

Little debate drama apparently favored Bush

LOS ANGELES — Presidential rivals George Bush and Michael Dukakis Thursday night gave American voters a review of familiar themes, providing little drama in a debate that apparently went the Republican way.

ABC's instant poll following this second televised confrontation indicated a lopsided preference for Bush, and an Associated Press panel of debate experts likewise delivered a verdict for the Republican. The first time around the same judges decided for Dukakis.

debate that they would be judged on two levels, not only on what they said but how they said it, on such intangible factors as body language. Once the debate began, the candidates were on familiar terrain. "Liberal, liberal, liberal," was Bush's favorite way of referring to his Democratic rival.

The first question to Dukakis concerned his opposition to the death penalty and he quickly shifted the subject to drugs and made his familiar pledge to wage "a real war and not a phony war against drugs."

Democratic Sen. Alan Cranston of California said Dukakis "overcame, the impression some people have had that he's too cold. ... He's not a cold guy, he's a warm guy."

President signs major welfare overhaul

WASHINGTON — President Reagan on Thursday signed the first major overhaul of the nation's welfare system since it was created in the Great Depression. He said the new law is a "message of hope" to those mired in a life of dependency and destitution.

ment, with the best of intentions, has usurped the responsibility that appropriately lies with parents," said Reagan at the signing ceremony in the Rose Garden. "In so doing, it has reinforced dependency and separated welfare recipients from the mainstream of society."

Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS) program to educate, train and find employment for the AFDC recipients. Over seven years, states will be entitled to receive \$6.8 billion in federal matching funds to pay for employment and training activities.

the complex piece of legislation, various programs have differing starting dates. Under the bill, states are required for the first time to offer people on welfare a broad variety of education, training and work programs.

fails, work 16 hours a week in a state-organized work activity. A young parent may work instead toward a high school diploma.

Notes show Peary never at North Pole

BALTIMORE — Newly uncovered notes kept by Robert E. Peary show the explorer claimed to be the first person to reach the North Pole even though he knew he hadn't come closer than 121 miles, an astronomer and historian says.

world while under the harshest spotlight, all the while accusing his archrival (explorer Frederick A. Cook) of faking the very same attainment. The amazing thing is he had the guts and the intelligence to pull it off.

tion, was suppressed by Peary and then was sealed and placed in the National Archives along with his other papers many years after his death in 1920.



Illinois students protest campus sexism

URBANA, Ill. — University of Illinois students, shaken by a series of rapes, are taking steps to protect themselves and to fight the sexism many blame for the attacks, student leaders and school officials say.

Wednesday, carrying candles to draw attention to the role of sexism in the series of assaults that police attribute to a serial rapist.

"We need a general respect of men and women for each other," Ms. Brouwer said. "If we are serious, we can make a change."

"We need to realize the Greek system has always had a problem with sexism," Jochims said at the rally. "It's ugly, but it's a reality."

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