

PHILADELPHIA (AP) -- Jimmy Carter swept to victory in the Pennsylvania presidential primary election Tuesday night, stepping the Democrats who had tried to stop him, and gaining new momentum in his frontrunning campaign for White House nomination

The former Georgia governor told cheering supporters the triumph means "We're going to win, win on the first ballot"

Carter was gaining 35 per cent of the popular vote in Pennsylvania's presidential preference election Returns were tallied slowly in the separate competition for delegates

The early delegate count showed Carter supporters leading in that phase of the primary, too But the figures were inconclusive, and the outcome will not be clear for days.

While Carter said he had swept aside every possible obstacle in his path, there remained the looming figure of Sen. Hubert H Humphrey, who skipped the primaries.

Humphrey, in Washington, said "{ want to see the

Democratic party win If Jimmy Carter can win, I'm not going to try to stop him at all"

Carter beat Sen Henry M. Jackson of Washington, with Rep Morris K Udall of Arizona running third The Georgian won over the opposition of organized labor and a lineup of Democratic leaders, who put together a stop-Carter movement in an acknowledged effort to slow him and keep the race open for a late Humphrey entry.

That hasn't been foreclosed But Carter will be more difficult to head off now. He has won seven of the first nine primaries, and he is the only candidate entered in all the rest.

President Ford, unopposed on the Republican ballot in Pennsylvania, said in Longview, Tex., he thought a Pennsylvania victory would make Carter the Democratic nominee "If Carter wins in Pennsylvania, I don't see how the Democratic smoke-filled room in New York can take the nomination away from him," Ford

said

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