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TODAY'S HEADLINES

NATIONAL NEWS

Conferees Agree to 'Framework' on Budget -- Congressional budget negotiators are in accord on a framework for cutting the deficit that would allow Social Security increases, but now face the harder task of finding spending cuts. (UPI, AP, Reuter, Washington Post)

Regan Lists Top Candidates for Stockman's Job -- Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige and former Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis are the top candidates to succeed Budget Director David Stockman, according to White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan. (AP, UPI)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

West Joins ASEAN Call for Vietnamese Withdrawal -- The United States, other Western countries and Japan joined their Southeast Asian allies in calling on Vietnam to withdraw its troops from Cambodia and settle the six-year-old problem through negotiations. (Reuter, Washington Post, Washington Times)

NETWORK NEWS (Wednesday Evening)

PRESIDENT REAGAN -- President Reagan will undergo surgery Friday to have a growth removed from his colon -- a polyp, which the White House says is benign.

DESIGNER DRUGS -- Attorney General Meese proposed a ban on producing or dealing so-called designer drugs -- drugs created by underground chemists that are just as mind-bending, addictive or dangerous as the real ones, but not now against the law.



NATIONAL NEWS

REAGAN, HILL SET BUDGET GOAL

Congressional budget negotiators agreed with President Reagan to try to produce a deficit-reduction plan that would allow defense spending to rise with inflation, provide full Social Security cost-of-living increases and rule out a tax increase.

While it appeared to have broken the budget impasse, the accord on a budget "framework" stopped short of resolving major differences over domestic spending, which must be ironed out before a fiscal 1986 budget and deficit-control package can be approved.

(Helen Dewar and Lou Cannon, Washington Post, A1)

The fragile compromise was announced by both Administration and congressional officials after a rare hour-and-a-half bargaining session at the White House among the President, congressional leaders and 25 House and Senate budget negotiators.

Participants said the informal pact, which they said Reagan had repeatedly characterized as a "framework," could break the deadlock on the 1986 budget.

(Tom Raum, AP)

Conferees Agree to 'Framework' on Budget

Senate Budget Committee Chairman Domenici said Reagan and the conferees agreed during an occasionally testy 75-minute meeting to a reinstatement of all pension increases, minor changes in military spending, no new taxes and a redoubled effort to find other, unspecified savings.

(Elaine Povich, UPI)

DOMENICI SKEPTICAL ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR BUDGET COMPROMISE

Congressional negotiators are trying to piece together a budget plan that achieves at least \$50 billion in savings next year and still fits a delicate framework worked out with President Reagan that prohibits tax increases and Social Security benefit cuts.

"The task is very difficult and I wouldn't like to speculate as to the chances....We'll work at it as diligently as we can within that framework," said Sen. Domenici, chairman of the Senate Budget Committee.

(Cliff Haas, AP)

EMERGING OUTLINE OF '86 BUDGET GETS VARIED REACTIONS

White House officials and congressional budget negotiators agreed that a framework was emerging on a 1986 budget compromise, but they provided varied assessments on whether it could yield a House-Senate agreement.

Optimism was voiced by some leaders from both parties, who said an understanding had been reached resolving an impasse over Senate and House proposals for military spending and Social Security benefits in the fiscal year 1986.

(Gerald Boyd, New York Times, A1)

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FUNDING CUTS MAY DOOM 5 PROPOSED ARMY DIVISIONS

An internal Defense Department memorandum recommends that the Army cancel its prized plan to build five light-infantry divisions to help offset some of a projected \$250 billion congressional cut in defense budgets over the next five years, defense officials said.

Army leaders are mobilizing for the kind of budget battle likely to be fought within each of the armed services as they are forced to cut back plans they developed when President Reagan's rearmament program had overwhelming political support. (George Wilson, Washington Post, A1)

While Secretary Weinberger has not yet confronted the proposed deletion, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Wickham "went ballistic when he heard about the recommendation," a Pentagon official said.

"We've dug in our heels and we're going to win," one Army leader told the Post. (UPI)

PACKWOOD MAKES NEW THREAT ON REAGAN TAX REFORM PLAN

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Packwood, at best a reluctant tax reform supporter, now is threatening to kill President Reagan's plan unless changes are made for a key industry in his state.

Packwood took his latest jab at the President's proposal Wednesday, arguing it unfairly discriminated against the troubled timber industry -- an essential part of Oregon's economy. (Joseph Mianowany, UPI)

NEW OMB CHIEF IS EXPECTED TO GET SHORTER LEASH

David Stockman's departure from the Reagan Administration will end an extraordinary period in which the budget director was the dominant figure in domestic policymaking, White House officials said. They predicted that Stockman's successor will have considerably less independence.

Now, Chief of Staff Regan wants to shift the focus of budget and policy decisions to the White House, bringing them more under his control as the President battles with Congress over politically charged spending issues for the next three years, officials said.

(David Hoffman, Washington Post, A6)

BALDRIGE, LEWIS TOP LIST OF STOCKMAN SUCCESSORS

Secretary Baldrige and former Secretary Drew Lewis top a long list of possible successors to Budget Director Stockman, says White House Chief of Staff Regan.

Baldrige and Lewis, staunch Republicans who have substantial credentials from the business world, have indicated an interest in the key post, Administration officials said. (Helen Thomas, UPI)

Reagan Lists Top Candidates for Stockman's Job

Two other Administration officials are also in the running, Reagan said in an interview with the AP on Wednesday.

Reagan said he wants to have someone in the Cabinet-level job before Stockman leaves Aug. 1, or at least to have a person designated and able to begin work while awaiting Senate confirmation. (Terence Hunt, AP)

PRESIDENT CONSIDERS STANCE ON AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

President Reagan is considering issuing a policy statement on affirmative action to quell a growing dispute between top officials of the Justice and Labor departments over whether the government should play a role in pushing jobs and promotions for women and minorities.

Currently, the Administration has no formal policy on affirmative action, but it has consistently opposed the use of quotas, goals and timetables in hiring women and minorities.

(Juan Williams, Washington Post, A7)

PRESIDENT SCHEDULED FOR INTESTINAL SURGERY

President Reagan plans to enter Bethesda Naval Hospital Friday for removal of a benign growth from his large intestine and for tests to see if other polyps are hidden in his colon, the White House said.

(Christine Russell, Washington Post, A3)

Reagan's Surgery on Friday Advised a Year Ago

President Reagan is following advice offered more than a year ago when doctors first discovered Reagan had a benign polyp.

Leading specialists in the diagnosis and treatment of intestinal growths said then the presence of a non-cancerous polyp indicated there might be others and that Reagan should have further treatment to prevent the development of colon cancer. (Michael Putzel, AP)

Reagan Set for Surgery on Intestine

Larry Speakes said the procedure, known as a polypectomy, best fit into the President's schedule tomorrow. (Washington Times, A3)

AIR FORCE REASSESSES ANTISATELLITE PROGRAM

The Air Force is reassessing whether its seven-year-old, fighter-launched, antisatellite weapon development program, which has had a continuing series of technical problems, is now obsolete in the face of new space technology.

One Administration source said the study could provide a "graceful way of ending" the controversial \$4 billion, F-15 rocket-launched system and replacing it with more futuristic laser weapon technology.

(Walter Pincus, Washington Post, A13)

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MORE HIGH-PRICED PURCHASES FOUND AT MIRAMAR AIR BASE

The California naval air base that aroused controversy over its purchases of \$659 aircraft ashtrays paid the same defense contractor to fit F-14 fighter planes with a \$529 seat cushion and a \$3,782 valve, according to Navy investigators.

The investigators who examined spare-parts purchases at Miramar Naval Air Station near San Diego concluded that prices were "unreasonable" for half of the items surveyed, according to a Navy report obtained yesterday. (Michael Weisskopf, Washington Post, A15)

AIRLINES CONCERNED ABOUT SECURITY STEPS

Top airline executives met with Secretary Dole to discuss their concerns about Dole's program to strengthen airport and airline security after the recent TWA hijacking and several bombings, industry and government sources said.

Although the airlines have said they support increased security measures, industry officials have complained privately that some measures are too sweeping and were adopted by the department and its Federal Aviation Administration without adequate consultation.

(Douglas Feaver and George Lardner, Washington Post, A18)

'DESIGNER DRUG' BAN URGED

Attorney General Meese said that the Justice Department would propose legislation to ban so-called "designer drugs."

Meese said a proposed amendment to the Controlled Substances Act would call for a 15-year prison sentence and \$250,000 fine for persons convicted of producing or distributing such drugs.

