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PM-Turnout, 400

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By The Associated Press

Initial reports indicated heavy to very heavy voter turnout across much of the nation today as voting began in a presidential election that some experts had said might draw a record light vote.

Long lines were reported at polls as they opened in Massachusetts, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Texas and at least a dozen other states. Sunny skies and crisp autumn temperatures were the rule across most of the country.

"I've never seen anything like it," said a voting official in Waltham, Mass., a Boston suburb where voters were lined up before the 8 a.m. opening of polling places.

At Precinct 264 in Dallas, Tex., an area of apartment complexes, there were 250 persons in line when the polls opened at 7 a.m.

Unusually heavy voting was reported in Alabama. Police cars had to be sent to polling places at schools in Birmingham because the voter traffic was so heavy children were having trouble getting to class.

The voter turnout in New York City was "astonishingly heavy," the Board of Elections reported. A Democratic survey of upstate New York and suburban areas indicated early balloting was heavier than in 1972.

The traditional political wisdom is that a heavy voter turnout would favor Democrat Jimmy Carter in his race against President Ford, since there are more registered Democrats than Republicans.

Election analysts had predicted that only slightly more than half the 150 million Americans of voting age would go to the polls today. In 1972, the turnout was 55 per cent.

Early turnout in Michigan was reported heavy to very heavy throughout the state. In Grand Rapids, Mich., where President Ford cast his ballot, voting was reported four times as heavy as in 1972.

The morning turnout in Albany, Ga., indicated record voting, officials said. At 7 a.m. there were long lines at every polling place, they said. Mrs. R. O. Buitman, supervisor at one of the polling places, said, "this is the heaviest turnout I have seen" in 20 years.

Forty- to 45-minute lines were reported at polling places in Richmond, Va. Uniformly heavy voting was reported in a half dozen cities in Maine. Long lines were reported in various parts of Tennessee.

Early reports from Pennsylvania indicated heavy voting throughout the state. In one precinct in State College, Pa., 71 people voted in the first 50 minutes.

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PM-ELECTION-ADVISORY 11-2

EDITORS: WE ARE WRITING A 2ND LEAD ELECTIONS TO INCLUDE THE HEAVY VOTER TURNOUT REPORTED OVER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.

UPI WASHINGTON

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D TROIT (UPI) -- MICHIGAN VOTERS TURNED OUT IN STRONG EARLY NUMBERS UNDER CLOUDY SKIES TODAY TO BALLOT ON WHETHER PRESIDENT FORD, A NATIVE SON, SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE WHITE HOUSE. THE TURNOUT WAS REPORTED HEAVY IN DETROIT AND SUBURBS DURING THE FIRST TWO HOURS OF VOTING. IN OTHER AREAS OF THE STATE, VOTERS WERE SHOWING UP AT NORMAL OR ABOVE NORMAL LEVELS.

STATE OFFICIALS PREDICTED A RECORD TURNOUT OF 3.7 MILLION VOTERS, 72 PER CENT OF THOSE REGISTERED. "IF THE WEATHER STAYS AS IT IS, VOTING SHOULD BE HEAVY MUCH OF THE DAY," SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WAYNE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE IN DETROIT.

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- NEWLY-REGISTERED SPANISH-SPEAKING VOTERS COULD GIVE JIMMY CARTER THE MARGIN OF VICTORY HE NEEDS IN CLOSELY CONTESTED STATES SUCH AS TEXAS, ILLINOIS AND CALIFORNIA, A DEMOCRATIC PARTY OFFICIAL SAID YESTERDAY.

MORE THAN 800,000 SPANISH-SURNAMED AMERICANS WERE ADDED TO VOTER ROLLS THIS YEAR, RAISING THEIR NATIONAL TOTAL TO 2.8 MILLION, SAID JOSEPH ARAGON, NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE DEMOCRATIC VOTER REGISTRATION AND GET-OUT-THE-VOTE CAMPAIGNS.

HE SAID 90 PER CENT OF THOSE NEWLY REGISTERED AND AT LEAST 70 PER CENT OF ALL LATINOS WHO VOTE ARE EXPECTED TO CAST THEIR BALLOTS FOR CARTER.

AT LEAST 250,000 HISPANICS WERE ADDED TO THE VOTER ROLLS BOTH IN CALIFORNIA AND TEXAS, ARAGON SAID.

IN FLORIDA WITH 17 ELECTORAL VOTES AND LEANING TOWARD CARTER AT LAST 25,000 HISPANIC VOTERS WERE ADDED TO THE ROLLS, RAISING THEIR NUMBERS TO ABOUT 130,000.

ILLINOIS WHICH IS RATED A TOSS-UP AND HAS 26 ELECTORAL VOTES REGISTERED 0,000 NEW HISPANIC VOTERS RAISING THEIR TOTAL TO ABOUT 100,000, WHICH COULD PUT CARTER OVER THE TOP IN THAT VERY TIGHT RACE.

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(POLITICS)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ROBERT STRAUSS YESTERDAY ACCUSED REPUBLICANS OF DECEPTIVE AND MISLEADING CAMPAIGN ADVERTISING AIMED AT DISCREDITING JIMMY CARTER IN THE FINAL HOURS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE.

STRAUSS TOLD THE INDEPENDENT TELEVISION NEWS ASSOCIATION THAT AN ADVERTISEMENT APPEARING IN A NUMBER OF NEWSPAPERS ACROSS THE NATION YESTERDAY WAS "THE KIND OF THING I DON'T BELIEVE WOULD BE RUN BY THE REPUBLICANS IF THEY WEREN'T DESPERATE IN THESE FINAL HOURS."

THE AD CARRIES A HEADING IN LARGE LETTERS STATING, "CAN A MAN NO LONGER TRUSTED BY THE COCHAIRMAN OF HIS NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE BE TRUSTED BY YOU?" IN SMALLER LETTERS, IT SAYS: "A PERSONAL WARNING ABOUT JIMMY CARTER BY HERBERT HAFIF."

HAFIF WAS A FUND-RAISER FOR CARTER IN CALIFORNIA, BUT WAS FIRED BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA PRIMARY. HE SAID HE PERSONALLY PAID FOR THE ORIGINAL AD WHEN IT APPEARED IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES OCT. 27.

STRAUSS CLAIMED THE PRESIDENT FORD COMMITTEE PRINTED IT IN OTHER NEWSPAPERS YESTERDAY WITH COMMITTEE FUNDS.

"I'M ON THE NATIONAL CARTER STEERING COMMITTEE. HE'S NOT A MEMBER OF IT AND NEVER HAS BEEN," STRAUSS SAID OF HAFIF.

"THIS FELLOW IS A NOTHING. THAT'S THE REASON HE WAS FIRED," SAID STRAUSS. "THE AD NOW IS BEING RUN ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY. IT'S DECEPTIVE. IT'S MISLEADING. IT IMPLIES THAT THIS FELLOW IS DOING IT ALL FOR \$8,000, BUT THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS THAT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS RUNNING THESE ADS."

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PM-Political Rdp, insert, a019, 40

UNDATED: to insert clarifying data about Roper poll insert after 13th graf: 47 lead.

The Roper poll gives Carter a 47 to 40 edge over Ford in the category of "eligible voters and likely voters." The 51-47 figure comes from the "final estimate of the popular vote," a tabulation that takes into account the 47-40 projection.

The Roper: 14th graf

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PM-Quotes, 140

Current Quotes

By The Associated Press

"I'm glad it's over." - Jimmy Carter, as his Democratic presidential campaign ended.

"America has turned around. I put the ship of state on an even keel. I held a firm hand on the tiller for a steady course." - President Ford, campaigning for four more years in the White House.

"All through this campaign, we have tried to make the point about the tragedy of unemployment, the personal tragedy that lies behind the sterile figures." - Democratic vice presidential candidate Walter Mondale.

"If we win, it will be characterized as remarkable. If we lose, there will be a lot of Monday morning quarterbacking. But it's been a good campaign over-all. We have put a mighty lot of time and work into it." - Sen. Bob Dole, the Republican candidate for vice president.

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PLAINS, GA. ADD CARTER

"I'M GLAD IT'S OVER," SAID THE CANDIDATE LATE MONDAY NIGHT AS HE SANK INTO AN AIRPLANE SEAT OPPOSITE SEVERAL REPORTERS ON THE WAY HOME ABOARD HIS CAMPAIGN JET, 'PEANUT ONE.'

"IT SEEMS THERE'S A CRISIS EVERY DAY, AND SOMETIMES TWO OR THREE," THE CANDIDATE SAID. AND, HE SAID, THOSE CRISES SEEM TO BRING EVER MORE CRISES. "WHEN YOU'RE DOWN, EVERYONE KICKS YOU," HE SAID.

BUT THE FINAL HOURS WERE MORE A TIME OF RELAXATION AND GENTLE ENJOYMENT THAN OF POST-MORTEMS. CARTER, HIS STAFF AND REPORTERS GATHERED AROUND AN ORGAN ABOARD THE CANDIDATE'S PLANE AND SANG TUNES LIKE 'WE SHALL OVERCOME,' 'AMAZING GRACE' AND 'SEWANEE RIVER.'

EARLY TONIGHT, HE PLANNED TO SPEAK TO HIS NEIGHBORS AND VISITORS FROM THE PLATFORM OF THE OLD TRAIN DEPOT THAT SERVES AS HIS LOCAL CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS. LATER, HE PLANNED TO TRAVEL TO ATLANTA TO WATCH THE ELECTION RETURNS AND PARTICIPATE IN WHAT HE AND HIS SUPPORTERS HOPE WILL BE A VICTORY CELEBRATION.

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CARTER-SOUTH

WASHINGTON (AP) -- DEMOCRAT JIMMY CARTER IS APPEALING FOR SOUTHERN VOTES WITH A REGIONAL RADIO ADVERTISEMENT WHICH SAYS, "THE SOUTH HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE CONSCIENCE OF AMERICA. MAYBE THEY'LL START LISTENING TO US NOW."

IN THE 30-SECOND RADIO SPOT, AN ANNOUNCER SAYS, "ON NOVEMBER THE SECOND, THE SOUTH IS BEING READMITTED TO THE UNION. IF THAT SOUNDS STRANGE, MAYBE ONLY A SOUTHERNER CAN UNDERSTAND."

"ONLY A SOUTHERNER CAN UNDERSTAND YEARS OF COARSE ANTI-SOUTHERN JOKES AND UNFAIR COMPARISONS. ONLY A SOUTHERNER CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A POLITICAL WHIPPING BOY. BUT THEN ONLY A SOUTHERNER CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT JIMMY CARTER AS PRESIDENT CAN MEAN."

"IT'S LIKE THIS. NOVEMBER THE SECOND IS THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY IN OUR REGION'S HISTORY. ARE YOU GOING TO LET IT PASS WITHOUT HAVING YOUR SAY? ARE YOU GOING TO LET THE WASHINGTON POLITICIANS KEEP ONE OF OUR OWN OUT OF THE WHITE HOUSE? NOT IF THIS MAN CAN HELP IT."

AT THIS POINT, THE ANNOUNCER STOPS READING AND A TAPE OF CARTER COMES ON, WITH THE CANDIDATE SAYING: "WE LOVE OUR COUNTRY. WE LOVE OUR GOVERNMENT. WE DON'T WANT ANYTHING SELFISH OUT OF GOVERNMENT FOR OURSELVES. WE WANT TO BE TREATED FAIRLY. AND WE WANT TO HAVE A RIGHT TO MAKE OUR OWN DECISIONS."

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PM-MONDALE 1STLD-PICKUP3RDGRAF A048 11-2

BY CHERYL ARVIDSON

AFTON, MINN. (UPI) -- WALTER MONDALE VOTED "FOR JIMMY CARTER AND HIS RUNNING MATE" TODAY. AND, HE SAID, THE CARTER-MONDALE TICKET WILL WELCOME ANY KIND OF WHITE HOUSE VICTORY.

"I'M GLAD IT'S OVER. I CAN GET A LITTLE REST NOW," SAID THE WEARY DEMOCRATIC VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE AFTER THREE MONTHS AND 54,000 MILES OF CAMPAIGNING.

"I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO WIN WITH A MANDATE," THE MINNESOTA SENATOR TOLD REPORTERS AT VILLAGE HALL, A SMALL WHITE FRAME BUILDING THAT SERVES AS AFTON'S POLLING PLACE. BUT "IF WE CAN WIN WITHOUT IT, AND THAT'S ALL WE CAN GET, I'LL TAKE THAT TOO."

AFTER VOTING WITH HIS FAMILY, MONDALE HAD BREAKFAST WITH FRIENDS AND PLANNED TO GO TO MINNEAPOLIS FOR A DENTAL APPOINTMENT WITH HIS NEPHEW, DR. RALPH MONDALE, WHO THE SENATOR SAID HE VISITS FREQUENTLY "SO HE CAN MAKE A LIVING."

AT MONDALE'S SIDE TO VOTE IN AFTON SHORTLY AFTER 7 A.M. LOCAL TIME WERE HIS WIFE JOAN AND HIS OLDEST SON TEDDY, 19, WHO IS VOTING THIS YEAR FOR THE FIRST TIME.

"TODAY IS A DAY WHEN WE ARE PROHIBITED FROM CAMPAIGNING, SO I WON'T," MONDALE SAID. "BUT I'M SURE YOU WANT TO KNOW WHO I VOTED FOR. I VOTED FOR JIMMY CARTER AND HIS RUNNING MATE."

A LINE OF ABOUT 25 PEOPLE HAD FORMED OUTSIDE THE SMALL BUILDING WHEN MONDALE ARRIVED. THE SENATOR SHOOK HANDS WITH TOWN RESIDENTS AND NOTED IT WAS A "BEAUTIFUL DAY, NICE VOTING WEATHER."

MONDALE SAID HE WAS "VERY CONFIDENT" OF VICTORY. HE CALLED THE ELECTION A CRUCIAL ONE AND SAID "THE STRENGTH OF THIS NATION" WAS AT STAKE.

MONDALE ALSO PLANNED A PRIVATE LUNCHEON WITH STAFF MEMBERS, A TRIP TO A MINNEAPOLIS ART GALLERY WITH JOAN AND A PRIVATE DINNER WITH HIS FAMILY BEFORE THE RETURNS STARTED ROLLING IN.

"I HOPE A NAP IS IN ORDER," HE ADDED.

PICKUP 3RDGRAF: MONDALE'S WIFE

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PM-ELECTION 1STLD-PICKUP5THGRAF A018 11-2

BY ARNOLD SAWISLAK

UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

GERALD FORD AND JIMMY CARTER CAST BALLOTS IN THEIR HOMETOWNS TODAY AND MILLIONS OF OTHER AMERICANS DID THE SAME IN A PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION EXPERTS SAY IS ONE OF THE TIGHTEST IN HISTORY.

VOTERS WILL ALSO SELECT GOVERNORS IN 14 STATES, SENATORS IN 33 AND HOUSE MEMBERS AND OTHER STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS IN ALL 50. THE BALLOTING BEGAN JUST PAST MIDNIGHT IN THE EAST AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING IN ALASKA.

AN ESTIMATED 75-80 MILLION PERSONS WERE EXPECTED TO CAST BALLOTS IN THE FIRST PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION OF THE NATION'S THIRD CENTURY. THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE PREDICTED FAIR SKIES AND MILD TEMPERATURES IN MOST AREAS OF THE NATION.

DEMOCRATS HAVE CONTENDED ALL ALONG THAT DECENT WEATHER WILL HELP CARTER BECAUSE IT WILL ENCOURAGE A HEAVIER TURNOUT. THERE ARE MORE REGISTERED DEMOCRATS THAN REPUBLICANS IN THE COUNTRY.

FORD AND HIS WIFE, BETTY, CAST THEIR BALLOTS AT AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. "I FEEL VERY GOOD," FORD TOLD REPORTERS. "NOV. 2 IS GOING TO BE A GOOD DAY."

"ARE YOU FEELING LUCKY," FORD WAS ASKED. "SURE DO," HE REPLIED.

THEN HE ASKED A REPORTER, "DON'T YOU THINK WE HAVE GOOD REASON?"

THEY VOTED IN THE AUDITORIUM OF THE WEALTHY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ABOUT THREE BLOCKS FROM THE HOME WHERE MRS. FORD WAS REARED. EACH SIGNED THE REGISTRATION BOOK AND TOOK THEIR PAPER BALLOTS. THE PRESIDENT STOOD IN ONE POLLING BOOTH AND MRS. FORD STOOD NEXT TO HIM IN ANOTHER. EACH TOOK A FEW MINUTES TO CHECK OFF THEIR CHOICES.

THE PRESIDENT PLANNED TO RETURN TO HIS HOTEL SUITE FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS BEFORE GOING TO THE AIRPORT WHERE HE WILL DEDICATE MURALS IN THE TERMINAL SHOWING PARTS OF HIS LIFE. THEN WILL THEN RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOR A GATHERING OF THE FORD FAMILY TO WATCH THE RETURNS.

IN PLAINS, GA., CARTER VOTED "FOR WALTER MONDALE AND HIS RUNNING MATE" AND SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT OF OUSTING FORD FROM THE WHITE HOUSE.

"I'M GLAD THE CAMPAIGN IS OVER, IT'S BEEN A GOOD ONE," CARTER TOLD REPORTERS AFTER CASTING HIS BALLOT A HALF HOUR AFTER THE POLLS OPENED IN A SMALL, WHITE CONCRETE BLOCK HOUSE.

"I VOTED FOR WALTER MONDALE AND HIS RUNNING MATE," CARTER SAID, FLASHING HIS FAMOUS GRIN. "I FEEL CONFIDENT ... I THINK WE HAVE ADEQUATELY PRESENTED MYSELF AND SENATOR MONDALE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND I AM PERFECTLY WILLING TO ABIDE BY THEIR JUDGMENT TODAY."

THE VOTERS OF DIXVILLE NOTCH, N.H., APPEARED TO MIRROR THE NATIONAL POLLS THAT SHOWED FORD AND CARTER RUNNING ALMOST DEAD EVEN. DIXVILLE NOTCH WAS THE FIRST COMMUNITY TO COUNT ITS PRESIDENTIAL BALLOTS AND GAVE FORD A TWO-VOTE LEAD OVER CARTER.

THE 26 VOTERS CAST 13 VOTES FOR FORD, 11 FOR CARTER AND ONE FOR INDEPENDENT EUGENE MCCARTHY. ONE BALLOT WAS VOIDED BECAUSE THE VOTER SELECTED THREE CANDIDATES. THE RETURNS CAME IN JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT EST.

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PM-LaRouche, 390

NEW YORK AP - A minor party candidate, who bought \$95,000 worth of election eve television time to charge that Jimmy Carter is bent on nuclear war, has drawn hundreds of protest calls.

The attack on Carter - an admitted effort to elect President Ford by siphoning off votes from the Democratic candidate - was made by Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr., candidate for president on the U.S. Labor party ticket.

The party, which is fielding national candidates for the first time this year, got a half-hour of paid time at 10 p.m. Monday after an NBC rejection of the last-minute request was overturned by the Federal Communications Commission.

After the telecast, which vied with a half-hour paid telecast by Carter on CBS, NBC reported receiving hundreds of calls protesting the LaRouche speech but did not say on what basis the protests were made.

However, the New York Times reported receiving many calls from viewers who objected to the "virulent" attack on Carter.

LaRouche charged during the broadcast that if Carter is elected, he will have the nation "irreversibly committed to nuclear war by no later than November of 1977."

Asked if his aim was taking votes away from Carter, LaRouche replied: "In a sense, yes. But I'm saying the Democrats should vote for me and after the election we'll get together."

The U.S. Labor party, which says it is committed to sweeping reorganization of the monetary systems of capitalist nations, claims the support of from seven million to 10 million voters and is on the ballot in 25 states.

The request for election eve prime time was made only on Saturday, and turned down by NBC on grounds it was too late to rearrange schedules.

NBC noted that the time allotted to Carter and Ford Tuesday night was discussed last August and purchased in October.

But the FCC ruled Monday that under the "reasonable access" provisions of the law governing equal time for political broadcasts, the network must sell the time to the minor party.

With a Carter telecast scheduled at 9 p.m. and a Ford half-hour at 9:30 p.m., NBC had to move its own one-hour election eve special from 10 to 10:30 p.m. and advance following programming in order to open the 10 p.m. slot for LaRouche.

