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-- C-SPAN ADDS STOPS TO "STATES OF THE NATION '85" TOUR --

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- This week, C-SPAN program director Carrie Collins announced the addition of six state capitals to the network's "States of the Nation '85" tour of America.

"As the state political races begin to heat-up, these upcoming stops should prove especially provocative for C-SPAN viewers," says Ms. Collins.

Here's C-SPAN's new "States of the Nation '85" line-up and some highlights of these visits:

- SACRAMENTO, CA - October 15-16

A roundtable discussion—taped in California's state capitol—with state legislators and interviews with other state political leaders is on the agenda. C-SPAN cameras will also travel to San Francisco where NATO officials are meeting for the 31st annual session of the North Atlantic Assembly. (Sacramento Cable TV, owned by Scripps Howard, is C-SPAN's Sacramento affiliate.)

- RICHMOND, VA - October 20-21

Virginia's gubernatorial race is the focal point of our stop. Look for call-ins with gubernatorial candidates and a roundtable discussion with Richmond City Council members live from Virginia's state capitol. In addition, C-SPAN takes a special look back at Gov. Robb's administration. C-SPAN's Richmond affiliate, Continental Cablevision, is providing local support for this project.

- RALEIGH, NC - October 24-25

A preview of North Carolina's 1986 senate race is in store for C-SPAN viewers. Call-in programs with state political leaders and journalists will originate from the Raleigh Civic Center via satellite, while C-SPAN hosts moderate from the network's Washington studios. ATC's Cablevision of Raleigh is hosting C-SPAN's visit.

- MONTGOMERY, AL - October 29-30

Civil rights today and a look back at the struggles and protests of the 1960's will be a featured topic when C-SPAN travels to Alabama's state capital. State and municipal officials will field questions from viewers on public policy issues and prospects for the state's gubernatorial race will be examined. Storer Cable is working in cooperation with C-SPAN in this programming endeavor.

- NEW JERSEY - (Location and October dates to be announced.)

Incumbent Thomas Kean (R) faces Democratic challenger Peter Shapiro at the polls in November and C-SPAN cameras take a closer look at the race for the governor's mansion. C-SPAN will cablecast speeches by the candidates, as well as a call-in program with an expert on New Jersey politics.

- PHOENIX, AZ - November 12-15

C-SPAN's journey to Phoenix centers around the Sigma Delta Chi/Society of Professional Journalists' annual convention. Plenary sessions, interviews, and live viewer call-ins with journalists form part of our Phoenix programming. In addition, call-ins with state officials focus primarily on issues of regional concern, such as the Central Arizona Water Project. Times Mirror is hosting C-SPAN's visit.

C-SPAN's yearlong, crosscountry tour through America's heartland continues to provide cable viewers with opportunities to examine state governments and talk with local leaders, offering regional perspectives on state and federal political issues. In addition, C-SPAN's own video vignettes will provide glimpses of the local scenery in each state capital city.

C-SPAN programming will soon be available in 49 of the 50 state capital cities. Nationally, C-SPAN can be seen in 21.5 million households via 2,000 cable system affiliates. For C-SPAN's channel number in your area, contact your local cable operator.