(Mary Thornton, Washington Post, A5)

DEA CHIEF OPPOSES FBI MERGER

The acting head of the Drug Enforcement Administration, John Lawn, said that a complete merger of his agency into the FBI "is not the answer" to the drug epidemic in the United States.

Lawn's statements, which came during a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on the nomination to become DEA administrator, conflict with rumors in recent months of a complete merger within the next two or three years.

(John McCaslin, Washington Times, A3)

JOINT CHIEFS CHANGES ANNOUNCED

The White House announced that President Reagan intends to nominate Adm. Crowe to succeed Gen. Vessey as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, effective Oct. 1.

(Washington Post, A12)

Adm. Crowe is described as a "brilliant" naval officer with high academic credentials, who collects friends through his wit and hats through his friends.

(Walter Andrews, Washington Times, A2)

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EDITOR'S NOTE: "GOP rages over House fund letter" by Thomas Brandt appears on page A2 of The Washington Times.

"Japanese-Car Imports Surge, Suddenly Spark A Buyers' Market Here" by Amal Nag and Julie Bell is on page A1 of The Wall Street Journal.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

SHULTZ OPPOSES MILITARY AID FOR GUERRILLAS IN CAMBODIA

KUALA LUMPUR -- Secretary Shultz rejected the supply of U.S. military aid to the anti-Vietnamese guerrillas in Cambodia, suggesting that lack of constancy in Congress would make such a bold action risky.

Shultz spoke out at a news conference.

(Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A23)

U.S., ASEAN at Odds on Vietnam Initiative

The United States and its Southeast Asian allies appeared to disagree over who should lead the effort against Vietnamese domination of Cambodia, with each wanting the other to do it.

Secretary Shultz, arriving for talks with foreign ministers of ASEAN, told a news conference: "Our disposition is to support the initiatives of ASEAN."

A senior American official traveling with him said: "We are trying to avoid a leadership role."
(Washington Times, A8)

West Joins ASEAN Call for Vietnamese Withdrawal

Shultz, who has yet to endorse a new ASEAN peace plan, said it was a question of time before Vietnam buckled under economic pressures.

(Francis Daniel, Reuter)

U.S. EXPEDITING MISSILES FOR PAKISTAN'S DEFENSES

The United States is expediting delivery of Sidewinder and Stinger missiles to Pakistan as part of its effort to bolster defenses there against increasing Soviet and Afghan air incursions, the State Department said.

(David Ottaway, Washington Post, A25)

SENATE VOTES TO LIMIT DEBATE OF S. AFRICA SANCTIONS

The Senate voted overwhelmingly to limit a potential conservative filibuster over legislation imposing sanctions on South Africa, but the bitter talkfest continued amid conflict over how tough the sanctions should be.

The 88-to-8 cloture vote was an indication of wide support for new measures against South Africa's apartheid policy. At the least, the Senate is likely to approve a ban on new U.S. bank loans and nuclear technology exports and curbs on computer sales to the Pretoria regime.

(Joanne Omang, Washington Post, A26)

Debate on South Africa Sanctions Grows Bitter

Senate debate on imposing (the sanctions) is growing deeply personal and bitter over the larger issues of racism and anti-communism.

Sen. Cranston, who just a day earlier had hinted that "racist" motives had prevented the legislation from coming to the Senate floor, ridiculed statements by Sen. Helms that sanctions would throw black South Africans out of work. (E. Michael Myers, UPI)

HOUSE APPROVES ANTI-TERRORISM POWERS FOR REAGAN

President Reagan has won votes in Congress that would expand his power to act against terrorism and would lift a 10-year-old ban against U.S. aid for rebels in Angola.

The House handed Reagan the victories in votes on a \$12.7 billion foreign aid bill for next year. (Jim Adams, Reuter)

MEESE SKIRTS QUERIES ABOUT HIJACK ACTION

Attorney General Meese carefully sidestepped questions about whether the United States is considering a plan to kidnap and prosecute the two Shiite Moslems who hijacked a TWA jet last month and killed a Navy diver on board.

Meese said the Reagan Administration is "pursuing a number of legal avenues" in connection with the hijacking but he would not say what they include. (Mary Thornton and David Ottaway, Washington Post, A18)

Meese Ducks Question About Kidnapping TWA Hijackers

"I don't want to leave you with the impression that we will (consider kidnapping) ... (and) I don't want to leave you with the impression that we won't," Meese told a news conference.

"I want to leave you with the impression that that is not a subject on which I've commented affirmatively or negatively," he said.

(Reuter)

DEFENSE AIDE BLASTS 'SHOOTOUT' REACTION TO HOSTAGE SEIZURE

A senior Pentagon official says the use of force to rescue TWA plane hostages taken by Shiite terrorists last month wasn't an "option."

Noel Koch, principal deputy assistant secretary of Defense for international security affairs, also blasted as unfair criticism of the Administration for not using force during the crisis.

(Tom Diaz, Washington Times, A1)

'EXPELLING U.S.' -- HOW RADICALS WORK IT

A new coordinated radical strategy has been devised to drive the United States out of key regions of the world, according to a recent threat assessment prepared for the CIA.

The architects of the strategy, the study says, include radical Third World states and terrorist groups, with clear support from the Soviet Union.
(Ted Agres, Washington Times, A1)

U.S., NATO BASES CALLED GERMAN TERRORISTS' TARGET

KARLSRUHE, West Germany -- U.S. and NATO military bases and soldiers top the hit list of West Germany's most wanted terrorists in the revolutionary Red Army Faction, the nation's top prosecutor said.

"The security situation regarding the Red Army Faction is as ever tense. It is important that the security arrangements for target figures and target objects should be kept as comprehensive as it is now," said Kurt Rebmann, West Germany's chief terrorist hunter and federal prosecutor.
(Washington Times, A8)

U.S.-CHINA NUCLEAR PACT AWAITS STATE VISIT BY LI

The United States and China have needed their 14-month stalemate over a nuclear cooperation agreement, and officials of both countries say the accord may be ready for signing when Chinese President Li visits Washington later this month.
(Washington Times, A6)

U.S.-SOVIET

Two key senators urged the Soviet Union to submit detailed proposals at the Geneva arms control talks to test the Reagan Administration's willingness to compromise on its "Star Wars" missile defense program.

Sens. Nunn and Stevens both said they think the Administration would agree to curbs on Star Wars.
(R. Gregory Nokes, AP)

SOVIET GENERAL AMPLIFIES OFFER OF 25% ARMS CUT

A senior Soviet general told an American legislator last week that Moscow's offer to reduce strategic nuclear forces by 25 percent or more applied to missile warheads as well as missiles.

The American legislator, Rep. Solarz, said in an interview that this position was stated to him and an aide in Moscow on July 3 by Col. Gen. Nikolai Chervov, arms control chief for the Soviet General Staff.

(Leslie Gelb, New York Times, A1)

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Soviet General Clarifies Arms Cut Proposal, Times Says

This indicates for the first time that the proposal made public by Soviet leader Gorbachev two months ago was intended to cover reductions not just in delivery vehicles but in warheads, the Times said.

(Reuter)

WALTERS

MEXICO CITY -- The U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations will make a one-day visit to Mexico Thursday to discuss multilateral policy, the Mexican Foreign Ministry said.

A ministry statement said Vernon Walters would hold a "working meeting" with Foreign Minister Sepulveda and meet with Mexican President de la Madrid.

(UPI)

PARACHUTES BLAMED IN DIVERS' DROWNING

Four Navy SEAL divers who drowned while on a highly secret mission during the 1983 Grenada rescue operation may have become tangled in their parachutes after a night-time jump into heavy seas, an informed source familiar with the operation told The Washington Times.

The source, who spoke on condition he not be named, said a fifth diver from the team was pulled alive from the water, entangled in his parachute.

(Tom Diaz, Washington Times, A4)

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NEWS FROM THE STATES

IOWANS WON'T MISS STOCKMAN

DES MOINES, Iowa (UPI) -- Iowans are shedding few tears over the announcement that Budget Director David Stockman is resigning, but some officials who once bitterly denounced him said he was only acting as an agent of President Reagan. Gov. Terry Branstad, who called for Stockman's resignation last January, said Tuesday he is not sorry to see Stockman's departure. "Mr. Stockman has been the number one stumbling block for Iowa farmers in efforts to obtain appropriate farm credit," Branstad said. "His departure presents Iowa with a real opportunity to obtain meaningful action from the federal level to deal with this very important issue....The President has indicated some flexibility and willingness to compromise," Branstad said.

