## Reagan era coalition collapses after defeat

# Republicans face leadership crisis

WASHINGTON, Nov 5: Their party badly damaged in Tuesday's US general election. Republican leaders are wasting no time in

pulling out the long knives, reports Reuter. Rival factions are already maneuvering for control over party doctrine and who will lead

them to the next presidential election. President George Bush, in defeat, has left his party leaderless, divided and with a serious image problem, weakening future Republican prospects even before the post-mortems have been completed on this year's voting.

"A very important part of what happened yesterday was the collapse of the Republican coalition that gave us the Reagan era," Stanley Greenberg, President-elect Clinton's pollster, said in Little Rock on Wednesday.

With Bush gone, the mantle of party leadership might be assumed to fall on Dan Quayle, but the vice president's public relations problems are well known and he will have lost of rivals.

Even after his 1992 image remake, a substantial majority of voters view him unfavourably. Though well liked by conservatives, he would go into 1996 with the odds staked against him, and numerous other aggressive Republicans are waiting in the wings, eager to challenge him.

"I'm not sure where that leadership mantle will go. There will be a lot of competition for it," Republican Senator Arien Specter of Pennsylvania predicted in Philadelphia on Wednesday.

"In the Republican party there is going to be a real period of transition," said Specter, who won re-election on Tuesday.

Among those in line for a party role and perhaps for a try for the presidency four years from now are acerbic conservative commentator and Bush primary challenger Pat Buchanan, retiring Minnesota representative Vin Weber, Bush

Housing Secretary Jack Kemp and Bush Defence Secretary Dick Chency.

Others include Texas Senator Phil Gramm, Massachusetts Governor Willam Weld, Senate Republican leader Bob Dole of Kansas, former Bush drug czar William Bennett, and religious broadcaster and former presidential candidate Pat Robertson.

## Pakistan welcomes Bush defeat

KARACHI, Nov 5: Pakistan's Minister for Religious Affairs welcomed the election defeat of US President George Bush on Wednesday as punishment for his anti-Islamic foreign policies, the official APP news agency said, reports Reuter.

Bush played an anti-Islamic role in the Middle East, in Kashmir and in Bosnia, and used the liberation of Kuwait for the destruction of Iraq, APP quoted Minister for Religious Affairs Maulana Abdul Sattar Khan Niazi as saying.

"We are happy that nature has punished him by depriving him of the seat of power in today's unipolar world," the minister said.

His "war crimes" in Iraq had created hatred against Bush in the Islamic world, he

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said Pakistan hoped to try to narrow its differences with the United States after Clinton takes over.

down the differences before, we will now try again," Sharif told reporters in this southern city when asked for his reaction to Clinton's election win.

"We have tried to narrow

Ties between the two countries have been strained since US economic and military aid was cut off in October 1990 when President George

Bush failed to sign a certificate assuring congress that Pakistan did not possess nuclear weapons.

Pakistan has always denied that widely held belief it has nuclear weapons or is developing them.

Opposition leader Benazir Bhutto sent a message of congratulation to Clinton, whom she met on a visit to little rock Arkansas last year.

"As leader of the Democratic opposition of Pakistan, I want to extend to you our warmest and sincerest congratulations on your landslide victory as President of the United States of America."

The competition has already begun. Kemp was in New Hampshire, the state that votes first in presidential primary years, on

election day. Weber is said to be a possible choice for Republican national committee chairman, he said last week on John Mclaughlin's "one on one" show that "it is an intriguing possibility that I couldn't rule out."

Gramm has openly eyed higher office, but was given bad marks for a polodding speech at the Republican national convention last summer in

The youthful-looking Weld also took a high profile at the party's convention, and came off better in the eyes of analysts. He combines a conservative view on economic issues with a pro-abortion rights stance, an issue that sharply divides his party.

Abortion policy could turn out to be a major obstacle to party unity.

The party fought over the issue tooth and nail last spring and summer as it drafted its platform, and the fight likely contributed to Bush's defeat as moderate women were found in exit polling to have deserted the party indroves to vote for the Democrat on Tuesday.

Women voted insignificantly larger numbers than did men, and a disproportionate numbers of them voted for Clinton than for Bush, the exit polls found. But conservatives will battle any effort to weaken the party's strong antiabortion stand.

## BRIFFIN

### Homeless beat ABC newsman: Five homeless men have been arrested in connection with the beating of ABC News reporter Gary Shepard during a robbery.

police said, AP reports from Sonia Monica. Shepard, 53, was found severely beaten Tuesday night at his home in the mountains above Malibu. He was recovering

Wednesday from surgery to repair a skull fracture. Police said the men were arrested Wednesday on the city's boardwalk while trying to sell stolen items, some of them Shepard's. They are suspects in several other robberies in the

area, Sgt. Gary Gallinot said. Shepard's condition was upgraded from serious to fair Wednesday, said Ted Braun, spokesman at Santa Monica Hospital Medical Centre.