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PM-Ford, 1st Ld, a042, 200

By VICTORIA GRAHAM

Associated Press Writer

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. AP - Amidst the glare and flash of cameras, President Ford became citizen Ford for three minutes in a voting booth today as he cast his ballot in the election he hopes will send him to the White House.

Ford voted by punching a card in a metal, three-sided booth that lacks curtains to totally conceal a voter exercising his franchise.

The serious-faced Ford, wearing a gray, pin-striped suit, studied his ballot as television cameras recorded the event. He looked up once to smile. His wife, Betty, voted simultaneously in a booth beside him.

Outside of the elementary school where the booths were housed, crowds of children shouted, "We want Ford! We want Ford!"

Ford entered the booth at 7:41 a.m. He emerged at 7:44 a.m. He took his ballot and Betty's and handed them to city clerk John Wielsma, who deposited them in a locked steel box.

Asked if he felt lucky, Ford said, "Sure do. Don't you think we have good reason?"

Afterwards, Ford and his wife went to Granny's Kitchen for a second breakfast. He planned to unveil a mural and attend a Pentecostal church service before returning to Washington later today to await the outcome of the election.

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PM-Susan Ford, 110

With Wirephoto

ALEXANDRIA, Va. AP - President Ford's daughter, Susan, showed up at the polls today and listened intently to a voting official's instructions for two minutes before entering the booth to cast her ballot.

"I don't want to screw up now," she explained without saying for whom she intended to vote.

Ford's 19-year-old daughter drove alone in a small canary yellow car to the polling place in this historic suburb across the Potomac River from the White House her father has occupied for two years. She was followed by another car containing her Secret Service guards.

Like others arriving at the poll, she stood in line until her turn. Then she spent a minute in the booth before driving off to school.

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ADD FORD, GRAND RAPIDS

"I FEEL VERY GOOD. NOV. 2 IS GOING TO BE A GOOD DAY," SAID FORD AFTER HE AND HIS WIFE CAST THEIR BALLOTS FOR THE PRESIDENT AT WEALTHY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

THE PRESIDENT ARRANGED TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON BEFORE NOON, WHERE HE AND HIS FAMILY WILL WATCH THE RETURNS ON TELEVISION TONIGHT.

"ARE YOU FEELING LUCKY?" FORD WAS ASKED BY REPORTERS AS HE SIGNED AUTOGRAPHS FOR CHILDREN IN GRAND RAPIDS AND JUBILANTLY HOISTED ALOFT ONE YOUNGSTER WEARING A "FORD" CAP AND WAVING AN AMERICAN FLAG.

"SURE DO. I'M FEELING OPTIMISTIC," HE SAID, OBVIOUSLY REFERRING TO NATIONWIDE POLLS WHICH SHOWED HIM FORGING INTO A VIRTUAL TIE WITH CARTER IN THE LATE GOING, HE ADDED: "DON'T YOU THINK WE HAVE GOOD REASON?"

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THE PRESIDENT AND HIS WIFE TRAVELED IN A MOTORCADE FROM THE HOTEL PANTLIND TO THE SCHOOL, ARRIVING AT 7:30 A.M. EST. ALONG THE WAY, FORD STOPPED THE MOTORCADE IN FRONT OF A SERVICE STATION WHEN HE SPOTTED AN ELDERLY COUPLE WHO WERE "FRIENDS OF MY PARENTS".

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WHEN HE MERGED TO RESUME HIS MOTORCADE, FORD PAUSED TO SHAKE HANDS WITH THE CHILDREN, MANY OF WHOM WANTED HIS AUTOGRAPH. HE HOISTED 7-YEAR-OLD CHRIS WARING, WHO WAS WEARING A RED, WHITE, AND BLUE BASEBALL CAP WITH FORD'S NAME ON IT AND CARRYING AN AMERICAN FLAG, HIGH INTO THE AIR.

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PH-FORD 1STLD-2TAKES-PICKUP3RDGRAF A021 11-2

BY HELEN THOMAS

UPI WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENT

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. (UPI) -- AN OPTIMISTIC AND NOSTALGIC PRESIDENT FORD VOTED AT WEALTHY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN HIS HOMETOWN TODAY BEFORE HEADING BACK TO WASHINGTON TO AWAIT THE OUTCOME OF HIS WHITE HOUSE BATTLE WITH JIMMY CARTER.

"I FEEL VERY GOOD. NOV. 2 IS GOING TO BE A GOOD DAY," SAID FORD AFTER HE AND HIS WIFE, BETTY, MOTORCADED TO THE SCHOOL AND CAST THEIR BALLOTS FOR THE PRESIDENT.

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FORD WAS WEARING A GRAY SUIT WITH A THIN WHITE STRIPE, PALE BLUE SHIRT, AND MAROON TIE. MRS. FORD WORE A GRAY WORSTED PRINCESS-STYLE COAT WITH A BLACK VELVET COLLAR.

FORD, WHO BROKE DOWN EMOTIONALLY AT THE OVERWHELMING GREETING ON HIS ARRIVAL IN GRAND RAPIDS MONDAY NIGHT, APPEARED STILL IN A NOSTALGIC MOOD. HE SPOKE SENTIMENTALLY OF SOME OF THE OLD FAMILIAR PLACES HE SAW EN ROUTE TO THE POLLING PLACE.

TODAY, HE AUTOGRAPHED A 1948 CAMPAIGN PHOTOGRAPH OF HIMSELF, HELD BY JOHN RITMASTER, WHO TOLD REPORTERS THAT FORD USED TO HAVE HIS HAIR CUT IN RITMASTER'S GRANDFATHER'S BARBER SHOP.

"IN APPRECIATION AND BEST WISHES. JERRY FORD," WROTE THE PRESIDENT.

NEARBY, TWO YOUNG MEN HELD UP PLACARDS READING: "PRESIDENT FORD, SAY NO TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS."

PICKUP 3RDGRAF: "HE'S SOLIDLY

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ADD FORD, GRAND RAPIDS (UP-005)
THE MARKET RESEARCH OPINION POLL SHOWED FORD ONLY ONE POINT AHEAD OF CARTER IN THE COUNTDOWN, WHILE HE HAD BEEN EIGHT POINTS AHEAD A FEW WEEKS AGO. SEN. ROBERT GRIFFIN, R-MICH., TALKING TO REPORTERS, ALSO MADE IT CLEAR THE FORD CAMP WAS WORRIED ABOUT MICHIGAN.

IN A FINAL CAMPAIGN RADIO BROADCAST, THE PRESIDENT SAID HE BELIEVES THE CHOICE IS CLEAR IN THE ELECTION: "I BELIEVE I OFFER EXPERIENCED LEADERSHIP; YOU WILL HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER MY OPPONENT CAN MAKE THE SAME CLAIM."

HE MADE THIS APPEAL:

"PERHAPS ONLY ONE WHO CAME TO THE PRESIDENCY WITHOUT BEING ELECTED CAN CARE AS DEEPLY AS I DO TO USE THAT POWER WITHOUT EVER ABUSING YOUR TRUST. PERHAPS ONLY ONE WHO HAS SERVED AS YOUR PRESIDENT WITHOUT YOUR MANDATE CAN DESIRE AS STRONGLY AS I DO TO SERVE AS YOUR PRESIDENT WITH YOUR MANDATE."

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PM-Carter, 1st Ld, a034, 260

By WILLIAM E. SCHULE

Associated Press Writer

PLAINS, Ga. AP - Ending his exhausting and often lonely 96-week presidential campaign, Jimmy Carter today entered the solitude of the voting booth and cast his ballot for "Walter Mondale and his running mate."

"I feel a sense of satisfaction. I did the best I could," he said afterwards. "I think Sen. Mondale and I adequately presented ourselves to the American people."

Carter waited for his wife, Rosalynn; his son, Chip, and his daughter-in-law, Caron, to cast their ballots before voting at 7:29 a.m. in the booth housed in a small, cinder-block building near the railroad tracks that run through this rural hamlet.

He spent five minutes marking the lengthy Georgia ballot.

The Carter party was preceded by William E. Wise, a Plains resident who was the first to vote in the candidate's precinct.

Carter was followed by Jimmie Wallace, an acquaintance. "Jimmie and I used to plow a mule together," Carter commented.

Afterwards, Carters walked down a black-top road to his peanut warehouse where he spent approximately 10 minutes before returning to his home.

Carter said he expected the voting and tabulating to proceed slowly today, especially in Georgia. "We've got all those constitutional amendments. But that's normal for a general election in Georgia," he said.

Wearing a brown, open-collar shirt, tan slacks and a beige sweater in the nippy morning air, Carter told the throng of reporters and onlookers trailing him that he was pleased to have had a chance to present himself to the American people.

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PM-CARTER 1STLD-PICKUP4THPGH A035 11-2

BY RICHARD LERNER

PLAINS, GA. (UPI) -- JIMMY CARTER VOTED EARLY TODAY "FOR WALTER MONDALE AND HIS RUNNING MATE" AND SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT OF OUSTING PRESIDENT FORD FROM THE WHITE HOUSE.

"I'M GLAD THE CAMPAIGN IS OVER, IT'S BEEN A GOOD ONE," THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE TOLD REPORTERS AFTER CASTING HIS BALLOT AT 7:30 A.M., A HALF-HOUR AFTER THE POLLS OPENED IN A SMALL, WHITE CONCRETE BLOCK HOUSE.

"I VOTED FOR WALTER MONDALE AND HIS RUNNING MATE," CARTER SAID, FLASHING HIS FAMOUS GRIN. "I FEEL CONFIDENT ... I THINK WE HAVE ADEQUATELY PRESENTED MYSELF AND SENATOR MONDALE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND I AM PERFECTLY WILLING TO ABIDE BY THEIR JUDGMENT TODAY."

CARTER, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE ROSALYNN, SON CHIP AND HIS WIFE, CARON, WAS THE 11TH VOTER IN PLAINS -- ARRIVING AT THE POLLING SITE AT THE CRACK OF DAWN AND WEARING ONLY A BEIGE CARDIGAN SWEATER AND SLACKS DESPITE TEMPERATURES NEAR THE FREEZING MARK.

CARTER SPENT A FULL FIVE MINUTES BEHIND THE CURTAINS OF A VOTING MACHINE. ASKED BEFORE HE ENTERED IF HE EXPECTED TO WIN TODAY, HE REPLIED VERY SOFTLY, "YES."

WHEN HE STEPPED BACK INTO VIEW, HE WAS SMILING BROADLY AND SAID "THANK YOU ALL ... LET'S GET OUR CROWD OUT NOW."

CARTER THEN WALKED A BLOCK AND A HALF TO THE FAMILY WAREHOUSE OFFICE WHERE HE WENT INSIDE AND SIPPED COFFEE WITH HIS BROTHER BILLY. TWO LONGTIME FRIENDS, JOHN AND BETTY POPE, JOINED THEM. TEN MINUTES LATER, CARTER LEFT FOR HOME.

CARTER RETURNED TO PLAINS LATE MONDAY NIGHT AFTER CLOSING HIS CAMPAIGN BY SEEKING A LAST-MINUTE SURGE IN FORD'S HOME STATE OF MICHIGAN. HE WAS CLEARLY RELAXED AND OPTIMISTIC THAT HE WOULD WIN HIS 22-MONTH-LONG, 500,000-MILE BATTLE FOR THE PRESIDENCY, DESPITE A STRING OF RECENT SETBACKS, INCLUDING THE CURRENT RACIAL CRISIS IN HIS HOME CHURCH.

"I'M GLAD IT'S OVER," HE SAID MONDAY NIGHT WHEN HE ENDED HIS CAMPAIGN.

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PM-ELECTION SUB5THGRAF A108 11-2

EDITORS: THE FOLLOWING CLARIFIES THE ROPER POLL FIGURE MENTIONED IN THE 5THGRAF.

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BOTH CANDIDATES AND THEIR SUPPORTERS TALKED CONFIDENTELY, BUT THE MAJOR POLLS PLACED THEM NO MORE THAN A SINGLE POINT APART -- TOO CLOSE TO SUPPORT PREDICTIONS. A POLL BY THE ROPER ORGANIZATION FOR THE PUBLIC BROADCASTING SERVICE FOUND CARTER AHEAD BY SEVEN POINTS AND INDICATED HE COULD WIN BY FOUR POINTS IF UNDECIDED VOTERS SPLIT THEIR OFFERINGS EVENLY AMONG THE MAJOR CANDIDATES.

PICKUP 6THGRAF: BOTH CANDIDATES

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PM-Mondale, 1st Ld, a015, 200

By LEE MITCHELL

Associated Press Writer

AFTON, Minn. AP - Democratic vice-presidential candidate Walter F. Mondale ended his 32-state campaign for the nation's second highest office by voting today with his wife Joan and son Teddy.

The Minnesota senator waited in line behind about 20 other voters before casting his ballot at the Afton City Hall.

He joked that he was "undecided." But then he assured reporters he voted for "Jimmy Carter and his running mate."

Mondale told reporters he would very much like a mandate from voters. "If we win without it, I'll take that too," he said.

The Mondales spent about 10 minutes in the City Hall, and the senator explained that it had taken some time for his 19-year-old son Teddy to be cleared to vote for the first time.

Winding up his 54,000-miles of campaign travel, Mondale joined Carter Monday night for a labor auditorium rally in Flint, Mich. The message from both candidates before some 9,000 listeners was the same it had been at so many other campaign stops: a plea to the Democratic faithful to fight apathy, to get out the vote.

After voting today, Mondale planned to visit his dentist and then tour Minneapolis' Walker Arts Center. He planned to watch the election returns privately with his family.

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(SUGAR PRICES)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- RETAIL SUGAR PRICES HAVE PLUNGED A LONG WAY FROM THE RECORD DAYS OF LATE 1974 AND EARLY 1975, BUT THEY HAVEN'T COME DOWN AS FAST AS RAW SUGAR PRICES, AN AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT REVIEW INDICATES.

A ROUTINE MONTHLY REPORT ON SUGAR MARKETS SHOWED TODAY THAT RETAIL PRICES FELL FROM 24.72 CENTS A POUND IN AUGUST TO 22.88 CENTS A POUND IN SEPTEMBER, LEAVING THEM 29 PER CENT BELOW A YEAR EARLIER AND 61 PER CENT BELOW THE 58.92 CENTS A POUND REPORTED IN JANUARY, 1975.

RAW SUGAR PRICES, HOWEVER, FELL IN NEW YORK FROM 11.32 CENTS A POUND IN AUGUST TO 9.8 CENTS IN SEPTEMBER. THIS WAS 44 PER CENT BELOW A YEAR EARLIER AND 76 PER CENT BELOW THE 40.15 CENTS RECORDED IN JANUARY, 1975.

THE NEW REPORT INDICATED THAT RAW SUGAR PRICES, WHICH HAVE RANGED THIS YEAR FROM A HIGH OF 16.27 CENTS A POUND IN MARCH TO THE SEPTEMBER LOW OF 9.8 CENTS, WILL WIND UP THE YEAR AT THE LOWEST ANNUAL AVERAGE SINCE THE 10.29 CENTS OF 1973.

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(POLITICS)

AUSTIN (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD'S TEXAS CAMPAIGN LEADERS PREDICT HIS GROWING POPULARITY IN THE STATE IN THE FINAL DAYS OF THE CAMPAIGN WILL PUT HIM AHEAD OF JIMMY CARTER IN TODAY'S ELECTION. DEMOCRATS SAID A LARGE TURNOUT WOULD GIVE THE STATE TO CARTER.

SECRETARY OF STATE MARK WHITNEY HAS ESTIMATED TURNOUT FOR TODAY'S ELECTION AT .5 TO 4 MILLION. THE STATE HAS 6.2 MILLION REGISTERED VOTERS.

LAND COMMISSIONER BOB ARMSTRONG, CHAIRMAN OF CARTER'S CAMPAIGN IN TEXAS, SAID CARTER HAS ENOUGH SUPPORT IN TRADITIONALLY DEMOCRATIC AREAS TO CARRY THE STATE'S 26 ELECTORAL VOTES.

FORD'S TEXAS CAMPAIGN LEADERS CONTENDED THE PRESIDENT HAS OVERCOME CARTER'S EARLIER LEAD IN THE STATE.

"I THINK THE TREND HAS BEEN OBVIOUS FOR THE LAST 10 DAYS TO TWO WEEKS," SAID WALES MADDEN, CHAIRMAN OF TEXANS FOR FORD. "THE LINES HAVE CLOSED AS WE HAD HOPED THEY WOULD, AND CARTER HAS LOST STRENGTH AND PRESIDENT FORD HAS GAINED."

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AUGUSTA, MAINE (UPI) -- EARLY VOTER TURNOUT WAS HEAVY THROUGHOUT MAINE TODAY.

TOWN CLERKS FROM YORK TO AROOSTOOK COUNTIES REPORTED CROWDS ON HAND WHEN THE POLLS OPENED BETWEEN 6 A.M. AND 10 A.M., LOCAL TIME.

IN AUBURN, THE CITY CLERK REPORTED A LARGE NUMBER OF NEW VOTERS, WHO UNDER MAINE LAW MAY REGISTER AND VOTE ON ELECTION DAY.

SKIS WERE CLEAR OVER MOST OF THE STATE.

THE PRESIDENTIAL CONTEST BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND JIMMY CARTER WAS CONSIDERED A TOSSUP AND DEMOCRATIC SEN. EDMUND S. MUSKIE FACED A STIFF REPUBLICAN CHALLENGE.

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MILWAUKEE (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD WAS A SLIGHT FAVORITE TO GRAB WISCONSIN'S 11 ELECTORAL VOTES TODAY BUT SOME OBSERVERS SAID A POSSIBLE RECORD VOTER TURNOUT COULD SWING THINGS TO JIMMY CARTER.

NEARLY IDEAL WEATHER, THE CLOSE PRESIDENTIAL RACE, MORE VOTERS AND THE APPEAL OF SEVERAL HOT LOCAL CONTESTS ARE ELEMENTS THAT COULD BRING MORE THAN THE RECORD 1.85 MILLION TO THE POLLS.

FORD STARTED WELL BEHIND CARTER IN WISCONSIN SEVERAL WEEKS AGO BUT CARTER'S SUPPORT DWINDLED AND, IN RECENT DAYS, MANY LEADING DEMOCRATS HAVE SAID THEY FEEL FORD WILL CARRY THE STATE. SOME, HOWEVER, FEEL THAT CARTER HAS A CHANCE IF THE TURNOUT IS LARGE. DEMOCRATS CONTINUED OVER THE WEEKEND AND ON MONDAY URGING THE VOTERS TO GO TO THE POLLS.

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AM-Texas-Election, 330

Editors: Matter below the dash will stand.

By JIM BRIGANCE

Associated Press Writer

DALLAS AP - Texas voters turned out in large numbers Tuesday, climaxing a spirited presidential campaign that gave neither President Ford nor Jimmy Carter a clear advantage.

Both Ford and Carter had campaigned in Texas this past weekend as they sought the state's 26 electoral votes.

Secretary of State Mark White estimated 3 1/2 million of the state's 6,286,707 registered voters - the highest registration in state history - would cast ballots.

In a race to elect a U.S. Senator, incumbent Democrat Sen. Lloyd Bentsen appeared to hold a lead over his Republican challenger Alan Steelman, who is finishing his second term as a congressman from Dallas.

While there is no official breakdown of voters by party in Texas, voting in primary elections usually shows Democrats with about a 2-1 margin over Republicans. However, in general elections the vote for national offices often goes to Republicans. The state went for former President Richard Nixon in 1972 and its senior U.S. senator is Republican John Tower.

Carter's image as a southerner and his membership in the Southern Baptist church appealed to many Texans.

But Ford visited Dallas in early October and drew the support of Dr. W. A. Criswell, a prominent Baptist and fundamentalist pastor of the First Baptist Church in Dallas.

Ford also had the backing of former Texas Gov. John Connally, who switched to the Republican party in 1973, and Ronald Reagan, who appeared on his behalf in television ads.

Carter had problems here after his Playboy magazine interview in which he made derogatory comments about former President Lyndon B. Johnson.

But this past weekend, Carter made four campaign appearances accompanied by leading Texas Democrats including Johnson's youngest daughter, Luci Baines Johnson Nugent.

