

# Kennedy steals show from candidates

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WASHINGTON — The show-case was perfect for budding Democratic presidential contenders: a chance to speak before a key branch of the AFL-CIO on the best ways to rebuild American industry.

Four Democrats trotted before the gathering held down the road from Capitol Hill but after all the speeches were over, the Democrat who came out on top was an

old favorite and, this time around, a non-candidate, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy.

While the more than 700 delegates to the AFL-CIO Industrial Union Department's conference gave the four candidates a tepid response, Kennedy won a standing ovation and found his well-honed speech interrupted several times with clapping and cheering.

Kennedy, D-Mass., hit on most of the standard labor themes,

such as fair trade and forcing U.S. companies to spend profits for plant reinvestment instead of mergers. The standards were mixed, however, with some new political jobs.

### 'Do-nothing'

For example, while Kennedy offered a slight plug for the nuclear freeze concept, and noted the Reagan administration's opposition, he accused President

Reagan of permitting U.S. trade to suffer overseas because of "unilateral economic disarmament."

The Reagan administration remains a "hear-nothing, see-nothing, do-nothing" body in helping unemployment, Kennedy said, but Thursday he added how the GOP has rewritten an old Republican axiom to now read "what's bad for General Motors is good for America."

Kennedy criticized Reagan's tax policies that give "more comfort to the comfortable" while hurting the rest of the population, then tied that to his recent push for health insurance for the unemployed worker.

"A sick child crying in the night does not know the meaning of the color of a layoff slip," Kennedy said.

He quoted the warnings of labor leaders like Doug Fraser, Lloyd McBride and Glen Watts as to the dangers of Reaganism, then stirred the crowd by promising to "take the fun and profit out of union-busting." He demanded the firing of Paul Volker, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, who he called Reagan's "chief agent of the blind monetarism."

It was Kennedy at his best: smooth delivery, reading the crowd, well-paced and relaxed. By comparison, the candidates looking for the AFL-CIO endorsement did little to visibly excite the delegates.

### New job training

Former Vice President Walter F. Mondale, who spoke Wednesday, offered the Kennedy approach by touching on almost all the issues considered important to labor. Mondale paid homage to high tech, stressed new job training and warned again about the dangers of imports and the possible virtues of domestic content.

On Thursday, Sens. Gary Hart, D-Colo., John Glenn, D-Ohio, and Alan Cranston, D-Cal., made their pitches. Cranston offered a nine-point plan to put America back to work, Hart a seven-point plan and Glenn a five-point plan.

Of all the candidates, only Cranston made an overt bid for the endorsement, scheduled for this fall. Continuing the aggressive position he took when the AFL-CIO executive council met earlier this year in Florida, Cranston reminded the delegates of his long support of labor issues,

his 92 percent lifetime ALF-CIO voting score, and how he deserves to be considered.

Kennedy later told The Sun he just wanted to "try and list some of things" a Democratic platform should contain.

"I would hope (the Democratic candidates) could talk more specifically about their alternatives," Kennedy said.



Sen. Edward Kennedy

## Educators say bilingual program funds should be used for English

By SUZANNE DALEY  
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NEW YORK — A group of educators said Thursday that federal money now going to bilingual education programs should be used to promote proficiency in English, not to teach other academic subjects in a foreign language.

The educators, members of a task force of the Twentieth Century Fund, a private research foundation, said the federal government should support programs that teach children to speak, read and write English as quickly as possible by "immersing" them in the language.

They said the government should not support bilingual programs that teach subjects such as mathematics and science in a student's native language, while the child learns English. Those programs, they said, should be supported by local and state authorities, if they want them.

"We are not criticizing bilingual education per se," said Diane Ravitch, a member of the panel. "There is all kinds of contradictory evidence about whether or not it works. But there is plenty of evidence that immersion does work. We believe it is the best way."

Mrs. Ravitch, an adjunct associate professor at Teachers College at Columbia University, said that the panel, made up of 11 educators, believed that the federal government should promote equal opportunity and that this could be done only if everybody spoke English. The panel's report, which is only advisory and did not cite any particular school system, will be sent to the White House, members of Congress and leading educators in all states.

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| 7:00 a.m. Registration tables open   |   |
| <b>Race #1</b><br>8:30 a.m. Trike race — 5 year olds and under; 50 yards (limit 100 contestants) | <b>Race #5</b><br>11:00 a.m. 15-17 year old race (scratch race) 3 laps (limit 100)  |
| <b>Race #2</b><br>9:15 a.m. 6-10 year old race w/handicaps; 1 lap (limit 100)                    | 11:30 a.m. First four racers arrive at City Hall Plaza  |
| <b>Race #3</b><br>9:45 a.m. 11-14 yr. old race w/handicaps; 2 laps (limit 100)                   | <b>Race #6</b><br>11:40 a.m. 30 years & older race (scratch race) 7 laps (limit 100)  |
| <b>Race #4</b><br>10:30 a.m. Touring Race begins from downtown. (No limit on entries.)           | <b>Race #7</b><br>12:00 noon 18-29 year old race (scratch race) 10 laps (limit 100)   |
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