#### Liberian situation concerns Ghali: UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali said Wednesday he was deeply concerned at the stepped-up fighting in Liberia and the threat it posed to civilians, notably near the capital,

Monrovia, AFP reports from United Nations. Boutros-Ghali said in a statement that non-essential UN personnel had been temporarily withdrawn from the country but that the United Nations and the international community

stood ready to help as soon as the situation allowed. Faced with what he described as alarming developments, Boutros-Ghali appealed for all sides to exercise maximum restraint and avoid causing more civilian casualties and useless destruction at any cost.

### Arrest order against Mutalibov:

The Azerbaijan Interior Ministry has issued a warrant to arrest former president Ayaz Mutalibov, 54, after he was charged with plotting against the state, the daily newspaper Izvestia reported Wednesday, AFP says from Moscow. On Tuesday the public prosecutor in Baku had lifted

Mutalibov's immunity.

Azerbaijan's former Communist Party leader was ousted by popular front nationalists in May after a two-day return to the helm of the former Soviet Republic.

He has disappeared since but was reported living in Moscow for some time after his fall.

#### Honecker to remain in jail: A German court ordered former East German leader Erich Honecker to remain in jail pending trial for Berlin Wall killings despite his advanced liver cancer, his lawyers said on Wednesday, Reuter reports from Berlin.

A Berlin regional court rejected an appeal to free the 80year-old Honecker before his trial on 12 man slaughter charges begins on November 12, defence lawyer Wolfgang Ziegler told reporters.

Honecker's defence had argued the former Stalinist leader, jailed since being deported by Russia last July, is terminally ill and likely to die of cancer before his trial can be completed.

#### 6 gunned down in S Africa: Attackers broke into a house owned by an ANC member and gunned down six people, including an 18-year-old woman who had given birth a day earlier, witnesses and police said Thursday, AP reports from Johannesburg.

Six more blacks were killed in separate attacks around Johannesburg, police headquarters said in its daily unrest re-

The family massacre took place Wednesday night in Sebokeng, a violence-torn township south of Johannesburg where rival black groups have been battling each other and the police for years.

Attackers burst through the front door, threw a tear gas canister into the small brickhouse and went room-to-room shooting members of the Zwane family, survivors said.

### \$50000 Chinese aid for Bosnia: China pledged Thursday to donate 50,000 dollar in

humanitarian aid to the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said, AP reports from Beijing. Wu Jianmin said the money would be sent via the International Red Cross Society.

"We are deeply sympathetic with the refugees in Bosnia-Herzegovina," Wu said. "We hope that parties there would... stop fighting immediately and seek to resolve their disputes through negotiations".

## 4 CIS states agree to halt Tajik war

ALMA-ATA (Kazakhstan), Nov 5: Four Commonwealth states on Wednesday agreed on ways to halt the virtual civil war raging through the central Asian republic of Tajikistan, reports Reuter.

The leaders of Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgystan and Tajikistan were joined by Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev at peace talks in the Kazakh capital Alma-Ata.

"We settled one important question - what should be done through joint efforts to end the bloodshed," Kazak-

hstan's President Nursultan Nazarbayev told reporters after the meeting.

Hundreds have been killed and thousands have fled their homes as fighting rages between supporters and opponents of ousted President Rakhmon Nabiyev.

Nazarbayev said the four leaders agreed it was neces sary to convene a session of the Tajik parliament by November 20 to restore legitimacy to the Republic's leader-

The leaders also proposed creating a state council embracing representatives of rival parties, movements and regions of the impoverished country, which borders Afghanistan and China.

They said Russian troops deployed in Tajikistan could serve as a basis for peacekeeping forces, act as a stabilising factor and protect strategic objects.

The leaders issued a joint statement warning the conflict could spread. "We consider that escalation of the conflict

is fraught with danger for central Asia, Kazakhstan and Russia," Nazarbayev said. Russian troops have

stepped in to maintain a curfew in the Tajik capital Dushanbe after flerce fighting in recent weeks.

Tajikistan was represented by Acting President Akbarsho Iskandarov, who replaced Nabiyev when a coalition of militant Democrats and Muslims came to power in September after a wave of un-



LONDON: Picture taken from TV shows British Prime Minister John Major speaking during the Maastricht debate at the House of Commons on Wednesday. Story on page 1. -AFP/UNB photo

### British-UK exercise called off

HONG KONG, Nov 5: Britain has called off a planned military exercise in Hong Kong based on an imaginary invasion of the territory by China because it does not want to antagonise Beijing, Radio Hong Kong reported Thursday, reports AP.

