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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 Kemp 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

who then as 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 Fiduciaires, 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'



AP
KOEHLER: Discov-
ered '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.I., 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 "fiasco 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

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

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Bush miffs conserv

By Richard Benedetto
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 Club.

Bush says scheduling conflicts will keep him away. Many at the 1,000-dele-

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Nicaragua
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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, still controls the

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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 to _____ CA?/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.