846, or 38 percent.

Earlier, election officials had said voter turnout around the state ranged from moderate to heavy, and was especially strong in Florio's home district of Camden.

The race to succeed Republican Gov. Thomas Kean was Courter's first and Florio's third. In the final weekend, Florio, an eight-term congressman, held a 24-point lead in an independent poll that gave him a better than 2-to-1 advantage among independent voters.

At stake was control of the Legislature which will control redrawing congressional districts after the 1990 census.

In New York, Dinkins won election as the first black mayor of the nation's most populous city, propelled by a

multiracial coalition drawn to his message of social conciliation.

Dinkins, the Manhattan borough president, defeated Republican Rudolph Giuliani with the support of white liberals who had enabled him to retire three-term incumbent Mayor Edward I. Koch in the Democratic primary.

With 94 percent of precincts reporting, Dinkins had 848,411 votes, or 51 percent, to Giuliani's 795,222 votes, or 48 percent.

Conservative and Right to Life candidates each had about 1 percent.

Giuliani, hamstrung by the vast Democratic majority in New York, had accepted the tiny Liberal Party's nomination in a bid to fashion a reform-minded "fusion" candidacy that crossed party lines. "For a Republican, Rudy did a tremendous showing," said his campaign manager, Peter Powers.

In another Virginia race, Democrat Donald Beyer Jr. easily upset Republican Edwina "Eddy" Dalton Tuesday to win election as lieutenant governor in his first bid for public office.

In unofficial returns from 1,284 of 1,967 precincts, Beyer led Dalton by 589,171 votes to 486,901, or 55 percent to 45 percent.

Dalton, a Henrico County state senator and the widow of Virginia's last GOP governor, held a double-digit lead in pre-election polls over Beyer, a Falls Church automobile dealer making his first try for elective office.

Dalton, 53, drew upon her name recognition to raise more than \$1.2 million, but had spent all but \$3,500 by the end of October. Beyer, 39, built a \$1.5 million campaign treasury, much of it his own money.

Dalton avoided negative advertising, but Beyer's commercials attacked her opposition to abortion, her support of oil drilling in the Chesapeake Bay and her ineffectiveness in the Democrat-controlled Senate.

## Economic difficulties dampen Soviet celebration

From Associated Press reports

MOSCOW — Anti-Communist marchers, striking workers and clashes between police and protesters vied with a scaled-down military parade on Red Square as the Soviet Union celebrated the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution Tuesday.

Even President Mikhail Gorbachev tempered the Revolution Day festivities by saying the nation's economic problems hang like a "sword of Damocles over us." A column of about 5,000 marchers paraded peacefully through Moscow to challenge Communist Party authority, while a few miles away, Gorbachev and other leaders celebrated the 72nd anniversary of the revolution reviewing the traditional show of military force.

Activists in the southwest republic of Moldavia said police broke up a crowd of thousands of would-be protesters and beat some of them. The military part of the parade in its capital, Kishinev, was canceled.

### Bush looks for Iran's help

WASHINGTON — President Bush graded himself highly Tuesday on the anniversary of his election, vowed to "veto and exhort" until Congress approves his programs and brushed aside criticism that he has responded too timidly to the awakening of democracy in Eastern Europe.

Bush, at a mid-morning news conference, also expressed fresh hope Iran would help win the release of American hostages in Lebanon after a U.S. decision to release \$567 million in frozen assets to Tehran. "I carry the fate of the hostages with me every single day."

### The buck stops Thursday

WASHINGTON — Congressional leaders sought agreement

### News in Brief

Tuesday on a plan to raise the treasury's borrowing authority above \$3.1 trillion and prevent the government from renegeing for the first time ever on its pledge to repay creditors.

Without an increase in the debt limit, the government would run out of cash on Thursday, and banks would be ordered not to honor any checks issued by the U.S. Treasury.

Owners of maturing federal securities would have to continue holding those bonds, creating a cloud over the government's credit rating and raising interests rates, economists say.

"It is important to our economy and our country that we not risk the adverse consequences of default by the government," Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, said.

### Drug surveillance under question

WASHINGTON — The Customs Service is investigating whether its supervisors at a vital drug surveillance center covered up problems with high-tech radar planes.

The investigation involves "everything from safety concerns ... to management being aware of problems and not taking appropriate actions," William Green, the agency's assistant commissioner for internal affairs, said.

Rep. Glenn English, D-Okla., said he would request hearings by the full committee. English is a Government Operations Committee member who has conducted numerous hearings on the Customs program for interdicting airborne drug smugglers. The panel deals with funding for the Corpus Christi, Texas, center that launches aircraft to detect drug-ferrying planes.

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## East German government officials resign

From Associated Press reports

BERLIN — East Germany's government resigned Tuesday amid growing nationwide unrest, a continuing exodus of thousands of its people and pleas from within the Communist Party for a sweeping top-level shakeup.

Also on Tuesday — one day after the

government introduced a proposed law promising up to 30 days of travel to the West — a parliamentary committee rejected the measure and urged a new law allowing unrestricted stays abroad.

The 44-member Council of Ministers resigned jointly, government spokesman Wolfgang Meyer said. The cabinet, led by 75-year-old Premier Willi Stoph, has little power and implements policy made by the Communist Party's ruling Politburo. Stoph and several other ministers also are Politburo members.

"We appeal to the citizens who intend to leave our republic to reconsider their step once more. Our socialist fatherland needs everyone," said a statement issued by the outgoing cabinet.

Since early Saturday, more than 28,000 East Germans have fled to the West through neighboring Czechoslovakia. They arrived in West Germany

on Tuesday at the rate of 120 an hour.

