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Forecast: Nation faces 'nastiest' campaign in '80

WASHINGTON

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A senator bearing a political name as awesome in the second half of the 20th century as Roosevelt was in the first, is challenging the incumbent president of his own party. The winner could be so crippled by the battle as to make the nomination worthless.

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It used to be the political season would begin sometime in late February or early March in the snows of New Hampshire. Ever since Gen. Dwight Eisenhower beat Sen. Robert Taft in 1952, the man who won the White House in November had to win the New Hampshire primary to get there.

The 1980 presidential election starts five days into the new year when the Republican contenders crowd a stage in Des Moines, Iowa, for a debate. Two days later is the Democratic show — Jimmy Carter, Edward Kennedy and Edmond Brown on the same stage.

The Iowa debates launch a season that includes a record 37 primaries that extend into June, when the Republican Convention is Detroit in July, the Democratic Convention in New York in August and the election on Nov.4.

The 1980 presidential campaign actually began on Aug. 2, 1978 when Rep. Phil Crance, R-Ill., became the first candidate to announce he was seeking the White House.

To predict the course of the 1980 campaign would be as foolish as to have tried to guess what has transpired since Crane announced consider:

—Carter, who last summer sank to a lower approval rating in the polls than Richard Nixon before he resigned in disgrace, moved to within 2 points of Kennedy during the height of the Iran crisis.

—Kennedy, who told reporters until Labor Day that he expected to support Carter, got permission from his mother and wife to make the race and announced formally in early November...

—Kennedy, the man all the polls said could have the White House for the asking, failed to make the impressive start everyone predicted. His faltering start and highly criticized statements on Iran, kept some expected backers — Like Gov. Hugh Carey of New York—sitting on the fence.

—Former United Nations Ambassador George Bush, who held a lot of jobs under Republican presidents but remained largely unknown politically, suddenly won two Iowa straw polls, beat Senate Republican Leader Howard Baker in the Maine straw poll and finished a surprising third in the Florida straw polls.

—Ronald Reagan, the most predictable factor in the unpredictable race, suddenly saw the threat of his overwhelming lead being whittled away by nine challengers.

—Baker and Sen. Robert Dole, the 1976 vice presidential candidate, were expected to be among the leaders because of the status they had already achieved. Their campaigns were near collapse in December.

—Former Gov. John Connally, blustering and bellowing, raised an astonishing $8 million and was viewed as the main threat to Reagan. Yet his outpoken stances lust him the support of many key groups and he became a candidate of high visibility and low poll ratings.

—And Crane, who thought the Jimmy Carter strategy of starting early would give him an advantage, went nowhere.

The fate of the 13 men running for president will be tied to events over which they have no control — like the Iranian crisis — and to events they will try to control — the primaries and caucuses that select the delegates who will nominate the candidates.

The Carter-Kennedy race promises to be a battle royal. Even when he trailed the senator badly, Carter said he would fight for every delegate all the way to New York.

Carter had an excellent organization on the ground early for the Iowa precinct caucuses, which open the nation's delegate selection process Jan. 21. Kennedy has played what appears to be an effective game of catchup. Kennedy says he still trails, but it's obvious he entertains hopes of winning.

The New Hampshire (Feb. 26) and Massachusetts (March 4) primaries should be New England home victories for Kennedy.

The battle then moves to Carter's South March 11, when Alabama, Florida and Georgia all hold primaries. This ends round one, and it could be a draw, unless Kennedy whips Carter in Florida.

Vandals badly damage statue of John Henry

TALCOTT, W. Va. — Two adults and a juvenile have been charged with vandalizing a statue of the legendary black folk hero John Henry, police said.

The statue, which stood in a roadside park off W. Va. 3 just outside Talcott in Summers County, was toppled from its pedestal Christmas Eve and dragged down the highway.

Initial reports from state police indicated that the eight-foot high bronze statue might have been damaged beyond repair in the Christmas Eve incident.

Phillip Dale Dillon, 23, and William Lamar Moreno, 21, both of Talcott, and an unidentified juvenile, were charged with grand larceny and destruction of property, police said.

Police said the three allegedly pulled the statue off its 8 - foot base by using a four - wheel drive vehicle, then dragged the statue down the road.

The statue hit an oncoming vehicle, sending three occupants to the Summers County Hospital, where they were treated and released, police said.

Police were unable to provide the identities of the car's occupants.

The incident occurred just before midnight Christmas Eve.