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PM-Mondale, 2nd Ld, a096, 130
By LEE MITGANG
Associated Press Writer
AFTON, Minn. AP - Democratic vice-presidential candidate Walter F. Mondale ended his 32-state campaign for the nation's second highest office by voting today with his wife Joan and son Teddy. "I'm so tired I don't know what I'm doing," the Minnesota senator said as he returned home. Mondale waited in line behind about 20 other voters before casting a paper ballot at the Afton City Hall. He joked that he was "undecided," but then he assured reporters he voted for "Jimmy Carter and his running mate." Mondale said he may talk to his running mate tonight. Asked what he would tell Carter, Mondale replied: "Congratulations." And what he would say if he talked tonight with GOP vice-presidential candidate Bob Dole? "How you doing, Bob?" said Mondale.
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PM-DOLE 1STLD-PICKUP4THGRAF A049 11-2
(PREVIOUS KANSAS CITY)
BY IRA R. ALLEN

RUSSELL, KAN. (UPI) -- REPUBLICAN VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE ROBERT DOLE RETURNED TO A HERO'S WELCOME IN HIS HOMETOWN TODAY AND VOTED AT A MODERN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON THE SITE WHERE HE ATTENDED CLASSES MORE THAN 40 YEARS AGO.

DOLE FLEW FROM KANSAS CITY TO GREAT BEND, KAN., WINGING OVER A FIELD WHICH SPELLED "FORD-DOLE" IN FRESHLY PLOUGHED EARTH. THEN HE DROVE 50 MILES TO RUSSELL WHERE BANDS PLAYED AND THE TORNADO SIREN SOUNDED IN HIS HONOR.

HE TOLD A CROWD OF SEVERAL THOUSAND MASSED ON HIS MOTHER'S FRONT LAWN THAT "YOU'VE PUT ME ON THE MAP -- NOW WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO PUT RUSSELL ON THE MAP."

"PRESIDENT FORD IS GOING TO WIN A TRUMAN-LIKE VICTORY," PREDICTED DOLE, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, ELIZABETH, DAUGHTER, ROBIN, AND 73-YEAR OLD MOTHER, BINA.

IT WAS "BOB DOLE DAY" FOR THE 53-YEAR-OLD CANDIDATE, WHO LATER PLANNED TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON AFTER A 44-STATE, 62,000-MILE CAMPAIGN.

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AM-Illinois-Election, 320

Editors: Material below the dash will stand.

By MIKE ROBINSON

Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO AP - The outcome of balloting Tuesday for Illinois' big bloc of 26 electoral college votes was closely tied to the contest for governor in which the Republican candidate was heavily favored.

Jimmy Carter was looking for help from Chicago mayor Richard J. Daley's Democratic organization. Backers of President Ford were hoping Ford could ride the coattails of former U.S. Atty. James R. Thompson, Republican candidate for governor.

Thompson gained wide popularity by convicting corrupt political figures, including some connected with Daley's organization.

Thompson was pitted against Democratic Secretary of State Michael J. Howlett in the race to succeed Gov. Daniel Walker, an independent Democrat who lost a primary election to Howlett in his bid for a second term.

Weather was fine throughout the state and state election officials projected a statewide turnout of 75 to 80 per cent of the 6.25 million registered voters. Turnout in 1972 was 78 per cent.

Carter's hopes for victory were tied to the ability of Daley's powerful political machine to get a big turnout in heavily Democratic Chicago.

Republicans and Democrats alike figured Ford had to get at least 31 per cent of the vote in Chicago to remain competitive and about 55 per cent downstate, drawing for his most massive support on the heavily GOP suburbs ringing Chicago.

Carter held a big lead in Illinois after the Democratic National Convention, but Ford closed that gap to four points by Sept. 9, according to Carter's own polls.

Final figures in the Chicago Sun-Times Straw Poll published Sunday showed Carter with 49.4 per cent, Ford with 49.3 and independent Eugene J. McCarthy with 1.3.

The Sun-Times poll gave Thompson 67.7 per cent statewide and Howlett 32.3.

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AM-Ohio-Election, 390

Editors: Material below the dash will stand

By WILLIAM KRONHOLM

Associated Press Writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio AP - Early voting reports Tuesday indicated a very heavy turnout across Ohio in the contest between President Ford and Democrat Jimmy Carter for the state's 25 electoral votes.

The secretary of state's office predicted a record 4.2 million voters out of the total official registration of 4,693,338 would go to the polls. There is no official breakdown by party, but 1,585,000 voted Republican in the primaries and 1,305,255 voted Democratic.

Ohio's ballot also carried a close U.S. Senate race between Sen. Robert Taft Jr., a one-term Republican incumbent from Cincinnati, and Democratic challenger Howard W. metzenbaum.

Voters also were deciding three proposed constitutional amendments which would limit utility rates, restrict nuclear power plant construction and allow consumers a greater voice in utility rate-making. All three were proposed by initiative petition and were hotly opposed by state utilities.

Carter and running mate Walter Mondale campaigned heavily in Ohio during the closing days of the campaign. One of the two was in Ohio for four of the last five days before the election, and Mondale noted he had visited the state 13 times during the campaign.

But Ford had the last word in Ohio, addressing about 10,000 supporters in Columbus on Monday before returning to his home in neighboring Michigan.

Pre-election polls showed either an even race or at most a two-point spread. With the margin so close, Democrats based their hopes on a registration drive they said had signed up 450,000 new voters and an election day get-out-the-vote effort aimed at those voters.

Republicans also worked to get voters to the polls. In Cleveland, the Cuyahoga County Republican party planned to make 150,000 phone calls to voters in 600 key precincts.

Metzenbaum, a wealthy Cleveland attorney-businessman who served a year in the Senate as an appointive senator in 1974, attached himself to Carter's coattails early in the campaign. His bumper stickers promoted "Grits, Fritz and Metz." He stressed consumer legislation and attacks on the oil industry.

Taft, wary because early polls showed Carter with a lead, ran separately from the President.

By the end of the campaign, Taft was on the attack against his challenger, accusing him of being a big-spending ultraliberal who would wreck the national defense.

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AM-Penn Election, 350

Editors: Material below the dash will stand

By WILLIAM WILLIAMS

Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA AP - Twenty-seven electoral votes were at stake Tuesday in Pennsylvania, with no one predicting with certainty whether they would go to Democrat Jimmy Carter or President Ford.

Only California and New York had more electoral votes to offer.

Just as close was the race for the U.S. Senate seat held by Minority Leader Hugh Scott, 75, who is retiring after 18 years in the House and 18 years in the Senate. Democrat William J. Green was facing Republican H. John Heinz III in that contest.

Registration alone favored the Democrats, with an edge of 747,000 among 5.7 million voters, but Pennsylvanians are known for ticket splitting.

In congressional races, Democrats had an opportunity to pick up at least two more seats in the state delegation to give the party a 16-9 edge or better.

Ford and Carter considered the state's electoral votes so important that both spent more time in Pennsylvania in the final campaign week than in any other state.

Carter concentrated his closing efforts in the major cities where labor supported the Democratic drive.

Ford's efforts were directed toward the Republican suburbs and in rural and mountainous counties in the central and northern parts of the state.

Heinz, who has been in Congress for five years, spent \$2.5 million on his campaign, \$2.2 million of that from his personal fortune as heir to the Pittsburgh-based Heinz food company.

The money became a campaign issue. Green, a congressman for 13 years, labeled his battle "the man against the money." He spent about \$870,000, mostly from contributions.

Green, whose holds the congressional seat his father held for 18 years before his death in 1964, was accused by Heinz of being tied closely to two of the state's leading Democrats, Gov. Milton J. Shapp and Philadelphia Mayor Frank Rizzo.

Green pointed out that he had run against Rizzo for mayor in 1971. Neither Rizzo nor Shapp campaigned extensively on Green's behalf.

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AM-Calif-Election, 380

Editors: Material below the dash will stand.

By DOUG WILLIS

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES AP - Millions of Californians turned out on Tuesday with 45 electoral college votes at stake for the winner of the state's presidential ballot.

Jimmy Carter was aided by a Democratic majority among registered voters, and Republican Gerald Ford had the advantage of the stronger campaign organization.

Also on the ballot was a U.S. Senate contest between incumbent Democrat John Tunney and Republican S.I. Hayakawa.

Secretary of State March Fong Eu predicted that 7.9 million of California's 10 million registered voters would cast ballots. Warm, sunny weather in most parts of the state helped the voter turnout.

A registration drive over the past several months increased the Democratic majority in the state. The margin on election day was 5.72 million Democrats to 3.46 million Republicans.

Carter led Ford in California by 20 percentage points in polls after the two nominating conventions, but that lead dwindled over the last 2½ months. A survey one week ago by pollster Mervin Field gave Ford a six-point lead, but with a large number of ticket-splitters or cross-over voters in both parties.

Both Ford and Carter had said California was crucial to their chances, and Carter spent part of the final two days of his campaign here.

"It's going to be very close, and the state I've got to have is California," Carter said Monday during a 21-hour swing through the state.

Gov. Edmund Brown Jr., who defeated Carter by a 3-1 margin in California's presidential primary, accompanied Carter at every stop.

There was only one comparable appearance for Ford by former Gov. Ronald Reagan, who defeated Ford by 2-1 in the state's primary before losing the nomination to Ford at the GOP National Convention.

Hayakawa's fame is based on his hard-line tactics against campus demonstrators eight years ago when he was president of San Francisco State College. He attacked Tunney as "Sen. Flip-Flop," because of what he said were Tunney switches on several major measures.

Tunney attacked Hayakawa's off-the-cuff campaign remarks that the internment camps for Japanese-Americans during World War II actually were beneficial, that the minimum wage should be lowered for youths, and that the United States might send peace-keeping troops to Africa.

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PRESIDENT FORD AND JIMMY CARTER HAVE WRAPPED UP THEIR LONG CAMPAIGN FOR THE PRESIDENCY BY VOTING IN GRAND RAPIDS AND PLAINS, GA. NOW THEY -- AND THE NATION -- AWAIT THE OUTCOME OF THE VOTES OF MILLIONS OF THEIR FELLOW AMERICANS. BY ALL INDICATIONS THE OUTCOME WILL BE CLOSE. ALSO AT STAKE ARE 14 GOVERNORSHIPS, 33 SENATE SEATS AND ALL 435 HOUSE SEATS.

UPI WILL PROVIDE A COMPLETE ELECTION PACKAGE AND A MORE DETAILED ADVISORY WILL MOVE SHORTLY. THERE WILL BE AN EARLY 800-WORD NIGHT LD IN 2 TAKES BY UPI POLITICAL WRITER STEVE GERSTEL (ELECTION) UNDER A WASHINGTON DATELINE THAT WILL BE LED AS WARRANTED. WE WILL CONTINUE TO LEAD THE STORY THROUGHOUT THE CYCLE AND INTO THE MORNING UNTIL THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE IS DECIDED WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE 9 P.M., 11 P.M., 1 A.M., AND 3 A.M. LEADS. WHILE THE MAIN STORY WILL CONCENTRATE ON THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE IT WILL ALSO INCLUDE A WRAPUP OF CONGRESSIONAL AND GUBERNATORAL RACES TOO. WE WILL PROVIDE AND ANALYSIS WHEN THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE IS DECIDED ALTHOUGH THAT MAY NOT BE UNTIL EARLY IN THE MORNING. PICTURES.

THE ELECTION PACKAGE ALSO WILL INCLUDE:

(FORD) GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. -- PRESIDENT FORD, OPTIMISTIC AND NOSTALGIC, CASTS HIS VOTE AT WEALTHY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN HIS MICHIGAN HOMETOWN BEFORE FLYING TO WASHINGTON TO AWAIT THE OUTCOME OF HIS BATTLE AGAINST JIMMY CARTER. 500.

(CARTER) PLAINS, GA. -- JIMMY CARTER CASTS THE 11TH BALLOT OF THE DAY IN HIS GEORGIA HOMETOWN, SAYING HE VOTED "FOR WALTER MONDALE AND HIS RUNNING MATE" AND IS CONFIDENT OF OUSTING PRESIDENT FORD FROM THE WHITE HOUSE. 500.

(DOLE) RUSSELL, KAN. -- REPUBLICAN VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE ROBERT DOLE WRAPS UP 44-STATE, 62,000-MILE CAMPAIGN WITH VOTE IN HIS KANSAS HOMETOWN AND FLIGHT TO WASHINGTON TO WATCH ELECTION RETURNS WITH PRESIDENT FORD. 400.

(MONDALE) AFTON, MINN. -- DEMOCRATIC VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE WALTER MONDALE VOTES "FOR JIMMY CARTER AND HIS RUNNING MATE" BEFORE VISITING THE DENTIST AND WATCHING RETURNS AT HIS RURAL MINNESOTA HOME. 400.

(CONGRESS) WASHINGTON -- CONTINUED DEMOCRATIC CONTROL OF CONGRESS VIRTUALLY ASSURED, BUT SIZE OF REPUBLICAN INROADS A QUESTION AS VOTERS FILL 33 SENATE SEATS AND ALL 435 HOUSE POSTS. 500.

(GOVS) WASHINGTON -- VOTERS IN 14 STATES CAST BALLOTS FOR GOVERNOR, WITH BATTLE BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND JIMMY CARTER EXPECTED TO HAVE ONLY MINOR IMPACT ON THE STATE RACES. 500.

(NEW YORK) NEW YORK -- FORMER U.N. AMBASSADOR DANIEL MOYNIHAN FAVORED TO BECOME NEW YORK'S FIRST DEMOCRATIC SENATOR SINCE THE LATE ROBERT KENNEDY; HEAVY VOTER TURNOUT IN NEW YORK CITY EXPECTED TO HELP JIMMY CARTER IN PRESIDENTIAL BALLOTING. 300.

(CALIFORNIA) LOS ANGELES -- CALIFORNIANS, WITH THE LARGEST AND POSSIBLY DECIDING BLOC OF ELECTORAL COLLEGE VOTES, CHOOSE BETWEEN JIMMY CARTER AND PRESIDENT FORD. 300.

(OHIO) COLUMBUS, OHIO -- EARLY VOTER TURNOUT HEAVY IN OHIO, A STATE WITH 25 ELECTORAL VOTES RATED A TOSS-UP BETWEEN GERALD FORD AND JIMMY CARTER. 300.

(HARPERS) HARPERS FERRY, W.VA. -- THE ELECTION IS A SERIOUS MATTER IN HARPERS FERRY, WHERE MOST HOUSES HAVE PORCHES AND MOST PORCHES HAVE ROCKERS. MRS. JUNE BRADY, FOR EXAMPLE, COULDN'T SLEEP ALL NIGHT AND MADE HER DECISION WHEN SHE PICKED UP HER BALLOT. AN ELECTION-DAY REPORT FROM SMALL-TOWN AMERICA BY MIKE FEINSILBER. 500.

(TURNOUT) UNDATED -- VOTER APATHY WAS A BIG WORRY BEFORE ELECTION DAY, BUT THE EARLY MORNING LINES AT THE POLLS WERE LONGER THAN EXPECTED. TURNOUT WAS SO HEAVY IN LITCHFIELD, N.H., THAT ELECTION OFFICIALS HAD TO BUILD FOUR EXTRA VOTING BOOTHS. 300.

(WEATHER) UNDATED -- FAIR SKIES AND MILD TEMPERATURE GREET VOTERS IN MOST PARTS OF NATION, BOLSTERING HOPES FOR HEAVY ELECTION DAY

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BC-LITCHFIELD 11-2

LITCHFIELD, N.H. (UPI) -- SO MANY VOTERS TURNED OUT IN THIS SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE COMMUNITY TUESDAY MORNING THAT ELECTION OFFICIALS HAD TO HAMMER TOGETHER FOUR EXTRA VOTING BOOTHS. PEOPLE WERE STANDING IN LINE 40 MINUTES TO VOTE IN A TOWN WHICH IN 1970 HAD 1,420 RESIDENTS. HUNDREDS MORE PEOPLE HAVE SETTLED IN THE AREA SINCE THE LAST CENSUS.

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PH-FORD 2NDLD-PICKUP4THGRAF A073 11-2

BY HELEN THOMAS

UPI WHITE HOUSE REPORTER

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD VOTED IN HIS HOME DISTRICT TODAY, BROKE DOWN AND CRIED AT AN AIRPORT DEDICATION IN HIS HONOR, THEN FLEW TO WASHINGTON FOR THE FINAL COUNTDOWN IN THE WHITE HOUSE BATTLE WITH JIMMY CARTER.

"I FEEL VERY GOOD. NOV. 2 IS GOING TO BE A GOOD DAY," SAID THE CONFIDENT AND NONTALGIC PRESIDENT AS HE AND HIS WIFE, BETTY, MOTORCADED TO WEALTHY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND CAST THEIR BALLOTS SHORTLY AFTER THE POLLS OPENED.

LATER, HOWEVER, HIS VOICE BROKE AND TEARS COURSED DOWN HIS CHEEKS AT LATE MORNING UNVEILING CEREMONIES FOR A WALL OF MURALS AT THE KENT COUNTY AIRPORT. THE MURALS DEPICT HIGHLIGHTS OF FORD'S LIFE.

"I'M JUST OVERWHELMED AND IF I HAD ANY GOOD SENSE, I'D SIT DOWN," SAID FORD, AT FIRST BLINKING BACK TEARS. BUT HE COULD NOT CONTROL HIS EMOTIONS.

"I JUST CAN'T ADEQUATELY EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE FOR BRINGING MY LIFE TO THIS WONDERFUL AIRPORT FOR SO MANY PEOPLE TO SEE," HE SAID.

"WHATEVER HAS BEEN DONE BY ME, IT'S BECAUSE OF MY MOTHER AND FATHER, DOROTHY AND GERALD R. FORD.

"I OWE EVERYTHING TO THEM, THE LOVE AND LEADERSHIP AND WHATEVER I AM."

PEOPLE IN THE AIRPORT CROWD OF 200 ALSO WIPED AWAY TEARS.

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BY ARNOLD SAWISLAK

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GERALD FORD AND JIMMY CARTER SHOWED EARLY TO CAST THEIR BALLOTS TODAY AND MILLIONS OF OTHER AMERICANS TURNED OUT IN HEAVY VOLUME TO DECIDE ONE OF THE CLOSEST PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN HISTORY.

ELECTION OFFICIALS IN DOZENS OF EASTERN, MIDWESTERN AND SOUTHERN STATES REPORTED THAT VOTERS WERE FORMING LONG LINES TO SELECT BETWEEN FORD AND CARTER. GOVERNORS WERE ALSO BEING SELECTED IN 14 STATES, SENATORS IN 33 AND HOUSE MEMBERS AND OTHER STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS IN ALL 50.

THE WEATHER WAS GOOD IN MOST SECTIONS OF THE COUNTRY. DEMOCRATS HAVE CONTENTED ALL ALONG THAT DECENT WEATHER WOULD HELP CARTER BECAUSE IT WOULD ENCOURAGE A HEAVIER TURNOUT. THERE ARE MORE REGISTERED DEMOCRATS THAN REPUBLICANS IN THE COUNTRY.

THE ELECTION OFFICIALS WERE ALMOST UNANIMOUS IN DESCRIBING THE TURNOUT SO FAR AS "HEAVY." THERE HAD BEEN PRE-ELECTION PREDICTIONS THAT THE NUMBER OF VOTERS PARTICIPATING WOULD BE THE LOWEST EVER BECAUSE OF WIDESPREAD APATHY AMONG THE ELECTORATE.

FORD AND HIS WIFE, BETTY, CAST THEIR BALLOTS AT AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., THE PRESIDENT'S HOMETOWN. "I FEEL VERY GOOD," FORD TOLD REPORTERS. "NOV. 2 IS GOING TO BE A GOOD DAY." CARTER CAST HIS BALLOT IN PLAINS, GA., AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT HE WOULD WIN.

BOTH CANDIDATES WERE AMONG THE FIRST TO VOTE WHEN THEIR LOCAL PRECINCTS OPENED THIS MORNING.

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WASHINGTON AP - A President Ford Committee spokesman said today that a telegram to black ministers about a racial dispute at the Plains, Ga., Baptist church was "in terrible taste and if we had known about it, we would have stopped it...".
 Ron Weber, the Ford campaign spokesman, denied that the campaign's head, James A. Baker III, authorized the telegram signed the "President Ford Committee...".
 Weber said the telegram was drawn up and sent out by Martin Dinkins and several others on the People for Ford Committee's "black desk...". The People for Ford Committee is a component of the President Ford Committee. The "black desk" focuses on issues concerning black voters.

"Sunday afternoon the black desk got this information from AP Radio and sort of took it upon themselves to send it out," Weber said. It should have been cleared with higher campaign officials, who would not have authorized it, he added.