But other foes, while glad to see Stockman go, said he was only a whipping boy for President Reagan. Pete Brent, a spokesman for the liberal farm group Prairiefire, said Stockman's only purpose was to publicly try out what the President was thinking. "Reagan's jokes about farmers tells us where they stand on his agenda." Brent expects no change in Administration farm policies.

Iowa Agriculture Secretary Robert Lounsberry also said Stockman may have been a convenient scapegoat. He said some Iowans privately agreed with Stockman's contentions that farmers borrowed too much.

Iowa Farm Bureau head Dean Kleckner also said a new face will help Iowa agriculture. He argued in the past that Stockman was more powerful in setting agriculture policy than Ag Secretary John Block.

STOCKMAN REPLACEMENT?

ARIZONA (UPI) -- Sen. Dennis DeConcini says he will ask President Reagan to appoint an Arizonan to succeed David Stockman as budget director. DeConcini said Tuesday that Stockman has been "a real thorn in our side in the West, particularly in water projects, so I'll be quite glad to see him go. He was the President's hatchet man, so to that extent I guess he did his job. But he sure was not good for this country, in my opinion." Although DeConcini said he has someone in mind as a replacement for Stockman he did not disclose the person's name. He also acknowledged that, "Being a Democrat, I can't pretend to be close to the situation."

Rep. John McCain said he got along well with Stockman but hopes his successor will be more sympathetic to the West and less vocal on some issues. Rep. Jim Kolbe said he respects and admires Stockman's ability but hopes Reagan will replace him with somebody who is a little smoother in his relations with Congress.

CLEANER AIR

PHOENIX (UPI) -- Republican leaders in the state Legislature say Phelps Dodge Corp. should be given a clean-air waiver for its Douglas smelter. They asked U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz to withdraw an aide's recommendation that Phelps Dodge be denied the waiver while talks continue with Mexico over pollution controls for two smelters along the border.

GRAND JURY MAY MULL PRESIDENTIAL THREAT CASE

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (Linda Warren, UPI) -- Government attorneys say it is likely they will submit to a federal grand jury this week their case against a Vietnam veteran accused of threatening the life of President Reagan over the handling of the hostage crisis. John Edward Olson of Houghton has been jailed without bond in Grand Rapids since his arrest at his home last Tuesday. Olson's attorney informed prosecutors Tuesday of her intent to present an insanity defense and agreed that if Olson is ordered to stand trial after a hearing or is indicted by a grand jury he would agree to undergo psychiatric testing to determine his mental competency. Olson is charged with making verbal threats against the President last Monday and then telephoning FBI agents from the bar to repeat his threats.

ELDERLY AFRAID OF LIVING -- NOT DYING

WASHINGTON (Dana Walker, UPI) -- Representatives of health care agencies and the elderly say the Reagan Administration is putting America's senior citizens in a double bind -- forcing them to leave hospitals early and cutting funds to cover home health care.

"We in Florida have long since lost the fear of dying," Rep. Dan Mica, D-Fla., said Tuesday during a hearing of the House Committee on Aging. "We're afraid of living -- and having to pay" the high cost of medical services.

Florida Gov. Robert Graham and representatives of physicians and home care agencies cited case after case in which elderly patients were discharged from the hospital under new prepayment schedule rules and then denied home health care. Many, they said, later died.

Rep. Mary Rose Oakar, D-Ohio, called the latest Medicare cutbacks "about the most ignorant idea I've ever heard of" and "tremendously counterproductive."

But Rep. George Gekas, R-Pa., defended the Administration. "The Administration, faced with deficits...is not interested in eliminating home care, but rather to put it in a different context," he said.

'LIVE AID' EXPECTED TO DRAW RECORD VIEWING AUDIENCE, RAISE MILLIONS

PHILADELPHIA (Frank Spotnitz, UPI) -- The Live Aid rock concerts in London and Philadelphia this Saturday could raise \$50 million for African famine relief in a single day, while at the same time attracting one of the largest television audiences in history. Some of the top acts in rock music will appear during the shows. The entire concert, scheduled to start at 7 a.m. EDT in London's Wembley Stadium and end at 11 p.m. at JFK Stadium in Philadelphia, will be carried live on MTV, the cable music station. Concert highlights will be broadcast on ABC-TV from 8 to 11 p.m. EDT.

Concert audiences will not see famine pictures from Ethiopia or the Sudan, but hourly "inspirational messages" from the likes of Jimmy Carter, Bishop Desmond Tutu, Carl Sagan, Geraldine Ferraro and others will urge people to make donations. There also may be taped messages from President Reagan, Pope John Paul II and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

REAGAN PLANS EARLY FORAY FOR DURRETTE

RICHMOND, Va. (Jeff Schapiro, UPI) -- President Reagan, making an unusually early foray into the Virginia governor's race, is expected to campaign in Richmond later this month for Republican Wyatt Durrette. Durrette said the Presidential visit was not a sign that his candidacy was in trouble and was aimed at raising money and inspiring campaign workers. Durrette, a longtime Reagan supporter who was even with Democratic rival Gerald Baliles in a poll last month, said the President was expected to stump again in Virginia shortly before the election. Several dates were under consideration, but Republicans said Reagan was tentatively set to visit Richmond July 30. The trip would apparently include a visit to the Boy Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill as well as a pitch for federal tax reform and an appearance at a Durrette fund-raising reception. There was no official comment from the White House. The Baliles camp was surprised by word of the visit.

TEXANS TO DEBATE

TYLER, Texas (UPI) -- The two 1st District congressional candidates, Democrat Jim Chapman and Republican Edd Hargett, have asked their campaign aides to work out a format for a debate, the Tyler Morning Telegraph reports. Hargett has received heavy support from the national Republican Party including campaign appearances on his behalf by Vice President George Bush and Sen. Phil Gramm. Chapman, who calls himself a "conservative Democrat," said the voters deserve to know the candidate's position on the issues, particularly Social Security and Medicare, President Reagan's tax plan and tax fairness, and jobs, and accused Hargett of supporting Reagan Administration policies that hurt Texas. "The (Reagan) Administration is for free trade and it's because of free trade that 3,000 jobs were lost at Lone Star Steel," Chapman said. If he is elected, he will ask that either all restrictive trade barriers favoring foreign governments be dropped or that the United States will let "all the Hondas pile up on the docks in Houston," he said.

ANGELL RECOMMENDED FOR FED BOARD

TOPEKA, Kan. (UPI) -- Citing the need for someone with agricultural experience to run the Federal Reserve System, Kansas' Senate delegation Wednesday recommended Wayne D. Angell of Ottawa, to a vacancy on the Fed's board of governors. Sen. Robert Dole said he is urging President Reagan to nominate Angell, the director of the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank, to fill the unexpired term of Governor Lyle E. Gramley beginning Sept. 1. Dole said the action also is being endorsed by Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, who defeated Angell in the 1978 GOP Senate primary. Dole aide Mike Pettit said Gramley resigned recently in the middle of his 14-year term, which expires in 1994.

"(Angell's) credentials are impeccable, but it is his agricultural background which merits special attention," Dole and Kassebaum said in a letter to the White House. "In our view, it is especially important that the architects of our national monetary policy thoroughly understand the financial problems currently being experienced" by farmers.

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY

(Wednesday Evening, July 10, 1985)

PRESIDENT REAGAN

CBS's Dan Rather: President Reagan will be hospitalized Friday. He will be given a painkiller and sedative while doctors remove a growth from his colon. Spokesmen for the President insist the growth is not cancerous, but doctors say that it could turn cancerous if it stays. The President does not plan to turn the powers of office over to Vice President Bush while sedated.

CBS's Bill Plante: President Reagan will undergo surgery Friday to have a growth removed from his colon -- a polyp, which the White House says is benign, discovered during his physical in March. Doctors at Bethesda Naval Hospital will also examine Mr. Reagan's large intestine for any other polyps, as shown in this videotape of a similar procedure. They'll use an instrument which enables them to look at the inside of the intestinal wall and remove the small fleshy growths, which can become cancerous if left alone. Larry Speakes says both procedures will take less than an hour, but that the President will stay at the hospital overnight. Speakes says the timing of the operation is strictly a matter of convenience. Physicians familiar with both the President and the procedure describe it as routine. (Dr. Stanley Benjamin: "It's a very -- quite a simple procedure, and I think the interest is related to the fact that it is the President.") The President will be given Valium and a painkiller, but won't be unconscious.