The statue, erected in 1972 by the Hilldale - Talcott Ruritan Club, was valued by the club at $10,000.

It was done by Williamston, Mich., sculptor Charles Cooper.

The statue stood on the hill above the big bend tunnel, where the legenday "Steel Drivin' Man" — immortalized in the folk song — drove steel spikes in a race with a steam drill.

According to the legend, John Henry won the race, but the effort killed him.

The tunnel was begun in 1870 for the C&O Railway. (UPI)

Rev. Robert L. Polk named to N.Y. church group post

NEW YORK — Rev. Robert L. Polk has been appointed executive director of the Council of Churches of the City of New York, replacing Rev. Dan M. Potter.

Polk, 51, and minister of the United Church of Christ, is the first black appointed executive director of the organization. He will assume leadership of the group March 1.

Rev. Potter, who directed the council for 27 years, announced last February that he would not seek another term after his contract expired in Dec. 1980. His leadership has come under sharp criticism following charges that he is an Albany slumlord.

His decision followed a report by a special council committee that found he owned 16 Albany apartment dwellings that were "unfit" for human habitation. The study was conducted after news reports revealed that the units had been cited for housing violations.

Sources credit Rev. Polk's appointment over largest number of Protestant churchmen.

Dr. Potter will be paid until his contract expires, but will leave office before his term concludes prior to Rev. Polk's arrival.

Board members expressed confidence that Rev. Polk will bring unity to to the council.

"He is an extremely capable man," said Gordon Brown, president of the council. "I think his leadership will benefit this city. He has some things to say and will stand up and be counted. The time for that has come. In spite of the rain today, I feel that the sun came out. It's a new era for us."

Rev. Polk is director of the Edwin Gould Services for Children. He has also been active in civil rights work, has served as chaplain to Dillard College, New Orleans, and has been on the staff of the Riverside Church as its youth minister and director of urban ministry.

Rev. Robert L. Polk

Rev. Potter to pressure that has been building over the years within the council, made up of some 1,800 Protestant and Orthodox churches. Members were reportedly unhappy with what they considered Dr. Potter's failure to respond adequately to the growing majority of blacks in the city. As the black population increased, blacks now represent the

A decade of music

Black music survives the onslaught of disco

By Roger Glass

In 1969, people were openly wondering what would become of 11-year-old Michael Jackson whose his voice lost its childish innocence and possibly its appeal. The Jackson Five's success seemed bound to Michael's pubscent voice.

In 1979, Jackson answered that question for us. "Off the Wall," a solo album released by Michael Jackson this fall, is a sure bet to leave the same indelible stamp on the 70's that he and his brothers left on the 60's.

Produced by Quincy Jones, the album deserves every bit of the attention and accolades it has received. A chart topper for several weeks, "Off the Wall" was an appropriate follow-up to "Destiny," an album released by the Jackson Five in early 1978.

The Jackson Five's successful adaption to the sound of the 70's is notable if only because others did not fare as well. Some of the musical giants of the 60's had all but faded by the end of the 70s; Aretha Franklin, Curtis Mayfield and the Temptations among them.

Meanwhile, groups like Earth, Wind and Fire and War along with Teddy Pendergrass, Donna Summer and Ashford and Simpson came along to take over where they left off. And some superstars from the 60s like Marvin Gaye, the O'Jays and the Isley Brothers continued as mainstays.

By the end of the decade we also saw the re-emergence of Lou Rawls, Gene Chandler, Alberta Hunter and Walter Jackson. While others, particularly Stevie Wonder and George Clinton (leader of the Parliament-Funkadelics) earned a special status by exerting their individuality rather than conforming.

During the same period, many "jazz" performers were caught between a rock and a hard place as they sought to make a living without compromising their artistic integrity. Herbie Hancock, Chick Corea and others other ilk drew both criticism and praise for their "crossover" music.

Jazz purists equated "crossover" with compromising while many of the musicians approached it as just another art form—and an avenue to the big money. The music we now call jazz fusion was actually ushered in by Miles Davis and Co. in the late 60s.

Once the only black-owned record company, Motown Records went through a complete facelift in the 70s. Familiar names like Gladys Knight and the Pips, the Four Tops and the Temptations have left the Motown stable for greener pastures.

But don't feel sorry for the company, which moved from Detroit to Los Angeles, Motown has more than made up for its losses with a highly-successful movie production branch. And new superstars like Commodores joining the likes of Wonder, Gaye and Diana Ross.

