PROCESS MANAGEMENT IN MPE-III

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USER VIEW OF PROCESS

- AN ENTITY IN MPE THAT WILL ALLOW A USER'S CODE TO BE EXECUTED.
- SOMETHING THAT REQUIRES PH CAPABILITY TO USE AND HAS SOME NICE INTRINSICS ASSOCIATED WITH IT.

  - o CREATE, KILL, TERMINATE
  - o ACTIVATE, SUSPEND
  - o GETPROCID, GETPROCINFO, GETORIGIN, FATHER
  - o MAIL, SENDMAIL, RECEIVEMAIL
  - o GETPRIORITY

PROCESS DEFINITION

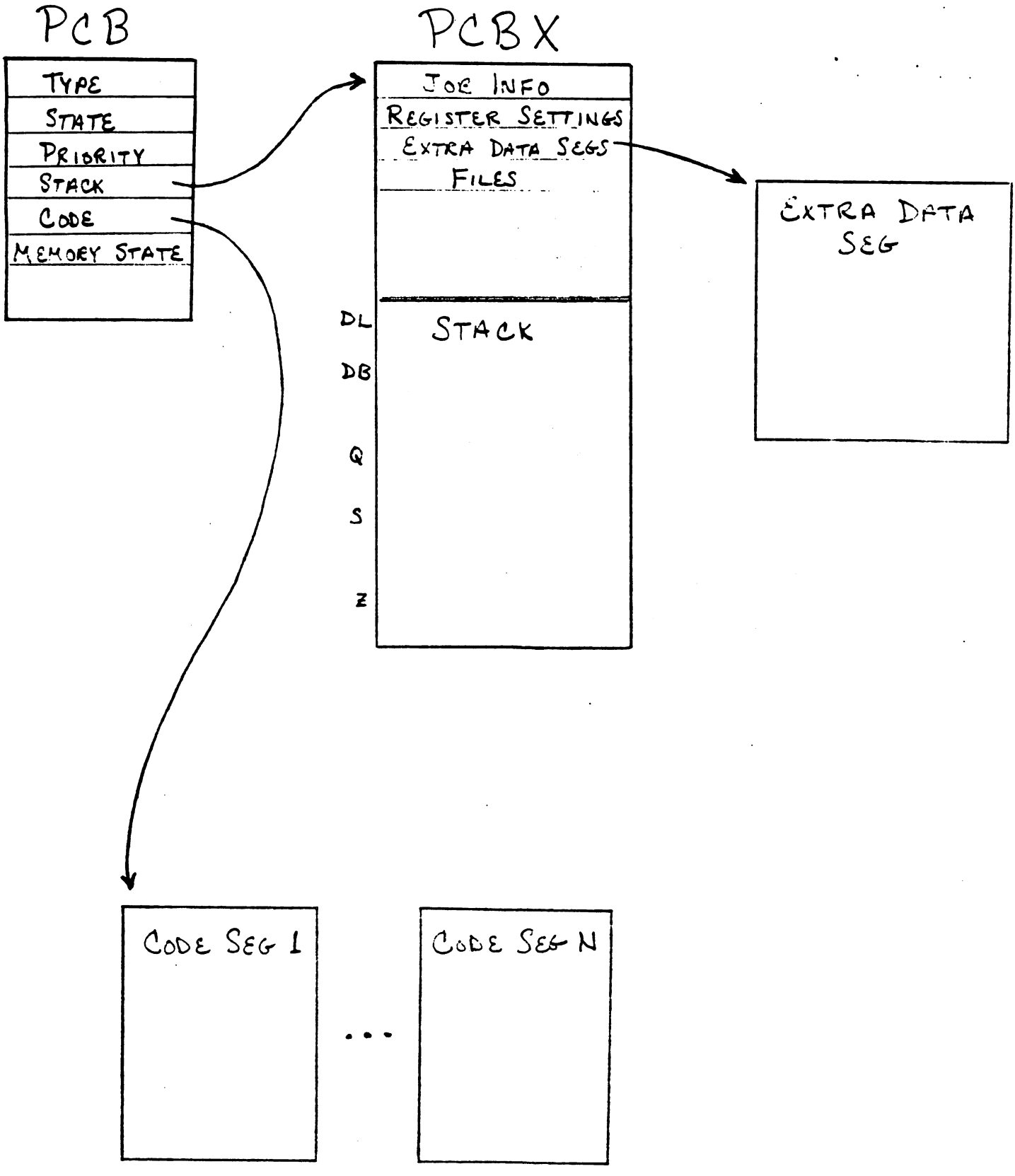
A PROCESS IS THE ENTITY IN MPE WHICH CAN ACCOMPLISH WORK. IT IS THE ENTITY WHICH ALLOWS SYSTEM RESOURCES TO BE SHARED.