The telegram questioned whether Jimmy Carter was fit to be president because he had not convinced his fellow church members to drop a rule barring blacks from joining the church. Carter voted against the policy when it was adopted in 1965.

Dinkins said Monday that he did not know who authorized the telegrams.

The People for Ford Committee sent the telegram Sunday to some 375 to 400 black ministers after the Plains church canceled its service because a controversial black minister was planning to seek membership.

Carter said Monday he did not take part in the deacons' decision to cancel the Sunday service and disagreed with it.

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ELECTION OFFICIALS IN THE MIDWEST, WHICH ENCOMPASSES SEVERAL KEY STATES, SAID VOTERS ARRIVED AT THE POLLS EARLY AND IN HEAVY NUMBERS.

"I HAVE WORKED A LOT OF ELECTIONS AND I HAVE NEVER SEEN SO MANY VOTERS COME OUT SO EARLY," SAID ONE PRECINCT WORKER IN COLUMBUS, OHIO.

"IF THE WEATHER STAYS AS IT IS, VOTING SHOULD BE HEAVY MUCH OF THE DAY," SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WAYNE COUNTY, MICH., CLERK'S OFFICE IN DETROIT.

MICHIGAN OFFICIALS PREDICTED A RECORD TURNOUT OF 3.7 MILLION VOTERS, 72 PER CENT OF THOSE REGISTERED.

IN MUNCIE, IND., A PRECINCT JUDGE SAID THE TURNOUT WAS THE HEAVIEST HE HAD SEEN IN 10 YEARS.

OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE TED BROWN, WHO ESTIMATED A RECORD 4.2 MILLION VOTERS WOULD CAST BALLOTS, SAID THE EARLY VOTING THROUGHOUT THE STATE WAS "VERY HEAVY."

IN NEW JERSEY, ANOTHER KEY STATE TO BOTH CARTER AND FORD, AN ELECTION OFFICIAL IN HUDSON COUNTY SAID, "IF WE KEEP GOING AT THE RATE WE HAD AT 9 O'CLOCK, WE'LL HAVE 80 TO 84 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS BEFORE THE POLLS CLOSE."

NEW YORK CITY OFFICIALS SAID 75 PER CENT OF THE THREE MILLION REGISTERED VOTERS THERE WILL CAST BALLOTS. "THE VOTER TURNOUT IS VERY HEAVY," ONE OFFICIAL SAID. "THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN FIVE YEARS THAT I'VE HAD COMPLAINTS ABOUT LONG LINES AT POLLING PLACES."

IN NEW ENGLAND, OFFICIALS REPORTED THAT VOTERS WERE ARRIVING AT THE POLLS IN "RECORD" NUMBERS

AN OFFICIAL IN MANCHESTER, N.H., REPORTED THAT VOTING IN THAT CITY WAS "MUCH HEAVIER THAN USUAL."

IN THE TINY COMMUNITY OF LITCHFIELD, N.H., SO MANY VOTERS TURNED UP THAT ELECTION OFFICIALS HAD TO HAMMER TOGETHER FOUR EXTRA VOTING BOOTHS.

THE STORY WAS THE SAME IN SOUTHERN AND BORDER STATES.

"WE'VE GOT SO MANY PEOPLE HERE WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO," A POLL WORKER IN AUBURN, ALA., SAID. "THIS IS MUCH HEAVIER THAN IN PREVIOUS ELECTIONS."

WOULD-BE EARLY MORNING VOTERS AT SOME ATLANTA POLLING PLACES GAVE UP IN DESPAIR AFTER WAITING IN THE VOTING LINES FOR 90 MINUTES OR LONGER. MANY SAID THEY MIGHT TRY AGAIN AFTER WORK.

IN ST. PETERSBURG, FLA., ELECTION OFFICIAL SARA ADCOCK SAID THE VOTING WAS SO HEAVY "SOME PRECINCTS WERE ASKING FOR MORE VOTING MACHINES."

HEAVY TURNOUT WAS ALSO REPORTED IN TENNESSEE, NORTH CAROLINA, VIRGINIA, KENTUCKY, MARYLAND, WEST VIRGINIA, AND LOUISIANA.

PERHAPS THE MOST WHIMISCAL REACTION TO THE ELECTION DAY EXCITEMENT CAME FROM ALBERT ROSS, 69, WHO WAS THE FIRST VOTER TO SHOW UP AT ONE PRECINCT IN CHICAGO.

"I LIKE TO GET UP, GET OUT AND GET IT OVER WITH," HE SAID. "IT'S THE ONLY THING THAT DOESN'T COST ANYTHING ANY MORE."

AFTER FORD CAST HIS BALLOT IN GRAND RAPIDS, HE EXPRESSED OPTIMISM ABOUT HIS ELECTION CHANCES.

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By DONALD M. ROTHBERG

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A heavy turnout marked the early voting today as Americans chose between Jimmy Carter and Gerald R. Ford to lead the nation as president over the next four years.

Democrat Carter cast his ballot in a cinder-block building near the railroad tracks in Plains, Ga. Republican Ford voted in an elementary school in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Historically, a large turnout generally favors the Democrats, the majority party. If the trend continues throughout the day - and the weather was generally good - analysts agreed it could help Carter in his bid to oust Ford from the White House.

The analysts said the election was poised on knife-edge, probably one of the closest of the century. However, a late Roper poll gave Carter a four-point lead - 51 to 47.

A heavy turnout was reported all along the East Coast - in New York, Maine, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia and North Carolina.

The same pattern held true in Louisiana, Ohio, Michigan and Tennessee.

Carter's 98-week campaign came to an end in Plains, his rural home town. "I feel a sense of satisfaction," he said. "I did the best I could."

Ford, home in Grand Rapids, was asked if he felt lucky. "Sure do," the President replied. "Don't you think we have good reason?"

Carter's running-mate, Walter F. Mondale, also voted early, in Afton, Minn., his home town. He joked that he was "undecided," but then assured reporters he had voted for "Jimmy Carter and his running-mate."

The fourth man in the celebrated quarter, GOP vice-presidential candidate Bob Dole, planned to vote later in the day in his home town, Russell, Kan. At a rally Monday evening in Independence, Mo., he sat in former President Harry S. Truman's chair in the local courthouse "for luck."

Ford and Carter ended their campaigns Monday night with rallies in Michigan, barely 100 miles apart.

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By JOHN CUNNIFF

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NEW YORK AP - Don't look for the immediate stock market reaction to necessarily represent approval or censure of the presidential election winner.

A possibility, say many analysts of market behavior, is that stocks might rally briefly in any event, simply as an expression of relief from indecision. Uncertainty usually weakens the market.

There is the chance too that the market might shrug off the election results, being once again unable to make a sharp determination of whether the news is good or bad. It wouldn't be the first time this year it has happened.

Reviewing the thoughts of the market letter writers, one can detect the confusion.

A good many analysts, for example, have assumed uncritically that a Ford victory was good for business and therefore for stocks. Others, however, recall how it seems to be that stock markets rise when Democrats are in power.

The betting seems to be with those who insist that the current market, locked into a monotonously limited range since last February, is looking for any news event as an excuse to become more active. Capital gains can only be made - and lost - when stocks move.

In that context, the election event could provide the reason for some of the large institutions to promote activity, hoping that the general public then will join in the excitement and generate a spasm of trading.

Such emotions have been arisen throughout the year, but never have they been sustained, another illustration it is said of the reluctance of Americans to commit themselves to an uncertain future.

This attitude has been evident in various ways. Industry, to cite one instance, has been wary of spending for capital expansion, that is, for the improvement and enlarging and equipping of production facilities.

This failure of industry to enlarge its capital commitments, especially since borrowing costs have dropped sharply from last year's levels, has distressed many economists and investors, who fear that if business doesn't lead can consumers be blamed if they don't follow.

Individuals too have been less than eager to invest. Money that in more exuberant times might have gone into the market has been going instead into the least risky of ventures, such as savings accounts.

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NEW YORK: Savings accounts.

This is a typical phenomenon of a society whose confidence is low, and those who measure that confidence agree that up to now it has never fully recovered from the deep recession of 1974.

Whether the doubts and the wariness are the result of consumer attitudes mainly about the future financial picture, or whether they also represent reservations about political leadership, is debatable. But it is there.

The lack of inspiration is reflected in the price-earnings ratios of stocks, which now are selling at what could be viewed as bargain prices.

The P-E ratio for the 30 component stocks in the Dow Jones industrial average is now only 10.4, based on earnings of \$90.68 a share. A year ago, when many doubts existed about the country's ability to continue upward from recession, the ratio was almost identical, measuring 10 on earnings of \$88.83.

This ratio is considered a fair indication of confidence or lack of it, since it indicates the degree of risk that investors are willing to take. If they are wary, the ratio - or the number of times earnings they are willing to pay for a stock - might fall into single numbers.

That very thing occurred in 1973, when the ratio fell to just 6.2. Investors then not only retreated from the market but they gravitated toward the high interest and lower risk of fixed-income securities, such as bonds.

By contrast, in the heady days of the early and mid-1960s the ratio sometimes reached close to 20, and for some of the more speculative stocks not in the average the ratio even exceeded 100.

Rather than the immediate reaction, it is these price-earnings ratios that will determine whether the investing public endorses the election results.

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COLUMBUS (UPI) -- VOTERS TODAY TURNED OUT IN VERY HEAVY EARLY NUMBERS ACROSS OHIO, WHERE 25 ELECTORAL VOTES WERE CRUCIAL TO THE WHITE HOUSE HOPS OF BOTH GERALD FORD AND JIMMY CARTER.

FROM THE INDUSTRIALIZED MAHONING VALLEY IN THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF THE STATE TO THE FAR WESTERN FARM AREA OF GREENVILLE, OHIOANS CAST BALLOTS IN WHAT COULD BE RECORD NUMBERS.

THE OUTCOME WAS RATED A TOSS-UP.

SECRETARY OF STATE T. D. BROWN, WHO EARLIER PREDICTED A RECORD 4.2 MILLION PERSONS WOULD VOTE, SAID THE EARLY BALLOTING THROUGHOUT OHIO WAS "VERY HEAVY". HE ATTRIBUTED THE STRONG TURNOUT TO GOOD WEATHER AND A MASSIVE VOTER DRIVE CONDUCTED BY ORGANIZED LABOR.

HEAVY TURNOUTS WERE REPORTED IN THE CLEVELAND AREA, TOLEDO, ELYRIA, LORAIN, CINCINNATI, COLUMBUS, WARREN, LIMA, AND THE FARM AREAS OF JOHNSTOWN AND GREENVILLE.

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NEW YORK (UPI) -- JIMMY CARTER'S CAMPAIGN AIDES ARE WORRIED A LOW VOTER TURNOUT IN NEW YORK CITY COULD CRIPPLE THE DEMOCRATIC CHALLENGER'S CHANCES OF CARRYING THE STATE TODAY.

MEANWHILE, DEMOCRAT DANIEL MOYNIHAN IS EXPECTED TO WIN HIS HEATED SENATE RACE AGAINST CONSERVATIVE-REPUBLICAN INCUMBENT JAMES BUCKLEY.

LOCAL POLLS SHOW CARTER WITH A 3 TO 6 PERCENTAGE POINT LEAD OVER PRESIDENT FORD IN THE RACE FOR NEW YORK'S 41 ELECTORAL VOTES BUT THE DEMOCRATIC CHALLENGER'S SUPPORT HERE IS CONSIDERED SOFT.

NEW YORK CITY ELECTION OFFICIALS SAY THAT ALTHOUGH SUNNY SKIES AND 50-DEGREE TEMPERATURES ARE FORECAST TODAY, VOTER APATHY COULD CUT THE TURNOUT TO AS LOW AS 60 TO 65 PER CENT. STATE ELECTION OFFICIALS PREDICTED A STATEWIDE TURNOUT OF 80 PER CENT.

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CONCORD, N.H. (UPI) -- SUNSHINE AND HEATED FIGHTS FOR GOVERNOR, CONGRESS AND CONTROL OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE WERE EXPECTED TO PRODUCE A RECORD VOTER TURNOUT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE TODAY.

ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE EDWARD KELLY PREDICTED WELL OVER THE 334,055 PERSONS WHO CAST BALLOTS IN THE 1972 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION WOULD GO TO THE POLLS.

A CLOSE CONTEST BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND JIMMY CARTER WAS REFLECTED IN THE OUTCOME OF BALLOTING IN DIXVILLE NOTCH TODAY. THE NORTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE HAMLET'S 26 VOTERS CAST BALLOTS SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT, AWARDING 13 TO FORD, 11 TO CARTER, 1 TO EUGENE MCCARTHY. ANOTHER BALLOT WAS VOIDED.

CAMPAIGNS FOR GOVERNOR AND THE 2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT HAVE DRAWN MOST OF THE ATTENTION SINCE THE SEPT. 14 PRIMARY. REPUBLICAN GOV. MELDRIM THOMSON, SEEKING A THIRD TWO-YEAR TERM, IS GOING AGAINST DEMOCRAT HARRY SPANOS.

R. P. JAMES CLEVELAND, R-N.H., HOPED 14 YEARS OF CONSTITUENT SERVICE WOULD WIN HIM AN EIGHTH TERM FROM THE 2ND DISTRICT. DEMOCRAT JOSEPH GRANDMAISON ARGUED CLEVELAND VOTED AGAINST THE DISTRICT'S INTERESTS, PARTICULARLY ON ENERGY.

THE ONLY SURE THING AMONG THE TOP THREE RACES APPEARED TO BE THAT R. P. NORMAN D'AMOURS, D-N.H., WOULD WIN A SECOND TERM IN THE 1ST DISTRICT.

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HARTFORD, CONN. (UPI) -- REPUBLICAN SEN. LOWELL WEICKER'S RE-ELECTION WAS EXPECTED TODAY, BUT THE RACE BETWEEN GERALD FORD AND JIMMY CARTER WAS A TOSSUP.

BOTH SIDES PREDICTED VICTORY, BUT CITED CONFLICTING POLLING DATA THAT ONLY REINFORCED THE IMPRESSION THE STATE WAS UP FOR GRABS. THEY AGREED ON ELECTION EVE A LARGE BLOC OF UNDECIDED VOTERS WAS THE KEY TO VICTORY.

THE STATE WAS PRIZED BY BOTH PARTIES BECAUSE OF ITS ABILITY TO FORECAST THE NATIONAL WINNER IN EIGHT OF THE PAST 10 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. AS SUCH, CONNECTICUT'S EARLY RETURNS COULD HAVE AN EFFECT ON LAT- VOTING CALIFORNIA'S ALL IMPORTANT 45 ELECTORAL VOTES.

WEICKER'S LEAD OVER DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE GLORIA SCHAFER APPEARED INSURMOUNTABLE WITH HIS IMAGE AS A POLITICAL MAVERICK DRAWING HIM SUPPORT FROM DEMOCRATIC AND INDEPENDENT VOTERS. ON THE EVE OF THE ELECTION, SOURCES SAID THE LATEST POLL BY THE SCHAFER CAMPAIGN SHOWED HER TRAILING WEICKER BY 20 PERCENTAGE POINTS.

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BOSTON (UPI) -- LEGIONS OF VOLUNTEERS TOOK TO THE STREETS ACROSS MASSACHUSETTS TODAY TO DELIVER A MANDATE FOR SEN. EDWARD KENNEDY IN A STATEWIDE EFFORT CERTAIN TO HELP JIMMY CARTER.

AIDS SAID AN ESTIMATED 10,000 VOLUNTEERS WOULD SCOUR MASSACHUSETTS' 351 COMMUNITIES FOR VOTERS FAVORING A THIRD FULL TERM FOR KENNEDY.

"I THINK WE'LL DO WELL," THE 14-YEAR SNAPE VETERAN SAID YESTERDAY FOLLOWING A LUNCH-HOUR PLUNGE INTO DOWNTOWN SHOPPING DISTRICTS. "WE'VE WORKED HARD FOR IT."

REP. THOMAS O'NEILL JR., D-MASS., ALSO WAS CONFIDENT OF VICTORY IN A CAMBRIDGE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT HE SERVED FOR 24 YEARS.

CARTER LEFT KENNEDY AND O'NEILL TO HANDLE MUCH OF THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN IN MASSACHUSETTS, A STATE WHERE THE FORMER GEORGIA GOVERNOR SUFFERED HIS WORST DEFEAT OF THE PRIMARIES.

CARTER SPENT FOUR HOURS AND \$85,000 TO REACH MORE THAN 3 MILLION VOTERS, APPARENTLY CONFIDENT HE WOULD EASILY CARRY A STATE THAT HAS VOTED DEMOCRATIC IN 10 OF THE 12 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS SINCE 1928.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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Then the campaign was over. The candidates, like other Americans, could only vote and wait. Besides control of the White House, at stake were 33 Senate and all 435 House seats. The Democrats were expected to retain control of both chambers.

As the day wore on, the pattern set in the East was extended through the Midwest, the Plains states and the West: record-challenging turnouts.

In Iowa, from Secretary of State Melvin Synhorst came a prediction of 1.25 million voters, the third highest in the state's history in a presidential race. In Detroit, Mich., 157,233 had voted by noon, compared with 132,000 in 1972.

In California, Los Angeles and Orange counties reported substantial increases over 1972 and March Fong Eu, the secretary of state, predicted 7.9 million of the state's 10 million registered voters would cast ballots.

One of the presidential candidates, Lester Maddox of the American Independent party, waited in line about an hour in Marietta, Ga. The former governor commented: "As far as I'm concerned, I was the only one running for the people..."

Maddox said he could have won in many states, but was hampered by lack of news coverage and by the greater spending of Ford and Carter supporters.

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BY LEE LEONARD

COLUMBUS, OHIO (UPI) -- UNDECIDED VOTERS AND A STRONG OF MINOR PARTY CANDIDATES APPEARED TO FORESHADOW A VICTORY MARGIN MEASURED IN SINGLE PERCENTAGE POINTS FOR PRESIDENT FORD OR JIMMY CARTER IN THE BALLOT BATTLE FOR OHIO'S CRUCIAL 25 ELECTORAL VOTES.

THE CARTER ORGANIZATION PREDICTED THE DEMOCRAT WOULD TAKE OHIO, PERHAPS WITH "A GOOD SIZE PLURALITY," WHILE THE FORD CAMPAIGN ALSO FORECAST VICTORY, "MAYBE BY A COMFORTABLE MARGIN."

DESPITE THE PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS OF CONFIDENCE THAT OHIO'S 4.2 MILLION VOTERS WOULD FURNISH AT LEAST A SLIM MAJORITY FOR THEIR CANDIDATE, SEASONED POLITICIANS ADMITTED THE CONTEST WAS A TOSSUP WHICH COULD GO EITHER WAY.

THE KEY WAS EXPECTED TO BE THE SIZE OF THE TURNOUT AND THE FINAL CHOICE BY THE HIGH PERCENTAGE OF UNDECIDED VOTERS. SEASONED POLITICAL OBSERVERS FELT THE DECISION MIGHT HINGE ON 20,000-100,000 VOTES -- 1 TO 2 1/2 PERCENTAGE POINTS.

ADDING TO THE UNPREDICTABILITY WAS THE PRESENCE OF SIX MINOR PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES ON THE BALLOT, INCLUDING FORMER SEN. EUGENE MCCARTHY OF MINNESOTA AND FORMER GOV. LESTER MADDOK OF GEORGIA. THEY WERE EXPECTED TO CAPTURE A PRECIOUS 4 PER CENT OF THE VOTE.

ALSO AT STAKE WAS A U.S. SENATE SEAT NOW HELD BY FIRST TERM SEN. ROBERT TAFT JR., A CINCINNATI REPUBLICAN.

TAFT WAS PITTED AGAINST DEMOCRAT HOWARD M. METZENBAUM OF CLEVELAND, WHOM HE DEFEATED BY 70,000 VOTES IN 1970.

TAFT, 59, CONDUCTED AN ENERGETIC CAMPAIGN, ACCUSING HIS OPPONENT OF PROPOSING DEFENSE BUDGET CUTS THREATENING AMERICAN SECURITY.

METZENBAUM, ALSO 59, SERVED ONE YEAR IN THE SENATE THROUGH APPOINTMENT BY FORMER DEMOCRATIC GOV. JOHN J. GILLIGAN. HE ACCUSED TAFT OF PANDERING TO UTILITIES AND CORPORATIONS, AND FAILING TO PROPOSE ANY POSITIVE SOLUTIONS TO U.S. PROBLEMS.

