

Bush calls for expansion of Reagan's domestic policy

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Vice President George Bush has had an up and down campaign, suffering a disappointing third-place finish in the Iowa caucuses but rebounding with a strong victory in the New Hampshire primaries.

As he takes his revitalized campaign South for the Super Tuesday primaries March 8, he is calling for domestic policy expansions from the Reagan era as well as national defense increases.

Bush supports the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Force treaty, but sees it only as a beginning to improved Soviet-U.S. relations. He feels the treaty is a measure of Soviet sincerity, which will serve as a plan for further negotiations.

Bush supports aid to the contras in Nicaragua and would make such funding government policy. He has called Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega a Marxist-Leninist who threatens democracy in surrounding countries.

"The vice president has some reservations about the Arias plan," said Bret Wacker, deputy director of research for Bush. "The plan tells supporters of freedom fighters they can't send arms (to the contras), but

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the Soviets can (send arms to the Nicaraguan government)."

Bush would work for a continual dialogue with the Soviets to maintain peaceful competition. He does not support complete disarmament but is willing to meet any Soviet proposal for a weapons decrease.

"We cannot assume that world domination is not part of their (the Soviets') political theory," Wacker said.

Bush believes that a "Star Wars" defense system is an excellent deterrent of war and supports funding for the Strategic Defense Initiative research to decide the possibility of deployment. He maintains that the Soviets have been working on their own space defense program since the early 1970s and are far ahead of U.S. technology in this field.

Bush's domestic policy closely resembles Reaganomics, which he wants to expand and improve.

Bush supports the Prospective Payment System, which slowed the rise of hospital costs paid by Medicare, and would expand the program to outpatient services. He

would not cut Social Security but would promote optional enrollment in private medical plans other than Medicare, which could remove some of the financial burden Medicare faces.

Bush has a five-point agenda for economic reforms: reducing the capital gains rate, implementing a presidential line-item veto over congressional economic policy, multi-year budgeting for defense, creating more free trade amendments like the U.S.-Canada agreement and improved education to prepare workers.

Bush would like educators to require higher academic standards and would have them emphasize English, science, math and history. He advocates annual or semiannual testing for students, beginning in elementary school and continuing through high school.

"Education is the high point of the vice president's message," Wacker said. "Lack of education is the beginning of all the major problems of our society."

Bush would increase funding to Head Start and Chapter One programs to assist the poor and attack illiteracy early in a child's life.

Bush supports competency tests of



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new teachers and merit pay and special recognition to reward excellent teachers. He also stresses improved administration, private businesses providing job training and increased parent involvement.

Bush would create a college savings bond program to provide tax-free interest for college expenditures. For families who cannot afford bonds, Bush would increase federal funding of work-study and low-interest loan programs.

"This savings plan would mainly help the middle class, which has been overlooked by federal loan and scholarship programs but can't compete with the prices the rich can pay for education," Wacker said.

South African government squelches opposition groups

From Associated Press reports

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — The government on Wednesday banned political activity by 18 opposition groups, including the nation's largest anti-apartheid organization and its biggest union federation, in the most sweeping crackdown in a decade.

Anti-apartheid activists had anticipated a crackdown this year, suggesting that P.W. Botha's National Party government would seek to blunt criticism from the extreme right in advance of parliamentary by-elections next week.

The Congress of South African Trade Unions and several of the affected organizations said they would consider legal action to challenge the regulations.

Violence continues in Gaza Strip

JERUSALEM — West Bank villagers burned the home of a fellow Arab accused of helping the Israelis and lynched him Wednesday after he fired on the crowd, killing a 4-year-old boy and wounding 13 people, security sources said.

Israel radio called the event "a serious escalation" of 11 weeks of violence in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Secretary of State George Shultz will arrive in Jerusalem on Thursday to discuss a new U.S. plan for ending the unrest and reviving negotiations for Middle East peace.