A PROCESS MUST ALWAYS HAVE

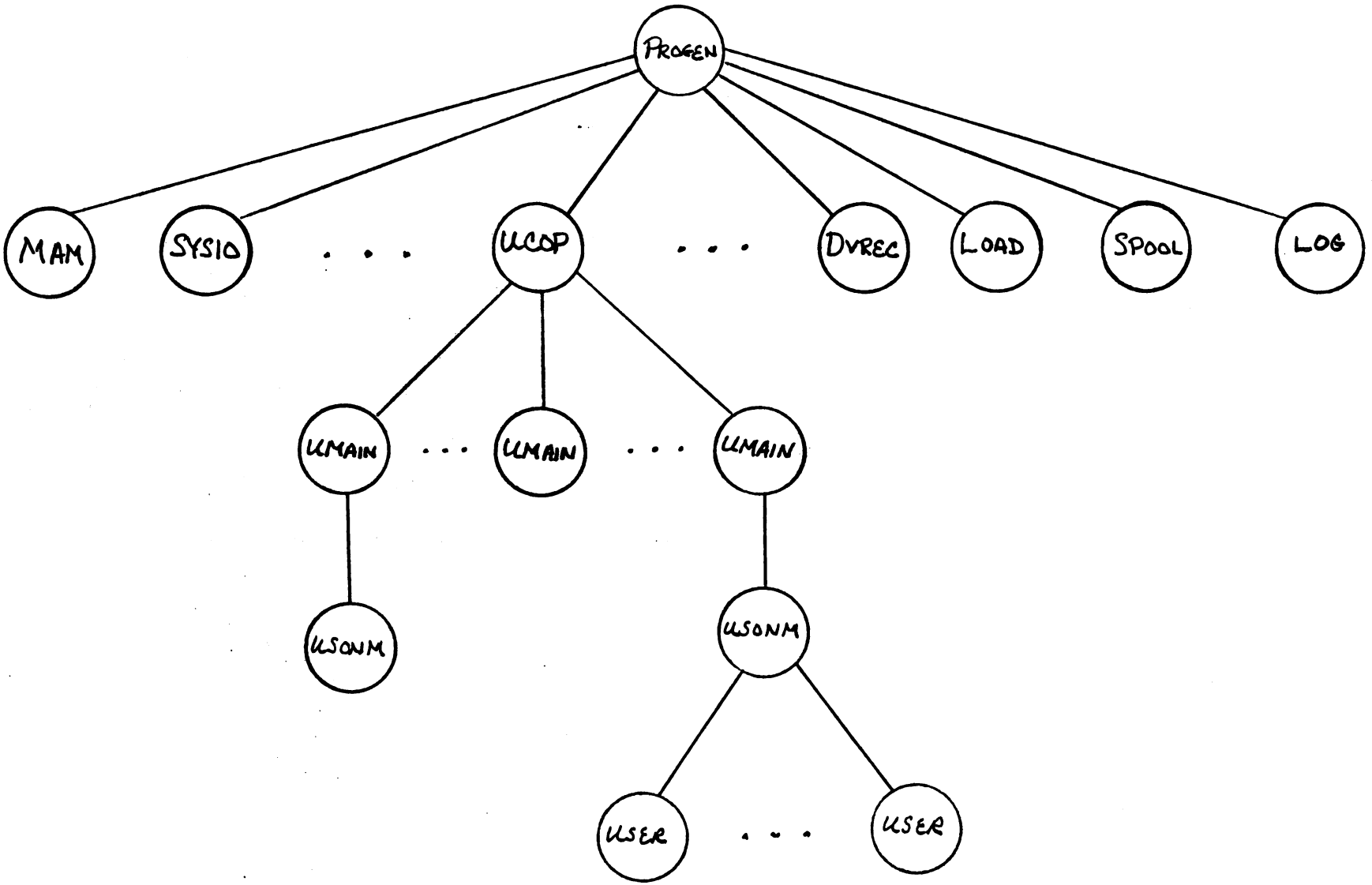
- A CODE SPACE
- A DATA SPACE
  - o PRIVATE, UNSHAREABLE (STACK)
  - o POSSIBLY SHAREABLE (EXTRA DATA SEGS)
- CONTROL STRUCTURES
  - o PCB (CORE RESIDENT)
  - o PCBX (NON-RESIDENT)

A PROCESS MAY HAVE OTHER RESOURCES AS WELL (RINS, FILE/DEVICES, OTHER PROCESSES)

Structure Of A Process



PROCESS HIERARCHY IN MPE-III



PROCESS STATE

- MAJOR STATE
  - o ACTIVE — PROCESS IS RUNNING OR READY TO RUN
  - o WAIT — SOME EVENT MUST OCCUR BEFORE PROCESS CAN RUN

- ADDITIONAL MODES
  - o "SHORT" WAIT — DISC TRANSFER
  - o "LONG" WAIT — I/O, FATHER, SON, RIN, MAIL, MOURNING, JUNK
  - o IMPEDED — REALLY JUST A WAIT, BUT HOPEFULLY SHORTER
  - o CRITICAL — PROCESS MUST NOT BE ABORTED
  - o SIR — PROCESS HAS A "SYSTEM INTERNAL RESOURCE"

PROCESS ACTIVITIES

IN THE COURSE OF ITS EXISTENCE, A PROCESS UNDERGOES SEVERAL ACTIVITIES

- o CREATION
- o TERMINATION
- o COMMUNICATION
- o SYNCHRONIZATION

PROCESS CREATION

- GET A PCB FOR THE NEW PROCESS
- LINK PROGRAM FILE IN VIRTUAL MEMORY
- GET A DAT SEGMENT FOR THE NEW STACK
- FORMAT THE PCBX
- FORMAT PCB AND LINK INTO STRUCTURE
- MARK PCB AS BEING IN FATHER WAIT

