

Brown eyes N.Y. votes

NEW YORK (AP)—Fresh from a big victory in the Maryland primary, California Gov. Jerry Brown began Wednesday an intensive campaign aimed at winning support from New York's 274 delegates to the Democratic National Convention.

Brown is after the 241 delegation votes not committed to front-runner Jimmy Carter. A sampling of New York area delegates by the Associated Press showed that Brown is picking up some support among delegates who are pledged to Sen. Henry Jackson and Rep. Morris Udall.

Brown organizers said Wednesday that the 38-year-old governor plans a meeting here next week with uncommitted delegates, with those committed to Jackson and Udall and "with anyone interested in meeting him." He had already mailed two letters to New York delegates and his supporters have contacted many by phone.

In the wake of Tuesday's victory over Carter in the Maryland preferential vote, Brown opened his first New York campaign head-

quarters Wednesday and his organizers telephoned key Democrats seeking their support.

Among those being called were Rep. Mario Biaggi, state assembly leader Stanley Steingut and Bronx borough leader Robert Abrams.

Steingut and Biaggi are committed to Jackson on the first ballot and Abrams is committed to Udall. The thrust of Brown's effort here is to convince these persons to support him on a second convention ballot. The hope is that open support from Democratic leaders would slow Carter's effort, keep him from winning enough delegates to gain a first ballot victory and thus give Brown a chance on a second ballot.

Brown was not a candidate in New York's April 6 presidential primary, in which the convention delegates were chosen. He entered the Maryland primary too late to qualify a slate of delegates and Carter got the bulk of delegates there.

In the New York primary, Jackson got 107 first ballot votes, Udall 69, Carter 33 and 65 were uncommitted. The last group is av-

ailable to any candidate, including Brown, even on the first ballot.

The committed delegates may switch their votes after the first ballot.

Bill Wardlaw, national operations director for Brown's campaign, said in a telephone interview from Los Angeles, "We're contacting all non-Carter delegates." Asked if that amounted to a stop-Carter movement, he said, "No, it's a matter of going where work can be done."

If Carter does not win a first ballot victory, the 241 New York delegates who are not pledged to him will become a major focus of subsequent ballots.

The AP contacted 25 New York metropolitan area delegates committed to either Jackson or Udall. The survey was made before Brown's supporters had a chance to contact delegates by phone Wednesday. Four of the 25 said they favored Brown as a second choice, two said they wanted him as the vice-presidential nominee and others said they were impressed with the California governor and would consider him.

Mostly meat Food costs rising

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers may see retail food prices go up an average of two to five per cent this year, the smallest gain at least since 1972, the Agriculture Department said Wednesday.

Officials said higher beef and veal prices will count for much of the increase, along with seasonally higher prices for poultry and fresh fruits. Rising prices for coffee and fish products also will be felt.

Larry Summers of the department's Economic Research Service said that beef prices have been climbing recently and will continue to help push overall food costs higher at least through summer.

Preliminary figures for early May show that the all-cut price of beef averaged about \$1.43 a pound, up 9 cents from \$1.34

just three weeks earlier. Last July, retail beef prices climbed to a record of \$1.61 a pound on an all-cut basis before declining.

Summers said retail beef prices probably will go up gradually to around \$1.50 a pound by July or August.

In other economic developments Wednesday:

•The AFL-CIO called for an increase of the minimum wage from the current \$2.30 to \$3 an hour.

•The Commerce Department said Americans' personal income grew at an annual rate of 10.9 per cent in April, compared to an increase of 9.5 per cent the month before.

•The Senate Finance Committee voted to raise taxes on American exporters by \$460 million a year.

Senate okays spy controls

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate on Wednesday overwhelmingly approved creation of a permanent committee designed to monitor and control the activities of the CIA, FBI and other American spy agencies.

A resolution creating the 15-member Senate panel was approved by a 72-22 vote after an amendment stripping many of its powers was defeated by a 2-1 margin.

Passage of the resolution marked the first legislation to result from the Senate Select Intelligence Committee's 15-month investigation of spy agencies.

Armed Services Committee chairman John Stennis, D-Miss., failed by a 63-31 vote to persuade the Senate to let his panel retain its exclusive jurisdiction over the National Security Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency and other Defense Department spy agencies.

The Stennis amendment would have stripped the new oversight committee of any legislative or budgetary authority over Pentagon intelligence activities.

The resolution would give the new oversight panel exclusive budgetary and legislative authority over the CIA and shared responsibility with other Senate

committees over the intelligence activities of the FBI, DIA, NSA and the State Department.

At least two members from each of the four Senate committees which currently monitor intelligence activities would sit on the new oversight panel. The resolution urges the White House to give the oversight panel advance notice of any major new intelligence operations.

The panel would not have the power to veto any proposed spy activities but could vote to reveal publicly any intelligence operation it disapproved. The President would be able to appeal the disclosure to the full Senate, which could either approve or disapprove it or send it back to the oversight committee for a final decision.

Under the resolution, the executive branch would be called on for the first time to submit to the new committee an overall intelligence budget for approval each year. Currently, intelligence spending is divided among a number of different budgets.

Palmer sets new jet record

DENVER (AP) — Golfing great Arnold Palmer and three companions set a speed record for flying around the world in a twin engine jet when they arrived back in Denver Wednesday night after visiting six countries in less than three days.

"It was an exciting and enjoyable trip," Palmer said as he stepped from the plane and embraced his wife Winnie.

It took Palmer and his crew 57 hours, 25 minutes and 42 seconds to complete their 23,000-mile flight, which began Monday in Denver. The old record, set 10 years ago by entertainer Arthur Godfrey, was 86 hours, 9 minutes.

A spokesman for the Aviation-Space Writers Association, which sponsored the trip, said Palmer's Learjet 36 averaged 479 miles per hour on the global flight.



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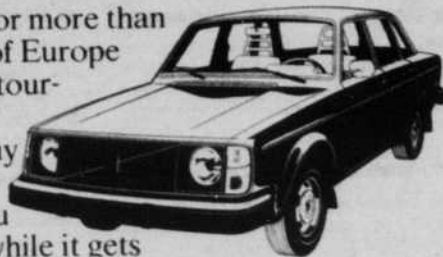
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