

Wallace, Stumping in Boston, Finds Busing Is the Main Issue

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BOSTON, Jan. 9 — Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama brought his 1976 Presidential campaign to Boston today, hoping to exploit the strong anti-busing sentiment that has kept this city in racial turmoil for almost two years.

He insisted at the outset that busing was only one of many issues in the March 2 Massachusetts primary, then predicted that he would not run well in the only state carried by Senator George McGovern in his Presidential race 1972.

But most of the people who greeted him upon arrival and as he traveled about the city appeared more concerned about busing than anything else. Many carried signs that read, "Busing is not the answer."

And a newly released poll by the Patrick Caddell firm of nearby Cambridge showed him running a strong second among the eight candidates in the race.

The poll, taken in early December, gave the lead, with 18 percent of the vote, to Sargent Shriver who has Massachusetts connections via his marriage into the Kennedy family, followed by Mr. Wallace with 11 percent, and Senator Henry M. Jackson of Washington, with 10 percent. However, more than 40 percent of the 450 Democrats surveyed said they were undecided.

'Have a Look'

Upon arrival at Logan Airport by chartered jet from Montgomery, the Alabama capital, Mr. Wallace said his visit was no more than a modest attempt to let the people of Massachusetts "have a look at George Wallace and what he stands for."

In fact, the Wallace forces in Massachusetts are gearing up for a major effort. They have scheduled the Governor for at least six trips around the state in coming weeks—though most activity will be concentrated here—and they

hope to spend upwards of \$200,000 before March 2.

In the 1972 Massachusetts primary, Mr. Wallace won about 8 percent of the vote. That was before a Federal judge ordered massive busing of black and white students in an effort to desegregate Boston schools.

Two other candidates, Senator Jackson and former Gov. Jimmy Carter of Georgia, also appeared to be going after the antibusing vote this time around in Massachusetts.

Senator Jackson has proposed putting all school desegregation cases before three-judge courts, with the requirement that the judges consider the prospects of white families fleeing cities before making any decisions.

Mr. Carter advocates voluntary busing. He campaigned in the Boston area yesterday and predicted at one point that the city eventually would end up a voluntary busing plan.

Mr. Wallace said today in a news conference at the airport that he was "antibusing," but he insisted that he would see that court orders were obeyed if he became President.

Mr. Carter and Senator Jackson say they do not think that Bostonians, with their long history of liberalism, will align themselves with a candidate who was once one of the most strident segregationists in the country.

Mr. Wallace says he has changed his views on race. And when he arrived today, two black aides were among the first people to leave the plane.

The news conference resulted in little more than a reiteration of Mr. Wallace's opposition not only to busing but also to "big government" and "ultra-liberals."

"The big issue in 1976," the Governor said once again, "is whether the great middle class can survive. If not, we're going to see some political changes."