Rivals look to stop super Super Tuesday for Bush

Monday for a way to stop George Bush from a clean sweep on Super Tuesday, while Democrats scoured the South for the votes that could propel one of them out of the tightly bunched back on the biggest primary day in U.S. history.

Vice President Bush said a sweep of the 17 GOP primaries was "too much for anyone to expect." But he was leading polls in virtually every Super Tuesday state except Missouri, where Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas had a narrow

Even Dole conceded in Oklahoma City "it's fair to say George Bush has a good margin," but said the race is tight in Oklahoma, Missouri and North Carolina

Earlier, the Kansas senator said in Birming-

Republican presidential rivals searched ham, Ala., "My philosophy in the South ought onday for a way to stop George Bush from a to sell like hotcakes, but so far it isn't happening. Bush is getting a lot of ruboff from Ronald Reagan.'

Dole claimed polls show "that I beat all the Democrats. (Bush) doesn't beat any of them. . We ought to nominate a winner instead of a

Gov. Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts, hoping to emerge from the Super Tuesday contests in his home state and 20 others with a delegate lead, campaigned at a retirees' condominium development in North Miami Beach and picked up the backing of Annie Ackerman, 74, a onetime Chicago ward organizer now known for her prowess in turning retirees out to vote. She called him "a person of integrity who gets things done" and "a mensch," using the 'iddish word for good man.

Asked if Super Tuesday was a flop in bringing moderate and conservative Democrats back to the party's fold, the governor replied, "It's not been a flop for Mike Dukakis.

Four of his rivals - Jesse Jackson, Richard Gephardt, Albert Gore Jr. and Gary Hart were in Texas Monday.

Jackson, hoping the allegiance of black voters throughout the South will give him his finest hour in two runs for the presidency, visited an AIDS clinic in Dallas and journeyed to Brownsville, Texas, where he pledged to fight efforts to make English the official language of the United States.

"We are a great nation. We can speak more have been introduced."

than one language," said Jackson. Gephardt, the Missouri congressman who has staked his campaign on a tough stance against countries with unfair trade practices, made a pitch in Dallas for an oil import fee and campaigned in San Antonio in front of a land-

"We're standing today in front of the Alamo, a place where there was a fight for independence," Gephardt said. "This election in 1988 is

a fight again for the independence of America."
Pat Robertson raised again his claim that there are Soviet missiles in Cuba, telling a satellite radio audience in 18 states, "I don't think the missiles ever got taken out in '62. And I am somewhat convinced that more missiles

Six die in Palestinian bus attack

tinian guerrillas seized a commuter bus Monday and held a group of nuclear plant workers hostage, killing three Israeli civilians and wounding nine others before being shot to death by police, officials said.

Army officials said the guerrillas infiltrated from Egypt and held 10 women and one man hostage for about three hours. The bus was seized as it shuttled workers of the top-secret Dimona nuclear plant.

In the occupied territories, at least 12 Arabs were shot Monday during clashes with Israeli troops, and the army said Palestinian protesters hurled a grenade at troops, wounding one soldier slightly in the West Bank village of Idna.

Also, more than 20 Arab tax collectors in the Gaza Strip submitted mass resignations after underground leaflets called for Palestinians to quit Israel from Egypt, Jordan or Lebanon Gustav submachine gun.

DIMONA, Israel - Three Pales- working for Israel's military admini- since late November. stration. An army official says the resignations are not final.

> Israeli analysts said escalating violence could harden the position of Shamir and the right-wing Likud Bloc, which has not accepted the peace initiatives of U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Ravin told Israel's Knesset, or parliament, that Monday's bus victims "were killed for nothing else but for being Jewish, residents of Israel.

In an anonymous telephone call to Western news agency, a man claimed responsibility for the hijacking in the name of Force 17, a Palestinian commando group linked to Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Charles Redman condemned the hijacking and noted "with sadness that at a time when the major-. . are looking for a peaceful solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict, terrorists emerge to attack the inno-

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, a leader of Israel's doves, said the hijacking was an indication of why Israel refused to deal with Arafat.

Lt. Gen. Dan Shomron, the armed forces chief of staff, said the guerrillas crossed the lightly guarded border from Egypt, and he criticized Egyptian authorities for not doing more to stop such infiltrations.

Army officials said the terrorists were armed with fragmentation grenades, two Soviet Kalashnikov as-It was the eighth infiltration into sault rifles and a Swedish-made Karl

In Brief

United Jet makes emergency landing in Lincoln

A United Airlines Boeing 737 with 63 passengers on board made an emergency landing at Lincoln Municipal Airport shortly after 1 p.m. Monday after a warning light indicated a possible engine fire, Airport Manager Wayne Andersen said.

The plane, Flight 634 en route from Denver to Indianapolis, landed without incident. Emergency evacuation was not required and passengers were expected to take other flights on to Indianapolis, Andersen

Three airport fire engines and one from the Nebraska Air National Guard rushed to the plane as it landed on the west side of the terminal, but they apparently were not needed.

A passenger, Nelson Reynolds of Boise, Idaho, said: "We hit a damn jolt as we were taking off from Denver that sent people almost to the ceiling," then everything seemed normal until about halfway to Lincoln.

About 20 to 25 minutes out of Lincoln, Reynolds said, the pilot got on the intercom and told passengers that there was a possible fire in the engine. Passengers were told to take emergency landing procedures, including holding their heads between their legs.

But the landing went smoothly and emergency evacuation was not required, Andersen said.

Official says he was 'in shock' at Mecham stance

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Arizona's top police official testified at Gov. Evan Mecham's impeachment trial Monday that he realized almost immediately Mecham had committed a crime in ordering the official to not cooperate in an investigation of an alleged death threat.

"I was in shock over what he was saying, taken aback, speechless," said Col. Ralph Milstead, director of the state Department of Public

Milstead quoted Mecham as angrily telling him: "I don't want you to help the attorney general hang me. Don't tell him anything.'

'dreadful terrorist act Killings avert

GIBRALTAR — British soldiers shot three IRA members dead, and Britain said Monday that the killings averted a"dreadful terrorist act" in its fortress colony on the southern coast

of Spain. Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe said in London the soldiers opened fire Sunday after the three unarmed IRA members parked a white Renault-5 with Spanish license plates near The Convent, the official residence of the governor. He said the soldiers acted on a tip from Spanish

Police said they were searching Gibraltar and adjacent Spanish territory for a car believed connected with a bomb attack the Irish Republican Army allegedly planned at the governor's residence during the ceremonial changing of the guard, which hundreds of spectators attend.

Members of the Royal Anglian Regiment, just transferred from duty in Northern Ireland, were scheduled to participate in the ceremony Tuesday. The IRA is fighting a guerrilla war to drive the British from Northern Ireland.

The two men and a woman were shot by men described by witnesses as wearing jeans and speaking with British accents.

The British soldiers were believed to be members of the Special Air Services, or SAS, an elite undercover unit that has been involved in previous actions against the IRA.

Sgt. George Field of the 220-man Gibraltar police force said officers were looking for a Ford automobile but did not believe it contained ex-

The independent Spanish news agency Europa Press quoted police in Madrid, however, as saying the car might contain explosives intended for an attack Tuesday

Howe acknowledged in his remarks to Parliament that the three IRA members were on foot and unarmed when they were killed Sunday afternoon while heading for the Spanish frontier.

He said, "There is no doubt whatever that as a result of yesterday's events a dreadful terrorist act has been averted. The three people killed were actively involved in the plan-ning and attempted execution of that

He said reports that the Renault contained several hundred pounds of explosives were unfounded.

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