Supreme Court reverses award

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court expanded significantly the legal protections for parody and satire Wednesday as it overturned a \$200,000 award evangelist Jerry Falwell had won against Hustler magazine and publisher Larry Flynt.

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The justices ruled unanimously that "emotional distress" lawsuits filed by public figures targeted by such spoofs should be as difficult to win as libel suits.

"Outrageousness in the area of political and social discourse has an inherent subjectiveness about it which would allow a jury to impose liability on the basis of the jurors' tastes or views," Chief Justice William Rehnquist said, adding that such results are constitutionally impermissible.

Panel urges funds for AIDS

WASHINGTON — The chairman of a White House commission recommended Wednesday that federal and local governments spend an additional \$20 billion over the next decade to fight AIDS among drug abusers.

Retired Navy Adm. James Watkins, head of the AIDS commission appointed by President Reagan last summer, acknowledged that the call for such massive spending on drug addicts might prove controversial.

But he said 200 hours of testimony from 350 witnesses has left the panel convinced that the deadly disease is spreading most rapidly among the nation's estimated 1.3 million intravenous drug abusers and their sexual partners.

Watkins noted that some health leaders are estimating 10,000 to 20,000 infants could be infected with the AIDS virus three years from now as a result of sexual unions involving drug addicts who can easily spread the disease among themselves by sharing contaminated needles.

Investigation of RDU crash continues

By HELLE NIELSEN
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Although several planes of the type that crashed outside Raleigh-Durham Airport Friday were involved in accidents recently, nothing indicates a common problem with the planes, investigators said Wednesday.

Fairchild Metro II and III planes crashed in Durango, Colo., in January and at Dulles International Airport in Washington, D.C., in December, in addition to the Metro III that crashed at RDU, officials with the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) said.

"We are always very sensitive to similarities in accidents," said Alan Pollock of the NTSB. "But there is no way to speculate whether these (accidents) were related. We have no

allock said further investigations of the accidents will determine if the NTSB will recommend action against the planes.

Two crew members and 10 pas-

sengers were killed when Flight 3378 crashed shortly after takeoff from RDU en route to Richmond, Va., Friday night.

The plane took off normally and was several hundred feet up before it descended, hitting the Brier Creek Lake and proceeding into the trees on the shore, said Barry Strauch, NTSB head investigator.

The plane was destroyed by the impact and a small fire, which ignited when the wings tore from the plane and caused a fuel spill, he said.

The investigators have not determined what caused the plane to crash, he said.

"We have not found anything that would suggest why the plane went down," Strauch said. "The maintenance history appears to be good."

Steven Meeham, a spokesman for AVAair, which owns the commuter system, said the plane had no unusual mechanical problems.

Meeham said the fact that Fairchild Metro planes make up about

50 percent of commuter planes nationwide could explain why the Metros were involved in several accidents.

"If a commuter plane has a problem there is a pretty good chance it is going to be this one, based on that statistic," Meeham said.

On-site investigations of the accident are expected to end by Friday, Strauch said. Remnants of the plane

will be sent to the NTSB in Washington, D.C., for further investigations. The training and the physical condition of the crew will also be examined further, he said.

"We are not doing anything unusual," Strauch said.

RDU Public Affairs Manager Teresa Damiano said it could take up to a year before any conclusions on the cause are reached.

Reagan bashes Robertson in TV speech

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — President Reagan said Wednesday night "we've never let up and we never will" in efforts to win freedom for American hostages in Lebanon and said if Republican presidential contender Pat Robertson knew anything of their whereabouts, it was "very strange" that "he kept it to himself."

At a nationally televised news conference, Reagan also said he had

"every confidence" in the personal integrity of embattled Attorney General Edwin Meese. But he said he could not comment on reports of the investigation of Meese's role in a proposed Middle East oil pipeline.

In a session with reporters that blended international affairs with the domestic presidential campaign swirling around him, the president confirmed anew that Vice President George Bush expressed reservations

during the Iran-contra affair. But he refused to say precisely what Bush had told him.