Those who left Motown, which includes the Jackson Five, say they left because of the shoddy, sometimes overbearing, treatment they were getting from the record company. Some also maintain that the company has lost its interest in its recording artists because movies make more money.

Among the other black-owned record companies in Philadelphia International Records, headed by Kenneth Gamble and Leon Huff, has made the biggest splash. With Teddy Pendergrass, Lou Rawls, Bill Paul, MFSB, the O'Jays recording for their label, Gamble and Huff have secured a place among the top producers of the decade—some say they are at the top.

The 1970s was a decade wrought with musical changes, not the least of which was the rise (and fall) of disco. Thanks to the Temptations, the Contours, Edwin Starr, Dyke and the Blazers and many others, dance music was with us in the 60s. In the 70s they reshaped it and renamed it disco.

Those leading the disco thrust by the mid to late 70s included Chic, Donna Summer, Evelyn "Champagne" King and the Village People.

For Washingtonians, though, they could be especially proud of localites Peaches and Herb who reemerged on the crest of the disco wave. The duo's "Shake Your Groove Thing" was actually followed by an equally successful "Reunited" earning them the distinction of having both a dance record and a ballad on the charts.

Disco, however, also took its toll on many of our best performers as the sound (rarely creative) took precedent over the performer. By the end of the decade, disco was on a sharp decline, though. Listeners had apparently had their fill of the pre-fabricated sound of Rod Stewart and Saturday Night Fever. Give Thanks.

Sadly, in the 70s we also mourned the death of Duke Ellington, Minnie Riperton, Donny Hathaway, Eddie Jefferson, Van McCoy and a number of other artists.

They will be missed.

But we also praised the birth of the Black Music Association, an organization dedicated to the preservation and perpetuation of black music.

It would be literally impossible to name all the performers that have stood out in the 70s, but a partial listing may be in order. The names that come immediately to mind include: Billy Paul, Barry White, Sly Stone, the Stylistics, Gloria Gaynor, the Chi-Lites, Isaac Hayes, Al Green, the Spinners, Santana, Weather Report, Gil Scott-Heron, Terry Callier, Mandrill, the Ohio Players, New Birth, Return to Forever, Larry Graham, George Benson and most of the performers mentioned previously.

Looking ahead to the 80s, the last few years has witnessed the rise of several promising talents with bright futures in the music industry: Al Jarreau, Maze, Natalie Cole, Peabo Bryson, Angela Bofill, L.T.D., Sister Sledge, McFadden and Whitehead, the Jones Girls, Stephanie Mills, Phyllis Hyman, Rick James, Cameo, the Whispers and Chaka Khan head the list.

The old coupled with the new should make the 80s another banner decade for black music in all its varied forms and idioms.

Lafayette G. Jones

Johnson Products names veep

CHICAGO — Lafayette G. Jones, 35, formerly of Washington, D.C., has been named vice president, marketing, of Johnson Products Co., Inc., Chicago - based manufacturer of hair care and beauty aid products.

Jones, a member of the marketing staff of Hunt - Wesson Foods since 1974, most recently was senior marketing manager for Orville Redenbacher's Gourmet Popping Corn.

Johnson Products President George E. Johnson said Jones will be primarily responsible for the marketing function for the company's diverse line of personal grooming products including cosmetics sold under the brand names of Ultra Sheen, Afro Sheen, Ultra Wave, Precise, Bantu, and Moisture Formula.

Jones, a 1965 graduate of Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., also attended Howard Law School. He was formerly program director of the Jobs Corps Community Consortium in Washington, D.C., director of merchandising and public relations and community affairs to firms in Washington, New York, and Los Angeles.

Jones is married, the father of four children, and lives with his family in the Hyde Park area of Chicago.

Carter to address SBA meet Jan. 13

WASHINGTON — President Carter is scheduled to address 2,000 participants to the White House Conference on Small Business Sunday evening, Jan. 13, at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

The conference, the largest forum of its kind, will be held at two hotels, the Washington Hilton and the Sheraton Washington, Jan. 13 - 17, 1980.

Featured speakers include Treasury Secretary G. William Miller, Presidential Advisor Alfred Kahn, Acting Secretary of Commerce Luther Hodges, Jr. and Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Small Business, Gaylor Nelson.

Capital formation, government regulations and paperwork and economic and social questions affecting small business will be considered by delegates.

Michael K. Casey, Conference Director, says the conference comes at a time when many observers of social and economic trends believe that small business and the opportunity for Americans to go into business for themselves are essential to keep America working.

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