

Dukakis wins convincing victory in New York

NEW YORK — Michael Dukakis scored a convincing victory over Jesse Jackson in the New York primary Tuesday night as he bid for control over the Democratic presidential race.

"I love New York," Dukakis said in a victory statement prepared for a hotel rally in midtown Manhattan. "Friends, if we can make it here we can make anywhere."

Sen. Albert Gore Jr. was running a weak third and seemed likely to quit the race later in the week. He planned an announcement for Thursday.

With 76 percent of the precincts reporting, the Democratic vote looked this way:

Dukakis had 671,494 or 53 percent.

Jackson had 411,230 or 33 per-

cent.

Gore had 135,454 or 11 percent.

"I think we have a nominee," said Lynn Cutler, deputy chair of the Democratic national Committee. She said Dukakis now "has to be very careful not to look as though it's a done deal . . . There is a tendency in the Democratic Party to slap the hand of the front-runner."

Gore scrubbed the traditional network primary night interviews. Tennessee Gov. Ned McWherter, a key supporter, said he had advised the senator to "gracefully get out" of the race.

Vice President George Bush won on the Republican ballot. With no serious opposition in New York or elsewhere. He told reporters he thought Dukakis was a "good bet" to

go on and capture the Democratic nomination and said he was eager to join the battle with whatever opponent the Democrats gave him.

New York offered 96 delegates for the vice president, steadily closing in on the 1,139 needed to secure his nomination at the Republican National Convention in August.

New York was the biggest single-state primary of this year, offering 255 delegates. Victory brought Dukakis' national total to half the 2,082 needed to clinch nomination and his aides expressed confidence that they could rally the hundreds of uncommitted party officials who will attend the convention to his side.

Dukakis led for 154 New York delegates and brought his national delegate total to 1,034. Jackson led

for 84 to bring his total to 829.

Jackson had hoped for an upset to propel his candidacy through the final six weeks of primaries, but the net-

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works said his black support — in excess of 90 percent — was not enough to offset Dukakis' strength among other voters.

CBS said Dukakis was winning the white vote 69 percent to 17 percent for Jackson. The Massachusetts governor was carrying 77 percent of the Jewish vote, the network said.

Jackson's national campaign chairman, California Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, said an overwhelming Dukakis victory "would make our job far more difficult" when the campaign reached California at the end of the primary season, June 7.

In Vermont, Jackson led in early caucus returns even though Dukakis triumphed in a non-binding primary vote March 1. Bush was winning another easy victory.

"In Iowa we won the bronze," Dukakis said in his victory statement. "In New Hampshire we won the gold. Tonight we won the Oscar."

Mines spotted in Gulf; Iran attacks merchant ships

MANAMA, Bahrain — A French warship spotted three mines and Iranian speedboats raided two tankers Tuesday, the day after battles in the southern Persian Gulf in which Iran fired missiles from shore at U.S. navy vessels.

A marine executive said the gulf appeared "ghostly" from lack of shipping. He and others said commercial vessels were avoiding the waterway, where Iran and Iraq have been at war since September 1980 and the U.S. Navy sank or damaged six Iranian vessels Monday.

They also said the United States had suspended escorts of Kuwaiti oil tankers temporarily, but Defense Department spokesman Dan Howard denied it. The United States gave American flags and registration to 11 Kuwaiti tankers last year and the Navy escorts them through the gulf.

President Reagan said things were quieter in the gulf Tuesday and "we hope it continues that way."

Iran claimed its speedboats in the southern

gulf sank an "American naval logistical ship," killing its crew, an hour after Navy ships destroyed two Iranian oil platforms Monday.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency headlined the dispatch "Yankees Go Down To Watery Grave As Revolutionary Guards Sink U.S. Ship," but it contained no details.

At the Defense Department in Washington, Howard said of the claim: "No report has reached us from our forces in the Gulf of any hostile acts (against them) today."

After the confrontation Monday, the Pentagon said there were no confirmed U.S. casualties but a search was being conducted for a missing AH-1 helicopter with two crewmen aboard. Iran claimed to have shot it down.

At the United Nation in New York, Iran lodged a formal complaint Tuesday about attacks by the "war-monger" United States. Washington responded that its action had been "necessary and proportionate."