PROCESS TERMINATION

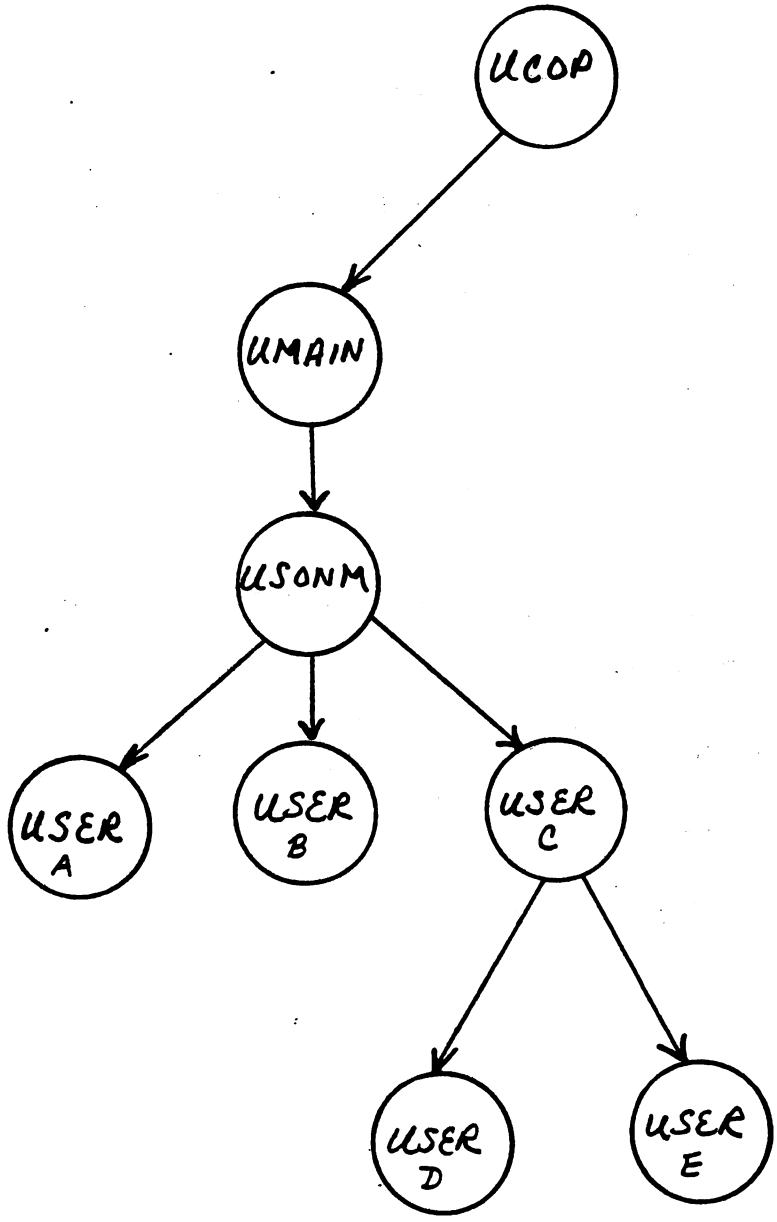
- GENERAL PHILOSOPHY: LET A PROCESS GIVE UP AS MANY OF ITS RESOURCES AS POSSIBLE.

- HAVE SOME OTHER PROCESS REMOVE STACK AND PCB OF TERMINATING PROCESS.

- ALGORITHM:

  - o LET PROCESS RETURN "NON-ESSENTIAL" RESOURCES TO SYSTEM (RINS, FILES, ETC.)
  - o "STOP" SONS FROM RUNNING AND FORCE THEM TO START TERMINATE SEQUENCE.
  - o WAIT FOR EACH SON TO "DIE" AND THEN RETURN ITS STACK AND PCB.
  - o ASK FATHER OR UCOP TO TAKE AWAY THIS STACK AND PCB.

PROCESS DELETION EXAMPLE



PROCESS COMMUNICATION

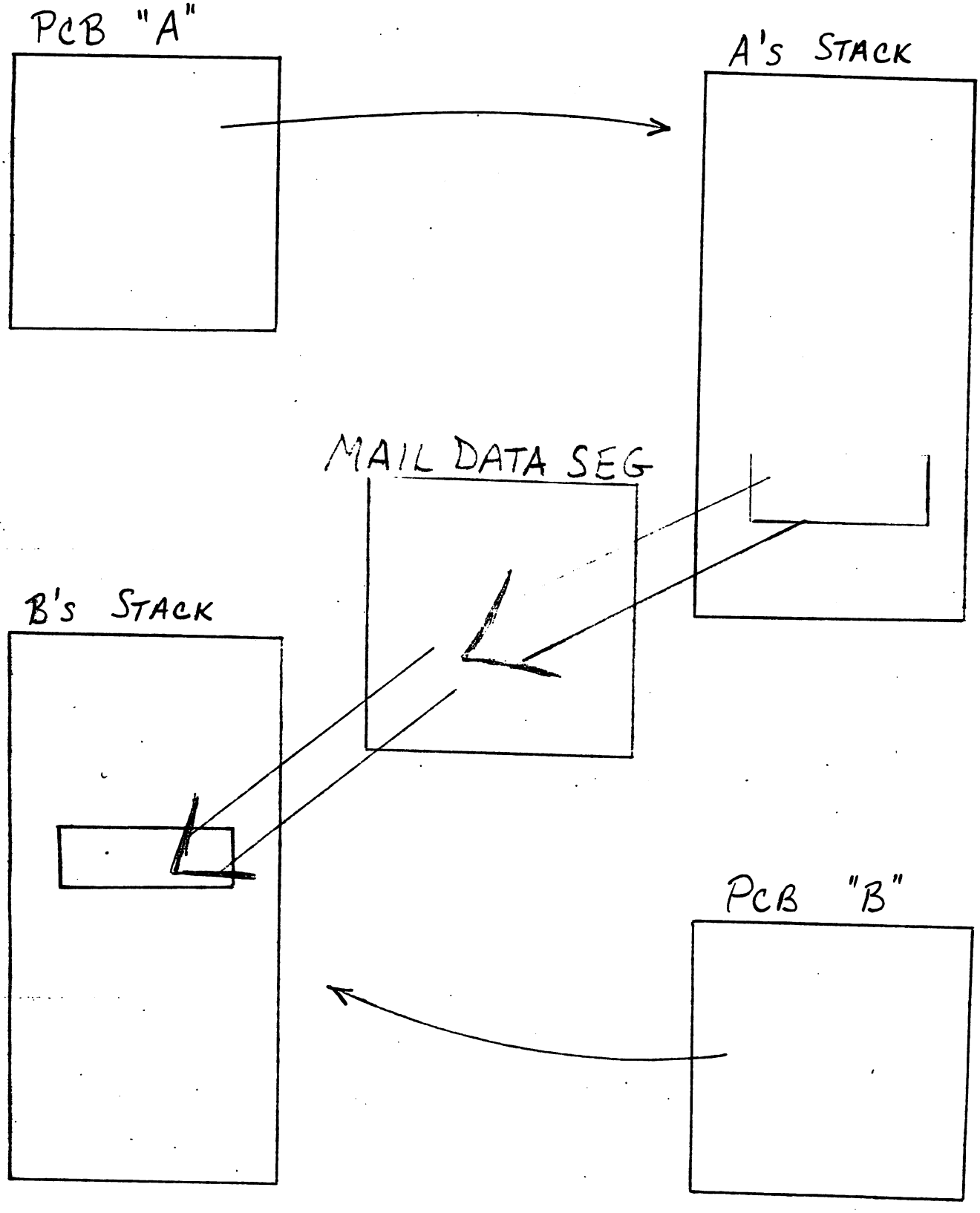
- A PROCESS MAY COMMUNICATE WITH OTHER PROCESSES THROUGH A VARIETY OF MEANS.
  - o SHARED FILE
  - o EXTRA DATA SEGMENT
  - o MAIL FACILITY

