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## Carter Campaign

# Voting Rights Pushed

ATLANTA (UPI) — Jimmy Carter, his voice breaking with emotion, promised a mostly black audience Monday night he will work for realization of one of Martin Luther King Jr.'s dreams — automatic voter registration.

"Whether I'm elected or not, I'm going to work hard to see that we have a bill passed in Washington — a very simple bill — that says when somebody is 18 years old, and a citizen of the United States, that they're registered to vote," said the Democratic presidential nominee.

On his final campaign trip before the Labor Day rally that traditionally opens Democratic campaigns, Carter has speaking appointments today before an AFL-CIO board in Washington and at a

street corner rally in New York.

He then returns to his home at Plains to work on the Labor Day speech he scheduled in Warm Springs, Ga.

Carter spoke at a \$100-a-plate Voter Education Project banquet Monday night attended by Dr. Martin Luther King Sr. and Mrs. Coretta Scott King, the father and the widow of the slain black leader.

He said 16 states now allow registration by mail, but that it would be even easier to simply register everyone at 18. Pausing frequently and speaking softly, Carter paid tribute to VEP Director John Lewis and Andrew Young, a black congressman from Atlanta, who were arrested during voter registration drives in the South 10 years ago.