(Dr. Ken Forde: "It's most commonly done with mild sedation, not actual anesthesia, because one doesn't need anesthesia.")

Dr. Benjamin: "So you feel like a three martini lunch sometimes after it's over, but the President should not be incapacitated except for the time when he gets some sedation during the procedure, so it's a low-risk procedure.")

Presidential aides insist there's nothing to worry about. We could rouse him easily if we had to, said one. Vice President Bush will go ahead with his plans to be in New England Friday. The President, said Speakes, will be able to discharge his duties. (CBS-lead)

ABC's Peter Jennings: President Reagan is going to be having some surgery on Friday. Doctors at the Bethesda Naval Hospital will remove a polyp from the President's colon. The doctors say the polyp, discovered back in March, is nothing serious, but while Mr. Reagan is there, they will examine his entire intestinal tract to see if there are any more. (ABC-3)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: The White House announced today that President Reagan will check into the Bethesda Naval Hospital on Friday to have a small benign polyp, a growth, removed from his colon. Presidential aides say there's nothing to worry about.

PRESIDENT REAGAN (continued)

NBC's Andrea Mitchell: (TV Coverage: President at White House luncheon.)

Aides said that the President isn't the least bit nervous about having the small growth removed.

(TV Coverage: President and Mrs. Reagan arriving on South Lawn March 8, 1985. President gives "thumbs up" sign to reporters.)

The polyp, discovered during a physical examination last March, was similar to one found a year earlier. But in March, doctors also said that the President's lower intestine was inflamed, and that there was blood in his feces. Today, Larry Speakes said that recent tests have shown no blood. The earlier tests were a false alarm. And specialists say that the President's condition is very common in older people.

(Dr. John O'Connor: "The older population are the people in whom we see polyps and we normally remove them.")

But doctors will also use equipment like this to examine the rest of the President's large intestine, a procedure that has a 1-2% chance of causing serious complications.

(Dr. O'Connor: "The most serious complications from this are either bleeding or perforation, in which a hole is put into the bowel.")

(TV Coverage: President at White House luncheon with Vice President Bush.)

Even if everything goes smoothly, Mr. Reagan will be heavily sedated for several hours. The White House says there will be no temporary transfer of power to Vice President Bush -- that the President can discharge his duties while under sedation. Doctors say there is an 8% chance that more growths will be found, and Mr. Reagan will have to spend the night in the hospital. But his aides say that the President will not be out of commission -- no more so, they say, than if he were at the dentist. (NBC-3)

BUDGET

Rather: The federal budget stalemate tonight took yet another turn -- straight into Alice in Wonderland. President Reagan and congressional leaders met again today after they disagreed about whether they agreed last night that there would be no freeze on COLAs for Social Security recipients next year. After this latest meeting, all sides agreed there was no agreement, there was only what Wright called a framework. (CBS-2)

Jennings: It does appear now as if President Reagan and the budget-writers on Capitol Hill have managed to break their deadlock. The compromise is essentially this: Social Security benefits will be allowed to rise, defense spending will be limited for now. A White House meeting today produced what both sides are calling a framework for a new federal budget.

ABC's Sam Donaldson: After a 75-minute meeting with the President, congressional budget-conferees said they'd made no budget deal, but had agreed on a framework that might produce one. (Sen. Domenici: "There's a framework discussed in terms of a starting point.") (...continued)

BUDGET (continued)

Donaldson's report continues: (Rep. Gray: "A framework wherein three out of four items in that framework represent a major change in the President's position.")

Actually, both sides did some changing. The President and Senate agreed to give up the idea of freezing COLAs next year -- for Social Security or any other government program. The President and Senate agreed to take the House's lower outlay figure for actual defense spending next year. But the House agreed to accept the Senate's higher authorization figure for future defense spending. Both sides agreed to look for additional domestic budget cuts, needed to stay on target for a \$50B-plus deficit-reduction for next year. And all sides agreed with the President that no new taxes will be included. Everyone stressed that this framework might not produce a budget deal, and the Senate Budget Committee Chairman seemed to be betting it wouldn't --

(Sen. Domenici: "I wouldn't think at this point that the chances are overwhelming that we can come up with one, but surely I won't give up.")

Such poor-mouthing of the chances didn't worry the old hands.

(Rep. Michel: "Well, you know, I'm a guy who likes -- I've heard all the story, I've heard all the posturing, I've heard all the statements -- I'm ready for action. I could lay that baby down there for them and -- I'd say this is what you're going to end up doing, why don't you just do it right now. -- But, you know -- ")

Oh, well. Posturing or not, the Committee meets again tomorrow with the House prepared to offer a new package of \$58M worth of cuts -- as everyone works hard to lay that budget down before the August vacation.
(ABC-2)

Brokaw: President Reagan has been threatening to freeze for one year the COLAs, but now he has backed down. That has angered a lot of Republican Senators.

NBC's Chris Wallace: The President and congressional negotiators today set the basic guidelines for a budget compromise. But both Republicans and Democrats still express serious reservations.

(Sen. Domenici: "We leave here today without matters resolved but committed to go and try.")

They will try, based on this framework: No new taxes. The full inflation adjustment for Social Security and other retirement programs. A defense compromise, with a spending freeze the Democrats sought for next year, and the bigger increases the President wants in future years. And more cuts in domestic spending. The Democrats, clearly feeling they've won on Social Security, and given up little on defense, tried to lock the President into this deal.

(Rep. Wright: "It's a good, reasonable agreement. We didn't get everything we want. The President doesn't get everything he wants. That's the form of government we have.")

But Senate Republicans, obviously upset that the President pushed them to freeze Social Security and then gave into the Democrats, were not committing to the new framework.
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BUDGET (continued)

Wallace's report continues: (Sen. Domenici: "We left there, at least on the Senate side, with a willingness to go try that, but a great deal of skepticism as to whether or not it would yield the kind of deficit-reduction package that the Senators on the conference would support.")

There are still major obstacles. The Republicans are demanding that the Democrats come up with another \$6-8B in domestic spending cuts. The Democrats are talking about \$1½B. House Speaker O'Neill says some Democrats may oppose those long-term defense increases.

(Speaker O'Neill: "One of the pitfalls remain -- I don't know if I can sell the military package that they're proposing to some of the liberals in my own party.")

One thing both sides agree on is that if there is no budget, and deficits remain high, it will be very damaging to the economy.

There's a wide-spread feeling in Washington that in the end, the fear of being blamed for causing that damage may drive all parties to make a deal. (NBC-2)

JOINT CHIEFS

Brokaw: President Reagan announced his new choice for the new chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff today. He is Adm. William Crowe, a former submarine commander who is now Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Pacific Command. Crowe will replace Gen. John Vessey, who is retiring. (NBC-4)

DESIGNER DRUGS

Rather: Attorney General Meese today proposed a ban on producing or dealing so-called designer drugs -- drugs created by underground chemists that are just as mind-bending, addictive or dangerous as the real ones, but not now against the law. A proposed new law would make dealing in designer drugs punishable by up to 15 years in jail and \$250,000 fine. As matters now stand, federal officials can only ban designer drugs on an emergency basis, one-by-one.

