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## Carter nears presidency

### Georgia farmer wins solid South

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Jimmy Carter moved into an impressive lead over President Ford in their battle for the White House early Wednesday, winning Texas, Pennsylvania and nearly all the South and fighting seesaw battles in the pivotal industrial states.

Carter had more than three quarters of the needed 270 electoral votes clinched shortly after midnight and was running slightly ahead of the incumbent Republican President in Illinois and in Ford's native Michigan.

But Ford kept his comeback chances lively and the 1976 presidential race undecided by punching through in the vote-rich Northeast with a win in New Jersey, holding a thin lead in New York and a lead in Ohio—a must-win state for him.

But all three television networks projected Carter the winner in New York.

The 12:40 a.m. EST national vote for President with 64 per cent—114,239 out of 178,159—of the precincts reported.

Popular Vote	Pct.
Carter: 27,022,716	51%
Ford: 25,331,608	48%
McCarthy: 407,594	1%
Maddox: 105,905	0%

Carter had won 18 states and the District of Columbia with 209 electoral votes and was leading for another 111 electoral votes.

Ford had won 14 states with 97 electoral votes and was leading for another 121 electoral votes.

Carter, the 52-year-old former Georgia governor, won the District of Columbia and Kentucky, Georgia, Alabama, West Virginia, Massachusetts, Tennessee, Florida, Delaware, Arkansas, South Carolina, Rhode Island, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Missouri and Texas.

Ford, who battled back from seemingly hopeless odds in the polls to a dead-heat position on election eve, won in Indiana, Kansas, Connecticut, Nebraska, Colorado,

Vermont, Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, New Hampshire, New Jersey, South Dakota, Virginia and Arizona.

Although Carter's early lead looked impressive, the big swing states would decide who rules the White House in returns early Wednesday morning, California, crucial to Ford's strategy especially, had only reported minuscule returns.

In the East, South and Midwest, the traditional trend of a strong Democratic vote in the cities and heavy GOP edges in the rural and suburban areas was holding generally good.

One big surprise—perhaps decisive to the outcome—was a stunningly heavy voter turnout that pushed 80 per cent in some areas.

In Congressional races, Democrats retained control of the Senate and seemed assured of maintaining an overwhelming lead in the House as well.

But the election cost at least four incumbent senators their seats and others were threatened.

Daniel P. Moynihan, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, unseated Sen. James Buckley, the Conservative-Republican in New York; former astronaut Harrison Schmitt, a Republican, deposed Sen. Joseph Montoya in New Mexico; and Rep. Paul Sarbanes, the Democrat, ousted Sen. Glenn Beall in Maryland, and Indianapolis Mayor Richard Lugar beat Democratic incumbent Vance Hartke.

But some of the Senate best-known figures, including Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts and Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia easily retained their seats.

Republican James Thompson, a U.S. attorney, trounced Chicago Mayor Richard Daley's hand-picked candidate, Michael Howlett, to win the Illinois gubernatorial race. He is already being eyed as a possible GOP presidential candidate in 1980.



Jimmy Carter

Staff photo by David Dalton

### Hunt, Green lead Democrat sweep

From staff and wire reports

RALEIGH (UPI)—Democratic Lt. Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., was elected governor of North Carolina Tuesday with the largest majority of any candidate in 20 years.

Hunt, drawing about 66 per cent of the vote, had asked for a citizen mandate to implement a long list of programs he promised would move North Carolina forward.

H.F. "Chub" Seawell, the American party candidate for governor, had little impact on the race.

Here are the results:

Labor Commissioner—Brooks forged ahead early and maintained his lead over Nye and American party candidate Robert W. Bennett throughout the night. Despite his constant lead, Brooks fared worse than the other Democratic council of state contenders, trailing them in victory by several percentage points. Nye picked up his votes from the state's metropolitan areas and traditionally Republican counties.

Secretary of state—Thad Eure, 76, won his 11th term by more than a two-to-one margin over Republican Asa T. Spaulding and American party candidate T.M. Long. Spaulding, 42, had hoped Eure's age would work against him, telling voters that it was time for new blood in the office.

Treasurer—Harlan E. Boyles, an aide to retiring Democratic Treasurer Edwin M. Gill, took a majority of the state's counties to win over Revenue Secretary J. Howard Coble, a Republican. Coble had come within 15 percentage points of Boyles early in the returns, but Boyles surged ahead to win by well over a two-to-one margin.

Auditor—Incumbent Henry L. Bridges won his eighth term in office by better than a two-to-one margin over political newcomer Michael A. Godfrey, the treasurer of the state Republican party. Bridges easily took Tuesday night's election after surviving the toughest challenge in his 29-year career in the August primary and September runoff.

Attorney General—Incumbent Rufus L. Edmisten won his first full four-year term over Department of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Edward L. Powell. Edmisten, who won by more than two-to-one, was first elected in 1974 to fill the seat vacated when Robert Morgan was elected to the Senate.