- A PROCESS MAY COMMUNICATE WITH ITS FATHER OR 1 OF ITS SONS THROUGH A "MAILBOX".

- BETWEEN ANY TWO PROCESSES, THERE CAN BE ONLY 1 OUTSTANDING MESSAGE AT A TIME.

- MAIL MUST BE "SENT" AND "RECEIVED".

MAIL MECHANISM



PROCESS SYNCHRONIZATION

A PROCESS MAY CAUSE ANOTHER PROCESS TO BECOME ACTIVE
OR IT MAY CAUSE ITSELF TO BECOME SUSPENDED.

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PROCEDURE ACTIVATE (P);
   BEGIN
     MARK P'S PCB AS "ACTIVE";
     LINE PCB P INTO READY LIST;
   END;


PROCEDURE SUSPEND;
   BEGIN
     MARK MY PCB AS "WAITING FOR EVENT";

     EXECUTE DISP INSTRUCTION;
   END;
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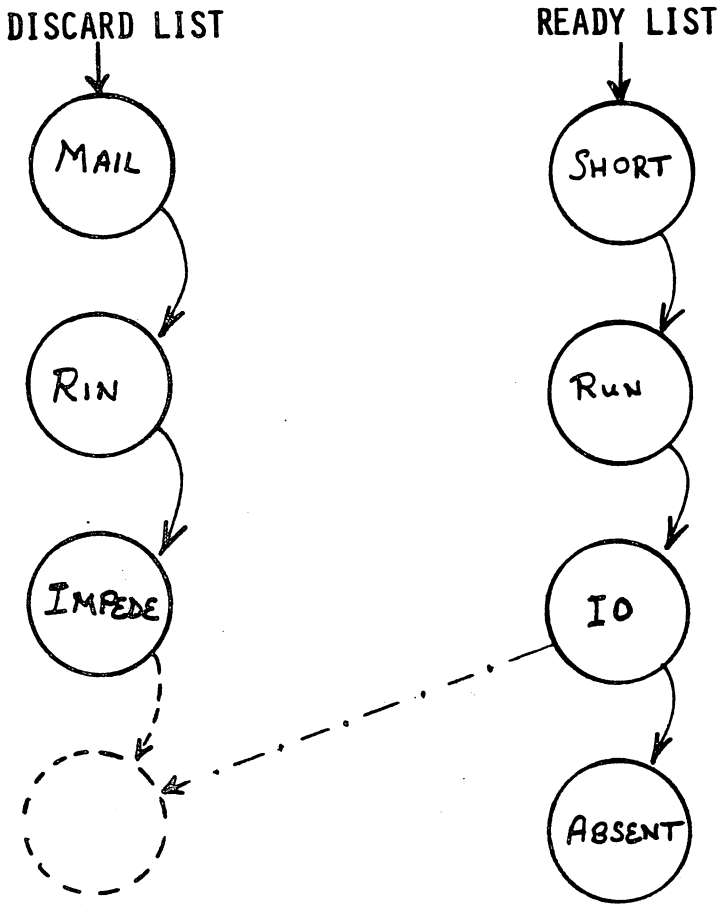
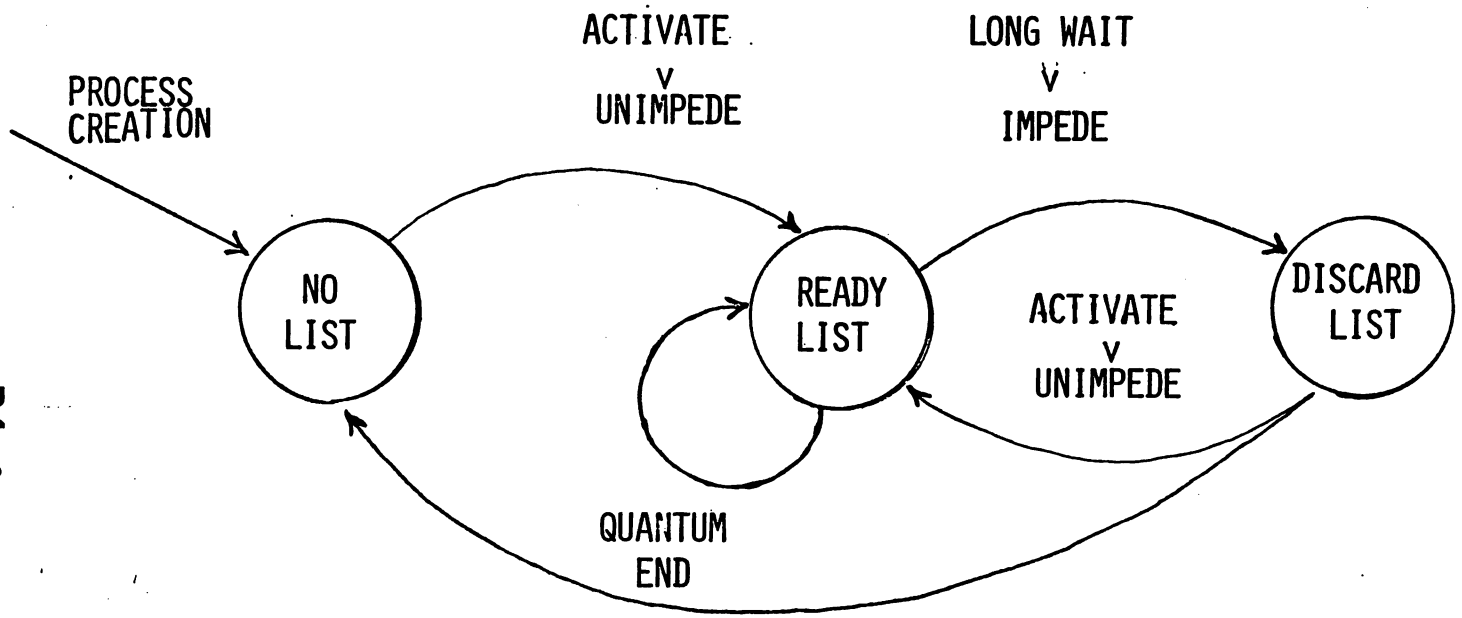
DISPATCHER'S SCHEDULING QUEUES