(CBS-5, ABC-13)

GUN CONTROL

Rather: The gun lobby said today it could draw a blank in the House after winning a big one last night in the Senate. The Senate voted overwhelmingly to allow interstate sales of hand guns. It is the first major change in federal gun control since 1968, but the bill faces heavy House opposition. (CBS-3)

MARINES

CBS's Eric Engberg reports that terrorism has killed a tradition -- the supershort haircuts of Marine guards assigned to U.S. Embassies abroad have been banned as too dangerous for the world today. The Embassy guards got new grooming orders from up top -- they must move away from any extreme that makes it easier to target our men. The haircuts, too easy for terrorists to spot, even when the Marines were in civilian clothes, had to go. (CBS-11)

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EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

DAVID STOCKMAN

Well Done, David Stockman -- "David Stockman's career as Ronald Reagan's budget director was most notable not for the clear-cutting he tried to do in the federal forest, but for a kind of intellectual and moral integrity that is rarely found in national public life, and that any administration would be lucky to have....We have often taken issue with Mr. Stockman. But we have deep respect for the manner in which he has served the president. He'll be missed."
(Washington Post, 7/10)

David Stockman: Solo Odyssey -- "No doubt glittering prizes await him in the private sector and we can expect him to return to politics as soon as his bank balance permits. When he does, it must be as his own man and not as somebody else's house economic expert. Stockman has many virtues but he is not a team player."
(New York Post, 7/10)

Stockman the Soldier -- "Stockman has been bold, witty, brash, glib, sometimes brilliant and most of the time very loyal to his President. The Times has disagreed with his specific budget proposals more often than not. But there is no question about his value to the Administration as the point man for the President's quest of a smaller federal establishment. Stockman is leaving official Washington after 4½ years as budget director and two terms in the U.S. House from Michigan's 4th District. And still he is only 38 years old. It would not be surprising if Stockman is called on to serve under another administration at some future time. No doubt, like the good soldier, he would heed the call."
(Los Angeles Times, 7/10)

REAGAN/GORBACHEV SUMMIT

It Is a Risk For Both Sides, But One Well Worth Taking -- "Reagan's meeting is a wonderful photo opportunity, for a man who can capitalize on photo opportunities to the hilt. We hope urgently that the president recognizes that the longer term possibilities -- and risks -- are also there, and that he can use this meeting and others to find areas where there can be mutual accommodation and where our interests can be protected."
(Detroit Free Press, 7/4)

Welcome Summit -- "The unlikelihood of achieving a major break-through in Soviet-American relations should not deter (Reagan) from exploiting this opportunity to meet Mr. Gorbachev and lay the groundwork for more-regular meetings. To talk and fail is no sin; to fail to talk would be unpardonable."
(Miami Herald, 7/7)

Come Into My Parlor -- "For his part, Mr. Reagan should ask himself what benefits the United States has derived from previous summits. The answer is none....Can we expect better this time? Do not depend on it. When Soviet soldiers murdered an American officer, this made Mr. Reagan eager to chat with the man responsible. He has yet to respond to the murder of two Americans during the Tehran hijacking six months ago, to last month's murder of a Navy diver in Lebanon. Does his response to the shooting down of KAL Flight 007 or Soviet violations of Salt II impress anyone as the work of a resolute leader."
(Washington Times, 7/10)

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AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

War on Terror: Hit the 'Outlaws' -- "In his speech to the American Bar Association, President Reagan hammered home the point that nations, not maverick bands of violent malcontents, bear the primary responsibility for the scourge of international terrorism....A speech isn't a policy. The next step should be an agreement between the U.S. and its allies -- acting alone is futile -- to take concrete steps. For example, no planes coming from any of the outlaw states should be permitted to land anywhere in the U.S., Western Europe, Japan or other democratic countries. Other sanctions, diplomatic and economic, but not excluding military reprisals, should be carried out. The Free World needs to free itself of the ever-present gun to its head." (New York Daily News, 7/10)

Under Reagan's Bluster, an Aura of Weakness and Fear -- "It's bad enough to hear the leader of the free world suggest that some lawyers hold a convention because his country has, by his own account, been attacked in war. It's worse still when he utters yet more empty bluster about a retaliation that is plainly not going to happen. That really is the language of weakness and fear." (New York Post, 7/9)

Syria is Missing -- "Orating before an American Bar Association gathering, President Reagan Monday named Iran, Libya, North Korea, Cuba, and Nicaragua as comprising an international 'Murder Inc.' Perhaps in deference to the well-known lawyer's knack for omission, the President left off one of the big terrorist nations -- Syria. He should put Syria back on the list, up near the top where it belongs....The President should speak the whole truth, nothing but the truth, or put a lid on it." (Washington Times, 7/10)

Misfits and Looney Tunes in a Cartoon World... -- "Artful diplomacy alone will not erase terrorism from the planet. But the kind of black-and-white, B-grade-movie foreign policy Mr. Reagan outlined to the ABA is sure not only to fan bloodlust, but to narrow U.S. options in the process. It paints Uncle Sam into a dangerous corner. It is out of touch with reality." (Philadelphia Inquirer, 7/10)

Toward an Effective Response -- "Mr. Reagan's language probably signals a victory for Patrick J. Buchanan, the White House's tough talking communications director, rather than those advisors who steered the President on a restrained course through the Beirut crisis....The speech may have been useful to the President as a means of letting off steam, and of placating Americans who wished Mr. Reagan had retaliated in Lebanon when the TWA plane was hijacked. But its tone has unwelcome implications." (Hartford Courant, 7/10)

Terrorism -- "Terrorists often claim that only through violence will their grievances be addressed. That is not so. Diplomatic and international channels exist for a peaceable working out of legitimate grievances. One way to blunt terrorism in the long run is to address fundamental inequities, of which the world has many, at an early stage and in a peaceable manner....Nations named by President Reagan which wish to refute his accusations could begin by participating in such efforts." (Christian Science Monitor, 7/10)



News Summary

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TODAY'S HEADLINES

NATIONAL NEWS

Conferees Agree to 'Framework' on Budget -- Congressional budget negotiators are in accord on a framework for cutting the deficit that would allow Social Security increases, but now face the harder task of finding spending cuts. (UPI, AP, Reuter, Washington Post)

Regan Lists Top Candidates for Stockman's Job -- Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige and former Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis are the top candidates to succeed Budget Director David Stockman, according to White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan. (AP, UPI)

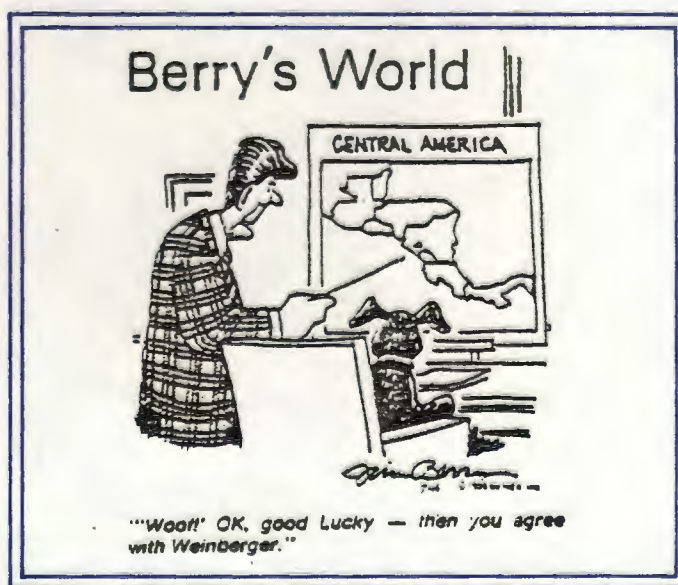
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

West Joins ASEAN Call for Vietnamese Withdrawal -- The United States, other Western countries and Japan joined their Southeast Asian allies in calling on Vietnam to withdraw its troops from Cambodia and settle the six-year-old problem through negotiations. (Reuter, Washington Post, Washington Times)

NETWORK NEWS (Wednesday Evening)

PRESIDENT REAGAN -- President Reagan will undergo surgery Friday to have a growth removed from his colon -- a polyp, which the White House says is benign.

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NATIONAL NEWS

REAGAN, HILL SET BUDGET GOAL

Congressional budget negotiators agreed with President Reagan to try to produce a deficit-reduction plan that would allow defense spending to rise with inflation, provide full Social Security cost-of-living increases and rule out a tax increase.

While it appeared to have broken the budget impasse, the accord on a budget "framework" stopped short of resolving major differences over domestic spending, which must be ironed out before a fiscal 1986 budget and deficit-control package can be approved.

(Helen Dewar and Lou Cannon, Washington Post, A1)

The fragile compromise was announced by both Administration and congressional officials after a rare hour-and-a-half bargaining session at the White House among the President, congressional leaders and 25 House and Senate budget negotiators.

Participants said the informal pact, which they said Reagan had repeatedly characterized as a "framework," could break the deadlock on the 1986 budget.

(Tom Raum, AP)

Conferees Agree to 'Framework' on Budget

Senate Budget Committee Chairman Domenici said Reagan and the conferees agreed during an occasionally testy 75-minute meeting to a reinstatement of all pension increases, minor changes in military spending, no new taxes and a redoubled effort to find other, unspecified savings.

(Elaine Povich, UPI)

DOMENICI SKEPTICAL ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR BUDGET COMPROMISE

Congressional negotiators are trying to piece together a budget plan that achieves at least \$50 billion in savings next year and still fits a delicate framework worked out with President Reagan that prohibits tax increases and Social Security benefit cuts.

"The task is very difficult and I wouldn't like to speculate as to the chances....We'll work at it as diligently as we can within that framework," said Sen. Domenici, chairman of the Senate Budget Committee.