Agriculture Commissioner—James A. Graham easily won his fourth term in office, winning a higher percentage of the votes than any other statewide Democratic candidate. Graham held well over a two-to-one margin over Republican Kenneth Roberson and American party candidate Edwin B. Drury.

Insurance Commissioner—Despite constant criticism from the state's insurance industry, incumbent John R. Ingram polled more than twice as many votes as

Republican Edwin Tenney to win his second term in office. Tenney, a Chapel Hill real estate agent, entered the race late after a GOP committee chose him as their candidate in mid-September.

Superintendent of Public Instruction—Dr. A. Craig Phillips had little trouble defeating Republican Evelyn Tyler and American party candidate Arthur Nuhrah. Phillips won his third term with nearly a two-to-one margin.

Associate Supreme Court Justice—Justice J. Frank Huskins took his second eight-year term by more than a two-to-one margin over former U.S. Eastern District Court Clerk Samuel A. Howard.

### Seven bonds win approval in local vote

by Chip Pearsall and Elliott Potter  
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Chapel Hill voters decisively approved Tuesday all seven local bond issues which will provide \$10.5 million for town capital improvements between now and 1981. The \$6 million school bond was also approved by Orange County voter in the only other contested local issue.

Democratic candidates Donald Willhoit and Richard Whitted were elected to the Orange County Board of Commissioners. Both candidates ran unopposed in the general election.

With all 15 Chapel Hill precincts reporting, the vote tallies for each bond issue:

- Police and court facilities (\$1.4 million)—Approved by a vote of 7,568 to 3,168.
- Fire protection (\$150,000)—Approved by a margin of 8,216 to 2,202.
- Streets, sidewalks and bikepaths (\$1.75 million)—Approved by a vote of 8,000 to 2,703.
- Land acquisition (\$300,000)—Approved by a 5,616 to 4,841 margin.
- Public works buildings (\$600,000)—Approved by a margin of 6,223 to 4,072.
- Recreation (\$2.65 million)—Approved by a vote of 7,538 to 3,165.
- Sewer (\$3.625 million)—Approved by a 8,639 to 2,135 vote.

The \$6 million school bond was approved by Orange County voters by an overwhelming margin. With all precincts reporting, 16,785 voters favored the bond and 6,974 were opposed.

## Both camps hanging as final returns trickle in

### Carter watches win with family

by Dan Fesperman  
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ATLANTA, Nov. 2—With election day counting down to its midnight finish, over 25,000 supporters at the World Commerce Center here seemed on the verge of cutting loose with a wild celebration of what was beginning to look like a Jimmy Carter presidential victory.

Carter and his family were a few blocks away, watching returns at the Omni with a handful of loyal friends and campaigners.

At approximately 11 p.m. a crowd of top Georgia Democrats who had been watching returns three floors up began gathering outside the Carters' 15th floor suite in anticipation of a statement by Carter, perhaps even a victory announcement.

Most had gathered there after hearing that Carter aide Patrick Anderson had written a draft of a victory speech and delivered it to Carter at 9:45 p.m.

But Carter Press Secretary Jody Powell had instructed Anderson to write the draft 5 hours earlier, just to be prepared.

Apparently, Carter was in good spirits, seemingly buoyed by the large national turnout and early returns.

"His mood is definitely that of a winner," Anderson said.

So was the mood of Carter's son Jeff, who

was scurrying around with rolled-up sleeves and a flashing camera. He rattled off a list of the states already projected for his father, and said, "I really want us to take Michigan."

Back on the main floor of the commerce center, more than 20,000 persons milled around in general confusion except for crowds concentrated near four 30-foot television screens and several concession stands. Just about everyone had put on their best clothes, and, in many cases, their best make-up, to impress each other, the networks or whoever else might be looking in.

Their mood wavered between cockiness and uncertainty—cheering for projected wins in Florida and Texas, and moaning projected losses in Connecticut and Colorado, two of several states which Carter would have needed for an early victory declaration.

A more sophisticated crowd gathered on the second level. There were the few thousand Carter campaign heavies, now being rewarded for their months of effort with a disco lounge and shorter refreshment lines. Dress was mostly black tie and formal, but the hopes and fears were identical.

On all levels, the loudest cheer of the evening signaled a projected win in Michigan, Ford's home state.

Threaded through all levels of confidence, though, was an intense loyalty. "It's California that worries me. That's the pivotal one, I think. But I'll stay here until 3, 4, even 5 a.m. Who cares? Win or lose," said Sonia Roy, originally of New York and now of Atlanta.

### Ford devotees remain hopeful

by Chuck Alston  
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WASHINGTON, Nov. 2—Al Hirt's trumpet blew everything from the blues to bright jazz tonight at President Ford's Sheraton Park Hotel election headquarters mirroring the changing mood of thousands of Republicans crowded into the ballroom awaiting victory or defeat.

Sheraton Park ballroom, decorated in red, white and blue crepe elephants and plastered with Ford-Dole posters remained calm in the early hours of the evening as technicians and reporters dominated the scene.