- READY LIST — ALL PROCESSES WHICH WANT TO USE THE CPU

- DISCARD LIST — PROCESSES WHICH CAN'T USE CPU NOW AND HAVE MEMORY.

HOW PROCESSES MOVE BETWEEN LISTS



OUT OF MEMORY RESOURCES

DYNAMIC PRIORITIES AND READY LIST

- PRIORITIES ARE INTEGERS BETWEEN 1 AND 255
  (1 IS HIGHEST; 255 IS LOWEST)
- READY LIST IS ORDERED BY PRIORITY AND MANAGED AS A SET OF SUBQUEUES.
- A SUBQUEUE IS A RANGE OF PRIORITIES AND MANAGED LINEARLY OR CIRCULARLY.
- PROCESSES IN A AND B QUEUES HAVE FIXED PRIORITIES.
- PROCESSES IN C, D, AND E QUEUES HAVE DYNAMIC PRIORTIES.

MOVEMENT RULES FOR C, D, AND E

- INCREASE RULE: IF PROCESS X CUTS IN FRONT OF PROCESS Y THEN INCREASE Y'S PRORITY BY 1
  (I.E. $PRI_Y := PRI_Y - 1$)

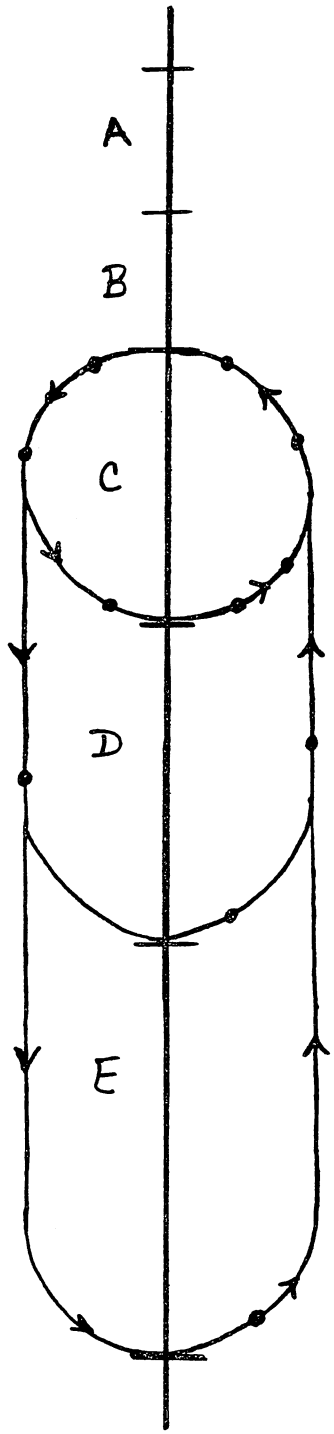
- DECREASE RULE: AFTER COMPLETION OF AN ENTIRE QUANTUM