(Cliff Haas, AP)

EMERGING OUTLINE OF '86 BUDGET GETS VARIED REACTIONS

White House officials and congressional budget negotiators agreed that a framework was emerging on a 1986 budget compromise, but they provided varied assessments on whether it could yield a House-Senate agreement.

Optimism was voiced by some leaders from both parties, who said an understanding had been reached resolving an impasse over Senate and House proposals for military spending and Social Security benefits in the fiscal year 1986.

(Gerald Boyd, New York Times, A1)

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FUNDING CUTS MAY DOOM 5 PROPOSED ARMY DIVISIONS

An internal Defense Department memorandum recommends that the Army cancel its prized plan to build five light-infantry divisions to help offset some of a projected \$250 billion congressional cut in defense budgets over the next five years, defense officials said.

Army leaders are mobilizing for the kind of budget battle likely to be fought within each of the armed services as they are forced to cut back plans they developed when President Reagan's rearmament program had overwhelming political support. (George Wilson, Washington Post, A1)

While Secretary Weinberger has not yet confronted the proposed deletion, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Wickham "went ballistic when he heard about the recommendation," a Pentagon official said.

"We've dug in our heels and we're going to win," one Army leader told the Post. (UPI)

PACKWOOD MAKES NEW THREAT ON REAGAN TAX REFORM PLAN

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Packwood, at best a reluctant tax reform supporter, now is threatening to kill President Reagan's plan unless changes are made for a key industry in his state.

Packwood took his latest jab at the President's proposal Wednesday, arguing it unfairly discriminated against the troubled timber industry -- an essential part of Oregon's economy. (Joseph Mianowany, UPI)

NEW OMB CHIEF IS EXPECTED TO GET SHORTER LEASH

David Stockman's departure from the Reagan Administration will end an extraordinary period in which the budget director was the dominant figure in domestic policymaking, White House officials said. They predicted that Stockman's successor will have considerably less independence.

Now, Chief of Staff Regan wants to shift the focus of budget and policy decisions to the White House, bringing them more under his control as the President battles with Congress over politically charged spending issues for the next three years, officials said.

(David Hoffman, Washington Post, A6)

BALDRIGE, LEWIS TOP LIST OF STOCKMAN SUCCESSORS

Secretary Baldrige and former Secretary Drew Lewis top a long list of possible successors to Budget Director Stockman, says White House Chief of Staff Regan.

Baldrige and Lewis, staunch Republicans who have substantial credentials from the business world, have indicated an interest in the key post, Administration officials said. (Helen Thomas, UPI)

Reagan Lists Top Candidates for Stockman's Job

Two other Administration officials are also in the running, Reagan said in an interview with the AP on Wednesday.

Reagan said he wants to have someone in the Cabinet-level job before Stockman leaves Aug. 1, or at least to have a person designated and able to begin work while awaiting Senate confirmation. (Terence Hunt, AP)

PRESIDENT CONSIDERS STANCE ON AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

President Reagan is considering issuing a policy statement on affirmative action to quell a growing dispute between top officials of the Justice and Labor departments over whether the government should play a role in pushing jobs and promotions for women and minorities.

Currently, the Administration has no formal policy on affirmative action, but it has consistently opposed the use of quotas, goals and timetables in hiring women and minorities.

(Juan Williams, Washington Post, A7)

PRESIDENT SCHEDULED FOR INTESTINAL SURGERY

President Reagan plans to enter Bethesda Naval Hospital Friday for removal of a benign growth from his large intestine and for tests to see if other polyps are hidden in his colon, the White House said.

(Christine Russell, Washington Post, A3)

Reagan's Surgery on Friday Advised a Year Ago

President Reagan is following advice offered more than a year ago when doctors first discovered Reagan had a benign polyp.

Leading specialists in the diagnosis and treatment of intestinal growths said then the presence of a non-cancerous polyp indicated there might be others and that Reagan should have further treatment to prevent the development of colon cancer. (Michael Putzel, AP)

Reagan Set for Surgery on Intestine

Larry Speakes said the procedure, known as a polypectomy, best fit into the President's schedule tomorrow. (Washington Times, A3)

AIR FORCE REASSESSSES ANTISATELLITE PROGRAM

The Air Force is reassessing whether its seven-year-old, fighter-launched, antisatellite weapon development program, which has had a continuing series of technical problems, is now obsolete in the face of new space technology.

One Administration source said the study could provide a "graceful way of ending" the controversial \$4 billion, F-15 rocket-launched system and replacing it with more futuristic laser weapon technology.

(Walter Pincus, Washington Post, A13)

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MORE HIGH-PRICED PURCHASES FOUND AT MIRAMAR AIR BASE

The California naval air base that aroused controversy over its purchases of \$659 aircraft ashtrays paid the same defense contractor to fit F-14 fighter planes with a \$529 seat cushion and a \$3,782 valve, according to Navy investigators.

The investigators who examined spare-parts purchases at Miramar Naval Air Station near San Diego concluded that prices were "unreasonable" for half of the items surveyed, according to a Navy report obtained yesterday. (Michael Weisskopf, Washington Post, A15)

AIRLINES CONCERNED ABOUT SECURITY STEPS

Top airline executives met with Secretary Dole to discuss their concerns about Dole's program to strengthen airport and airline security after the recent TWA hijacking and several bombings, industry and government sources said.

Although the airlines have said they support increased security measures, industry officials have complained privately that some measures are too sweeping and were adopted by the department and its Federal Aviation Administration without adequate consultation.

(Douglas Feaver and George Lardner, Washington Post, A18)

'DESIGNER DRUG' BAN URGED

Attorney General Meese said that the Justice Department would propose legislation to ban so-called "designer drugs."

Meese said a proposed amendment to the Controlled Substances Act would call for a 15-year prison sentence and \$250,000 fine for persons convicted of producing or distributing such drugs.

(Mary Thornton, Washington Post, A5)

DEA CHIEF OPPOSES FBI MERGER

The acting head of the Drug Enforcement Administration, John Lawn, said that a complete merger of his agency into the FBI "is not the answer" to the drug epidemic in the United States.

Lawn's statements, which came during a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on the nomination to become DEA administrator, conflict with rumors in recent months of a complete merger within the next two or three years.

(John McCaslin, Washington Times, A3)

JOINT CHIEFS CHANGES ANNOUNCED

The White House announced that President Reagan intends to nominate Adm. Crowe to succeed Gen. Vessey as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, effective Oct. 1.

(Washington Post, A12)

Adm. Crowe is described as a "brilliant" naval officer with high academic credentials, who collects friends through his wit and hats through his friends.

(Walter Andrews, Washington Times, A2)

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EDITOR'S NOTE: "GOP rages over House fund letter" by Thomas Brandt appears on page A2 of The Washington Times.

"Japanese-Car Imports Surge, Suddenly Spark A Buyers' Market Here" by Amal Nag and Julie Bell is on page A1 of The Wall Street Journal.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

SHULTZ OPPOSES MILITARY AID FOR GUERRILLAS IN CAMBODIA

KUALA LUMPUR -- Secretary Shultz rejected the supply of U.S. military aid to the anti-Vietnamese guerrillas in Cambodia, suggesting that lack of constancy in Congress would make such a bold action risky.

Shultz spoke out at a news conference.

(Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A23)

U.S., ASEAN at Odds on Vietnam Initiative

The United States and its Southeast Asian allies appeared to disagree over who should lead the effort against Vietnamese domination of Cambodia, with each wanting the other to do it.

Secretary Shultz, arriving for talks with foreign ministers of ASEAN, told a news conference: "Our disposition is to support the initiatives of ASEAN."

A senior American official traveling with him said: "We are trying to avoid a leadership role." (Washington Times, A8)

West Joins ASEAN Call for Vietnamese Withdrawal

Shultz, who has yet to endorse a new ASEAN peace plan, said it was a question of time before Vietnam buckled under economic pressures.

(Francis Daniel, Reuter)

U.S. EXPEDITING MISSILES FOR PAKISTAN'S DEFENSES

The United States is expediting delivery of Sidewinder and Stinger missiles to Pakistan as part of its effort to bolster defenses there against increasing Soviet and Afghan air incursions, the State Department said.

(David Ottaway, Washington Post, A25)

SENATE VOTES TO LIMIT DEBATE OF S. AFRICA SANCTIONS

The Senate voted overwhelmingly to limit a potential conservative filibuster over legislation imposing sanctions on South Africa, but the bitter talkfest continued amid conflict over how tough the sanctions should be.

