

# Shamir rejects demand for Palestinian expulsion

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir refused demands by possible coalition partners Thursday to annex the occupied lands and expel Palestinians from them, but he supports more Jewish settlements, an aide said.

The United States considers such settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip an obstacle to peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

Violence continued in the occupied territories, where a rebellion that began Dec. 8, 1987, has cost the lives of 10 Israelis and more than 300 Palestinians. Israeli soldiers blew up four houses Thursday, and nine Palestinians were reported wounded by army gunfire.

Sources in the Labor Party said Foreign Minister Shimon Peres might be dumped as leader after the center-left party's poor showing in Tuesday's general election.

Critics say the Labor campaign focused too closely on the leader's personality and his support for an international conference on Middle East peace, an Arab demand that stirs controversy in Israel.

Shamir's right-wing Likud bloc, which has been in a tenuous "national unity" coalition with Labor since indecisive 1984 elections, opposes a conference and wants to retain all the lands captured in the 1967 war. Peres has expressed willingness to trade some land for peace.

Likud won 39 seats in the 120-member parliament, one more than Labor, and seeks a coalition with small religious and rightist parties. Labor also has courted religious parties, but its chances for a coalition are considered slim.

Leaders of the National Religious Party, which has five seats, on Thursday ruled out a coalition with the Labor Party and said they preferred joining a government headed by the right-wing Likud bloc.

The 73-year-old prime minister expressed confidence Thursday that he could form a government. "I can't give an exact date, but I hope it won't take long," he said on Israel televi-

sion. He complete a first round of coalition talks Thursday after meeting with the Moleket (Homeland) and Tzomet (Crossroads) parties, which want to annex the occupied territories. Each has two seats in the Knesset, as Israel's parliament is called.

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Shamir agreed, however, that a government led by Likud would increase Jewish settlement in the occupied territories dramatically, Ahimeir said, and "the only restraint will be economic considerations."

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## Bush defends views; Dukakis: Voters taking 'second look'

Michael Dukakis asserted Thursday that voters by the millions are giving his underdog campaign "a very strong second look" in the waning days of the race for the White House. George Bush said Democrats were "grossly unfair" to say his advertising is tinged with racism.

"You're looking at a man who was out front for civil rights and I will be again," the vice president said in a network television interview. He defended running mate Dan Quayle on the same score and said any political wounds would heal quickly after the election.

Dukakis combined an attack on the Reagan-Bush administration's record on drugs with ritual declarations that the political tide was turning in his favor. "His administration has cut deals with foreign drug runners. I'm going to cut aid" to their nations, said the Democratic nominee.

Most of the national attention was on the White House campaign, but not all.

Democrats were expressing confidence they would control both houses of the new Congress, although Republicans said they had a chance of picking up a seat or two in the Senate. A dozen gubernatorial contests dotted ballots being printed for next Tuesday's Election Day.

The public opinion polls in the White House campaign continued to provide encouragement for Bush.

Dukakis was trying desperately to reverse poll deficits in several large Electoral College battlegrounds at once. He ventured unexpectedly into New Jersey, crooning a la Bruce Springsteen, "I was born to run and born to win." But Bush, Reagan, Quayle and

Co. were pouring it on in Ohio, where private polls continued to show a solid Republican edge.

ABC said its survey of North Carolina - once Dukakis' strongest hope for a Southern success - gave the vice president an 11-point edge. Dukakis held a four-point margin in a New York survey.

Bush and Dukakis were spending millions on campaign-closing television and radio commercials, and both the Democratic and Republican parties previewed a spate of advertisements designed to maximize party support.

Dukakis had an ad featuring one of the most memorable television moments of the campaign, with Democratic vice presidential candidate Lloyd Bentsen turning to Quayle during their debate and saying, "Senator, you're no Jack Kennedy."

Republicans countered with the Great Communicator.

"America is at peace, and we are prosperous once more. ... On Tuesday, I hope you will vote Republican - up and down the ticket - to continue the change we began in 1981," said President Reagan in a 30-second GOP television commercial.

Bush and Dukakis both were on morning television programs while embarking on another dawn-to-dusk dash through key battleground states.

In a live 30-minute interview on NBC's "Today" show and later at campaign appearances in Illinois and elsewhere, Bush said any political wounds would heal in the weeks after the election. "I think the country will come together," he said. The vice president also renewed his no-new-taxes pledge.

## Karnes: No apology necessary for group staging mock rallies

Republican Dave Karnes said he opposes the actions of a group that staged mock rallies at campaign offices of Democratic rival Bob Kerrey, but he said he won't apologize because he's not responsible for their actions.

Karnes said on Wednesday he would not apologize for the group, which called itself "Conscientious Objectors and Deserters for Dukakis-Kerrey." Group members wore combat fatigues with yellow stripes down their backs when demonstrating Tuesday.

"I have no responsibility for the actions of a group of this nature," Karnes said.

Kerrey continued to denounce the protesters, calling them "right-wing hoodlums," and said they are supporters of Karnes' campaign.

