

ELECTION '92

Former foes rally around Clinton



NEW YORK (AP) — Two fierce critics of Bill Clinton as Democratic primary rivals offered their praise and their help Wednesday in unity speeches to the convention ratifying the Arkansas governor as the party's presidential nominee.

"Never under George Bush — next year under Bill Clinton," Paul Tsongas said after listing a number of issues he said were critical to changing the nation's course, economic growth and environmental protection among them.

"I saw his strength as he weathered the storms," Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey said of Clinton — the man he once said would be opened up "like a soft peanut" by Republicans in the fall.

As the party's rally-around-Clinton convention grew more harmonious by the minute, Kerrey talked of Clinton as a man of depth.

"I can tell you that Bill Clinton is genuine," Kerrey told the delegates. "He is committed to earning the respect and the trust of the American people and he has a real vision for America."

The wild card of the night was former California Gov. Jerry Brown, the only remaining primary rival who has not endorsed Clinton.

Brown canceled his events and stayed in his hotel working on his convention speech. Aides said they expected him to pledge to work for a Democratic victory in November.

The unity speeches by Clinton's one-time rivals closed the circle on a primary season that seemed nasty even by Democratic Party standards, perhaps because the most bitter exchanges were bunched early — when the others tried to stop Clinton from pulling away.

In New Hampshire, Tsongas and Clinton were the soulmates of economic specificity. But when they finished first and second and became the frontrunners, Clinton labeled the former Massachusetts senator a disciple of Reaganomics. Tsongas' retort: That Clinton wanted to be all things to all people — a "pander bear."

But Wednesday, Greek-American Tsongas spoke poignantly of his America's immigrant heritage — "To be American is to have the blood of courageous forebears" — and called Clinton the best hope for protecting the rights of Americans.

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— Sen. Bob Kerrey, Nebraska

"With reverence for that mission, let us unite," Tsongas said in his text. "Let us choose the path of generational responsibility and then let us work to elect Bill Clinton and Al Gore to the White House."

In much the same vein, Kerrey's convention speech was a giant leap from his primary barbs, when he suggested he did not believe Clinton's explanation of his Vietnam draft status and said Republicans would use the issue to crush Clinton.

"With President Bill Clinton we can and will gain the confidence to triumph over our worst adversaries and doubts," Kerrey said in his unity speech. "I will fight as hard as I know, with every ounce of my puny body, and every minute of my inexhaustible will to make certain that Bill Clinton is elected the next president of the United States of America."

Kerrey, Tsongas and Brown were addressing the convention a day after another primary rival, Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin, offered spirited praise of Clinton and his pledge to campaign in the fall.

"I may be out of the put for myself, but I'm not out of the battle to put a Democrat in the White House in 1992," said Harkin, who has proven a dogged campaigner for Clinton since he quit the race in March.

When the first New Hampshire snows fell in late 1991, there was a sixth candidate in the field: Virginia Gov. L. Douglas Wilder. He dropped out before the first votes were cast, and endorsed Clinton on Tuesday. Wilder was scheduled to address the convention briefly Thursday.

18 Oregon delegates to stiff Clinton

NEW YORK (AP) — Eighteen Oregon delegates for Jerry Brown said Wednesday they would vote against Bill Clinton during the Democratic National Convention roll call because liberal concerns are being shut out.

"They are yuppifying and Southernizing our Democratic Party," said Scott Spaan of Portland, who ran the Brown campaign in Oregon.

"They don't care if new people come into the party," he said. "We are the peace activists, the environmentalists, the people who care about civil rights and hate crimes, and they have told us they don't need us."

Relations between the former California governor and Arkansas' governor have been strained. Clinton is expected to receive the presidential nomination. Democratic National Chairman Ronald H. Brown said he hoped Brown would stress party harmony in his remarks.

Spaan, 34, a freelance film maker who voted for Jesse Jackson in 1988, said the Brown supporters object to Clinton's attempts to move the Democratic Party toward the political center.

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