But at 8:30 p.m., guests began to pour in. As the ballroom quickly filled to capacity Lionel Hampton, Al Hirt and their bands took turns playing feverishly. Play as they did, though, they caught few ears from an inattentive crowd whose attention focused largely upon the "Good News" projection screen displaying election returns and network projections.

Good news, however, was not always the case, and the cheers of victory and sighs of defeat told the Republican story. A Republican victory in any race brought quick applause.

Democratic challenger Jimmy Carter was hanging on to a slight edge at press time, but discouragement could be found in few places at the Sheraton Park.

Jim Baker, Ford campaign manager, told reporters that the President was still very much in the race and that they were anticipating victory.

According to Baker, New Jersey was a state that the President had not been expecting to win, and the projected victory came as a pleasant surprise.

Baker said, however, that the Republicans had been counting on a Ford victory in Louisiana where the President lost—but the trade between Louisiana and New Jersey was a good one.

Early in the evening, the networks had projected a Carter win in Texas, but it was later retracted.

Baker said that California, Texas, Maine, Michigan, Ohio, Washington and Illinois remained key states for the President.

Baker indicated that if any one of these states went for Carter, electoral arithmetic would make a Ford victory very difficult. According to Baker, losses in two of these states would make a Ford victory nearly impossible.

At 12:45 p.m. CBS had projected a Carter win in Texas and New York, boosting his electoral total to 267 votes, three short of what is needed to win the election.

Lines of hopeful well-wishers still stretched through the lobby and out the door of the hotel waiting to enter the ballroom to hear the President. The President, according to one Ford campaign staffer, was in his suite nursing a near-gone voice.

A Ford staffer said that doctors were treating the President's voice with a nebulizer, and that the President would come down to speak to the crowd when the outcome of the race became clear.

## Exuberant Hunt asks N.C. unity

by Merton Vance and Kevin Barris  
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RALEIGH, Nov. 2—Jim Hunt was exuberant after his overwhelming victory in his quest for the governorship.

"My friends, happy days are here again," Hunt told an enthusiastic crowd tonight in the ballroom of the Hilton Inn.

The line is from a song which has become the theme song for Hunt's Democratic Party, which swept the major North Carolina elections.

Earlier in the evening, Hunt did not show that optimism.

Watching the election returns on television while sitting in his hotel room with his family, Hunt said "I'm optimistic, but I'm cautiously optimistic."

But the caution of the early evening faded as later returns showed Hunt leading. After his Republican

opponent David Flaherty conceded the election, Hunt appeared to make his acceptance speech at 9:30 p.m.

"This is an exciting night but also a very humbling night, as I'm very aware of the heavy responsibility ahead. But I can't fulfill those responsibilities without the help of all the people in North Carolina," Hunt said in a five-minute acceptance speech at the Hilton Inn here.

"I need the help of everybody, and this includes those who work for Dave Flaherty. I'll assure them that their concerns will not be forgotten."

"We've proven what the people working together with a vision of the future can do."

Hunt credited his campaign staff and organization for his victory.

"Infighting in the Republican party is the major reason for what happened tonight," said Jack Ashby, a member of Hunt's state finance committee. "Hunt had the best organization since Terry Sanford in 1960."



Hunt

## Tears flow as Flaherty concedes

by Vernon Mays  
Staff Writer



Flaherty

Staff photo by M. Elm Dickens

RALEIGH, Nov. 2—The last polling places closed less than 30 minutes ago, but David Flaherty had already decided to concede.

At 9 p.m. Republican gubernatorial candidate Flaherty stepped to the podium at his Howard Johnson headquarters, flanked by his family and gave what may have been the hardest speech of his life.

"The most difficult thing is to lose, and none of us like to lose," As Flaherty spoke his daughter Debbie broke into tears.

"There is not a thing I would've done differently," he said, thanking his staff for their efforts.

Flaherty said that because of the large voter turnout Democrat Jim Hunt's victory was a "real one."

"Let's all get behind the new governor," Flaherty said.

The mood in headquarters was a somber one. Flaherty supporters had numbered less than 20 until the candidate entered to give the final speech of his campaign. The total climbed to only 50 when he most needed their support during his concession speech.

Flaherty had remained secluded in his suite with advisers as the first returns came in. Before he was able to concede the three major networks had already predicted an overwhelming Hunt victory.

A teary-eyed worker said, "I wish he hadn't conceded so early."

But it was clear from the earliest returns that Flaherty was the defeated candidate.

In a brief appearance at the hotel, Gov. James Holshouser was unconvincingly optimistic.

But Flaherty's own optimism had been the only real positive sentiment in the candidate's headquarters.

One worker said, "We knew we were right. It's their loss."



Staff photo by Charles Hardy

Workmen in Plains, Ga., construct a television-camera platform. Jimmy Carter was to speak in Plains after returning from Atlanta early this morning.