Mondale speaks at rally on Common

By Andrew Bein

Democratic presidential candi-
date Walter F. Mondale spoke be-
tween 4 and 5 p.m. Friday afternoon on the Boston Common.

Shouts of "We want Fritz" and "more days" greeted the for-
ter vice president when he ap-
peared, 48 minutes late. Many spec-
tators attached Mondale/Ferraro signs to their umbrellas.

"There's a smell of victory in the air," Mondale said. He dis-
missed the media's standings in the polls. "Polls don't vote, people do," he said to cheers.

Mondale's speech focused on taxes and nuclear arms con-
trol. The campaign issues on which he and President Reagan differ most. Mondale stressed what he claims is Reagan's ten-
dency to favor the rich. "Middle and moderate-income Americans deserve some help, some protection.

"One of the most appealing qualities of this administration is that you never hear the word 'just-
tice,'" Mondale said, "you never hear it, 'You're unemployed, it's too bad. If you're old, it's tough. If you're black or Hispanic, you're out of luck. If you're a woman, you shouldn't be in politics."

Mondale said to his applaud-
ing supporters, "I think this America deserves better. I don't think we're alone. I think we're together."

Mondale marshed his speech near its close when he inter-
rupted him with a flurry of "We've got to get this over with," he responded, "I've gotta be in Wilkes-Barre." Wil-
kes-Barre, Pa., is the candidate's next stop.

"I'm the War of the Cross Choir opened the rally. Their

GOP likely to retain Senate

By Robert S. Mathman

Second in a series.

Voters in Massachusetts and 32 other states today will likely nar-
row the ten-seat margin Repub-
cilians hold over Democrats in the US Senate, but not take away the Republicans' majority.

The Republicans have 19 Sen-
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