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isn't likely now to make more comments overtly separating himself from the president, aides say.

Just as he must juggle positions on Iran, Mr. Bush also must juggle support from the disparate elements within the Republican Party. Despite his assiduous courting of conservatives, he stirred their ire by failing to address the Conservative Political Action Committee conference in Washington this week. The vice president's aides claim a scheduling conflict, but in any event they note that he has recently addressed a number of other conservative groups, including religious broadcasters.

#### Watching Traditional Supporters

At the same time, his aides are well aware that they can't afford to alienate the more moderate conservatives who made up the base of Mr. Bush's support during his 1980 presidential run. "It's always a difficulty," says Peter Teeley, a longtime Bush adviser. "It has to be overcome if anybody's going to be nominated. But it's a question not just for Bush but for Dole or Remp or anybody else.'

#If Mr. Bush is to fend off those other candidates, though, many of his GOP supporters are telling him that he must

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who then was director of the CIA, to buy the weapons and thereby help cover the costs to the original buyers in the private supply network. A second intelligence source, also familiar with the CIA pur-

## Koehler Receives White House Post Left by Buchanan

By a Wall Street Journal Staff Reporter WASHINGTON-President Reagan appointed John Koehler, a former executive of the Associated Press wire service, to succeed Patrick Buchanan as White House communications director.

Mr. Reagan also named Frank Donatelli, a longtime Reagan political supporter and partner at the Washington law firm of Patton, Boggs & Blow, as White House political director. The 37-year-old Mr. Donatelli, who served as President Reagan's public-liaison chief from 1984 to 1985, succeeds Mitchell Daniels.

Messrs, Buchanan and Daniels recently announced their departures in order to enter the private sector. Both jobs will change hands March 2.

Shortly after Mr. Koehler's appointment was announced yesterday, a controversy arose about his participation in a Nazi youth group as a youngster growing up in Germany. "Sure it was a forerunner to the Hitler youth. I just got bored with it and got out," Mr. Koehler said in an interview. He said he was in the Jungvolk group for only about six months when he was 10 years old.

"When it first started it was great, had uniforms, you marched around and so forth," he said. He said he quit when he found the marching too boring and because he preferred "to go out and collect rocks." Mr. Koehler said he's not worried that this will sidetrack his new job since, he said, he isn't a Nazi sympathizer and he's been married twice to Jewish women, including his current wife. The White House had no comment.

The 56-year-old Mr. Koehler, who retired from the AP two years ago and heads his own international public-affairs consulting firm, has been working as a consultant to Charles Wick, director of the United States Information Agency. Mr. Wick, a longtime friend of the president's, backed Mr. Koehler for the post, which oversees presidential speechwriting.

Mr. Donatelli worked as a regional political director for Mr. Reagan's primary and general presidential campaigns in 1979 and 1980, and before that he worked on Treasury Secretary James Baker's unsuccessful campaign for Texas attorney general in 1978.

The White House also said that Ronald Cass, a 37-year-old Boston University Law School professor, was named to fill a vacancy on the U.S. International Trade Commission. The nomination requires Senate approval. Mr. Cass would succeed Paul Stern, who resigned from the six-member trade panel in January.

work. The vessel is registered in Panama in the name of Dolmy Business Inc., a Panama City corporation whose officers are also part of a Swiss financial services firm, Cie. des Services Fiduciares, or CSF.

CSF, in turn, frequently has been retained by businessman Albert Hakim, an associate of retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard Secord, who helped to oversee the private Contra network on behalf of Col. North. Thomas Parlow, a Danish shipping agent, has previously claimed to be the Erria's owner, but in recent interviews he has identified Mr. Hakim as having the controlling interest in the vessel.

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USA TODAY'S BRIEFING ON WASHINGTON

# New aide on Nazi story: 'Good grief'



KOEHLER: Discovered 'dirty politics'

Hours after being named new White House communications director, John O. Koehler found himself Thursday night confirming but ridiculing reports he belonged to a Hitler youth group for six months as a boy. "I was 10 years old. Good grief!" said the former Associated Press executive. "All my adult life I've lived an exemplary life. I didn't steal; I didn't cheat on income taxes. And I had a top-secret clearance in the military." Koehler, 56, a native of Dresden who left Germany in 1945, said the

White House is "of course upset" by the flap. But he doesn't think it'll affect his replacing Patrick Buchanan. He said belonging to the Nazi Jungvolk was "almost mandatory." The group had after-school drills once a week and went on Saturday outings. It was boring, he said, so he quit. Koehler said, "An old AP friend from Berlin called tonight and said, "Well, Jack, you just found out how dirty politics is."