THE SENATE CAMPAIGN WAS MARKED BY HEAVY MEDIA ADVERTISING AND SPENDING, PERHAPS APPROACHING \$1 MILLION BY EACH CANDIDATE.

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BY RICHARD H. GROWALD

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD VOTED TUESDAY, ATE A BLUEBERRY PANCAKE FOR GOOD LUCK AND WEPT BEFORE FRIENDS BACK HOME IN GRAND RAPIDS AS THEY DEDICATED A MURAL DEPICTING HIS LIFE. THEN HE RETURNED TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE LONG WATCH FOR ELECTION RETURNS.

THE PRESIDENT WRAPPED UP HIS CAMPAIGN MONDAY NIGHT WITH A RECEPTION IN GRAND RAPIDS THAT BROUGHT TEARS TO HIS EYES. HIS EMOTION OVERFLOWED ONCE MORE AS THE HOME TOWN FOLKS PAID HIM TRIBUTE TUESDAY MORNING.

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ST. LOUIS (UPI) -- A HEAVY VOTER TURNOUT UNDER IDEAL WEATHER CONDITIONS TUESDAY APPEARED TO INCREASE JIMMY CARTER'S CHANCES TO WIN TRADITIONALLY DEMOCRATIC MISSOURI'S 12 ELECTORAL VOTES.

PRESIDENT FORD BANKED ON HELP FROM A STRONG REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET, HEAD BY U.S. SENATE CANDIDATE JOHN DANFORTH AND GOV. CHRISTOPHER BOND.

LONG LINES OF CHILLY VOTERS AND LENGTHY WAITING PERIODS WERE REPORTED FROM ALL SECTIONS OF THE STATE SHORTLY AFTER THE POLLS OPENED AT 6 A.M. SKIES WERE CLEAR AND AFTERNOON TEMPERATURES WERE PREDICTED IN THE 60S.

SECRETARY OF STATE JAMES KIRKPATRICK FORCAST A RECORD 1.95 MILLION VOTERS WOULD VISIT THE POLLS BEFORE THE 7 P.M. CLOSING.

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MINNEAPOLIS (UPI) -- VOTERS IN MINNESOTA LINED UP IN "FANTASTICALLY HIGH" NUMBERS TUESDAY TO CHOOSE 10 ELECTORAL VOTES FOR PRESIDENT, A SENATOR AND EIGHT HOUSE SEATS.

OBSERVERS SAID THE HEAVY BALLOTING PROBABLY COULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO A SENTIMENTAL VOTE FOR ONE OF THE STATE'S MOST POPULAR POLITICAL FIGURES, SEN. HUBERT HUMPHREY, AND A LOCAL BOY WHO HOPES TO MAKE GOOD, SEN. WALTER MONDALE, THE DEMOCRATIC VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

"THE VOTE WAS FANTASTICALLY HIGH," SAID ALBERT HOFSTEDT, FORMER MAYOR OF MINNEAPOLIS AND HUMPHREY'S CAMPAIGN MANAGER IN THE STATE.

JOAN GROVE, SECRETARY OF STATE, SAID AFTER A SPOT CHECK OF ABOUT 20 POLLING PLACES THAT THE VOTE WAS SO HEAVY SOME AREAS WERE ASKING FOR EXTRA VOTING MACHINES.

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CHARLESTON, W.VA. (UPI) -- THE GUBERNATORIAL RACE BETWEEN DEMOCRAT JOHN D. ROCKFELLER IV AND REPUBLICAN CECIL UNDERWOOD TUESDAY OVERSHADOWED THE PRESIDENTIAL BATTLE BETWEEN JIMMY CARTER AND GERALD FORD IN WEST VIRGINIA.

WITH AN ESTIMATED 750,000 VOTES AND SIX ELECTORS AT STAKE, BOTH CARTER AND FORD HAVE LARGELY IGNORED THE MOUNTAIN STATE.

DEMOCRATS, WHO OUTNUMBER REGISTERED REPUBLICANS 2-1, WERE EXPECTED TO TAKE THE PRESIDENTIAL, THE GUBERNATORIAL AND FOUR HOUSE SEATS.

THE VOTER TURNOUT, UNDER CLEAR SKIES, WAS HEAVY.

ROCKFELLER, 9, LOST FOUR YEARS AGO TO GOP GOV. ARCH MOORE BY 7,000 VOTES. SINCE THEN, THE VICE PRESIDENT'S NEPHEW HAS MODIFIED PREVIOUS STANDS AGAINST STRIP MINING AND GUN CONTROL.

UNDERWOOD, 5, ATTACKED ROCKFELLER'S WEALTH -- HIS OPPONENT SPENT \$2.5 MILLION IN THE PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION -- AND STRESSED HIS OWN RECORD AS A "ROAD BUILDING GOVERNOR" IN A STATE KNOWN FOR POOR HIGHWAYS.

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PHILADELPHIA (UPI) -- TIGHT RACES BETWEEN DEMOCRAT JIMMY CARTER AND GERALD FORD AND U.S. SENATE CANDIDATES, PHILADELPHIA DEMOCRAT WILLIAM GREEN AND PITTSBURGH REPUBLICAN JOHN HINZ, RESULTED IN SURPRISINGLY HEAVY VOTER TURNOUTS TUESDAY.

BOTH CARTER AND FORD CAMPAIGN STRATEGISTS HAD USED "GET OUT THE VOTE" CAMPAIGNS.

PENNSYLVANIA'S 5.7 MILLION REGISTERED VOTERS EXPERIENCED CLEAR, SUNNY SKIES AND BRISK TEMPERATURES. THE DEMOCRATS HOLD A 750,000-VOTE REGISTRATION EDGE.

IN BERK, LACKAWANNA AND YORK COUNTIES, ELECTIONS OFFICIALS SAID THE EARLY VOTE WAS "VERY HEAVY". THE VOTE WAS LIGHT IN HARRISBURG, MODERATE IN ALTOONA, AND MODERATE TO HEAVY IN PHILADELPHIA AND ITS SUBURBS AND IN PITTSBURGH.

THERE WAS SOME CONFUSION IN THE PHILADELPHIA AREA, WHERE A NUMBER OF VOTERS WERE TURNED AWAY BECAUSE THEY DID NOT MEET REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE STATE'S NEW POSTCARD REGISTRATION SYSTEM.

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By VICTORIA GRAHAM
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WASHINGTON AP - President Ford cast his ballot, paid a tearful tribute to his parents, and then returned here today to await the verdict of the nation's voters on whether he should remain in the White House for four more years, or surrender it to Democrat Jimmy Carter.

Ford's helicopter reached the south lawn of the White House at 2 p.m., to be greeted by a crowd of about 200 well-wishers.

His return had a festive air in contrast to the sober and emotional scene that occurred as the President departed his home town of Grand Rapids, Mich., where he had voted earlier in the day.

At the dedication of an airport terminal mural depicting Ford's life from infancy to the presidency, his eyes welled with tears as he saw portraits of his parents. "I owe everything to them," he said with a voice that cracked. "I'm just overwhelmed. If I had any good sense I'd sit down."

As the helicopter landed at the White House, first up the ramp was one of the Ford family's golden retrievers, which were decked out with white dog blankets bearing the letters "President Ford."

The President and Mrs. Ford emerged arm in arm from the aircraft as the crowd applauded and two local high school bands brought on for the occasion played "The Victors," the University of Michigan fight song that has become Ford's campaign anthem.

Press Secretary Ron Messen said the Fords planned to rest until the election returns began coming in later in the day. He said Sen. Bob Dole, the Republican vice-presidential nominee, would join the President at the White House for what Messen says is a long-planned victory party.

In Grand Rapids, a sober-faced Ford voted at a local elementary school amidst the glare and flash of cameras.

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BY JIM ANDERSON

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- RICHARD HELMS, THE CONTROVERSIAL FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, HAS RESIGNED AS U.S. AMBASSADOR TO IRAN, ADMINISTRATION SOURCES SAID TODAY.

THE WHITE HOUSE WAS EXPECTED TO MAKE THE FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT LATER IN THE DAY.

THE SOURCES SAID HELMS DECIDED TO RESIGN BEFORE A WINNER WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN ORDER TO MAKE IT PLAIN THAT HE WANTED TO STEP DOWN NO MATTER WHO WAS ELECTED.

THEY SAID HELMS, 64, DECIDED IT WAS TIME TO STEP DOWN AFTER MORE THAN 30 YEARS OF GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

IT IS CUSTOMARY FOR ALL PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEES, INCLUDING AMBASSADORS, TO AUTOMATICALLY HAND IN THEIR RESIGNATIONS WHEN A NEW ADMINISTRATION TAKES OVER IN WASHINGTON.

HELMS HAD SPENT MUCH OF THE EARLIER PART OF THIS YEAR IN WASHINGTON WAITING TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE ON THE CIA'S PART IN THE WATERGATE AFFAIR, AND HIS EARLIER TESTIMONY ABOUT THAT INVOLVEMENT.

SOME SENATORS WANTED TO HAVE THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT PROSECUTE HIM FOR PERJURY BECAUSE HE HAD TOLD A SENATE COMMITTEE THAT HE WOULD HAVE VETOED ANY CIA INVOLVEMENT IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

LATER, TESTIMONY FOUND THAT THE CIA, WITH HELMS' KNOWLEDGE, GAVE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO WATERGATE BURGLAR E. HOWARD HUNT, "LAUNDERED" POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN MEXICO AND CONDUCTED SURVEILLANCE ON SOME OVERSEAS CONTACTS.

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BY ARNOLD SAWISLAK

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VOTERS ACROSS THE NATION FORMED LINES THAT STRETCHED FOR BLOCKS AND SOME WAITED AS LONG AS TWO HOURS TO CAST THEIR BALLOTS TODAY IN A NIP-AND-TUCK PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION THAT MAY PRODUCE THE HEAVIEST TURNOUT IN YEARS.

APPARENTLY SHATTERING PREDICTIONS OF POLITICAL APATHY, THE STORY WAS THE SAME IN STATE AFTER STATE. ELECTION OFFICIALS USED WORDS SUCH AS "FANTASTIC," "TREMENDOUS," "JAMMED" AND "UNUSUALLY HEAVY" TO DESCRIBE THE TURNOUT IN THE RACE BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND JIMMY CARTER.

SOME VOTERS TEMPORARILY GAVE UP IN DISGUST WHEN THEY DISCOVERED THE WAIT WAS TOO LONG AND THEY WOULD BE LATE FOR WORK. OFFICIALS IN SOME STATES HAD TO FIND ADDITIONAL VOTING MACHINES OR BOOTHS TO HANDLE THE CROWDS. THE WEATHER WAS GOOD OVER MUCH OF THE COUNTRY.

THE HEAVIEST VOTER TURNOUT EVER OCCURRED IN 1960 WHEN 64 PER CENT OF THE VOTING AGE POPULATION APPEARED AT THE POLLS TO ELECT JOHN F. KENNEDY. IN 1968, THE PERCENTAGE SLIPPED TO 60.7 PER CENT AND FELL EVEN FURTHER TO 55.5 PER CENT IN 1972.

POLITICAL OBSERVERS HAD PREDICTED APATHY WOULD RESULT IN A LOW VOTER TURNOUT AND DEMOCRATS HAD FEARED THIS WOULD DAMAGE CARTER'S CHANCES SINCE THERE ARE MANY MORE REGISTERED DEMOCRATS THAN REPUBLICANS.

BESIDES THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE, VOTERS IN 14 STATES WERE ALSO SELECTING GOVERNORS, SENATORS WERE BEING ELECTED IN 33 STATES AND HOUSE MEMBERS AND STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS WERE VYING FOR JOBS IN ALL 50 STATES.

FORD AND HIS WIFE, BETTY, CAST THEIR BALLOTS SHORTLY AFTER THE POLLS OPENED IN GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. HE TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE FELT "VERY GOOD. NOV. 2 IS GOING TO BE A GOOD DAY."

CARTER CAST HIS BALLOT IN PLAINS, GA., AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT HE WOULD WIN.

THE FINAL NATIONWIDE POLLS SHOWED THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE IN A VIRTUAL DEAD HEAT.

THE LOUIS HARRIS ORGANIZATION CONDUCTED IT FINAL POLL ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. IT SHOWED CARTER HOLDING TO A 46-45 PER CENT LEAD OVER FORD. HARRIS SAID THE RESULT INDICATES A CONTEST "TOO CLOSE TO CALL" AND SAID EITHER MAN MIGHT WIN THE POPULAR VOTE AND LOSE THE ELECTORAL VOTE.

A POLL BY THE ROPER ORGANIZATION FOR THE PUBLIC BROADCASTING SERVICE FOUND CARTER AHEAD BY SEVEN POINTS AND INDICATED HE COULD WIN BY FOUR POINTS IF UNDECIDED VOTERS SPLIT THEIR VOTES EVENLY AMONG THE MAJOR CANDIDATES.

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BOSTON (AP) -- VOTING WAS REPORTED EXTREMELY HEAVY TUESDAY ACROSS MASSACHUSETTS ON A BALLOT THAT INCLUDED STRONGLY CONTESTED SENATE AND HOUSE RACES AND CONTROVERSIAL STATE PROPOSITIONS AS WELL AS THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

ELECTION OFFICIALS SAID THE TURNOUT MIGHT SURPASS THE RECORD 91.6 PER CENT RECORDED IN 1960 WHEN JOHN F. KENNEDY RAN FOR PRESIDENT.

DEMOCRAT JIMMY CARTER WAS CONSIDERED A SURE BET TO WIN THE HEAVILY DEMOCRATIC STATE'S 14 ELECTORAL VOTES OVER REPUBLICAN GERALD FORD AND INDEPENDENT EUGENE MCCARTHY.

SEN. EDWARD M. KENNEDY'S RE-ELECTION BID WAS OPPOSED BY REPUBLICAN MICHAEL ROBERTSON AND TWO MINOR PARTY CANDIDATES, BUT HE WAS THOUGHT TO BE ASSURED OF VICTORY.

REFERENDA ON THE BALLOT INCLUDED SUCH HIGHLY CHARGED ISSUES AS A HANDGUN BAN, A NONRETURNABLE BOTTLE BAN, A GRADUATED INCOME TAX, A STATE POWER AUTHORITY AND UNIFORM RATES FOR ELECTRIC UTILITY CUSTOMERS OF ALL SIZES.

DEMOCRATIC U.S. REP. ROBERT F. DRINAN AND REPUBLICAN REP. SILVIO O. CONTE FACED STRONG COMPETITION IN THEIR RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGNS. SEVEN OTHER INCUMBENT CONGRESSMEN, INCLUDING HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER THOMAS P. O'NEILL JR., WERE EXPECTED TO SURVIVE CHALLENGES EASILY. THREE INCUMBENTS WERE UNOPPOSED.

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SAN CLEMENTE (UPI) -- RICHARD NIXON AND HIS WIFE, PAT, WHO IS RECOVERING FROM A STROKE, CAST ABSENTEE BALLOTS IN ADVANCE OF TUESDAY'S ELECTION, APPARENTLY IN ANTICIPATION OF A BRIEF DESERT VACATION WHICH WAS CALLED OFF.

"THE NIXONS VOTED ABSENTEE BALLOT," RETIRED COL. JACK BRENNAN, NIXON'S AID, TOLD WAITING NEWS PERSONNEL. "THE NIXONS WERE GOING TO GO TO THE DESERT FOR THREE DAYS BUT THE PLANS FELL THROUGH."

HE DID NOT SAY WHERE ON THE DESERT THE NIXONS HAD PLANNED TO GO, NOR WHY THE PLANS WERE CANCELLED.

THE NIXONS HAVE BEEN FREQUENT GUESTS AT THE STATE NAR PALM SPRINGS OF WALTER ANNEBERG, FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR TO GREAT BRITAIN.

MRS. NIXON SUFFERED A STROKE AT THEIR CASA PACIFICA ESTATE JULY 7 AND WAS HOSPITALIZED FOR MORE THAN TWO WEEKS.

ASKED HOW SHE WAS DOING IN HER RECOVERY, BRENNAN SHRUGGED AND SAID, "IT'S A SLOW PROCESS BUT SHE'S DOING WELL."

BRENNAN SAID ONE OF NIXON'S DAUGHTERS, TRICIA COX, WAS VISITING HER PARENTS. THE OTHER DAUGHTER, JULIA EISENHOWER, LEFT A FEW DAYS AGO, HE SAID.

A REGISTRATION SHEET POSTED AT PRECINCT NO. 48-141 AT THE CONCORDIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL A FEW BLOCKS NORTH OF THE NIXON HOME CARRIED A NOTATION THAT THE FORMER FIRST FAMILY HAD VOTED BY ABSENTEE BALLOT.

IT LISTED THE NIXON ADDRESS AS 4100 CALLE ISABELLA AND SHOWED TWO OTHER PERSONS LIVING THERE -- MR. AND MRS. MANOLO SANCHEZ. SANCHEZ IS NIXON'S VALET.

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LOS ANGELES (UPI) -- INDEPENDENT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE EUGENE MCCARTHY, CONCEIVING HE WAS UNLIKELY TO WIN ANY ELECTORAL VOTES, PLANNED TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON TUESDAY NIGHT TO AWAIT THE ELECTION RESULTS.

MCCARTHY WAS ON THE BALLOT IN 29 STATES AND WAS A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE IN CALIFORNIA.

MCCARTHY, WHO CAST HIS ABSENTEE MINNESOTA BALLOT LAST WEEK, MADE A FINAL CAMPAIGN APPEARANCE AT A UCLA RALLY MONDAY. HE DECLINED TO SAY WHETHER HE PREFERRED PRESIDENT FORD OR JIMMY CARTER.

BUT HE CONCEDED HE WAS UNLIKELY TO GET ANY ELECTORAL VOTES, ADDING THAT IF HE RECEIVED 5 PER CENT OF THE POPULAR VOTE HE WOULD INTERPRET THAT AS A SIGN OF DISSATISFACTION WITH THE MAJOR PARTIES.

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RUSSELL, KAN. (UPI) -- REPUBLICAN VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE ROBERT DOL RETURNED TO A HERO'S WELCOME IN HIS HOMETOWN TODAY AND VOTED AT A MODERN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON THE SITE WHERE HE ATTENDED CLASS MORE THAN 40 YEARS AGO.

DOL FLEW FROM KANSAS CITY TO GREAT BEND, KAN., WINGING OVER A FIELD WHICH SPELLED "FORD-DOL" IN FRESHLY PLOUGHED EARTH. THEN HE DROVE 50 MILES TO RUSSELL WHERE BANDS PLAYED AND THE TORNADO SIREN SOUNDED IN HIS HONOR.

HE TOLD A CROWD OF SEVERAL THOUSAND MASSED ON HIS MOTHER'S FRONT LAWN THAT "YOU'VE PUT ME ON THE MAP -- NOW WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO PUT RUSSELL ON THE MAP."

"PRESIDENT FORD IS GOING TO WIN A TRUMAN-LIKE VICTORY," PREDICTED DOL, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, ELIZABETH, DAUGHTER, ROBIN, AND 7-YEAR OLD MOTHER, BINA.

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NEW YORK (UPI) -- EUGENE MCCARTHY'S CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR COMPLAINED BITTERLY TODAY ABOUT THE STATE'S COMPLICATED WRITE-IN PROCEDURE AND SAID SOME ELECTION INSPECTORS WERE TELLING VOTERS WRITE-IN VOTES WOULDN'T BE COUNTED.

UNDER STATE LAW, A VOTER WANTING TO WRITE IN MCCARTHY'S NAME HAS TO WRITE THE NAMES OF ALL 8 ELECTORS FOR THE FORMER MINNESOTA SENATOR IN THE THREE MINUTES ALLOWED IN THE VOTING BOOTH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS ACKNOWLEDGED MONDAY THAT IT WOULD BE "NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE" TO WRITE IN THE NAMES OF THE ELECTORS IN THE AVAILABLE TIME, BUT SAID THE MCCARTHY EFFORT WAS FUTILE.

"THEY CAN PUT MCCARTHY'S NAME IN, BUT IT ISN'T GOING TO COUNT FOR ANYTHING," HE SAID. "I DON'T EVEN THINK THEY WOULD BE COUNTED -- BUT THEY MIGHT BE FOR CURIOSITY'S SAKE."

