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U S PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN: PENNSYLVANIA

1. WITH A LITTLE OVER A MONTH TO GO BEFORE THE FINAL PRIMARIES ON 3 JUNE, YESTERDAY'S PRIMARIES IN PENNSYLVANIA WERE SEEN AS A LAST CHANCE FOR KENNEDY AND BUSH TO STEM THE TIDE RUNNING IN FAVOUR OF CARTER AND REAGAN IN THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PARTIES. THE EVIDENCE OF PENNSYLVANIA IS THAT THEY HAVE FAILED TO DO SO, EVEN THOUGH KENNEDY NARROWLY DEFEATED THE PRESIDENT (HE WILL PROBABLY END UP WITH 94 DELEGATES FROM PENNSYLVANIA TO CARTER'S 91) AND BUSH DEFEATED REAGAN BY 54 PERCENT TO 45 PERCENT OF THE POPULAR VOTE.
2. THESE RESULTS KEEP KENNEDY AND BUSH ALIVE BUT REAGAN WILL PROBABLY TAKE MOST OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DELEGATES (DESPITE LOSING THE POPULARITY CONTEST) CARTER WON 60 OF THE 77 MISSOURI DELEGATES WHO WERE ALSO CHOSEN YESTERDAY. CARTER NOW HAS NEARLY TWICE AS MANY DELEGATES AS KENNEDY, WHO WOULD HAVE TO WIN 70 PERCENT OF THE VOTES IN THE REMAINING PRIMARIES TO CATCH UP.
3. INSOFAR AS THERE IS A PATTERN EMERGING IN THIS YEAR'S PRIMARIES, IT SEEMS TO BE THE GROWING DISSATISFACTION OF THE VOTERS WITH ALL THE CHOICES PRESENTED TO THEM. THIS GENERAL SENSE OF WISHING TO VOTE FOR QUOTE NONE OF THE ABOVE UNQUOTE WAS REFLECTED IN PENNSYLVANIA IN SMALL VOTES FOR ANDERSON (WHO WAS NOT ON THE BALLOT) AND BROWN (WHO HAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE RACE) AND IN THE 6 PERCENT QUOTE NO PREFERENCE UNQUOTE VOTE ON THE DEMOCRATIC SIDE.
4. DISSATISFACTION WITH CARTER AND REAGAN IS NOT, HOWEVER TURNING INTO SUPPORT FOR KENNEDY AND BUSH ON A BIG SCALE. CARTER'S PERFORMANCE IS RATED POORLY BY VOTERS, PARTICULARLY ON THE ECONOMIC ISSUES STRESSED BY KENNEDY. BUT THE QUESTION OF PERSONAL CHARACTER STILL LOOMS LARGE IN PEOPLE'S OVERALL JUDGEMENT WHEN THEY COME TO

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CAST THEIR VOTES. BUSH HAS BENEFITTED FROM CONCENTRATED PRESS CRITICISM OF REAGAN'S USE OF INACCURATE FIGURES TO MAKE WHAT ARE OFTEN PROVED TO BE FALSE CLAIMS. BUT THE REAGAN BANDWAGON ROLLS ON: IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN BUSH ALONE TO STOP IT AND HE IS THE ONLY REMAINING CHALLENGER. ANDERSON IS VIRTUALLY OUT OF THE REPUBLICAN RACE BUT IS LIKELY TO ANNOUNCE HIS CANDIDACY AS AN INDEPENDENT REPUBLICAN. ANDERSON'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE REPUBLICAN RACE WOULD BE OF SOME HELP TO BUSH IN THE REMAINING REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES AND OF MARGINAL BENEFIT TO KENNEDY IN OPEN PRIMARIES SINCE THEY WOULD BE THE OBVIOUS RECIPIENTS OF VOTES WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE GONE TO ANDERSON. ANDERSON HIMSELF WILL BE HARD PRESSED TO PUT UP A SERIOUS CHALLENGE FOR THE PRESIDENCY. HIS REAL IMPACT COULD BE AS A QUOTE SPOILER UNQUOTE IN NOVEMBER, PROBABLY TAKING MORE VOTES FROM CARTER THAN FROM REAGAN.

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