

Karnes discounts polls showing big Kerrey lead

Republican Sen. David Karnes discounted polls Sunday showing him trailing Democrat Bob Kerrey by a wide margin and predicted he will come from behind to win the high-stakes race just as he did in the GOP primary.

Kerrey, the former governor, leads Karnes 55 percent to 34 percent in a race that already involves a combined total of more than \$4.5 million in campaign spending, the Omaha World-Herald's latest poll said Sunday.

The newspaper's previous poll

showed Kerrey ahead 51 percent to 31 percent. The Democratic challenger has maintained a double-digit lead throughout the campaign.

Karnes, in a campaign speech Sunday at North Platte, said he still expects to win the election, which is expected to finish as the state's most expensive ever.

"I was the underdog throughout the primary, and expect that will be the case throughout the fall campaign," Karnes said in reference to his victory over Rep. Hal Daub in the GOP primary.

Karnes said newspaper polls are "very superficial." He said his campaign's own polling by a Houston company shows him trailing Kerrey by only 4 percentage points, 46 percent to 42 percent.

"Our polling was on the mark in the primary and we are confident it is right today. These last 24 days will be hard fought, and we expect a very tight race," Karnes said.

"In the end, however, because of our fund-raising success and a grassroots organization of 15,000 persons, we are confident I can and will win,"

he said during an appearance with Rep. Virginia Smith, R-Neb.

Karnes, who was appointed last year to fill the vacancy created by the death of Democrat Sen. Edward Zorinsky, also campaigned Sunday at McCook, Alliance and Sidney.

Steve Jarding, Kerrey's press secretary, said the wide advantage in the polls is evidence that Karnes' negative advertisements have failed to sway the minds of Nebraska voters.

Brent Bahler, Karnes' press secretary, said Karnes' camp would not comment on the allegations of nega-

tive advertising. He said the campaign also would not discuss political strategy over the next month, including whether such ads would continue.

Karnes and Kerrey each has raised \$2.3 million for the race. Both sides predicted each would raise and spend off about \$3 million to make this the most expensive political campaign in the state's history.

Federal Election Commission reports were filed Saturday by both campaigns with each showing that they raised about \$1 million for the quarterly reporting period from July 1 to Oct. 1.



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St. Cloud students riot for no reason

ST. CLOUD, Minn. — Hundreds of rioting students burned furniture and clashed with police in a second night of homecoming weekend violence that resulted in 50 arrests by officers clad in riot gear, police said Sunday.

At least six people, including a police officer and a person found in a trash carrier, were treated at a hospital for minor injuries suffered Saturday night and early Sunday, said hospital nursing supervisor Patricia Anderson.

As many as 1,500 St. Cloud State University students were involved in the rioting in a four-block area on Friday and Saturday nights, Assistant Police Chief Jim Moline said.

Students set off firecrackers and some played the Beatles' song "Revolution" on a stereo as police swept through the crowd, estimated at about 700 people Saturday night. Other people tore down street signs and jumped on cars, or threw beer bottles and pieces of lumber.

About 60 officers, including some from the State Patrol and neighboring counties, shot tear gas to disperse the crowd and made 46 arrests, most on misdemeanor charges of unlawful conduct or criminal damage to property, Moline said.

After a lull of a few hours, 150 officers were sent in early Sunday to break up crowds of 150 to 200 people, some of whom had set fire to furniture and a trash carrier that had been dragged into the street, Moline said.

"It's like a battle between the police and the students," said Karen Jacobs, the managing editor of the student newspaper, the University Chronicle, who watched the disturbance from her dormitory room.

The riots broke out in the midst of homecoming celebrations by the school's 16,400 students. Witnesses said the problems began when officers tried to break up loud parties and fights.

Moline said that in his 31 years on the police force, the weekend's violence could be topped only by demonstrations against the Vietnam War in the 1960s.

Student Randy Ridenour, 23, of Minneapolis said officers backed off several times Saturday night to avoid a potentially disastrous confrontation.

"It was mob mentality," he said. Many people had been drinking heavily and were enjoying the havoc, he said.

Some of the handful of people arrested Friday night probably will be charged with felony assault for throwing beer bottles, and the arrests Sunday morning will result in several more misdemeanor charges, Moline said. Thirty-four of the 50 people arrested were university students.

University President Brendan McDonald said he would appoint a task force to investigate the violence and met with school officials to discuss the situation further.

Report: Sabotage caused crash that killed Zia, ambassador

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Sabotage or another criminal act caused a plane crash that killed President Mohammed Zia ul-Haq, the U.S. ambassador and 28 others, said a report released Sunday by a U.S.-Pakistan investigation team.