PAUL SEIDMAN, MCCARTHY'S STATE COORDINATOR, SAID HE HAD REPORTS FROM THREE POLLING PLACES IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA THAT INSPECTORS WERE TELLING VOTERS THAT THEIR WRITE-IN VOTES WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

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MINNEAPOLIS (UPI) -- SEN. WALTER MONDALE, AWAITING WORD FROM THE VOTERS ON HIS VICE PRESIDENTIAL ASPIRATIONS, GOT SOME GOOD NEWS FROM HIS DENTIST TUESDAY -- NO CAVITIES.

MONDALE AROSE EARLY AND LEFT THE SMALL HOUSE IN ASTON, WHICH SERVES AS HIS OFFICIAL MINNESOTA RESIDENCE AND HEADED TO THE VILLAGE HALL TO VOTE FOR "JIMMY CARTER AND HIS RUNNING MATE."

WHEN MONDALE, HIS WIFE JOAN AND ELDEST SON TEDDY, 19, ARRIVED AT THE POLLING PLACE, THEY FOUND ABOUT 25 VOTERS IN LINE AHEAD OF THEM.

SMILING AND GREETING TOWN RESIDENTS, MONDALE ENTERED THE HALL AND FACED YET ANOTHER DELAY -- CERTIFYING TO THE VOTING OFFICIALS THAT TEDDY WAS ACTUALLY OLD ENOUGH TO CAST HIS FIRST PRESIDENTIAL BALLOT, ANOTHER VOTE FOR CARTER.

THEN IT WAS OFF TO MINNEAPOLIS AND A VISIT TO HIS NEPHEW, DR. ROGER MONDALE, A DENTIST. MONDALE GOT HIS TETH CLEANED AND TOLD REPORTERS AFTERWARDS THAT "ALTHOUGH I HAVE USED MY MOUTH AN AWFUL LOT" IN RECENT MONTHS, HE HAD NO CAVITIES.

THE MINNESOTA SENATOR THEN MOVED INTO A SUITE AT THE LAMINGTON HOTEL IN DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS FOR A PRIVATE STAFF LUNCHEON, A VISIT TO A MINNEAPOLIS ART CENTER, AN AFTERNOON NAP AND DINNER WITH HIS FAMILY.

THE OTHER TWO MONDALE CHILDREN WERE TO FLY FROM WASHINGTON TUESDAY AFTERNOON TO JOIN THEIR PARENTS HERE.

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BY STEVE GERSTEL

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- VOTERS TURNED OUT BY THE MILLIONS TUESDAY TO MAKE WHAT THE OPINION POLLS CALLED A TOUGH CHOICE BETWEEN GERALD R. FORD AND JIMMY CARTER IN ONE OF THE MOST UNUSUAL ELECTIONS IN AMERICA'S 200 YEARS.

THE 48TH PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION SINCE 1789 PITTED FORD -- A REPUBLICAN WHO SUCCEEDED THE FIRST PRESIDENT IN HISTORY TO RESIGN IN DISGRACE -- AGAINST CARTER, A DEMOCRAT WHO WAS RELATIVELY UNKNOWN A YEAR AGO.

FORD RAN WITH ROBERT DOLE, A KANSAS SENATOR WITH A GIFT FOR FIERY ORATORY. CARTER RAN WITH WALTER MONDALE, A MINNESOTAN KNOWN AS ONE OF THE MOST LIBERAL MEMBERS OF THE SENATE.

EXPERTS SAID THE ELECTION MIGHT BE AS CLOSE AS THE ONE IN 1876, WHEN THE HOUSE HAD TO DECIDE BECAUSE NO CANDIDATE HAD A MAJORITY.

IN ADDITION TO THE WHITE HOUSE, ALL 435 SEATS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 33 SEATS IN THE SENATE AND 14 GOVERNOR'S CHAIRS WERE CONTESTED.

IT TAKES 270 VOTES IN THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE TO WIN THE PRESIDENCY, WITH EACH STATE CASTING ALL ITS BALLOTS FOR THE WINNER OF THE POPULAR VOTE. THE EARLY TURNOUT WAS HEAVY AND THE WEATHER GOOD NEARLY EVERYWHERE.

OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK CITY PREDICTED 75 PER CENT OF THOSE REGISTERED WOULD CAST BALLOTS. EXTREMELY HEAVY VOTING WAS REPORTED IN NEW ENGLAND, THE MID-ATLANTIC STATES, NEW JERSEY, PENNSYLVANIA, MICHIGAN, ILLINOIS AND TEXAS.

IN OHIO, LABELED A "MUST" STATE BY BOTH CANDIDATES, OFFICIALS PREDICTED A RECORD TURNOUT. "I HAVE WORKED A LOT OF ELECTIONS AND I HAVE NEVER SEEN SO MANY VOTERS COME OUT SO EARLY," SAID A PRECINCT WORKER IN COLUMBUS.

IN TINY LICHFIELD, N.H., SO MANY VOTERS TURNED UP THAT OFFICIALS HAD TO HAMMER TOGETHER FOUR EXTRA VOTING BOOTHS.

AND THE TRADITIONAL MIDNIGHT VOTE IN TINY DEVILLE NOTCH, N.H. REFLECTED THE POLLS THAT SAY THIS ELECTION WILL BE VERY CLOSE -- 13 VOTES FOR FORD, 11 FOR CARTER AND 1 FOR INDEPENDENT EUGENE MCCARTHY.

FOR CARTER, 52, THE CLIMAX OF A 22-MONTH CAMPAIGN CAME IN A SMALL, CONCRETE BLOCK HOUSE IN PLAINS, GA. HE WAS UP AT THE CRACK OF DAWN AND WAS AT THE POLLING PLACE AT 7:30 A.M., HALF AN HOUR AFTER IT OPENED.

CARTER WAS THE 11TH VOTER AND SPENT MORE THAN FIVE MINUTES STUDYING THE VOTING MACHINE. "I'M GLAD THE CAMPAIGN IS OVER; IT'S BEEN A GOOD ONE," HE SAID.

"I VOTED FOR WALTER MONDALE AND HIS RUNNING MATE. I FEEL CONFIDENT ... I THINK WE HAVE ADEQUATELY PRESENTED MYSELF AND SENATOR MONDALE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND I AM PERFECTLY WILLING TO ABIDE BY THEIR JUDGMENT." HE FLASHED THAT TOOTHsome GRIN THAT HAS BECOME FAMOUS.

FORD'S CAMPAIGN WOUND UP AT THE WEALTHY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM IN HIS HOME TOWN OF GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., WHERE THE PRESIDENT, 63, CAST HIS BALLOT WITH A STYLUS AND PUNCH CARD IN A FEW MINUTES. AFTERWARDS, HE AND HIS WIFE BETTY INDULGED A SUPERSTITION BORN OF HIS EARLIER SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGNS FOR CONGRESS, EATING ONE BLUEBERRY PANCAKE AT GRANNY'S KITCHEN.

"I FEEL VERY GOOD," FORD TOLD REPORTERS IN A VOICE MADE HOARSE BY HIS 10-DAY CAMPAIGN BLITZ. "NOVEMBER 2 IS GOING TO BE A GOOD DAY."

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BY ED ROGERS

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- AN ATTORNEY FOR A HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE TODAY CHARGED THAT PRESIDENT FORD IS TRYING TO PREVENT CONGRESS FROM INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE BRANCH ABUSES BY REFUSING TO RELEASE TO THE PANEL NATIONAL SECURITY WIRETAP REPORTS.

ATTORNEY E. BARRETT PRETTYMAN JR. TOLD THE U.S. CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS THAT THIS WAS THE ULTIMATE AFFECT OF FORD'S ARGUMENT THAT HE ALONE CAN DETERMINE THAT GIVING THE REPORTS TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD INVOLVE "AN UNACCEPTABLE RISK OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE."

THE PRESIDENT'S ASSERTION OF EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE WOULD "DEFEAT THE RIGHT OF CONGRESS TO CHECK AGAINST ABUSES THROUGH ITS OVERSIGHT OVER EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS," PRETTYMAN SAID.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL REE E. LEE ARGUED THAT SOMEONE MUST HAVE THE FINAL AUTHORITY TO DECIDE WHAT RISK TO TAKE IN DISTRIBUTING "THE EXTREMELY SENSITIVE" WIRETAP INFORMATION AND THE CONSTITUTION HAS GIVEN THAT RIGHT TO THE PRESIDENT.

LEE SAID THE OVERSIGHT AND INVESTIGATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE HEADED BY REP. JOHN E. MOSS, D-CALIF., COULD THROUGH A MAJORITY VOTE DECIDE TO RELEASE THE WIRETAP RECORDS MOSS HAS SOUGHT TO SUBPOENA FROM THE TELEPHONE COMPANY.

LEE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT ANY MEMBER OF THE HOUSE WOULD HAVE A RIGHT TO SEE THE RECORDS.

JUDGES HAROLD LEVENTHAL AND SPOTTSWOOD W. ROBINSON III TOOK THE CASE UNDER ADVISEMENT.

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(PREVIOUS GRAND RAPIDS)

BY HELEN THOMAS

UPI WHITE HOUSE REPORTER

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD VOTED IN HIS MICHIGAN HOME DISTRICT TODAY, BROKE DOWN AND CRIED AT AN AIRPORT DEDICATION IN HIS HONOR, THEN FLEW HERE FOR THE FINAL COUNTDOWN IN THE WHITE HOUSE BATTLE WITH JIMMY CARTER.

"I FEEL VERY GOOD. NOV. 2 IS GOING TO BE A GOOD DAY," SAID A CONFIDENT AND NONTALGIC FORD AS HE AND HIS WIFE, BETTY, MOTORCADED TO WEALTHY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN GRAND RAPIDS AND VOTED SHORTLY AFTER THE POLLS OPENED.

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BY ELMER LANINI

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IN NEW HAMPSHIRE, EARLY RETURNS WERE EXPECTED TO SHOW WHETHER REPUBLICAN GOV. MELDRIN THOMSON, ONE OF THE NATION'S MOST CONSERVATIVE GOVERNORS, COULD TURN BACK A CHALLENGE BY DEMOCRAT HARRY SPANOS.

IN ILLINOIS, REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE JAMES "BIG JIM" THOMPSON, A U.S. ATTORNEY WHO SUCCESSFULLY PROSECUTED FORMER DEMOCRATIC GOV. OTTO KERNER, WAS APPARENTLY RUNNING AHEAD OF SECRETARY OF STATE MICHAEL HOWLETT, WHO HAS THE BACKING OF CHICAGO MAYOR RICHARD DALEY.

TWO WOMEN WERE AMONG THE CANDIDATES. DEMOCRAT DIXIE LEE RAY, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, WAS GIVEN A GOOD CHANCE TO WIN IN WASHINGTON, BUT DEMOCRAT STELLA HACKEL APPEARED TO BE RUNNING BEHIND REPUBLICAN RICHARD SNELLING IN VERMONT.

MISS RAY WAS IN A TIGHT RACE WITH KING COUNTY EXECUTIVE JOHN SPELLMAN, WHO WON THE GOP NOMINATION AFTER REPUBLICAN GOV. DANIEL EVANS DECIDED NOT TO SEEK AN UNPRECEDENTED FOURTH TERM.

REP. PIERRE DUPONT, WHO GAVE UP HIS HOUSE SEAT TO RUN FOR GOVERNOR IN DELAWARE, WAS EXPECTED TO WIN OVER THE DEMOCRATIC INCUMBENT, GOV. SHERMAN TRIBBITT.

IN WEST VIRGINIA, WHERE REPUBLICAN GOV. ARCH MOORE WAS PROHIBITED BY LAW FROM SEEKING RE-ELECTION, DEMOCRAT JAY. ROCKEFELLER WAS EXPECTED TO WIN OVER FORMER REPUBLICAN GOV. CECIL UNDERWOOD.

DEMOCRATS EXPECTED TO WIN IN NORTH CAROLINA, WHERE REPUBLICAN GOV. JAMES HOLSHOUSER ALSO COULD NOT RUN FOR RE-ELECTION UNDER STATE LAW. DEMOCRATIC LT. GOV. JAMES B. HUNT JR. WAS FAVORED TO DEFEAT REPUBLICAN DAVID T. FLAHERTY.

IN RHODE ISLAND, DEMOCRAT J. JOSEPH GARRAHY APPEARED TO HAVE AN EDGE OVER REPUBLICAN JAMES TAFT.

REPUBLICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL VERNON ROMNEY WAS EXPECTED TO LOSE TO DEMOCRAT SCOTT MATHESON IN UTAH, WHERE VETERAN DEMOCRATIC GOV. CALVIN L. RAMPTON DID NOT SEEK RE-ELECTION.

INCUMBENT GOVERNORS EXPECTED TO WIN WERE DEMOCRATS DAVID H. PRYOR OF ARKANSAS, THOMAS JUDGE OF MONTANA AND ARTHUR LINK OF NORTH DAKOTA, AND REPUBLICANS OTIS R. BOWEN OF INDIANA AND CHRISTOPHER BOND OF MISSOURI.

EVEN A SURPRISE REPUBLICAN SWEEP OF THE GUBERNATORIAL ELECTIONS WOULD HAVE LEFT THE DEMOCRATS FIRMLY IN CONTROL OF A BIG MAJORITY OF THE NATION'S STATE HOUSES. THE CURRENT LINEUP IS 36 DEMOCRATS, 13 REPUBLICANS AND 1 INDEPENDENT.

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IN NEW HAMPSHIRE, EARLY RETURNS WERE EXPECTED TO SHOW WHETHER REPUBLICAN GOV. MELDRIM THOMSON, ONE OF THE NATION'S MOST CONSERVATIVE GOVERNORS, COULD TURN BACK A CHALLENGE BY DEMOCRAT HARRY SPANOS.

IN ILLINOIS, REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE JAMES "BIG JIM" THOMPSON, A U.S. ATTORNEY WHO SUCCESSFULLY PROSECUTED FORMER DEMOCRATIC GOV. OTTO KERNER, WAS APPARENTLY RUNNING AHEAD OF SECRETARY OF STATE MICHAEL HOWLETT, WHO HAS THE BACKING OF CHICAGO MAYOR RICHARD DALEY.

TWO WOMEN WERE AMONG THE CANDIDATES. DEMOCRAT DIKY LEE RAY, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, WAS GIVEN A GOOD CHANCE TO WIN IN WASHINGTON, BUT DEMOCRAT STELLA HACKEL APPEARED TO BE RUNNING BEHIND REPUBLICAN RICHARD SNELLING IN VERMONT.

MISS RAY WAS IN A TIGHT RACE WITH KING COUNTY EXECUTIVE JOHN SPELLMAN, WHO WON THE GOP NOMINATION AFTER REPUBLICAN GOV. DANIEL EVANS DECIDED NOT TO SEEK AN UNPRECEDENTED FOURTH TERM.

REP. PIERRE DUPONT, WHO GAVE UP HIS HOUSE SEAT TO RUN FOR GOVERNOR IN DELAWARE, WAS EXPECTED TO WIN OVER THE DEMOCRATIC INCUMBENT, GOV. SHERMAN TRIBBITT.

IN WEST VIRGINIA, WHERE REPUBLICAN GOV. ARCH MOORE WAS PROHIBITED BY LAW FROM SEEKING RE-ELECTION, DEMOCRAT JAY. ROCKEFELLER WAS EXPECTED TO WIN OVER FORMER REPUBLICAN GOV. CECIL UNDERWOOD.

DEMOCRATS EXPECTED TO WIN IN NORTH CAROLINA, WHERE REPUBLICAN GOV. JAMES HOLSHOUSER ALSO COULD NOT RUN FOR RE-ELECTION UNDER STATE LAW. DEMOCRATIC LT. GOV. JAMES B. HUNT JR. WAS FAVORED TO DEFEAT REPUBLICAN DAVID T. FLAHERTY.

IN RHODE ISLAND, DEMOCRAT J. JOSEPH GARRAHY APPEARED TO HAVE AN EDGE OVER REPUBLICAN JAMES TAFT.

REPUBLICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL VERNON ROMNEY WAS EXPECTED TO LOSE TO DEMOCRAT SCOTT MATHESON IN UTAH, WHERE VETERAN DEMOCRATIC GOV. CALVIN L. RAMPTON DID NOT SEEK RE-ELECTION.

INCUMBENT GOVERNORS EXPECTED TO WIN WERE DEMOCRATS DAVID H. PRYOR OF ARKANSAS, THOMAS JUDGE OF MONTANA AND ARTHUR LINK OF NORTH DAKOTA, AND REPUBLICANS OTIS R. BOWEN OF INDIANA AND CHRISTOPHER BOND OF MISSOURI.

EVEN A SURPRISE REPUBLICAN SWEEP OF THE GUBERNATORIAL ELECTIONS WOULD HAVE LEFT THE DEMOCRATS FIRMLY IN CONTROL OF A BIG MAJORITY OF THE NATION'S STATE HOUSES. THE CURRENT LINEUP IS 36 DEMOCRATS, 13 REPUBLICANS AND 1 INDEPENDENT.

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BY RICHARD H. GROWALD

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD VOTED IN HIS HOME TOWN TUESDAY, KISSED AN OLD FRIEND, WEPT AT THE DEDICATION OF A MURAL DEPICTING HIS LIFE AND FLEW BACK TO WASHINGTON TO AWAIT THE VERDICT IN ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST CLOSELY RUN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS.

FORD'S TEARS FLOWED OPENLY AT THE KENT COUNTY AIRPORT IN GRAND RAPIDS WHERE A GOODBYE CROWD OF 200 WATCHED THE DEDICATION OF A WALL OF MURALS SHOWING HIGH POINTS OF HIS CAREER FROM EAGLE SCOUT TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

HIS VOICE BREAKING, HIS EFFORTS FAILING TO CONTROL HIS DEEP EMOTION, THE PRESIDENT SAID: "I JUST CAN'T ADEQUATELY EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE FOR BRINGING MY LIFE TO THIS WONDERFUL AIRPORT FOR SO MANY PEOPLE TO SEE.

"IT EXPRESSES OUR LIFE AND OUR PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP."

TEARS COURSED DOWN HIS CHEEKS. HIS WIFE, BETTY, JOINED HIM ON THE PODIUM AND THEY HELD HANDS THROUGH THE REST OF THE CEREMONY.

"I THINK THAT BETTY OUGHT TO MAKE THE SPEECHES FROM NOW ON," FORD SAID, HIS VOICE A LOW, HOARSE BASSO AFTER 15,000 MILES OF CAMPAIGNING IN 11 DAYS.

EARLIER, AFTER CASTING HIS BALLOT, HE ANSWERED A REPORTER WHO ASKED IF HE WERE FEELING LUCKY.

"SURE DO! DON'T YOU THINK WE HAVE GOOD REASON?" HE SAID, STANDING GRAND RAPIDS WEALTHY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

MRS. FORD JOINED HER HUSBAND IN VOTING IN THE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM THREE BLOCKS FROM THE HOUSE WHERE SHE GREW UP HOPING TO BE A DANCER AND NEVER DREAMING OF BECOMING FIRST LADY.

ASKED FOR AN ELECTION PREDICTION, SHE REPLIED: "I THINK MY FAVORITE CANDIDATE, PRESIDENT FORD, IS GOING TO WIN."

THE LONG CAMPAIGN LAY BEHIND, FORD SHOOK EVERY HAND IN SIGHT.

MRS. STEPHANIE WALTZ SAID "HELLO" AND FORD CLASPED THE 72-YEAR-OLD WOMAN IN HIS ARMS, LIFTING HER FROM THE FLOOR AND SAYING: "STEPHANIE! STEPHANIE! HOW IN THE WORLD ARE YOU?"

FINE, SHE CHUCKLED, AND TOLD FORD: "YOU'RE A WINNER! YOU'RE A WINNER!"

THE PRESIDENT, A MAN HOUNDED BY THE SELF-DISCIPLINE OF A 20-YEAR DIETER, GAVE WAY TO A POLITICIAN'S SENTIMENTAL SUPERSTITION AND TOOK HIS WIFE OUT TO GRANNY'S KITCHEN WHERE HE HAD BREAKFASTED ON BLUEBERRY PANCAKES ON A GENERATION OF CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION MORNINGS.

FORD ACKNOWLEDGED HE ALREADY HAD EATEN AT THE PANTLIND HOTEL, BUT TRADITION MUST BE SERVED. HE ORDERED ONE BLUEBERRY PANCAKE AND ATE IT.