The 88-to-8 cloture vote was an indication of wide support for new measures against South Africa's apartheid policy. At the least, the Senate is likely to approve a ban on new U.S. bank loans and nuclear technology exports and curbs on computer sales to the Pretoria regime.

(Joanne Omang, Washington Post, A26)

Debate on South Africa Sanctions Grows Bitter

Senate debate on imposing (the sanctions) is growing deeply personal and bitter over the larger issues of racism and anti-communism.

Sen. Cranston, who just a day earlier had hinted that "racist" motives had prevented the legislation from coming to the Senate floor, ridiculed statements by Sen. Helms that sanctions would throw black South Africans out of work. (E. Michael Myers, UPI)

HOUSE APPROVES ANTI-TERRORISM POWERS FOR REAGAN

President Reagan has won votes in Congress that would expand his power to act against terrorism and would lift a 10-year-old ban against U.S. aid for rebels in Angola.

The House handed Reagan the victories in votes on a \$12.7 billion foreign aid bill for next year. (Jim Adams, Reuter)

MEESE SKIRTS QUERIES ABOUT HIJACK ACTION

Attorney General Meese carefully sidestepped questions about whether the United States is considering a plan to kidnap and prosecute the two Shiite Moslems who hijacked a TWA jet last month and killed a Navy diver on board.

Meese said the Reagan Administration is "pursuing a number of legal avenues" in connection with the hijacking but he would not say what they include. (Mary Thornton and David Ottaway, Washington Post, A18)

Meese Ducks Question About Kidnapping TWA Hijackers

"I don't want to leave you with the impression that we will (consider kidnapping) ... (and) I don't want to leave you with the impression that we won't," Meese told a news conference.

"I want to leave you with the impression that that is not a subject on which I've commented affirmatively or negatively," he said.

(Reuter)

DEFENSE AIDE BLASTS 'SHOOTOUT' REACTION TO HOSTAGE SEIZURE

A senior Pentagon official says the use of force to rescue TWA plane hostages taken by Shiite terrorists last month wasn't an "option."

Noel Koch, principal deputy assistant secretary of Defense for international security affairs, also blasted as unfair criticism of the Administration for not using force during the crisis.

(Tom Diaz, Washington Times, A1)

'EXPELLING U.S.' -- HOW RADICALS WORK IT

A new coordinated radical strategy has been devised to drive the United States out of key regions of the world, according to a recent threat assessment prepared for the CIA.

The architects of the strategy, the study says, include radical Third World states and terrorist groups, with clear support from the Soviet Union.
(Ted Agres, Washington Times, A1)

U.S., NATO BASES CALLED GERMAN TERRORISTS' TARGET

KARLSRUHE, West Germany -- U.S. and NATO military bases and soldiers top the hit list of West Germany's most wanted terrorists in the revolutionary Red Army Faction, the nation's top prosecutor said.

"The security situation regarding the Red Army Faction is as ever tense. It is important that the security arrangements for target figures and target objects should be kept as comprehensive as it is now," said Kurt Rebmann, West Germany's chief terrorist hunter and federal prosecutor.
(Washington Times, A8)

U.S.-CHINA NUCLEAR PACT AWAITS STATE VISIT BY LI

The United States and China have needed their 14-month stalemate over a nuclear cooperation agreement, and officials of both countries say the accord may be ready for signing when Chinese President Li visits Washington later this month.
(Washington Times, A6)

U.S.-SOVIET

Two key senators urged the Soviet Union to submit detailed proposals at the Geneva arms control talks to test the Reagan Administration's willingness to compromise on its "Star Wars" missile defense program.

Sens. Nunn and Stevens both said they think the Administration would agree to curbs on Star Wars.
(R. Gregory Nokes, AP)

SOVIET GENERAL AMPLIFIES OFFER OF 25% ARMS CUT

A senior Soviet general told an American legislator last week that Moscow's offer to reduce strategic nuclear forces by 25 percent or more applied to missile warheads as well as missiles.

The American legislator, Rep. Solarz, said in an interview that this position was stated to him and an aide in Moscow on July 3 by Col. Gen. Nikolai Chervov, arms control chief for the Soviet General Staff.

(Leslie Gelb, New York Times, A1)

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Soviet General Clarifies Arms Cut Proposal, Times Says

This indicates for the first time that the proposal made public by Soviet leader Gorbachev two months ago was intended to cover reductions not just in delivery vehicles but in warheads, the Times said.

(Reuter)

WALTERS

MEXICO CITY -- The U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations will make a one-day visit to Mexico Thursday to discuss multilateral policy, the Mexican Foreign Ministry said.

A ministry statement said Vernon Walters would hold a "working meeting" with Foreign Minister Sepulveda and meet with Mexican President de la Madrid. (UPI)

PARACHUTES BLAMED IN DIVERS' DROWNING

Four Navy SEAL divers who drowned while on a highly secret mission during the 1983 Grenada rescue operation may have become tangled in their parachutes after a night-time jump into heavy seas, an informed source familiar with the operation told The Washington Times.

The source, who spoke on condition he not be named, said a fifth diver from the team was pulled alive from the water, entangled in his parachute. (Tom Diaz, Washington Times, A4)

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NEWS FROM THE STATES

IOWANS WON'T MISS STOCKMAN

DES MOINES, Iowa (UPI) -- Iowans are shedding few tears over the announcement that Budget Director David Stockman is resigning, but some officials who once bitterly denounced him said he was only acting as an agent of President Reagan. Gov. Terry Branstad, who called for Stockman's resignation last January, said Tuesday he is not sorry to see Stockman's departure. "Mr. Stockman has been the number one stumbling block for Iowa farmers in efforts to obtain appropriate farm credit," Branstad said. "His departure presents Iowa with a real opportunity to obtain meaningful action from the federal level to deal with this very important issue....The President has indicated some flexibility and willingness to compromise," Branstad said.

But other foes, while glad to see Stockman go, said he was only a whipping boy for President Reagan. Pete Brent, a spokesman for the liberal farm group Prairiefire, said Stockman's only purpose was to publicly try out what the President was thinking. "Reagan's jokes about farmers tells us where they stand on his agenda." Brent expects no change in Administration farm policies.

Iowa Agriculture Secretary Robert Lounsberry also said Stockman may have been a convenient scapegoat. He said some Iowans privately agreed with Stockman's contentions that farmers borrowed too much.

Iowa Farm Bureau head Dean Kleckner also said a new face will help Iowa agriculture. He argued in the past that Stockman was more powerful in setting agriculture policy than Ag Secretary John Block.

STOCKMAN REPLACEMENT?

ARIZONA (UPI) -- Sen. Dennis DeConcini says he will ask President Reagan to appoint an Arizonan to succeed David Stockman as budget director. DeConcini said Tuesday that Stockman has been "a real thorn in our side in the West, particularly in water projects, so I'll be quite glad to see him go. He was the President's hatchet man, so to that extent I guess he did his job. But he sure was not good for this country, in my opinion." Although DeConcini said he has someone in mind as a replacement for Stockman he did not disclose the person's name. He also acknowledged that, "Being a Democrat, I can't pretend to be close to the situation."

Rep. John McCain said he got along well with Stockman but hopes his successor will be more sympathetic to the West and less vocal on some issues. Rep. Jim Kolbe said he respects and admires Stockman's ability but hopes Reagan will replace him with somebody who is a little smoother in his relations with Congress.

CLEANER AIR

PHOENIX (UPI) -- Republican leaders in the state Legislature say Phelps Dodge Corp. should be given a clean-air waiver for its Douglas smelter. They asked U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz to withdraw an aide's recommendation that Phelps Dodge be denied the waiver while talks continue with Mexico over pollution controls for two smelters along the border.

GRAND JURY MAY MULL PRESIDENTIAL THREAT CASE

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (Linda Warren, UPI) -- Government attorneys say it is likely they will submit to a federal grand jury this week their case against a Vietnam veteran accused of threatening the life of President Reagan over the handling of the hostage crisis. John Edward Olson of Houghton has been jailed without bond in Grand Rapids since his arrest at his home last Tuesday. Olson's attorney informed prosecutors Tuesday of her intent to present an insanity defense and agreed that if Olson is ordered to stand trial after a hearing or is indicted by a grand jury he would agree to undergo psychiatric testing to determine his mental competency. Olson is charged with making verbal threats against the President last Monday and then telephoning FBI agents from the bar to repeat his threats.