The government will remain in office until Parliament elects a new Council of Ministers, Meyer said. He did not say when such an election would occur. The party's Central Committee was to meet Wednesday to consider further changes.

Several Communist officials and three small parties allied with the Communists have urged the Politburo itself to resign.

Leaders "should resign without any delay" to make way for a new Politburo and a new Cabinet that will implement reforms, said the East Berlin newspaper Junge Welt, an organ of the country's Communist Youth group.

At least eight Politburo jobs were on the line at a meeting Tuesday.

New party leader Egon Krenz has said five elderly Politburo members closely associated with former leader

Erich Honecker would be replaced by the end of the week. Two other Politburo members lost their jobs Oct. 18 when Krenz took over.

The Politburo, which normally has 21 members, also discussed an "action program" that Krenz has said would contain sweeping political and economic reforms.

As the government resigned and the Politburo met, about 5,000 people marched in East Berlin to protest election fraud and urge free elections. Police did not intervene as the demonstrators challenged the Communists' monopoly on power and shouted: "All power to the people."

On Monday, 750,000 demonstrators took to the streets in cities around the country, with about 500,000 in Leipzig alone.

East Germany's embattled leaders have been promising democratic reforms and eased travel restrictions in hopes of halting the growing unrest. But a draft allowing 30 days of travel to the West failed to curb discontent.

The constitutional committee of Parliament rejected the measure in its present form, just one day after it was published, the state-run news agency ADN said.

"The proposal does not meet the expectations of citizens ... and will not achieve the political credibility of the state," the committee said.

The panel recommended lifting the need for exit visas, separating travel regulations from emigration rules, clarifying access to foreign currency for trips abroad, reconsidering the 30-day limit and changing grounds on which passports can be refused.

The committee also urged an emergency Parliament session to discuss the tense situation and find ways of persuading skeptical citizens to remain at home.

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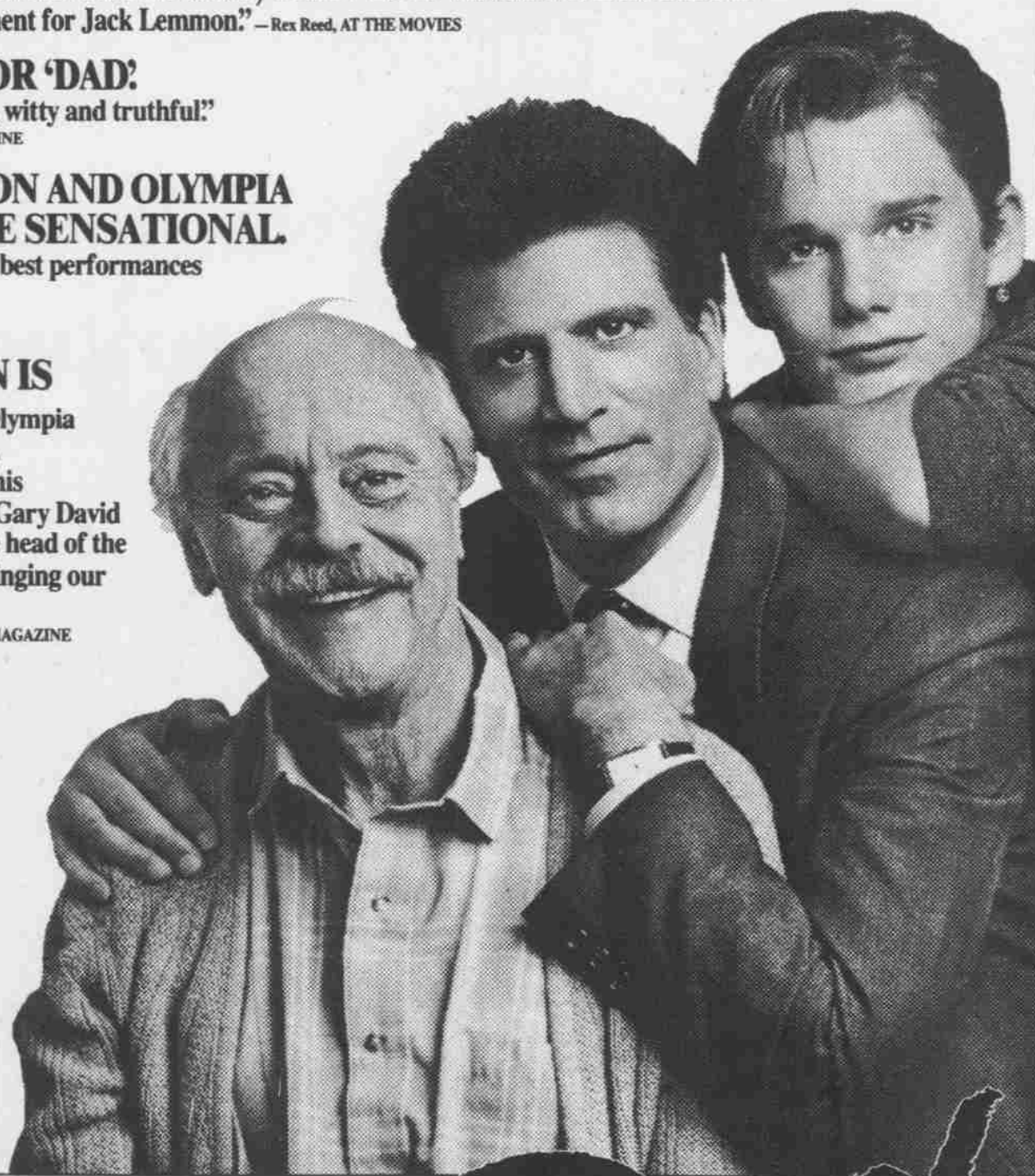
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