A POUNDING FROM PELL: Sen. Claiborne Pell, D-R.L., in his first major speech as Foreign Relations Committee chairman, said U.S. policy not only must serve U.S. interests but also reflect national values and have the people's support. He called Iran arms sales a "flasco conducted with astonishing gullibility. (Iran) got badly needed TOW missiles; what we got was more Americans seized in Lebanon." Pell called U.S.-backed Nicaraguan contras "our terrorists" whose ranks include "thugs, drug-runners and murderers."

MORE WHITE HOUSE TURMOIL: Further indications of a bitterly divided and uncoordinated Reagan administration have emerged, The Washington Post reports today. The first: Computer tapes being reviewed by the Tower Commission indicate Lt. Col. Oliver North, fired NSC aide, gave Iran top-secret intelligence data not supposed to be shared with foreigners. The second: The State Department took extraordinary measures in the summer of 1985 to derail a White House plan for a joint U.S.-Egyptian attack on Libya, the newspaper-reports — even calling the U.S. ambassador to Egypt home on a secret weekend mission.

FIRST LETTER: The Library of Congress tonight receives a 200-year-old letter considered the first document of the Constitution. It's a 25-line message to the 13 state governors from Charles Thomson, secretary of the Continental Congress, summoning delegates to draft a constitution. It was found among the effects of publisher William Randolph Hearst Sr. Only three others are known to exist.

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

66This seems to be a rather puny approach . . . like going on a safari in Africa using air rifles and bubble guns.??

## **Bush miffs conserv**

By Richard Benedetin USA TODAY

Conservative activists, meeting in Washington to greet GOP presidential aspirants, are miffed because Vice President George Bush isn't stopping by.

"His absence says we're not one of his priorities," said Beverly Bunn of the Washington Conservative Chib.

Bush says scheduling conficts will keep him away. Many at the 1,000-delegate Conser Action Confe Bush no-she him support

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## Nicaragua rebel chiefs say they'll join forces

By Juan J. Walte 'USA TODAY

Contra leader Arturo Cruz announced Thursday he'll stay with the anti-Sandinista movement — bolstering President Reagan's efforts to keep the Nicaraguan war alive.

Cruz and Alfonso Robelo—leaders of the U.S.-backed United Nicaraguan Opposition, the contras' civilian directorate, said 15,000 rebel troops would be merged from three groups into "one national army" by the end of June.

Cruz's goal: Bring 14 exile groups under broadened UNO leadership by mid-April.

Adolfo Calero, who left UNO Monday over policy differences with Robelo and Cruz,

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Washington-Baghdad link to insure that the Iraqis received higher quality and more timely satellite intelligence, sources have said.

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## New Reagan Aide Belonged \* To Nazi Group

John O. Koehler, selected by President Reagan to succeed Patrick J. Buchanan as White House communica-tions director, was a member of a Nazi youth group as a 10-year-old living in Germany, NBC News reported last night.

Koehler, 56, told NBC that he left the group after six months. The White House declined comment on

the report.

Koehler, who retired in 1985 as assistant general manager and managing director of the World Services Division of the Associated is an adviser to Charles Z. Wick, director of the U.S. Information Agency.

In a brief telephone interview last night with The Washington Post, Koehler said he had been a member of the youth group known as Jungvolk. "If you lived in Germany at that time and were of a certain age, you had something to do with the party. Do you really begin to think at that age?

"Having been a newspaperman in this country for more than 30 years, I think this is a black day in journalism," Koehler said.

Koehler, who was born in Dresden, noted that he had served in the U.S. Army and Army Reserve from 1954 to 1967. He said he had listed his membership in the Jungvolk when he had his security clearance updated for the White House post.

During his career at the AP, Koehler worked as a correspondent in Berlin and in Bonn, as bureau chief in Newark, N.J., and as an executive at the news, service's New York headquar-x ters. Since his retirement, he has been president of Koehler International Ltd., a consulting firm specializing in public affairs and communication, in Stamford, Conn.