Mijor Paddy Hartigan, a spokesman for British forces in Hong Kong, said exercises originally scheduled for next week, which would not involve combat troops, have only been rescheduled for a later date. The government-owned radio said the British Defence Ministry called off the exercise on the advice of Hong Kong Gov Chris Patten.

Patten is the commanderin-chief of British forces in the colony, which reverts to Chinese rule in 1997.

## Pindi offers help to end Gulf crises

ABU DHABI, Nov Pakistan's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Wednesday urged Gulf states to end their disputes and offered his country's help in easing tension, reports AFP.

"We hope all states of the region will reach a peaceful solution to their border disputes," Siddique Kanju told reporters in Abu Dhabi Wednesday. "We are ready to help in a settlement if we were asked to".

Impoverished Pakistanis especially concerned about new trouble because one million of its citizens work in the Gulf and send home billions of dollars annually, diplomats serves.

said. The Gulf war hit Pakistan's economy hard.

Territorial disputes have resurfaced in the past months between Saudi Arabia and Qatar, Iran and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Bahrain and Qatar. Iran's purchase of Russian submarines, with one on its way to the gulf, has heightened tension.

Kanju said Pakistan, which maintains good ties with Iran and all (Arab) Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) nations, was

prepared to support any measures to maintain security in the Gulf, home to two thirds of the world's proven crude re-

### Sophia Loren new goodwill envoy to UNHCR

GENEVA, Nov 5: Actress Sophia Loren, the new Goodwill Ambassador to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, will travel to Kenya and Somalia this month to help focus public attention on the massive refugee crisis in Africa, says a press release.

Ms Loren is scheduled to begin her six-day trip November. 21.

High Commissioner Sadako Ogata will formally appoint the Oscar-winning film star as a UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador on November, 18 and thank Ms Loren for her commitment to easing the plight of refugees around the world.

From Baidoa, she will fly to the sprawling refugee settlement at Mandera, a town bordering Somalia and Ethiopia. More than 50,000 emactated Somalis desperately seeking food and water arrived in that desolate stretch of northeastern Kenya over the summer.

### Zardari's bail application rejected

ISLAMABAD, Nov 5: 'A Pakistani court refused bail on Wednesday to the husband of Opposition Leader and former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto who has been in jail facing a string of a charges since October 1990, reports Reuter.

A special court for the suppression of terrorist activities in the southern city of Karachi rejected Zardari's bail application of the grounds it was premature and several serious charges were still outstanding against him.

Zardari applied for bail after he was acquitted last month of a masterminding the murders of 29 people.

serious of more than 10 charge filed against him.

That was among the most

### Mystique de Jackson LOS ANGELES: Multi-millionaire pop star Michael Jackson

has joined the superstar perfume Sweepstakes, with part of the proceeds going to poor children, reports Reuter. . The perfumes- "Legende

De Michael Jackson" for men and "Mystique De Michael Jackson" for women— will be available in time for the holiday season.

The fragrances have been declared "environmentally safe" and each slender bottle comes with a hologram of Jackson on it.

That, in the words of Jackson's publicists, "makes this already collectible product line even more valuable."

The perfumes will sell for dollar 30 a bottle and will also be available by mail order, with a portion of the proceeds going to Jackson's heal the world foundation, dedicated to improving the lives of poor children, his publicists said.

Jackson's newest product puts him in competition with his friend, Elizabeth Taylor,



## Hillary is a person in her own right with an integrity LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas, Nov 5: It is a mea- infant mortality to providing legal assistance to standing by my man like Tammy Wynette. I'm to crowds.

sure of Hillary Clinton's individualism that one of the poor. her husband's critics is a fan of hers, reports Reuter.

"Hillary is a person in her own right with an integrity and person of her own," says Paul Greenberg, the Arkansas editor who coined the "slick Willie" label to describe the state's Democratic governor, Bill Clinton.

Compared to Hillary, Bill Clinton is a "hollow man," says Greenberg, editorial page editor of the Arkansas Democrat Gazette.

A new kind of political wife, Mrs Clinton has her own life apart from her husband, her own achievements, and, as America has learned in this presidential race, her own ability to speak her own mind. Reading her resume without knowing she

would not think it was anything but impressive or complete. A successful attorney and advocate of children's rights, a former member of several corporate boards and public interest boards, she

has been active in causes ranging from lowering

was married to the new president-elect, one

But the differences between 45-year-old Mrs Clinton and her 46-year-old husband go beyond her job accomplishments. She and he attend different churches and are said to hold separate bank accounts.

