Now for the 6-Day War of Massac

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Boston, Feb. 25—With the confidence of a front runner, Democrat Jimmy Carter carried his presidential quest to Massachusetts today and swapped opening punches with Rep. Morris Udall (Ariz.)—who warned that this state will be make-or-break for himself and other liberals.

In this home of the Last Hurrah, Udall flatly forecast that "our campaign is in trouble" if he doesn't beat Sen. [illegible]

conservative side and another for liberals — he declared that Carter is now "clearly the front runner."

The former Georgia governor predicted that "an enormous amount of momentum" from his "broad-based" victory in neighboring New Hampshire would sweep him into at least third place in next Tuesday's race for Massachusetts' 104 delegates to the Democratic convention.

Carter launched his six-day war here with a challenge to Udall to declare his "unilateral total commitment" to the White House sweepstakes and disclaim any interest in an Arizona Senate race. He also took a swipe at Washington Sen. Henry Jackson, whose appeal for yesterday's primary upset would provide a 5% to 10% boost in his Massachusetts support.

Udall, meanwhile, accused Carter of dredging up an "old canard" regarding a possible Senate race and criticized Carter's call for voluntary school busing. Such a scheme in strife-torn South Boston, Udall quipped, is as likely as "voluntary friendship for the Israelis from the PLO."

Warning to Liberals

His criticism of Carter, however, was coupled with a warning to liberal Democrats: "Unless you coalesce, you may find yourself with a choice of Jackson, Wallace or Carter."

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