

Nation readies to meet new president-elect

WASHINGTON—America, meet your new president. Bill Clinton wants to ban assault weapons. He wants to guarantee family leave from jobs. He will push for a national examination system to measure the progress of students and schools. He wants to guarantee a woman's right to abortion.

The economy was issue No. 1, and the centerpiece of Clinton's campaign was a stimulus program built around a \$20-billion-a-year spending plan for highways and bridges to create jobs. Longer term, he'll seek investment tax credits for new plants and equipment, and a capital gains tax cut for new business.

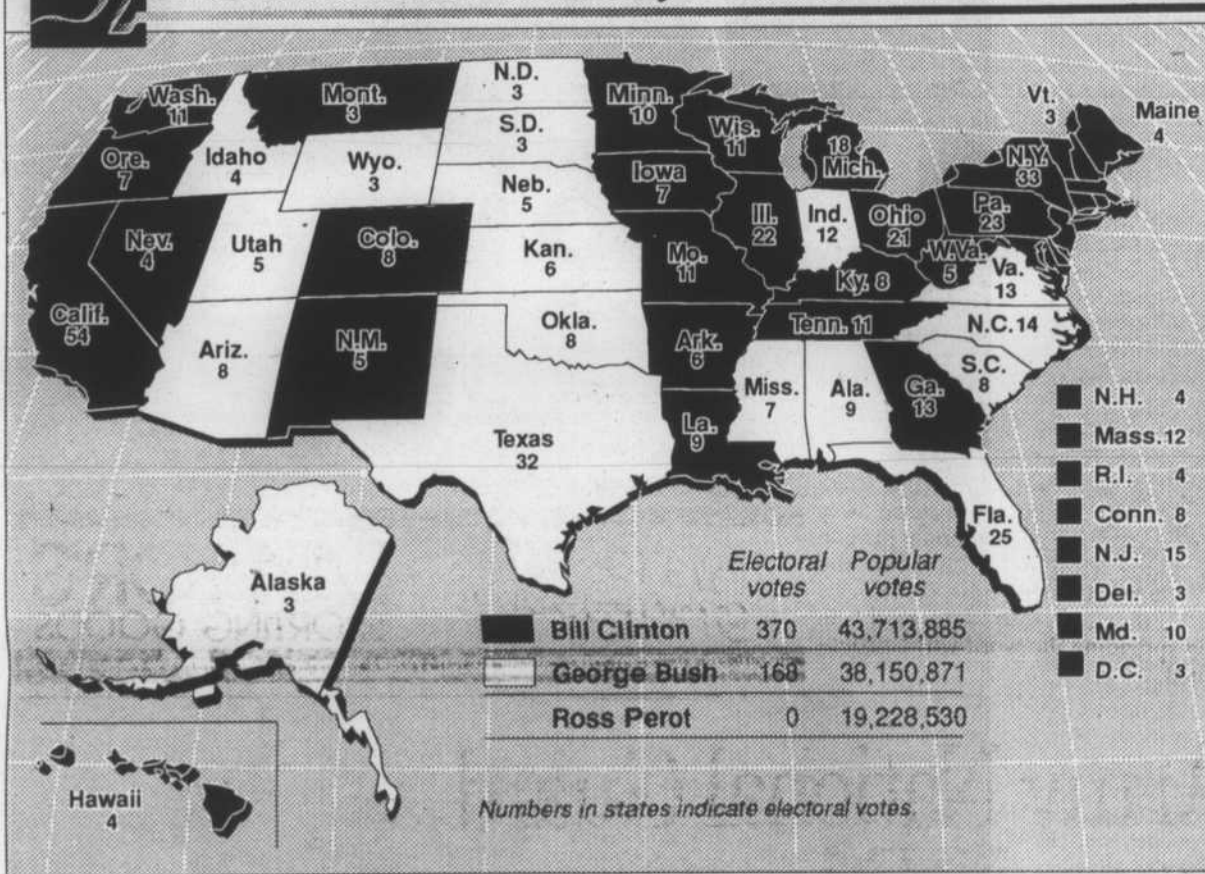
requiring a waiting period for handgun purchases. He wants to ban offshore oil drilling where rigs are not already in place. He wants a law to prohibit companies from hiring permanent replacements for strikers. Clinton says homosexuals should not be excluded from the military. The number of American troops in Europe would be cut to 75,000 to 100,000 under Clinton, rather than the 150,000 ceiling set by President Bush. Clinton says allies should shoulder more of the burden.