BETTY ATE SCRAMBLED EGGS AND THEY SAT IN A BOOTH WITH OLD FRIEND PETER SECCHIA AND THE FRIEND'S SON CHARLES, 5. ON THE WALL HUNG A SIGN READING "LOVE ONE ANOTHER." FORD PAID THE \$4.37 BILL AND JOKED WITH REPORTERS AT NEARBY TABLES.

WHEN UPI'S HELEN THOMAS SUGGESTED HE MIGHT SUBSTITUTE FOR THE PANCAKE SOME OF THE CHICKEN SOUP HE HAS BEEN USING TO EASE HIS HOARSENESS IN THE CAMPAIGN, THE PRESIDENT NODDED, TALKED OF THE CHICKEN SOUP HE HAD CONSUMED AND SAID: "I THINK I NEED SOME MORE."

ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN WERE NOT SO CALM AS THEIR CHIEF. THEY SCANNED NEWS REPORTS OF WEATHER, VOTER TURNOUT AND OTHER OMENS OF THE EARLY HOURS OF NATIONAL VOTING.

FORD WAS MORE CASUAL.

"I'LL PROBABLY GET A REPORT OR TWO," HE SAID.

HE PAUSED TO SIGN THE GUEST BOOK OF GRANNY'S KITCHEN: "AS ALWAYS -- GOOD FOOD AND NICE PEOPLE. JERRY FORD."

THE REPORTERS SET UP A BETTING POOL AND THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF RUSHED IN WITH THEIR \$5 BILLS. LUCIEN WARREN OF THE BUFFALO EVENING NEWS, CONTROLLER OF THE BETS, REPORTED SOME 35 FIVE-DOLLAR BETS IN ALL, WITH MOST WAGERING ON THE PRESIDENT, AND MOST -- IN GUESSING ELECTORAL VOTES -- FORECASTING A CLOSE RACE

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AFTER THE PRESIDENT VOTED, HE WENT TO THE KENT COUNTY, MICH., AIRPORT TO DEDICATE A MURAL DEPICTING HIS LIFE AND TO FLY BACK TO WASHINGTON TO AWAIT THE ELECTION RESULTS.

AT ONE POINT, FORD WEPT DURING THE DEDICATION CEREMONY. HIS VOICE BREAKING, THE PRESIDENT SAID " "I JUST CAN'T ADEQUATELY EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE FOR BRINGING MY LIFE TO THIS WONDERFUL AIRPORT FOR SO MANY PEOPLE TO SEE."

COMMENTS BY OFFICIALS WHO WORK AT THE POLLS WAS MUCH THE SAME FROM COAST-TO-COAST.

"I HAVE WORKED A LOT OF ELECTIONS AND I HAVE NEVER SEEN SO MANY VOTERS COME OUT SO EARLY," SAID ONE PRECINCT WORKER IN COLUMBUS, OHIO.

IN MUNCIE, IND., A PRECINCT JUDGE SAID THE TURNOUT WAS THE HEAVIEST HE HAD SEEN IN 10 YEARS.

OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE TED BROWN, WHO ESTIMATED A RECORD 4.2 MILLION VOTERS WOULD CAST BALLOTS, SAID THE EARLY VOTING THROUGHOUT THE STATE WAS "VERY HEAVY."

IN NEW JERSEY, AN ELECTION OFFICIAL IN HUDSON COUNTY SAID, "IF WE KEEP GOING AT THE RATE WE HAD AT 9 O'CLOCK, WE'LL HAVE 80 TO 84 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS BEFORE THE POLLS CLOSE."

NEW YORK CITY OFFICIALS SAID 75 PER CENT OF THE THREE MILLION REGISTERED VOTERS THERE WILL CAST BALLOTS. "THE VOTER TURNOUT IS VERY HEAVY," ONE OFFICIAL SAID. "THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN FIVE YEARS THAT I'VE HAD COMPLAINTS ABOUT LONG LINES AT POLLING PLACES."

IN NEW ENGLAND, OFFICIALS REPORTED THAT VOTERS WERE ARRIVING AT THE POLLS IN "RECORD" NUMBERS

IN THE TINY COMMUNITY OF LITCHFIELD, N.H., SO MANY VOTERS TURNED UP THAT ELECTION OFFICIALS HAD TO HAMMER TOGETHER FOUR EXTRA VOTING BOOTHS.

THE STORY WAS THE SAME IN SOUTHERN AND BORDER STATES.

"WE'VE GOT SO MANY PEOPLE HERE WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO," A POLL WORKER IN AUBURN, ALA., SAID. "THIS IS MUCH HEAVIER THAN IN PREVIOUS ELECTIONS."

WOULD-BE EARLY MORNING VOTERS AT SOME ATLANTA POLLING PLACES GAVE UP IN DESPAIR AFTER WAITING IN THE VOTING LINES FOR 90 MINUTES OR LONGER. MANY SAID THEY MIGHT TRY AGAIN AFTER WORK.

IN ST. PETERSBURG, FLA., ELECTION OFFICIAL SARA ADCOCK SAID THE VOTING WAS SO HEAVY "SOME PRECINCTS WERE ASKING FOR MORE VOTING MACHINES."

IN TEXAS, VOTERS IN MANY TEXAS URBAN AREAS WAITED IN LINE FOR TWO HOURS OR MORE TO VOTE. SOME LEFT BECAUSE THE LINES WERE SO LONG.

IN PITTSFIELD, MASS., A "TREMENDOUS TURNOUT" WAS REPORTED.

IN POPULOUS LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIF., THE SECOND HOUR TURNOUT WAS 16.29 PER CENT. THIS COMPARES WITH A 15.5 PER CENT TURNOUT DURING THE SAME TWO HOURS FOUR YEARS AGO.

ONE EVENT THAT MARRED ELECTION DAY OCCURED IN PUERTO RICO WHERE A TOWN MAYOR WAS SHOT AND WOUNDED AND A YOUNG MAN BEATEN TO DEATH IN CAMPAIGN CONNECTED INCIDENTS.

ONE WHIMISCAL REACTION TO THE ELECTION DAY EXCITEMENT CAME FROM ALBERT ROSS, 69, WHO WAS THE FIRST VOTER TO SHOW UP AT ONE PRECINCT IN CHICAGO.

"I LIKE TO GET UP, GET OUT AND GET IT OVER WITH," HE SAID. "IT'S THE ONLY THING THAT DOESN'T COST ANYTHING ANY MORE."

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WASHINGTON: his reach.

At the end, as so often before, the campaign between Ford and Carter was detoured by a side issue - the refusal of his Plains Baptist church to admit to membership a black minister from another church in Albany, Ga. The Rev. Clennon King's application for membership was rejected by vote of the church deacons, last Sunday's services were canceled, and King was turned away when he arrived with reporters.

Carter said Monday that he disagreed with the action of the deacons, but would not resign from the church. He also said the incident might have been "partially, at least, politically motivated."

Black supporters, among them Coretta Scott King and mayor Richard Hatcher of Gary, Ind., came to Carter's defense, some suggesting Republican involvement in what they called a suspicious incident. A group supporting Ford sent telegrams to some 375 black ministers questioning whether Carter could deal with Congress if he cannot influence his own church.

Martin Dinkins, director of Negro activities for an organization called the People for Ford Committee, said his group had sent the telegram.

A Carter aide called it low politics. A President Ford Committee spokesman said the telegram was "in terrible taste and if we had known about it, we would have stopped it."

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By VICTORIA GRAHAM

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GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. AP - President Ford cast his ballot Tuesday and then paid a tearful tribute to his parents before heading back to the White House to await the outcome of the election he hopes will make him President in his own right.

Tears filled Ford's eyes as he watched the unveiling of a mural depicting his life from infant, to football star, to congressman and finally to President.

Cheeks flushed and voice cracking, Ford praised his mother and father, saying, "I owe everything to them."

"I'm just overwhelmed," Ford told the home town crowd at Kent County airport, "and if I had any good sense I'd sit down."

Earlier, a sober-faced Ford voted amidst the glare and flash of cameras at a local elementary school.

Ford cast his ballot by punching a card in a metal, three-sided booth that lacks curtains to totally conceal a voter exercising his franchise. His wife, Betty, voted in a booth beside him.

Outside, crowds of children shouted, "We want Ford! We want Ford!" He emerged from the booth after three minutes, took his ballot and Betty's and handed them to city clerk John Wieisma, who deposited them in a locked steel box.

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Precede Kansas City

By PETER ARNETT
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RUSSELL, Kan. AP - Sen. Bob Dole ended his vice-presidential campaign today by voting with his family and joking to a large home town crowd that "if anything goes wrong today I might have to move out."

Hundreds of persons turned out to greet Dole on the front lawn of his mother's home before he cast his ballot. Mayor Roger Williams proclaimed it "Bob Dole Day" in this community of 5,500 where Dole grew up.

Voting with Dole were his 73-year-old mother Eina, his wife Elizabeth and daughter Robin. As he left the voting booth before returning to Washington, he joked, "I just changed my mind."

As his 76-day campaign came to a close, Dole said he had fought "a good campaign over-all."

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N.C. ELECTION

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) -- PRESIDENT FORD HAD CHIPPED AWAY JIMMY CARTER'S LEAD TO A MERE EDGE GOING INTO TODAY'S GENERAL ELECTION IN NORTH CAROLINA.

REPUBLICANS IN THE PREDOMINANTLY DEMOCRATIC STATE WERE HOPING FOR WIDESPREAD SPLIT-TICKET VOTING TO GIVE NORTH CAROLINA'S 13 ELECTORAL VOTES TO FORD.

DESPITE FORD'S APPARENT POPULARITY, POLLS SHOWED GOP GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE DAVID FLAHERTY DISMALLY TRAILING DEMOCRAT JIM HUNT.

IN CONGRESSIONAL RACES, THE 5TH DISTRICT ATTRACTED THE MOST ATTENTION WITH INCUMBENT DEMOCRAT STEVE NEAL TRYING TO HOLD OFF REPUBLICAN WILMER MIZELL, WHOM NEAL UNSEATED TWO YEARS AGO.

SIX INCUMBENT DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMEN AND TWO INCUMBENT REPUBLICANS APPEARED HEADED FOR RE-ELECTION. BUT RETIREMENTS ASSURED THE STATE OF TWO NEW CONGRESSMEN.

DEMOCRATS, SMARTING FROM A STATEWIDE POLL THAT SHOWED CARTER LEADING BY JUST OVER ONE PERCENTAGE POINT, HAD COUNTED ON A STRONG STATE ORGANIZATION AND A FIRM SOUTHERN DEMOCRATIC FOLLOWING.

FORD'S STRENGTH INDICATED A HEALING OF PARTY WOUNDS OPENED DURING THE STATE'S PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY LAST MAY, IN WHICH RONALD REAGAN RODE A CONSERVATIVE WAVE TO HIS FIRST PRIMARY VICTORY.

IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY, CARTER WON IN EVERY AREA AND VOTER GROUP TO HAND ALABAMA GOV. GEORGE WALLACE A MAJOR DEFEAT.

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WASHINGTON: cast ballots.

There are about 150 million voting-age Americans, approximately two-thirds of them registered. In the last presidential election, 55 per cent of the potential electorate voted.

A study last July had forecast that perhaps fewer than half the registered voters would cast ballots, but pollster Burns Rorer, in a survey conducted for the Public Broadcasting System, said Tuesday's turnout was likely to be somewhat higher than in 1972, 56 to 59 per cent. That would reverse the downward trend in recent elections.

Sen. Walter F. Mondale, the Democratic vice-presidential nominee, voted in Afton, Minn. Sen. Robert F. Dole, Ford's running mate, was in Russell, Kan., to cast his ballot.

Former Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy, the independent whose ballot spot in 29 states could give Carter problems, voted absentee, in advance, so he could spend election eve plugging for write-in votes in Los Angeles.

A number of other smaller party candidates for president were on the ballots in states where they were able to qualify under state election laws.

Voters also chose a new Congress, the 95th, certain to be controlled by the Democrats who have run both House and Senate for 22 unbroken years.

Thirty-three Senate seats were at stake, and all 435 in the House. Fourteen states elected governors.

But the focus was on the White House, and the 270 electoral votes that will determine who holds it for the next four years.

At the end of a 30,000-mile campaign that has taken him to about half the states, Ford went home to Grand Rapids on Monday night and said he wanted to do as President what he had done as the district's congressman for 25 years.

He said when people brought him problems, he didn't ask their politics. "We said what can we do to help you - and that is the way I want to be your President."

In Detroit, he appealed for Michigan's support as the state's "first son," to occupy the White House and said he expected to win his home state, rated a tossup in the final polls.

Hours later, Carter arrived, for a rally in Flint with Mondale at his side. Carter had bypassed the traditional Democratic campaign opening on Labor Day, in Detroit's Cadillac Square. But with the race close, and 21 Michigan electoral votes at stake, he chose to close his campaign in Ford's state.

"Every vote counts," Carter said in Flint, urging a big turnout in a contest he said "is going to be very close."

Then he, too, flew home to vote and await the decision.

Carter had covered more than 60,000 miles, and 40 states, in his eight-week campaign, waged on the road while Ford spent the early phase of his race campaigning primarily from the White House.

But there were countless miles behind Carter, and countless speeches and handshakes, and 30 presidential primary elections in his quest for the nomination that once had seemed hopelessly out of his reach.

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With Wirephotos

By WALTER R. MEARS

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WASHINGTON AP - A voter turnout described as heavy to very heavy appeared to be building across the nation on Tuesday as the United States chose a president in an election that forecasters called one of the closest in this century.

Initial reports said there already were long lines when polls opened in some states along the Eastern seaboard, such as Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania and North Carolina. Voting also was reported heavy in Michigan, Louisiana, Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado and Wyoming. In California, the state with the biggest bloc of electoral votes, 45, and rated close for the candidates, an 80 per cent turnout was predicted on the basis of the early turnout in Los Angeles and populous Orange County.

A large vote historically has favored the Democrats.

Among the voters, their campaign rhetoric stilled, their long race done, were President Gerald R. Ford, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and his Democratic challenger, Jimmy Carter of Plains, Ga.

Ford cast his ballot at an elementary school in his old congressional district, then bid an emotional goodbye to the home folks before flying back to Washington, to await at the White House the verdict of the nation he has led as its first appointed president.

Accompanied by his wife, Betty, Ford voted by punching a card in a metal, three-sided box. He studied the ballot carefully before voting and when asked afterward whether he felt lucky, he replied: "Sure do. Don't you think we have good reason?"

At the unveiling of an airport mural depicting his own life, the President wept and his voice cracked. He struggled to hold his composure when he sa;

his parents' pictures in the mural, and told those watching that he owed everything he is "to my mother and father."

In Plains, the rural hamlet where he and his cadre mapped the 22-month campaign that raised him from anonymity to command of the Democratic ticket, Carter spent five minutes marking the long Georgia ballot. He announced afterward that he'd voted for "Walter Mondale and his running mate."

He was accompanied by his wife, Rosalynn, his son, Chip, and daughter-in-law, Caron.

Standing outside the small cinder-block building near the railroad tracks that serves as Plains' voting center, Carter said: "I feel a sense of satisfaction. I did the best I could." Then he went down to inspect his peanut warehouse.

Both candidates planned election victory rallies, but for one, there will be no rejoicing. But late polls of public opinion were too close to offer clues to which man will celebrate and which will concede.

With Carter's once-towering lead in the polls having dwindled to near deadlock, the outcome could hinge on the size of the turnout.

Organized labor staged a massive election day effort to get its troops to the polls for the Democratic ticket, and the Republicans were using a huge telephone bank to contact voters and urge them to cast ballots.

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By DAVID SHAFER

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NEW YORK AP - Amid signs of a heavy turnout that could help the Democrats, New Yorkers went voting Tuesday to award the state's 41 electoral college votes and decide the fate of Sen. James Buckley.

Buckley, a strongly conservative Republican, faced a stiff challenge from Daniel Patrick Moynihan, a Democrat who won enormous publicity as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and who took liberal stances more in line with New York's political traditions.

The state has 8.5 million registered voters, with Democrats holding a 3-2 edge in registration. New York's bloc of electoral college votes are second only to California's 45 electors.

For Jimmy Carter, New York was virtually in the "must-win" category if the Democratic presidential candidate was to head off a last-minute surge by Republican President Ford. Among the big states where the election was expected to be decided, New York appeared from the polls to be the one leaning most strongly to Carter.

Democrats hoped to capitalize on Ford's initial opposition to federal aid during the New York City fiscal crisis last year. Carter pushed such issues as aid to cities and government-backed employment programs during repeated visits to the state, where unemployment has been above the national average.

The aid-to-New York City issue was raised in the Senate race, with Moynihan reminding voters that Buckley had initially taken the position that the city should go bankrupt.

Buckley won election to the Senate six years ago as the Conservative party candidate in what politicians have called a "fluke." He had only 39 per cent of the vote.

A Republican moderate and a Democratic liberal split the rest of the votes then, and though Buckley had the backing of the GOP this time the one-on-one race with Moynihan produced a tough campaign, with the Democrat consistently ahead in polls.

Buckley and Moynihan both called their race a classic contest between liberal and conservative ideas, and in most ways it was.

Moynihan styled himself as an old-style liberal, arguing that the federal government should expand its role in the economy and in dealing with social problems. He favored national health insurance, a federal takeover of welfare costs and a massive federal job-creation program - all ideas Buckley opposes.

Buckley responded that "The answer to every problem is not a massive new federal program," and said Washington was "endangering our way of life" with expanding bureaucratic controls and deficit spending which fueled inflation.

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UNDATED, correcting ballot to balloting, sub 3rd graf: Generally sunny ... pivotal state.

Generally sunny skies contributed to the spirited balloting in both urban and rural areas. Massachusetts State Secretary Paul H. Guzzi called the turnout "amazing." Leaders of the NAACP in Indiana predicted a record turnout of black voters in the pivotal state.

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(CARTER)

(BY W. SLY G. PIPPERT)

PLAINS, GA. (UPI) -- JIMMY CARTER, APPARENTLY UNWEARIED BY 22 MONTHS AND 500,000 MILES OF CAMPAIGNING, CAST THE 11TH BALLOT OF THE DAY TUESDAY IN HIS GEORGIA HOME TOWN AND SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT OF TAKING OVER THE WHITE HOUSE.

CARTER PLANNED A RELAXED DAY AT HOME WITH A BRIEF, LATE AFTERNOON SPEECH TO SUPPORTERS AT THE ABANDONED WHITE FRAME RAILROAD DEPOT WHICH SERVED AS HIS CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS. HE WAS THEN SCHEDULED TO GO TO AN ATLANTA HOTEL TO AWAIT THE ELECTION RETURNS WITH HIS FAMILY AND SOME FRIENDS.

THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE RETURNED TO PLAINS IN THE PRE-DAWN HOURS TUESDAY AFTER A HECTIC FINAL DAY CAMPAIGNING IN CALIFORNIA AND IN PRESIDENT FORD'S OWN STATE OF MICHIGAN, THE LATTER A LAST-MINUTE DRIVE TO SNAP UP THE STATE'S 21 ELECTORAL VOTES.

HE WAS UP EARLY AS USUAL, HOWEVER, AND CAST HIS BALLOT AT 7:30 A.M., A HALF HOUR AFTER THE POLLS OPENED IN A SMALL, WHITE CONCRETE BLOCK HOUSE.

"I VOTED FOR WALTER MONDALE AND HIS RUNNING MATE," CARTER SAID, FLASHING HIS FAMOUS GRIN. "I FEEL CONFIDENT ... I THINK WE HAVE ADEQUATELY REPRESENTED MYSELF AND SENATOR MONDALE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND I AM PERFECTLY WILLING TO ABIDE BY THEIR JUDGMENT TODAY.

"I'M GLAD THE CAMPAIGN IS OVER. IT'S BEEN A GOOD ONE."

WEARING ONLY A BIG CARDIGAN SWEATER AND SLACKS DESPITE TEMPERATURES NEAR THE FREEZING MARK, CARTER WAS THE 11TH VOTER IN PLAINS. HE WAS FOLLOWED BY HIS WIFE ROSALYNN, THEIR SON CHIP AND CHIP'S WIFE, CARON.

CARTER SPENT A FULL FIVE MINUTES BEHIND THE CURTAINS OF A VOTING MACHINE. ASKED BEFORE HE ENTERED IF HE EXPECTED TO WIN TODAY, HE REPLIED VERY SOFTLY: "YES."

WHEN HE STEPPED BACK INTO VIEW, HE WAS SMILING BROADLY AND SAID: "THANK YOU ALL ... LET'S GET OUR CROWD OUT NOW."

