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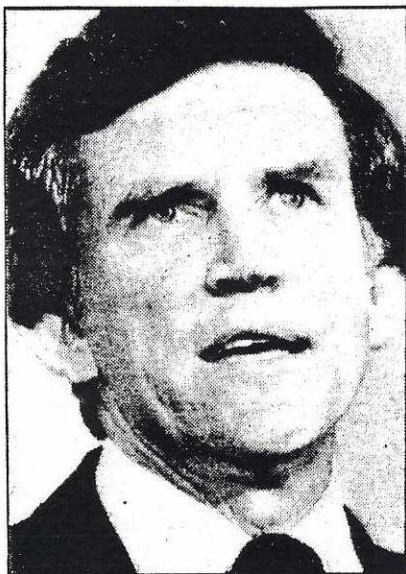
On Tuesday

Gary Hart has just bought an authentic log cabin in the rural town of Troublesome Gulch, Colo. No comments here on the significance of the town's name, but he's certain to be its first resident to run for president. When he retires from the Senate in January, all Gary's time won't be spent campaigning. He has lots of renovation to do on his new home, as well.

Troublesome Gulch is not in the running to host the next Democratic National Convention (so far as anyone knows), but Washington is. The Democratic site selection committee will determine later this week if "DC is great in '88," when it makes its official inspection visit. In an effort to attract the party's '88 convention, D.C. has joined with Maryland and Virginia in putting together an impressive regional effort. "With all the strength the Democrats have in this region, how can we overlook it?" says **Nate Landon**, chairman of the committee. Those in favor of the regional effort point to Baltimore Mayor **William Donald Schaefer's** national identity, **Barbara Mikulski's** Senate victory and Virginia Gov. **Gerald Baliles'** popularity. Others speculate that a D.C. convention would provide a strong base to launch a **Chuck Robb** candidacy. And beyond the Beltway, it's the city everyone in America loves to hate. Houston, New Orleans and Atlanta, insiders say, are being seriously considered as well.

Bill Hathaway, the former Democratic senator from Maine and now a lawyer at Patton Boggs and Blow, is rumored to be a key contender to replace **Paula Stern** as chairman of the International Trade Commission. Paula's leaving the commission in January to become a senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, where she'll write about trade issues. She's also been named to serve on the board of the Singer Sewing Machine Co.

The **Allan Gottliebs**, who've kept a lower than usual profile since Mrs. Gottlieb sent her social secretary down for the count at a dinner at the Canadian Embassy last March,



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are gradually resurfacing on the social circuit. Although they've hosted several small dinners in recent months, their first big tented happening is Friday to celebrate the Laurel-D.C. International Turf Classic. Everyone will arrive promptly, you can bet.

Brad O'Leary's friends expect to bump into GOP "fat cats" at the fund-raising consultant's home in Great Falls, Va., but even they were surprised the other evening at the breed of "cat" Brad delivered this time. A plump, toothy 5-year-old lion, leashed but not caged, greeted his guests as they arrived dressed as their favorite hero or heroine.

At the reception following **Dick Carlson's** swearing-in ceremony as director of the Voice of America, United States Information Agency Director **Charlie Wick**, former Sen. **William Fulbright**, and former VOA Director **Ken Giddens** talked about how to stop illegal Soviet jamming. The VOA is testing a new anti-jamming antenna which also boosts the signal. Devised by a professor at Stanford University, it's made from four pieces of metal, rubber bands and paper clips, and is simple to build.

An unexpected guest wandered unnoticed into the TV exhibit at the Smithsonian's American History Museum the other afternoon and posed under the spotlight on the set of "The Immigrants." The immigrant disguised under a hat was **Michael Talbott**, the detective on "Miami Vice."

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