IRNA also said an American attack Monday on the patrol boat Joshan killed 15 crew mem-

bers and injured 29.

In Monday's operations, U.S. Navy forces destroyed two offshore Iranian oil platforms in the southern Gulf, then sank the Joshan, disabled two frigates and sank or damaged three attack boats.

Iran attacked neutral commercial ships after the raid on the platform, which were in retaliation for a mine that damaged the frigate USS Samuel B. Roberts last week and wounded 10 crewmen.

Tehran radio said Tuesday the Swiss ambassador, who represents American interests in Iran, was summoned to the Foreign Ministry and "given a written warning in regard to America's aggressive attacks." It said the note "emphasized that Iran will retaliate."

Shipping executives, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the French warship spotted three mines in an area of the central gulf previously believed mine-free. No details were available.

After midmorning distress signals from two

tankers entering the narrow Strait of Hormuz, the southern gateway to the gulf, owners and agents advised their vessels to anchor just outside the gulf, off Khor Fakkan, the executives said.

They identified the two ships attacked as the Meltem, flying the Bahamas flag, and the 12,215 ton Fal-5 from the United Arab Emirates. No details about the Meltem were available, but they said the Fal-5 was set ablaze and Omani coastguard boats rescued the crew.

Associated Press reporter Richard Pyle, in a report from shipboard, said a five Iranian missiles were fired from shore Monday at a three-ship "surface action group." They were the first such attacks reported on U.S. warships.

The three Navy ships took evasive action and fired chaff into the air, which confused the missiles' guidance systems and caused them to miss.

One missile crossed behind the ships and hit a distant oil platform, which was not identified.

Some see Daub as GOP 'pit bull'

Rep. Hal Daub's attacks on Sen. David Karnes have some Republicans painting the Omaha congressman as a "pit bull of Nebraska politics," former Mayor Roland Luedtke said Tuesday.

"I'm not calling him a pit bull," Luedtke said. But he said Karnes supporters, whom he did not identify, made the comment after observing Daub's aggressive campaign style.

Daub's administrative assistant, Dave Heineman, rejected the charge.

"I think you have to look at the source," he said, referring to the unnamed Karnes supporters.

Luedtke made his comments at a news conference where he and city council members Gates Minnick and Joe Hampton endorsed Karnes.

Daub, R-2nd District, has made a point of

sharply contrasting his experience of four terms in Congress with that of Karnes, whom Gov. Kay Orr appointed to the Senate last year following the death of Sen. Edward Zorinsky, D-Neb.

In one televised debate, for example, Daub said "Dave, you don't know your own record, but perhaps you haven't been there long enough."

Karnes has struck back to some degree. For example, after Daub suggested Karnes favored increasing taxes, Karnes accused the congressman of distorting his record.

At the news conference, Luedtke warned Republicans against weakening themselves by intraparty feuding before the fall election against the Democrats. "I guess I'm warning all of us, let's not get so frustrated that we start calling names," Luedtke said.

Bush in Lincoln May 6

Vice President George Bush plans to bring his campaign for the GOP presidential nomination to Lincoln on May 6, former Gov. Charles Thone said Tuesday.

Thone chairs the Bush campaign effort in Nebraska. "The vice president plans to come to Lincoln for a dinner on May 6," Thone said in an interview. "It's not going to be a fund-raiser type of thing at all. The vice president plans to be here for a dinner, say hello to Nebraska, talk a little bit about his message, his philosophy."

"It is also possible that the vice president will make an airplane stop in the 3rd District," Thone said. "That hasn't been firmed up quite as yet."

Thone said "it is always possible that the May 6 date could change, but the plan to come to Lincoln and have a function is definite . . . and right now my understanding is that it's on for May 6."

Thone said he was confident that Bush would be the Republican nominee and said his campaign should do well in Nebraska.

Art Knox of Lincoln is the political director of the Bush effort in Nebraska and "things can really be seen to be coming together for George Bush in these parts," Thone said.

Thone said many of the people who were key players in the Nebraska organizations of U.S. Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., and Rep. Jack Kemp, R-N.Y., "are coming on board with Mr. Bush . . . I think you will see that we will have peace and harmony in the Republican ranks."

"I think the nomination of George Bush is a foregone conclusion," Thone said.

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