## McFarlane Stands by Testimon

## Hospitalized Ex-Aide, Contradicting Reagan, Says Dear

Los Angeles Times

Former national security adviser Robert C. McFarlane, in three hours of questioning by the Tower commission yesterday, stood by his earlier testimony that President Reagan gave oral approval for the 1985 Israeli shipment of arms to Iran, according to a knowledgeable source.

Reagan, in an initial appearance before the commission Jan. 26, substantiated McFarlane's testimony. But in a second session on Feb. 11, the president said that after conferring at length with White House chief of staff Donald T. Regan, he realized that his earlier account had been mistaken and that he actually had not approved the arms shipment.

The president's recollection on the subject is important because Regan, in direct contradiction of McFarlane's testimony, has testified that the president reluctantly sanctioned the shipment after the White House learned that weapons had been shipped. The timing could make a difference in possible criminal charges that might be sought by independent counsel Lawrence E. Walsh.

[White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater would not comment on whether Reagan had changed his statement in two appearances before the Tower commission. "It just seems to have an aroma of a lurid background," Fitzwater said. He cautioned reporters to consider the possible motivation of sources cited in news accounts, United Press International reported.

Leonard Garment, McFarlane's attorney, said yesterday that McFarlane answered all the commission's

questions and backed up his earlicent," At the commission's rec plans to examine several top see submitting written answers to se tions, said Garment, who refused

. McFarlane, interviewed in the pital room where he is recover: dose, also said that he helped dra nology of the Iran arms affair in gan from political damage, a sour

The chronology was used to p gan to deny he had authorized the of arms to Iran in August 1985.

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"It was all done in the atmosp the presidency," the source said.

McFarlane has been hospitaliz overdose of Valium that police sa apparent suicide attempt. On t scheduled to appear before the co al testimony.

The three commission members Tower former secretary of sta and former national security adv traveled to Bethesda to hear assured he had recovered suffici

## Democrats May Link Contra F

By Helen Dewar and Joanne Omang -Washington Post Staff Writers

Senate and House Democratic leaders are exploring proposals to tie further U.S. funding of the Nicaraguan contras to a full accounting by the Reagan administration of earlier aid sent to them, including profits from arms sales to Iran and solicited from sources.

Under these proposals, current funding for the contras would be blocked until the administration tells Congress what was purchased of aid could be triggered automatically after submission of the accounting, or, more likely, a second vote by Congress could be required to start the money flowing again, . Democratic sources said. -

Meanwhile, Nicaraguan contra leaders Arturo Cruz and Alfonso

Robelo announced yesterday that they will remain as directors of the Nicaraguan . Opposition United (UNO) at least until June, in order to achieve a military and political overhaul of the rebel operation.

The two told a crowded news conference that after weeks of threatening to resign over issues of political and military control of the movement the Reagan administration is supporting, they had decided to stay "to meet the challenge" of reform.

On Capitol Hill, Senate Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd (D-W.Va.) with earlier assistance, Resumption and House Speaker Jim Wright (D-Tex.) are pursuing a:: contra funding meratorium as one option in the debate over how to deal with the final \$40 million installment of \$100 million in contra aid that Congress approved last year,

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#### American Friends of Turkey Chronology of Events

8/13/86	Alec Alexander, writer in Correspondence, receives letter from American Friends of Turkey requesting videotape from President for annual awards dinner, February 5-7, 1987
	He calls Carl Anderson and is told to bring up request closer to date, such as late December.
12//86	Alec Alexander sends copies of request to Carl Anderson requesting Carl Anderson to handle.
	Carl Anderson refers request to Linas Kojelis.
·	Linas Kojelis refers to Max Green, project officer for Turkish affairs.
1/6/87	Max Green drafts schedule proposal for videotape message from the President.
	Request is turned down. (MM?/Planning?)
1//87	Request returned toCA?/AA?
2/2/87	Alec Alexander calls Carl Anderson's office, talks to asking if videotape will done.
	Mariam Bell asks Matt Zachari if he has background materials.
	Matt tells Mariam no.
	Mariam tells Alec no materials (Alec has originals).
2/3/87	Alec Alexander drafts message to group.
2/4/87	Message goes thru clearance process; reaches David Chew.
2/5/87	David Chew sends Mari note asking why request dated August 11th is sent to him day before event for clearance.
2/5/87	Message cleared and sent to group.