  FOR CS ----> NEWPRI := OLDPRI + 1
  (BUT NO LOWER THAN CPRI)

  FOR DS ----> NEWPRI := (((OLD PRI - 150) +1) * 3) + 150
  (BUT NO LOWER THAN DPRI)

  FOR ES ----> NEWPRI := 250 ALWAYS

READY LIST AS SUBQUEUES



30

100

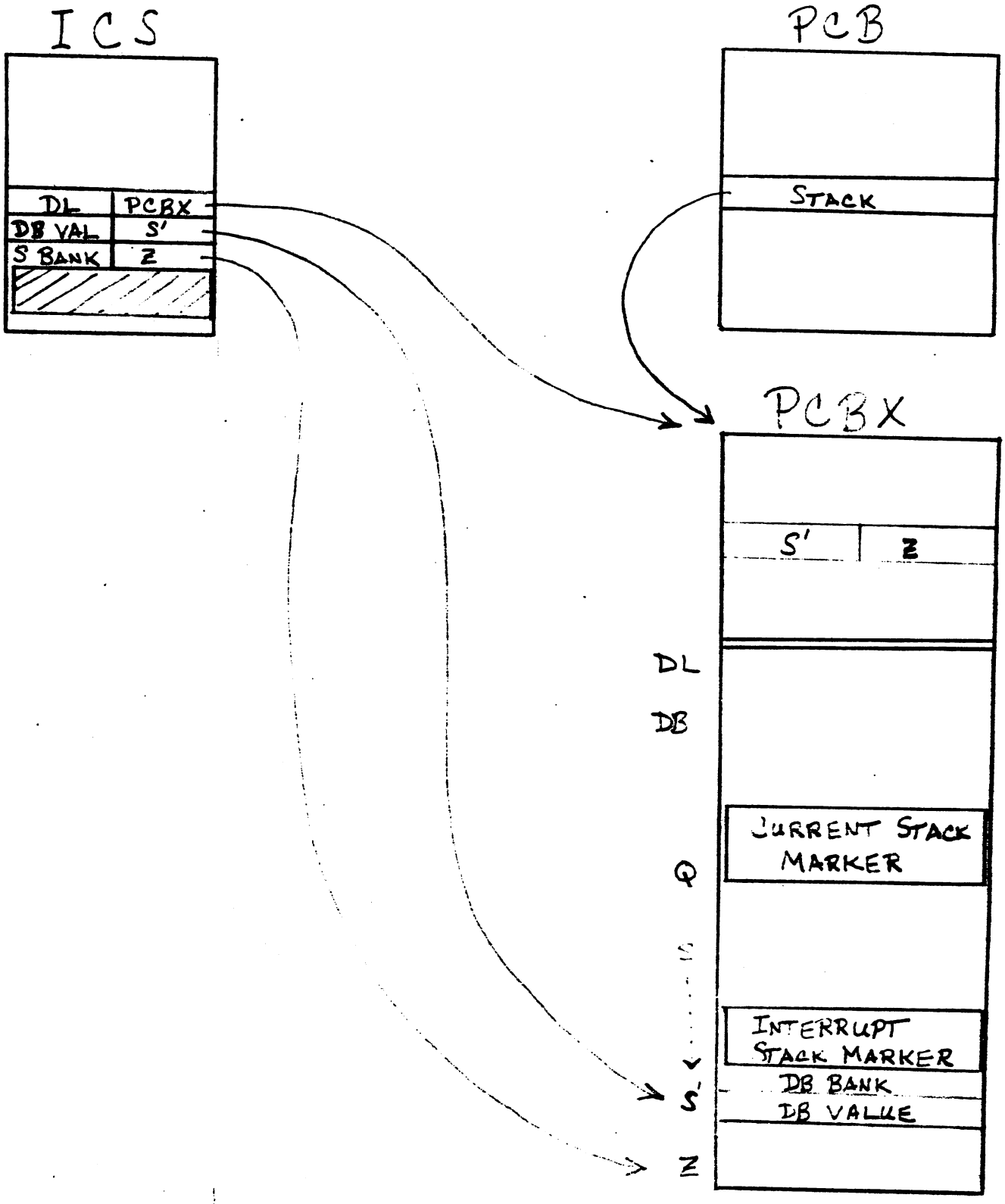
150 / TPRI

CPRI

DPRI

EPRI = 250

PROC-SS QUIESCE



SIMPLE DISPATCHING

DISPATCHER IS THE SYSTEM ROUTINE WHICH DETERMINES THE FAIR ALLOCATION OF THE CPU AMONG THE CURRENTLY ACTIVE PROCESSES.

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PROCEDURE DISPATCHER;
  BEGIN
    << QUIESCE THE RUNNING PROCESS >>
    UPDATE S-REGISTER SETTING IN PCBX;
    IF USER-LEVEL PROCESS THEN UPDATE CPU USE;
    IF CIRCULARLY-SCHEDULED AND QUANTUM OVER THEN
       COMPUTE NEW PRIORITY;

    << LAUNCH THE NEXT READY PROCESS >>
    SCAN READY LIST FOR HIGHEST PRIORITY PROCESS;
    READ REGISTER SETTINGS PCBX ----> ICS;
    SET TIMER WITH PROCESS'S QUANTUM;
    IXII TO START PROCESS EXECUTION;
  END;
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COMPLICATED DISPATCHING

- HIGHEST PRIORITY, READY PROCESS MAY NOT HAVE ALL REQUIRED SEGMENTS PRESENT IN MAIN MEMORY.

