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US ELECTIONS: GARY HART

1. IN AMERICA ABOVE ALL PLACES NOTHING SUCCEEDS LIKE SUCCESS. SO IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT, AFTER HIS VICTORIES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE AND VERMONT, HART'S BANDWAGON IS REALLY ROLLING. HIS PICTURE HAS MADE THE FRONT COVER OF ALL THREE MAJOR WEEKLIES: TIME, NEWSWEEK AND US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT: VOLUNTEERS ARE STREAMING INTO HIS CAMPAIGN OFFICES AND THE MEDIA ARE NOW DESPATCHING THEIR TOP REPORTERS TO COVER HIS CAMPAIGN. MONDALE, WHO WAS ALWAYS BORING, NOW LOOKS A LOSER. THE REAGAN ORGANISATION IS LOSING IN THE PROCESS ITS PREFERRED OPPONENT.

2. ON THE ISSUES, HART HAS SAID: QUOTE TO UNDERSTAND THIS ELECTION, YOU HAVE TO GET OUT OF THE LINEAR, LEFT-RIGHT SPECTRUM. THIS IS NOT A LEFT-RIGHT RACE. THIS IS A FUTURE-PAST RACE. THAT'S WHAT '32 WAS. THAT'S WHAT '60 WAS UNQUOTE.

3. THE FRONT COVER OF US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT ASKS: QUOTE FLUKE OR REAL THREAT? UNQUOTE. WE SHALL HAVE A CLEARER IDEA AFTER SUPER TUESDAY, THE 13TH OF MARCH. BUT ONE THING IS CLEAR: THE DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN HAS NOW TAKEN FIRE FOR THE FIRST TIME.

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