\$8.25 billion on the atom-smashing superconducting super collider projects. He says he'll repeal most Bush policies on abortion. Clinton wants to put 100,000 new police officers on the streets through a national police corps and other means. He supports the death penalty. He wants to limit carbon dioxide emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2000 to reverse global warming. For cars, he wants to phase in a 40-mpg auto fuel efficiency standard by the turn of the century. He would set national water-pollution runoff standards. He is committed to eliminating the production and use of all ozone-depleting chemicals as soon as possible.



Presidential race summary

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Clinton happy, tired after hard-won battle

President-elect Clinton pledged Wednesday to "spare no effort to restore jobs, growth and incomes" as he contemplated the first Democratic administration in a dozen years. The party's top leaders in Congress offered cooperation and a fast start on setting the economy right. President Bush flew home to a heroes' welcome at the White House and said he would "cooperate fully" with the man who defeated him.

the United States in pursuit of our shared goals," he cabled. In the statement he read to reporters, Clinton reaffirmed the "essential continuity" of American foreign policy, and reminded allies and potential adversaries alike that the nation's affairs of state remained in Bush's hands as long as he was president. In a government building a few blocks from the White House, work crews installed telephones, spackled walls and worked on a security system in preparation for the arrival of the Democratic planners who will build the nation's new government.

Perot backers pick up pieces, plan

DALLAS—Some of Ross Perot's campaign aides said Wednesday that the 19 million Americans who voted for him could form a third political party if President-elect Clinton fails to revive the economy and cut the deficit. "The basis for a third party is there if the group wishes to pursue that as an ultimate end. I think it's worth a lot of consideration," said Orson Swindle, executive

director of Perot's volunteer organization, United We Stand, America. Experts on third parties and even some Perot associates said the success of Clinton's presidency would determine whether United We Stand would be a potent political force. The organization will remain active to promote the Texas billionaire's proposals for deficit reduction and economic revival, Swindle said. The group might even form a political action committee to contribute to congressional candidates, aides said, even though Perot constantly

denounced these committees during the campaign as the tool of special interests. Neither Swindle nor other aides could specify how Perot would work to keep his issues before the American public or whether he would consider running again in 1996. "We've got so many bridges to cross before we get there," Swindle told the campaign's final briefing for reporters. Still, "Ross Perot has got a great following. Somebody believes in him enough to invest in a few bumper stickers."

World listens when American voters talk

They stopped doing deals on the Manila exchange. They quit arguing at a political congress in Zaire and listened to bulletins from America. In the new Ukraine, they tuned in to see how an old democracy works. The world's millions watched the United States remake its political face overnight and pinned a lot of hope Wednesday on a youthful U.S. president-elect. "Youth is progress," concluded Ukraine's prime minister, Leonid Kuchma. Bill Clinton, 46, could have gotten a morning-after preview of the kind of global headaches that await him: While worn-out Democrats slept late in Little Rock, U.S. envoys were taking steps in Geneva to slap punitive tariffs on European farm goods. In Asia, where traders on the Philippine exchange put down their order

“The revitalization of the American economy is important not only for the United States alone but also for Japan and for the whole world.” — Watanabe Japanese foreign minister everywhere in Europe still have not been fulfilled. Russia's President Boris Yeltsin vowed to work toward "strengthening the relations of friendship and partnership between our countries." European Community and U.S. negotiators deadlocked in talks to liberalize world trade. The result: Wednesday's moves by the Bush administration to impose tariffs on selected European farm products. The Europeans would be sure to strike back. The congratulatory message Jacques Delors, the Community's top executive, sent to Clinton had the

sound of an appeal. "Together we can bear more fruit than separately," he told the president-elect. China also is concerned about Clinton trade policies. He favors withdrawing favorable trade status from Beijing's "free-market Communists" to pressure them to liberalize their politics. A Hong Kong newspaper that often speaks for Beijing said such "interference" would "elicit a strong Chinese response." In the African nation of Zaire, delegates at the "national conference," an opposition-led gathering trying to strip President Mobutu Sese Seko of his autocratic powers, interrupted the proceedings to listen to reports of Clinton's victory. Opposition newspapers predicted they would find a friend in the Arkansan. Hungarian foreign minister Geza Jecsenszky offered congratulations to Bush, "an active player in the fall of communism. We in Hungary will not forget him."

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