- DISPATCHER DETECTS THE PROCESS IS OUT OR ABSENT AND SCHEDULES MEMORY MANAGER FOR EXECUTION.

- MAM EXECUTES, SATISFYING THE REQUEST
  - o FIND REAL MEMORY SPACE
  - o INITIATE READ AND SHORT WAIT
  - o COMPLETE REQUEST; MARK PROCESS INCORE

- DISPATCHER NOW FINDS HIGH PRIORITY PROCESS INCORE AND LETS IT RUN.

- WHILE MAM IS WAITING/WORKING, THE NEXT HIGHEST PRIORITY, INCORE PROCESS WILL BE RUN.

- SIDE NOTE: IF HIGHEST PRIORITY PROCESS EVER SHORT WAITS, ONLY INCORE LOWER PRIORITY PROCESSES MAY BE RUN.

DISPATCHING EXAMPLE

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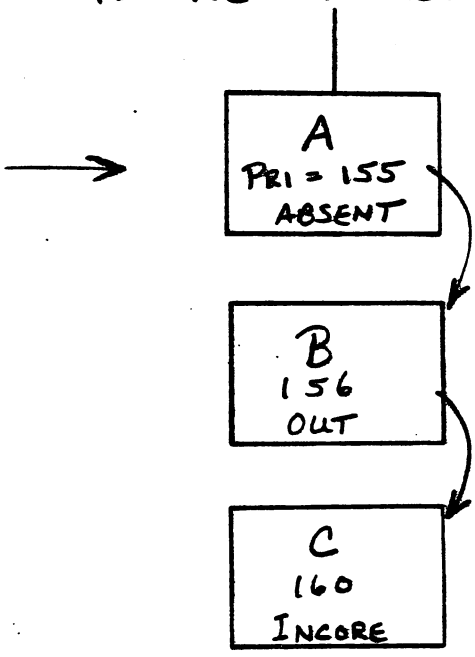

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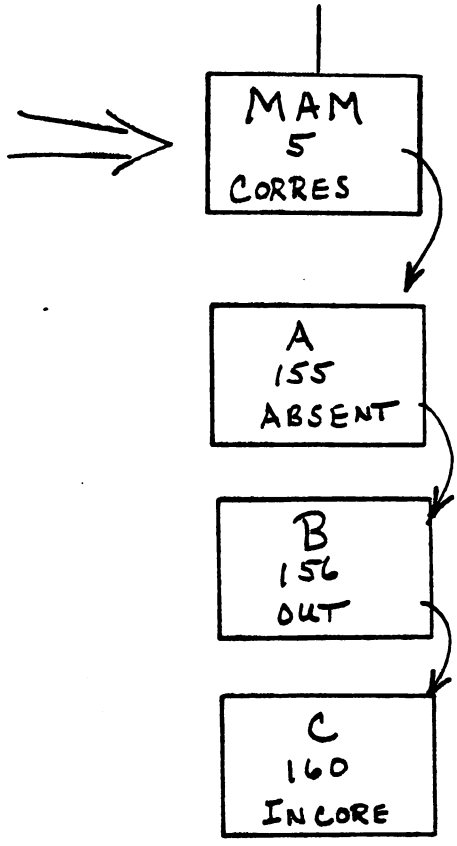

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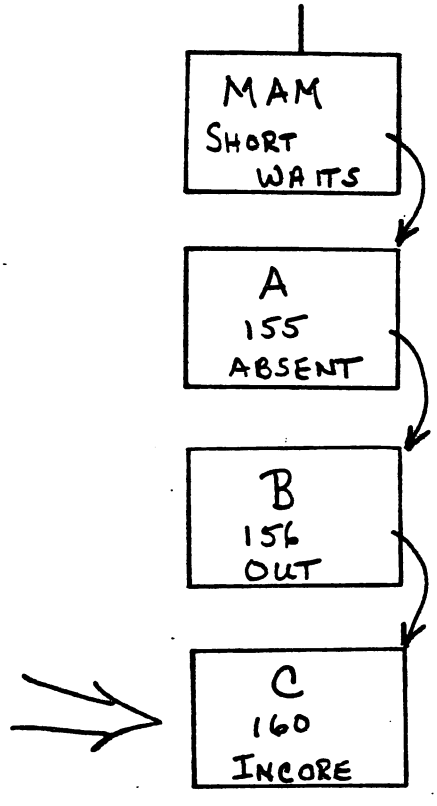

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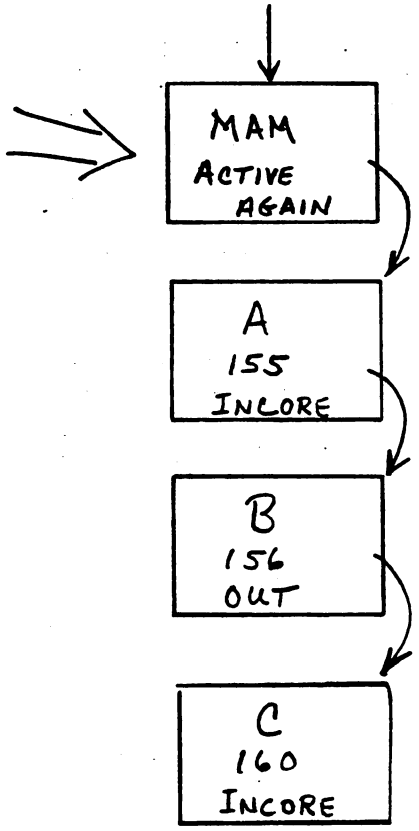