Reagan said he didn't want to become involved in the GOP nomination fight, but he showed plenty of zest when it came to bashing the Democrats vying to succeed him. To hear them, he said, "we're in an economic slump" suffering from a variety of ills. "At the moment none of those things are true," he said.

It was Reagan's first news conference in four months, and he passed up several invitations to criticize Israeli action against Arab protesters on the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

On other matters, Reagan said Secretary of State George Shultz had given him an "encouraging" report on his just-completed trip to the Soviet Union.

Robertson apologizes to Bush campaign

By TAMMY BLACKARD
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Presidential candidate and former televangelist Pat Robertson said Wednesday that Vice President George Bush's campaign had not produced any religiously biased television commercials and ads, as he had said Tuesday, and that he was misquoted in his statement suggesting that political motivations lay behind the timing of sexual misconduct allegations against televangelist

Jimmy Swaggart.

Robertson had originally accused Bush's campaign of engaging in "dirty tricks," hinting that he or some of his other political opponents may have had a hand in the release of the Swaggart story two weeks before Super Tuesday.

But Bush and others involved in his campaign denied the charges, saying they had nothing to do with the release of the Swaggart story. Bush said Wednesday that Robertson

should "provide proof by sundown or offer an apology," said Barbara Pardue, Bush's campaign press secretary.

Robertson said Wednesday in a press conference that he never intended to accuse the vice president of being involved and he had no knowledge of current or future religiously bigoted television commercials produced by the Bush campaign.

There was never a link between Bush and the Swaggart story, said Scott Hatch, Robertson's national press secretary.

The General Council Headquarters of the Assemblies of God in Springfield, Mo., and the Louisiana District Council of the Assemblies of God have asked Swaggart to refrain from making any public comments, said Barbara Klein, a spokesperson for Jimmy Swaggart Ministries in Baton Rouge, La. Officials still do not know who released the information about Swaggart, she said.

Super collider update

Officials change preliminary site selection date

By LAURA FRANCIS
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The preliminary selection for the \$4.4 billion superconducting super collider site has been moved from July to November, Department of Energy (DOE) officials said Wednesday.

Jeff Sherwood, press officer of the DOE, said the department would publish in August a draft Environmental Impact Statement that the Environmental Protection Agency will have 45 days to review. The DOE will then have two months to sponsor debates on the super collider at the sites being considered.

The superconducting super collider is a proposed 53-mile, 175-foot-underground tunnel 10 feet in

diameter which would be used to study the effects of high-speed collisions of protons and smaller matter. North Carolina and six other states, Tennessee, Texas, Illinois, Michigan, Arizona and Colorado, are under consideration for the location.

Susan Dakin, scientific writer for the super collider at Gov. Jim Martin's office, said that the delay in site selection doesn't change the state's deadlines. By March 15, state government writers from each of the seven states must submit environmental information in areas such as land and water resources and socioeconomic.

Martin's office hired Edward Forgotson, a Washington, D.C., lawyer, to lobby for the N.C. site

since last spring, Dakin said.

"This large governmental project will be a tremendous advantage for North Carolina," Dakin said. "It will allow this area to plan for orderly controlled growth. We feel that we are one of the best of the seven choices for this project."

The DOE will issue its final statement of choice in January.

"The postponement may be an attempt of the DOE to keep up political support for the whole project," Dakin said.

But Sherwood said the delay is an attempt to get more varied opinion from the public and environmental agencies.

"The delay from July to January has nothing to do with politics," Sherwood said.

For the Record

In Friday's story, "UNC faculty criticize system's drug policy," Craig Calhoun, associate professor of sociology and author of the faculty resolution, was misquoted. Calhoun said there is no strikingly new drug

policy at UNC-CH to motivate the adoption of a new drug policy, and the policy should not be standardized for all 16 UNC-system campuses.

The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.



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