The 365-page report ruled out mechanical failure in the Aug. 17 crash of the Hercules C-130 transport plane, said Pakistan air force Cmdr. Abbas Mirza, who gave a 27-page summary to reporters at a hastily called news conference.

"The board believes that the accident was most probably caused through the perpetration of a criminal

act or sabotage," said the summary by the 10-member U.S.-Pakistan team.

The summary did not blame any person or group for the crash but called for a separate criminal investigation.

In Washington, U.S. State Department spokeswoman Nancy Beck said U.S. officials received a copy of the report and "we are studying it." She made no further comment.

Mirza, who led the four Pakistani representatives and six U.S. Air Force officers on the team, said they found no conclusive evidence to determine the method of sabotage.

All 30 aboard were killed, includ-

ing U.S. Ambassador Arnold Raphel; a U.S. defense adviser, Brig. Gen. Herbert M. Wassom; and five top Pakistani generals.

Mirza said investigators sifting through the debris found chemicals often used in explosives but no remnants of a detonator, which would have indicated a small explosion aboard the plane.

He said the phrase "criminal act" referred to the possibility that the pilot or co-pilot could have disrupted cockpit controls intentionally, causing the crash in an open field.

Because there was no voice recorder aboard the aircraft, he said, it

was impossible to determine what the crew said before the crash.

"After a thorough analysis of the available evidence, the board has been unable to substantiate a technical reason for the accident," the summary said.

"In the absence of the technical reason, the only other possible cause of the accident is the occurrence of a criminal act or sabotage leading to the loss of aircraft control and the (crash)," it said.

Phosphorous was found on mango seeds found in the wreckage, the report said. Earlier reports speculated that an explosive device was hidden

in a box of mangos offered as a gift and placed aboard at the last minute.

Mirza made no comment on the theory.

The plane took off from Islamabad, which doubles as a military air base, to Bahawalpur, where Zia watched a demonstration of the U.S. M-1 Abrams battle tank. The four-engine turboprop crashed after take-off on the return flight from Bahawalpur, 330 miles south of Islamabad.

Zia, 64, a military strongman who imposed eight years of martial law during his 11 years in power, was viewed as a bulwark of stability in the volatile region.

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Democrats looking for come-from-behind victory

WASHINGTON — Democrats found inspiration Sunday in the Los Angeles Dodgers' win in the first game of the World Series, saying that Michael Dukakis can still pull off a come-from-behind victory over Republican George Bush in the remaining three weeks of the presidential campaign.

"I think we're going to be like the Dodgers last night," said Dukakis running mate Lloyd Bentsen. "It looked like they were down and out, and all of a sudden they hit a home run and won it. I think we can do that in the next 24 days."

Bush, alert to that possibility, said that despite polls that show him widening his lead over Dukakis, "we're going to keep on with our original game plan, keep working hard, keep traveling to key states... keep moving forward."

"All I know is to just drive down to the wire," the vice president

said.

Dukakis acknowledged in Boston that he is entering the last leg of the long campaign as an underdog, but advised Republicans not to pop champagne corks too early because "we're going to be the ones celebrating on election night."

He said he will continue fighting for the values he believes in. He said Bush, as vice president, "sat on the sidelines for eight years while America got beaten in world markets, while they mortgaged our children's future to a mountain of debt, and a piece of America was being sold off every day at bargain basement prices."

The World Series analogy was used by several Democrats.

"It's an extremely close race," said Sen. Albert Gore, D-Tenn., on ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley."

"You're going to see Mike Dukakis come on like Kirk Gibson in the bottom of the ninth inning

last night in that game with two outs... he could barely walk around the base path, but he knocked a home run to win the game," Gore said.

The Dodgers beat the Oakland Athletics, 5-4, in that first game of the Series.

Bush told reporters in Denver that he already has a team studying the transition to a Bush presidency and that he is ready to name his Cabinet quickly. Former Navy Undersecretary Chase Untermeyer heads the Bush transition team.

"He has drawn up wiring diagrams, what we should do if we win," Bush said. "You have to hit the ground running."

Bentsen, appearing on CBS-TV's "Face the Nation," said the Democratic ticket has been the target of character assassination by Bush and his running mate, Dan Quayle.

"We were subjected to what I

think was the most demagogic attack that I've ever seen at the presidential level," Bentsen said.

The Dukakis camp was trying to put the best face on what many perceived as a clear Bush victory in last Thursday's debate with Dukakis.

Dukakis adviser Robert Beckel said on the ABC program that "there's a lot of time left in this race, there's a lot of volatility in the electorate, and I find it amazing that all of these people are writing this race off."

But Ed Rollins, a Republican strategist, said that "over the last three months, George Bush has made the sale; he has convinced the American public that he has the strength and the ability to lead this country."

Said Rollins: "It's just a question now of getting the voters to the polls on Election Day."