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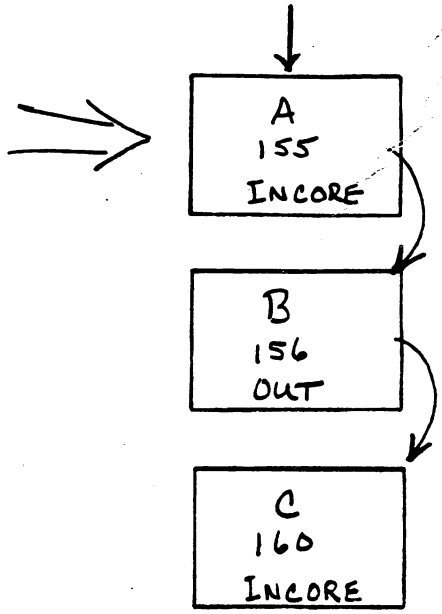

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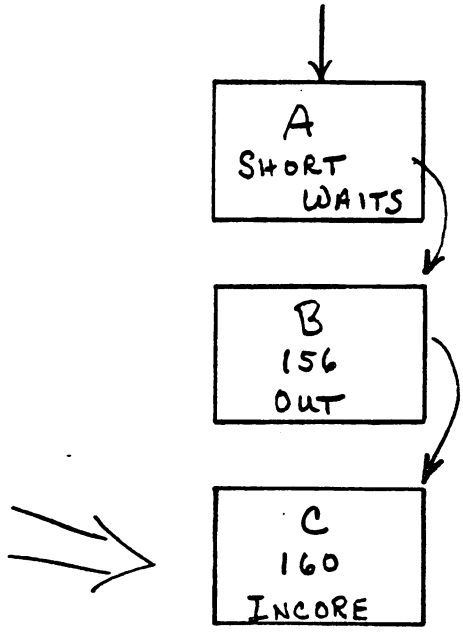

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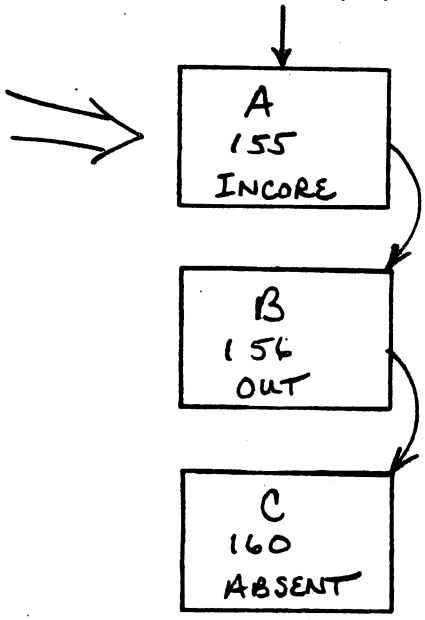

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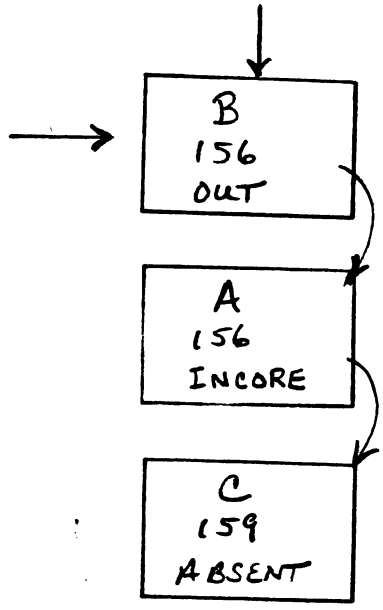

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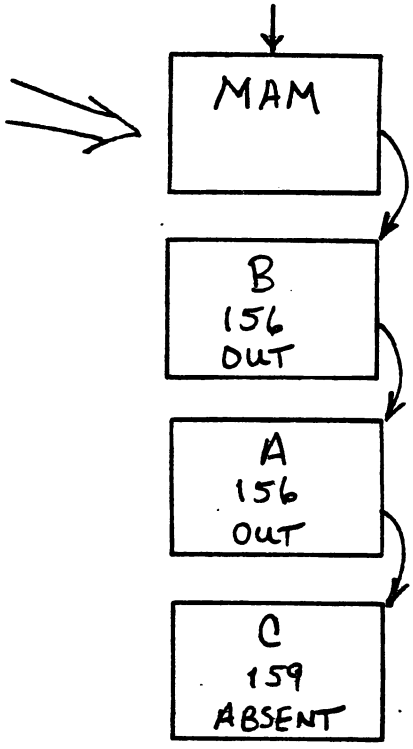

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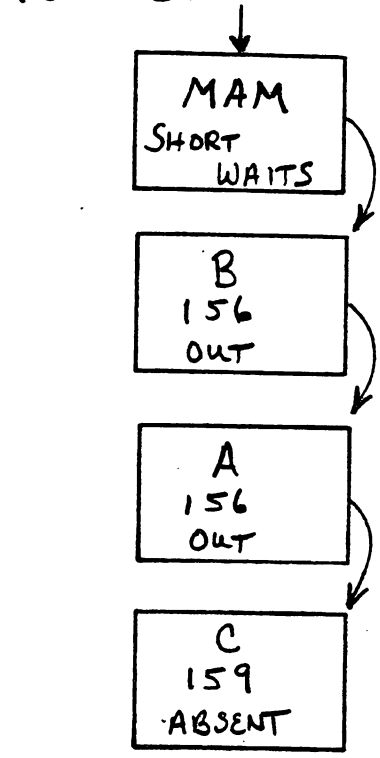

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