CARTER SAID HE HAD VOTED THE STRAIGHT DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

HE WALKED A BLOCK AND A HALF TO THE FAMILY PEANUT WAREHOUSE OFFICE, WENT INSIDE AND SIPPED COFFEE WITH HIS BROTHER BILLY AND TWO LONGTIME FRIENDS, JOHN AND BETTY POPE, BEFORE LEAVING FOR HOME.

"I'M GLAD IT'S OVER," HE SAID MONDAY NIGHT WHEN HE WRAPPED UP HIS CAMPAIGN WITH A JOINT APPEARANCE WITH MONDALE AT A RALLY IN FLINT, MICH.

CARTER WAS CLEARLY RELAXED ON THE FLIGHT HOME AND OPTIMISTIC HE WOULD WIN HIS LONG BATTLE FOR THE PRESIDENCY DESPITE A STRING OF RECENT SETBACKS, INCLUDING THE CURRENT RACIAL CRISIS IN HIS HOME CHURCH.

CHATTING INFORMALLY WITH A FEW REPORTERS ON THE PLANE, HE TOLD THEM HIS "GUT REACTION" WAS THAT HE WOULD NOT SUFFER SERIOUS POLITICAL LOSSES AS A RESULT OF A DECISION BY DEACONS OF HIS PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH TO REFUSE MEMBERSHIP TO A BLACK MINISTER.

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WASH, to update with vice-presidential candidates voting, insert after 16th graf. Sen. Walter . . . his ballot.

"I'm so tired I don't know what I'm doing," Mondale told reporters after he voted with his wife, Joan, at the Afton City Hall, waiting in line behind about 20 other voters.

He joked that he was "undecided," but then told reporters he had voted "for Jimmy Carter and his running mate" - the same line, in reverse, that Carter had used in Georgia.

Dole was greeted by hundreds of persons, many of whom have known him since his boyhood, at the family home in Russell, where Mayor Roger Williams proclaimed it "Bob Dole Day."

Voting with Dole were his 73-year-old mother Bina, his wife Elizabeth and daughter Robin. "I just changed my mind," he joked as he left the voting booth.

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N W YORK (UPI) -- FORMER U.N. AMBASSADOR DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN WAS FAVOR D TUESDAY TO B COM" N W YORK'S FIRST DEMOCRATIC SENATOR SINCE THE ASSASSINATION OF ROB RT KENNEDY EIGHT YEARS AGO.

LOCAL POLLS SHOWED MOYNIHAN, THE FLAMBOYANT HARVARD PROFESSOR WHO S RVED FOUR PRESIDENTS, WITH A 4 TO 8-POINT LEAD OVER SEN. JAM S BUCKLEY, A CONSERVATIVE-R PUBLICAN.

A HEAVY VOT R TURNOUT IN NEW YORK CITY WAS XPECTED TO HELP D MOCRAT JIMMY CARTER IN HIS RACE WITH PRESIDENT FORD FOR NEW YORK'S 41 ECTORS, THE S COND LARGST BLOC IN THE COUNTRY.

ALTHOUGH THE R PUBLICANS HAD ONCE ALL BUT WRITTEN OFF THE STATE AFTER FORD'S WID LY PUBLICIZ D FISCAL FEUD WITH NEW YORK CITY, BY TUESDAY BOTH CAMPS PREDICTED VICTORY IN A TIGHT RACE.

IN CONGR SS, 37 OF 39 INCUMBENTS SOUGHT RE-ELECTION AND THE BEST GU SS IS THAT THE DEMOCRATS WILL PICK UP ANOTHER HOUSE SEAT OR R TAIN TH IR 28-11 MAJORITY.

LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIALS ESTIMAT D MOR THAN 75 PER CENT OF THE 3 MILLION VOTERS R GISTERED IN N W YORK CITY WOULD CAST BALLOTS IN SUNNY, MILD WEATHER, UP FROM THE 60 TO 65 PER CENT PREDICTED EARLIER.

THE CITY COMPRIS S NEARLY TWO-FIFTHS OF THE TALLY IN THE STATE WHICH HAS A CLEAR DEMOCRATIC PLURALITY BUT A VOLATILE INDEPENDENT VOTE.

VOT R TURNOUT WAS "MODERAT TO HEAVY" IN THE NEW YORK SUBURBS AND UPSTATE WH RE R PUBLICAN STRENGTH IS GREATST.

SOM 8. MILLION VOTERS WERE REGISTER D STATEWIDE, DOWN FROM THE 9.2 MILLION REGISTERED FOR THE LAST PRESID NTIAL ELECTION.

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MONTPLIER (UPI) -- VERMONTERS TUESDAY SWARMED TO THE POLLS IN RECORD NUMBERS TO CHOOSE THEIR NATIONAL LEAD RS AND DECIDE WHETHER TO EL CT TH STATE'S FIRST WOMAN GOVERNOR.

ENCOURAGED BY FLAWLESS AUTUMN W EATHER, LONG LINES QUEUED AT POLLING PLAC S IN MOST TOWNS AND CITIES. VERMONT HAS TH GOV RNORSHIP, A S NATE SEAT AND ON HOUSE S AT AT STAKE ALONG WITH THR ELECTIONAL VOTS.

OFFICIALS PR DICTED EARLIER THAT 70 PER CENT OF THE ESTIMATED 280,000 R GISTERED VOT RS WOULD SHOW UP. TH LARG EARLY TURNOUT INDICAT D IT WOULD GO HIGHER.

D MOCRATIC STATE TREASURER STELLA HACKEL, 49, WAS CONSIDERED A SLIGHT UNDERDOG TO V RMONT HOU S R PUBLICAN LEAD R RICHARD SNELLING IN THE GOV RNOR'S RACE. A CONSERVATIVE, SHE PLEDGED TO VETO ANY NEW TAX S AND DISMANTLE TH AG NCY FORM OF STAT GOVERNMENT.

GOV THOMAS SALMON HOPED TO BREAK TRADITION AND GIVE THE DEMOCRATS

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(BY ARNOLD SAWISLAK)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- VOTERS ACROSS THE NATION FORMED LINES THAT STRETCHED FOR BLOCKS AND SOME WAITED AS LONG AS TWO HOURS TO CAST THEIR BALLOTS TODAY IN A NIP-AND-TUCK PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION THAT MAY PRODUCE THE HEAVIEST TURNOUT IN YEARS.

APPARENTLY SHATTERING PREDICTIONS OF POLITICAL APATHY, THE STORY WAS THE SAME IN STATE AFTER STATE. ELECTION OFFICIALS USED WORDS SUCH AS "FANTASTIC," "TREMENDOUS," "JAMMED" AND "UNUSUALLY HEAVY" TO DESCRIBE THE TURNOUT IN THE RACE BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND JIMMY CARTER.

SOME VOTERS TEMPORARILY GAVE UP IN DISGUST WHEN THEY DISCOVERED THE WAIT WAS TOO LONG AND THEY WOULD BE LATE FOR WORK. OFFICIALS IN SOME STATES HAD TO FIND ADDITIONAL VOTING MACHINES OR BOOTHS TO HANDLE THE CROWDS. THE WEATHER WAS GOOD OVER MUCH OF THE COUNTRY. THE HIGHEST VOTER TURNOUT EVER OCCURRED IN 1960 WHEN 64 PER CENT OF THE VOTING AGE POPULATION APPEARED AT THE POLLS TO ELECT JOHN F. KENNEDY. IN 1968, THE PERCENTAGE SLIPPED TO 60.7 PER CENT AND FELL EVEN FURTHER TO 55.5 PER CENT IN 1972.

POLITICAL OBSERVERS HAD PREDICTED APATHY WOULD RESULT IN A LOW VOTER TURNOUT AND DEMOCRATS HAD FEARED THIS WOULD DAMAGE CARTER'S CHANCES SINCE THERE ARE MANY MORE REGISTERED DEMOCRATS THAN REPUBLICANS.

BESIDES THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE, VOTERS IN 14 STATES WERE ALSO SELECTING GOVERNORS, SENATORS WERE BEING ELECTED IN 33 STATES AND HOUSE MEMBERS AND STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS WERE VOTING FOR JOBS IN ALL 50 STATES.

FORD AND HIS WIFE, BETTY, CAST THEIR BALLOTS SHORTLY AFTER THE POLLS OPENED IN GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. HE TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE FELT "VERY GOOD. NOV. 2 IS GOING TO BE A GOOD DAY."

CARTER CAST HIS BALLOT IN PLAINS, GA., AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT HE WOULD WIN.

THE FINAL NATIONWIDE POLLS SHOWED THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE IN A VIRTUAL DEAD HEAT.

THE LOUIS HARRIS ORGANIZATION CONDUCTED ITS FINAL POLL ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. IT SHOWED CARTER HOLDING TO A 46-45 PER CENT LEAD OVER FORD. HARRIS SAID THE RESULT INDICATES A CONTEST "TOO CLOSE TO CALL" AND SAID EITHER MAN MIGHT WIN THE POPULAR VOTE AND LOSE THE ELECTORAL VOTE.

A POLL BY THE ROYER ORGANIZATION FOR THE PUBLIC BROADCASTING SERVICE FOUND CARTER AHEAD BY SEVEN POINTS AND INDICATED HE COULD WIN BY FOUR POINTS IF UNDECIDED VOTERS SPLIT THEIR VOTES EVENLY AMONG THE MAJOR CANDIDATES.

AFTER THE PRESIDENT VOTED, HE WENT TO THE KENT COUNTY, MICH., AIRPORT TO DEDICATE A MURAL DEPICTING HIS LIFE AND TO FLY BACK TO WASHINGTON TO AWAIT THE ELECTION RESULTS.

AT ON POINT, FORD WEPT DURING THE DEDICATION CEREMONY. HIS VOICE BREAKING, THE PRESIDENT SAID "I JUST CAN'T ADEQUATELY EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE FOR BRINGING MY LIFE TO THIS WONDERFUL AIRPORT FOR SO MANY PEOPLE TO SEE."

COMMENTS BY OFFICIALS WHO WORK AT THE POLLS WAS MUCH THE SAME FROM COAST-TO-COAST.

"I HAVE WORKED A LOT OF ELECTIONS AND I HAVE NEVER SEEN SO MANY VOTERS COME OUT SO EARLY," SAID ONE PRECINCT WORKER IN COLUMBUS, OHIO.

IN MUNCIE, IND., A PRECINCT JUDGE SAID THE TURNOUT WAS THE HEAVIEST HE HAD SEEN IN 12 YEARS.

OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE TED BROWN, WHO ESTIMATED A RECORD 4.2 MILLION VOTERS WOULD CAST BALLOTS, SAID THE EARLY VOTING THROUGHOUT THE STATE WAS "VERY HEAVY."

IN NEW JERSEY, AN ELECTION OFFICIAL IN HUDSON COUNTY SAID, "IF WE KEEP GOING AT THE RATE WE HAD AT 9 O'CLOCK, WE'LL HAVE 80 TO 84 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS BEFORE THE POLLS CLOSE."

NEW YORK CITY OFFICIALS SAID 75 PER CENT OF THE THREE MILLION REGISTERED VOTERS THERE WILL CAST BALLOTS. "THE VOTER TURNOUT IS VERY HEAVY," AN OFFICIAL SAID. "THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN FIVE YEARS THAT I'VE HAD COMPLAINTS ABOUT LONG LINES AT POLLING PLACES."

IN NEW ENGLAND, OFFICIALS REPORTED THAT VOTERS WERE ARRIVING AT THE POLLS IN "RECORD" NUMBERS.

IN THE TINY COMMUNITY OF LITCHFIELD, N.H., SO MANY VOTERS TURNED UP THAT ELECTION OFFICIALS HAD TO HAMMER TOGETHER FOUR EXTRA VOTING BOOTHS.

THE STORY WAS THE SAME IN SOUTHERN AND BORDER STATES.

"WE'VE GOT SO MANY PEOPLE HERE WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO," A POLL WORKER IN AUBURN, ALA., SAID. "THIS IS MUCH HEAVIER THAN IN PREVIOUS ELECTIONS."

WOULD-BE EARLY MORNING VOTERS AT SOME ATLANTA POLLING PLACES GAVE UP IN DISPAIR AFTER WAITING IN THE VOTING LINES FOR 90 MINUTES OR LONGER. MANY SAID THEY MIGHT TRY AGAIN AFTER WORK.

IN ST. PETERSBURG, FLA., ELECTION OFFICIAL SARA ADCOCK SAID THE VOTING WAS SO HEAVY "SOME PRECINCTS WERE ASKING FOR MORE VOTING MACHINES."

IN TEXAS, VOTERS IN MANY TEXAS URBAN AREAS WAITED IN LINE FOR TWO HOURS OR MORE TO VOTE. SOME LEFT BECAUSE THE LINES WERE SO LONG.

IN PITTSFIELD, MASS., A "TREMENDOUS TURNOUT" WAS REPORTED.

IN POPULOUS LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIF., THE SECOND HOUR TURNOUT WAS 16.29 PER CENT. THIS COMPARES WITH A 15.5 PER CENT TURNOUT DURING THE SAME TWO HOURS FOUR YEARS AGO.

ONE EVENT THAT MARRIED ELECTION DAY OCCURRED IN PUERTO RICO WHERE A TOWN MAYOR WAS SHOT AND WOUNDED AND A YOUNG MAN BEATEN TO DEATH IN CAMPAIGN CONNECTED INCIDENTS.

ONE WHIMSICAL REACTION TO THE ELECTION DAY EXCITEMENT CAME FROM ALBERT ROSS, 69, WHO WAS THE FIRST VOTER TO SHOW UP AT ONE PRECINCT IN CHICAGO.

"I LIKE TO GET UP, GET OUT AND GET IT OVER WITH," HE SAID. "IT'S THE ONLY THING THAT DOESN'T COST ANYTHING ANY MORE."

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"A GOOD DAY."

MCCARTHY, EMOTIONAL FAVORITE OF MANY ANTIWAR DEMOCRATS IN 1968, RAN AS AN INDEPENDENT. HE SAID IN LOS ANGELES TUESDAY THAT HE DOESN'T EXPECT TO GET ANY ELECTORAL VOTES, BUT IF HE GOT 5 PER CENT OF THE VOTE HE WOULD CONSIDER IT A MARK OF DISSATISFACTION WITH THE MAJOR PARTIES.

IN ADDITION TO MCCARTHY, THERE WERE 15 OTHER MINOR PARTY CANDIDATES ON BALLOTS IN A MAJORITY OF STATES. THEIR RANKS INCLUDED LESTER MADDOX, A CONSERVATIVE WHO MADE HIS PICKRICK RESTAURANT A SYMBOL OF SEGREGATION IN THE 1960S.

FORD IS THE FIRST PRESIDENT TO TAKE OFFICE WITHOUT ELECTION.

UNDER THE 25TH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION, HE BECAME VICE PRESIDENT AFTER SPIRO T. AGNEW RESIGNED, FACED WITH INCOME TAX EVASION CHARGES. HE BECAME PRESIDENT WHEN RICHARD M. NIXON, WHO HAD APPOINTED HIM VICE PRESIDENT, RESIGNED AS CONGRESS PREPARED TO IMPEACH HIM ON CHARGES OF COVERING UP THE WATERGATE SCANDAL.

"OUR LONG NATIONAL NIGHTMARE IS OVER," SAID FORD UPON TAKING OFFICE.

FORD PARDONED NIXON ALMOST IMMEDIATELY, CREATING A NEW FIRESTORM OF OPPOSITION. HE WAS PRESIDENT AS THE COUNTRY FELL INTO ECONOMIC DOLDRUMS, WITH INFLATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT SKYROCKETING. HE WAS IN THE WHITE HOUSE AS U.S. MARINES EVACUATED VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA.

CARTER, WHO HAD MADE A NAME FOR HIMSELF AS ONE OF THE "NEW SOUTH" GOVERNORS WHO TURNED HIS BACK ON THE OLD POLITICS OF SEGREGATION, QUIETLY BEGAN HIS CALCULATED DRIVE FOR THE PRESIDENCY 22 MONTHS AGO.

HE CAMPAIGNED WITH THE FERVOR OF A REVIVAL PREACHER, ATTACKING THE ECONOMY, WASHINGTON BUREAUCRATES, IMMORALITY IN POLITICS -- ALL OF FORD'S PROBLEMS.

AMERICANS, HE SAID MONDAY, HAVE "BEEN DISAPPOINTED AND ALIENATED ... SOMETIMES ASHAMED OF OUR OWN GOVERNMENT. PLEASE DON'T GIVE UP. WE'VE GOT TO CHANGE THINGS, BUT WE'VE GOT TO DO IT TOGETHER."

CARTER DEFEATED A HOST OF DEMOCRATIC COMPETITORS TO WIN HIS PARTY'S NOMINATION WITH A LEAD OF MORE THAN 30 POINTS IN THE POLLS. HE IS CREDITED FOR WINNING TWO OF THE THREE HISTORIC PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES.

WHILE CARTER STUMPED THE NATION, FORD STAYED IN THE WHITE HOUSE AND EMPHASIZED A "PRESIDENTIAL" IMAGE. HE ATTACKED CONGRESS IN THE MANNER OF PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN.

THEN, IN THE CLOSING DAYS OF THE CAMPAIGN, FORD WENT ON THE ROAD. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS AT PEACE, THAT THE ECONOMY HAD IMPROVED, THAT HE WAS A MAN TO TRUST. HIS EFFORTS WERE SUCCESSFUL TO THE EXTENT THAT ON THE ELECTION'S EVE, MOST POLLSTERS CALLED THE RACE A DEAD HEAT.

IT WAS AN EMOTIONAL CAMPAIGN, WITH BOTH MEN STRESSING THEIR PERSONALITIES.

IT ENDED WITH HUGE RALLIES AND TELEVISION ADDRESSES. CARTER SAID HE WANTED TO RETURN TO A "CLOSE, PERSONAL, INDIVIDUAL DIRECT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY."

FORD PLEADED FOR THE MANDATE HE DID NOT HAVE WHEN HE TOOK OFFICE AND, BEFORE A CROWD OF OLD FRIENDS IN GRAND RAPIDS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES CRIED. "I'VE MADE A LOT OF SPEECHES AND THIS IS THE HARDEST," HE SAID AS THE NOTES BILLOWED AWAY. THE CROWD SHOUTED, "FORD, FORD, FORD."

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A heavy turnout marked the voting today from Maine to California as Americans chose between Gerald R. Ford and Jimmy Carter to lead the nation as president over the next four years.

Their arduous race finally at an end, Ford and Carter joined with millions of citizens in casting their ballots early - Carter in a cinder-block building near the railroad tracks in Plains, Ga., and Ford in an elementary school in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Generally sunny skies contributed to the spirited ballot in both urban and rural areas. Massachusetts State Secretary Paul H. Guzzi called the turnout "amazing." Leaders of the NAACP in Indiana predicted a record turnout of black voters in the pivotal state.

Historically, a big vote favors the Democrats, the majority party. If the trend continues through the day analysts agreed it could help Carter in his bid to oust Ford from the White House.

Long lines were reported in such states as Massachusetts, New York, Michigan, Texas, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Texas and Colorado. "We're loaded this morning," said an election official in Albany county, Wyo.

Sen. Bob Dole, the Republican vice-presidential candidate, went home to Russell, Kan., to vote and to be greeted on the front lawn of his mother's home by 28 relatives. "If anything goes wrong today I might have to move out," Dole told a crowd of about 2,500.

The analysts said the election was poised on knife-edge, probably one of the closest of the century. However, a late Burns Roper poll gave Carter a four-point lead - 51 to 47.

Ford, home in Grand Rapids, was asked if he felt lucky. "Sure do," the President said. "Don't you think we have good reason?"

Ford later flew back to Washington, but before leaving he wept at the unveiling of a mural at the Kent County airport, detailing his life from infant to President. He told the crowd he owed everything to "my mother and father."

Carter's 98-week campaign came to an end in Plains, his rural home town. "I feel a sense of satisfaction," he said. "I did the best I could."

Carter's running mate, Sen. Walter F. Mondale, also voted early in Afton, Minn., his home town. "I'm so tired I don't know what I'm doing," he told reporters afterward.

Mondale joked that he was "undecided," and then gave assurances that he had voted for "Jimmy Carter and his running mate." It was the same phrase, in reverse, that Carter had delivered to reporters in Plains.

Ford and Carter ended their campaigns Monday night with rallies in Michigan, barely 100 miles apart.

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