Her critics say she is far to the left of her husband politically. The conservative journal American spectator has branded her "The Winnie Mandela of American politics".

Hillary's engagement in many issues

prompted her husband to tell voters during in the early Democratic primaries that if they elected him, they would get Hillary too. That may have been his honest assessment of tion in August. the matter, but he stopped saying it when speculation ensured that she would get a cabinet po-

sition in a Clinton administration. Mrs Clinton won sympathy last January when she appeared with her husband on national television as he weathered allegations of an extra-

marital alliance with a lounge singer. "I'm not sitting here like some little woman

sitting here because I love him and I respect him and I honour what he's been through and

what we've been through together," she said. But her image suffered after her sharp reply to reporters who questioned her abut her legal work two months later.

"I suppose I could have stayed home and

backed cookes and had teas, but what I decided

to do was fulfil my profession," Mrs Clinton The Republicans seized on the comment as evidence that Mrs Clinton was a dangerous, radical feminist. They launched a chorus of attacks on her at the Republican national conven-

But heavy criticism of a candidate's wife appeared to backfire with voters just as much as Clinton's suggestions that she would be co-president had done.

And as Mrs Clinton campaigned with her husband around the country, she demonstrated that she was as good at standing by her man as anyone, often nodding emphatically as he spoke

She began talking more about their daughter, Chelsea, 12, and telling reporters she wanted to be a voice for children in the White House.

Many people thought she had been reined in or made over in warmer colors to help her husband, but she denied it". "It wasn't that I changed," she told the New

York Times recently. "It was that I grew in my understanding of how better to communicate what I care about and who I am". Hillary Rodham was born on October 26,

1947, the daughter of a wealthy industrialist in Park Ridge, a Chicago suburb. · She attended Wellesley college, where she was the first student to deliver the graduation

address, then went on to Yale law school, where

she was on the board of the law review and met

her husband. They married in 1975, She kept her maiden name at first, but this caused rumblings in rural parts of Arkansas, after Clinton lost his bid for re-election as governor in 1980, she took his name, and he was returned to office two years later.

Off the Record

NEW YORK: Models walk the runway in a crochet fishtail dress (R) and a fishtail skirt (L) on Tuesday during the Randolph Duke Spring 1993 collection show. -AFP/UNB photo

to win presidency LONDON: A New York woman who backed Bill Clinton last April to win the US presidency scooped 56,250 pounds (87,700) on Wednesday when the Democrat swept to victory,

The woman who backs

bookmakers William Hill said, reports Reuter. She was one of many Americans who put money behind their judgement that President George Bush was in trouble, taking advantage of attractive odds British bookmaking firms were offering early in the presidential race.

Another Gambler placed a 100-pound (155) bet on Clinton in January the odds of 33 to 1 against a democratic victory. At that point, the bookmakers were confident the Arkansas governor could not win. But the odds shortened steadtly wittl the poll booths opened on Thesday, when the

bookies had Clinton at a prohibitive 1 to 6 that he would be

Wednesday's biggest winner was the unidentified New York woman who put down 25,000 pounds (now 38,900) on Clinton, when hill was offering 9 to 4 against his chances of victory. At that time, the odds on Bush winning were 2 to 7. Overall, William Hill said it made a small loss from bets on the US election.

### Bozo makes people laugh

HOLLYWOOD: Bozo the clown was among those who sent congratulations on Wednesday to president-elect Bill Clinton-who had been called a "bozo" by President George Bush during the campaign, reports Reuter. The big-footed clown,

perhaps the most famous in the world, was injected into the campaign when republican Bush called his Democratic opponents. Clinton and his vice- president running-mate, "two Bozos,". Clinton fired back "he

the next president.

called us Bozos. Well, all I can say is Bozo makes people laugh and Bush makes people cry. And America's going to be laughing on Tuesday." Mark Harmon, television's

original Bozo and the man who created the character, wrote to the president-elect: "I want to extend my sincere congratulations on your victory and thank you for your kind words about Bozo.

"I feel it's an honour to have been so recognised and wish you all the best in the days to come."

## 5 new organs into 4-yr girl

PITTSBURGH: Five new organs transplanted into a fouryear-old American Indian girl in a grueling operation that ended early on Tuesday were functioning well on Wednesday, doctors said, reports Reuter.

A spokeswoman for the university of Pittsburgh Medical Centre also said Charlie Fourstar, a Sioux Indian from Montana, was awake and had listened to her favourite country music, although she was still breathing with artifical help.