"I was in Vietnam in 1969, unlike these folks who were protesting," he said. "These hoodlums have no idea what it is to serve your country."

Kerrey, who won the Medal of Honor while serving in Vietnam, said the group offended all veterans. Kerrey said the demonstrators were Karnes supporters and said Karnes should apologize.

Karnes said on Wednesday that Kerrey's response was an attack and showed the "momentum of the campaign is clearly with Dave Karnes."

Meanwhile, Karnes and Kerrey differ on how the United States should resolve the Vietnam MIA-POW controversy in letters to the Nebraska MIA-POW network, based in Grand Island.

Kerrey said he favors diplomatic negotiations to normalize relations with Vietnam, while Karnes said he's not in favor of such a

move at this time. Many families of missing servicemen fear that if the United States normalizes relations, the Vietnamese government may never provide a full accounting of the missing.

Speaking in Hastings, Karnes echoed his theme that he should be elected because he can work well with Republican George Bush if Bush wins the presidential election.

He noted that Bush campaigned for him, but Democratic presidential hopeful Michael Dukakis has not campaigned for Kerrey.

"I'm committed to the job. I'm prepared to do the job. I want to do the job," Karnes said.

But Kerrey, at a separate appearance in Hastings, denounced Karnes for saying that the late Democratic Sen. Edward Zorinsky was ineffective because he was independent.

"We need more Ed Zorinskys in the U.S. Senate," Kerrey said, calling Karnes' remark "a terrible mistake."

Kerrey said Nebraskans don't elect "a rubber stamp for anybody."

As a U.S. senator, Kerrey said he is prepared to lead Nebraska and the nation to a better future.

Nebraska has set an example of such leadership with programs like resource districts, block grants, job training and environmental policy, Kerrey said.

"We ought to be looking for opportunities to lead this country, particularly in agriculture," he said.

Karnes said his priorities, if elected, are agriculture and reducing the federal deficit.

## Thrown chair gives host bloody nose

# Geraldo Rivera injured in talk-show studio melee

NEW YORK — Geraldo Rivera was hit in the nose by a flying chair on his talk-show set Thursday as he tried to break up a melee involving right-wing "skinheads" and black civil rights activist Roy Innis.

The brawl broke out when one of the guests on the show, John Metzger of California, began shouting racist remarks at the audience during the taping and called Innis an "Uncle

Tom," said Jennifer Geertz, spokeswoman for the syndicated "Geraldo" show.

Innis walked over to Metzger, his fists balled, then turned to another young man next to him who was warning him off. Metzger then began to stand and Innis put his hands around Metzger's neck.

Supporters of Metzger then moved toward Innis, punches were thrown

and audience members - more skinheads among them - stormed the set, the videotape showed.

"About half the audience emptied in a free-swinging melee," said Ms. Geertz. "Punches were thrown, fists were flying, bodies were flying."

At one point, a chair was thrown and Rivera was struck in the head.

Rivera, dabbing at blood on his nose, called for calm as several push-

ing and shoving matches continued around him. Eventually, studio security escorted the skinheads out, she said, and Rivera resumed the show.

Rivera declined medical treatment and taped two more shows, she said.

"These racist thugs have to know that we're not backing down," Rivera said in a statement. "They're like roaches who scurry in the light of exposure."

The show's topic was "hate-mongers," and featured members of the White Aryan Resistance Youth, The American Front and Skinheads of the National Resistance.

Other guests included Rabbi A. Bruce Goldman, Innis and Bayonne, N.J. resident Bill Stump and his wife, who said they were attacked and terrorized by skinheads at a PATH train station Saturday night.

## Soviets' favorite can't be president again

MOSCOW — The Soviets have a clear favorite in next week's U.S. presidential election. Unfortunately for them, his name is Ronald Reagan, and the Constitution won't let him run again.

As George Bush and Michael Dukakis make their last campaign swings before Tuesday's election, Soviets are waxing nostalgic about the outgoing eight-year tenant in the White House who once called their country an "evil empire" and joked about bombing it into oblivion.

They are also looking ahead to a Bush victory, although without apparent relish.

"To be quite frank, I can't say I've

personally been carried away by the statements of either Bush or Dukakis when they spoke of Soviet-American relations," Nikolai V. Shishlin, a spokesman for the Communist Party Central Committee, told a news briefing Thursday.

Reagan, once caricatured by the party daily Pravda as a missile-toting cowboy, now is portrayed as a reliable bargaining partner who sat down with President Mikhail S. Gorbachev and negotiated a nuclear missile treaty and instigated negotiations in Geneva for a 50 percent cut in strategic arms.

But such expressions of respect don't mean Soviet officials have fallen wholeheartedly for Reagan.

Shishlin made a point of rejecting outright his most recent pronouncement that the diplomatic warming between Moscow and Washington was due to the Reagan administration policy of negotiating "from a position of strength."

Kremlin watchers have been hard-put to find a preference in Soviet news accounts or official statements for either the Republican vice president or the Democratic Massachusetts governor.

"We prefer the winner," Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady I. Gerasimov said Thursday when asked which candidate the Soviets wanted to see in the White House.

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