ELDERLY AFRAID OF LIVING -- NOT DYING

WASHINGTON (Dana Walker, UPI) -- Representatives of health care agencies and the elderly say the Reagan Administration is putting America's senior citizens in a double bind -- forcing them to leave hospitals early and cutting funds to cover home health care.

"We in Florida have long since lost the fear of dying," Rep. Dan Mica, D-Fla., said Tuesday during a hearing of the House Committee on Aging. "We're afraid of living -- and having to pay" the high cost of medical services.

Florida Gov. Robert Graham and representatives of physicians and home care agencies cited case after case in which elderly patients were discharged from the hospital under new prepayment schedule rules and then denied home health care. Many, they said, later died.

Rep. Mary Rose Oakar, D-Ohio, called the latest Medicare cutbacks "about the most ignorant idea I've ever heard of" and "tremendously counterproductive."

But Rep. George Gekas, R-Pa., defended the Administration. "The Administration, faced with deficits...is not interested in eliminating home care, but rather to put it in a different context," he said.

'LIVE AID' EXPECTED TO DRAW RECORD VIEWING AUDIENCE, RAISE MILLIONS

PHILADELPHIA (Frank Spotnitz, UPI) -- The Live Aid rock concerts in London and Philadelphia this Saturday could raise \$50 million for African famine relief in a single day, while at the same time attracting one of the largest television audiences in history. Some of the top acts in rock music will appear during the shows. The entire concert, scheduled to start at 7 a.m. EDT in London's Wembley Stadium and end at 11 p.m. at JFK Stadium in Philadelphia, will be carried live on MTV, the cable music station. Concert highlights will be broadcast on ABC-TV from 8 to 11 p.m. EDT.

Concert audiences will not see famine pictures from Ethiopia or the Sudan, but hourly "inspirational messages" from the likes of Jimmy Carter, Bishop Desmond Tutu, Carl Sagan, Geraldine Ferraro and others will urge people to make donations. There also may be taped messages from President Reagan, Pope John Paul II and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

REAGAN PLANS EARLY FORAY FOR DURRETTE

RICHMOND, Va. (Jeff Schapiro, UPI) -- President Reagan, making an unusually early foray into the Virginia governor's race, is expected to campaign in Richmond later this month for Republican Wyatt Durrette. Durrette said the Presidential visit was not a sign that his candidacy was in trouble and was aimed at raising money and inspiring campaign workers. Durrette, a longtime Reagan supporter who was even with Democratic rival Gerald Baliles in a poll last month, said the President was expected to stump again in Virginia shortly before the election. Several dates were under consideration, but Republicans said Reagan was tentatively set to visit Richmond July 30. The trip would apparently include a visit to the Boy Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill as well as a pitch for federal tax reform and an appearance at a Durrette fund-raising reception. There was no official comment from the White House. The Baliles camp was surprised by word of the visit.

TEXANS TO DEBATE

TYLER, Texas (UPI) -- The two 1st District congressional candidates, Democrat Jim Chapman and Republican Edd Hargett, have asked their campaign aides to work out a format for a debate, the Tyler Morning Telegraph reports. Hargett has received heavy support from the national Republican Party including campaign appearances on his behalf by Vice President George Bush and Sen. Phil Gramm. Chapman, who calls himself a "conservative Democrat," said the voters deserve to know the candidate's position on the issues, particularly Social Security and Medicare, President Reagan's tax plan and tax fairness, and jobs, and accused Hargett of supporting Reagan Administration policies that hurt Texas. "The (Reagan) Administration is for free trade and it's because of free trade that 3,000 jobs were lost at Lone Star Steel," Chapman said. If he is elected, he will ask that either all restrictive trade barriers favoring foreign governments be dropped or that the United States will let "all the Hondas pile up on the docks in Houston," he said.

ANGELL RECOMMENDED FOR FED BOARD

TOPEKA, Kan. (UPI) -- Citing the need for someone with agricultural experience to run the Federal Reserve System, Kansas' Senate delegation Wednesday recommended Wayne D. Angell of Ottawa, to a vacancy on the Fed's board of governors. Sen. Robert Dole said he is urging President Reagan to nominate Angell, the director of the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank, to fill the unexpired term of Governor Lyle E. Gramley beginning Sept. 1. Dole said the action also is being endorsed by Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, who defeated Angell in the 1978 GOP Senate primary. Dole aide Mike Pettit said Gramley resigned recently in the middle of his 14-year term, which expires in 1994.

"(Angell's) credentials are impeccable, but it is his agricultural background which merits special attention," Dole and Kassebaum said in a letter to the White House. "In our view, it is especially important that the architects of our national monetary policy thoroughly understand the financial problems currently being experienced" by farmers.

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY

(Wednesday Evening, July 10, 1985)

PRESIDENT REAGAN

CBS's Dan Rather: President Reagan will be hospitalized Friday. He will be given a painkiller and sedative while doctors remove a growth from his colon. Spokesmen for the President insist the growth is not cancerous, but doctors say that it could turn cancerous if it stays. The President does not plan to turn the powers of office over to Vice President Bush while sedated.

CBS's Bill Plante: President Reagan will undergo surgery Friday to have a growth removed from his colon -- a polyp, which the White House says is benign, discovered during his physical in March. Doctors at Bethesda Naval Hospital will also examine Mr. Reagan's large intestine for any other polyps, as shown in this videotape of a similar procedure. They'll use an instrument which enables them to look at the inside of the intestinal wall and remove the small fleshy growths, which can become cancerous if left alone. Larry Speakes says both procedures will take less than an hour, but that the President will stay at the hospital overnight. Speakes says the timing of the operation is strictly a matter of convenience. Physicians familiar with both the President and the procedure describe it as routine. (Dr. Stanley Benjamin: "It's a very -- quite a simple procedure, and I think the interest is related to the fact that it is the President.") The President will be given Valium and a painkiller, but won't be unconscious.

(Dr. Ken Forde: "It's most commonly done with mild sedation, not actual anesthesia, because one doesn't need anesthesia.")

Dr. Benjamin: "So you feel like a three martini lunch sometimes after it's over, but the President should not be incapacitated except for the time when he gets some sedation during the procedure, so it's a low-risk procedure.")

Presidential aides insist there's nothing to worry about. We could rouse him easily if we had to, said one. Vice President Bush will go ahead with his plans to be in New England Friday. The President, said Speakes, will be able to discharge his duties. (CBS-lead)

ABC's Peter Jennings: President Reagan is going to be having some surgery on Friday. Doctors at the Bethesda Naval Hospital will remove a polyp from the President's colon. The doctors say the polyp, discovered back in March, is nothing serious, but while Mr. Reagan is there, they will examine his entire intestinal tract to see if there are any more. (ABC-3)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: The White House announced today that President Reagan will check into the Bethesda Naval Hospital on Friday to have a small benign polyp, a growth, removed from his colon. Presidential aides say there's nothing to worry about.

PRESIDENT REAGAN (continued)

NBC's Andrea Mitchell: (TV Coverage: President at White House luncheon.)

Aides said that the President isn't the least bit nervous about having the small growth removed.

(TV Coverage: President and Mrs. Reagan arriving on South Lawn March 8, 1985. President gives "thumbs up" sign to reporters.)

The polyp, discovered during a physical examination last March, was similar to one found a year earlier. But in March, doctors also said that the President's lower intestine was inflamed, and that there was blood in his feces. Today, Larry Speakes said that recent tests have shown no blood. The earlier tests were a false alarm. And specialists say that the President's condition is very common in older people.

(Dr. John O'Connor: "The older population are the people in whom we see polyps and we normally remove them.")

But doctors will also use equipment like this to examine the rest of the President's large intestine, a procedure that has a 1-2% chance of causing serious complications.

(Dr. O'Connor: "The most serious complications from this are either bleeding or perforation, in which a hole is put into the bowel.")

(TV Coverage: President at White House luncheon with Vice President Bush.)

Even if everything goes smoothly, Mr. Reagan will be heavily sedated for several hours. The White House says there will be no temporary transfer of power to Vice President Bush -- that the President can discharge his duties while under sedation. Doctors say there is an 8% chance that more growths will be found, and Mr. Reagan will have to spend the night in the hospital. But his aides say that the President will not be out of commission -- no more so, they say, than if he were at the dentist. (NBC-3)

BUDGET

Rather: The federal budget stalemate tonight took yet another turn -- straight into Alice in Wonderland. President Reagan and congressional leaders met again today after they disagreed about whether they agreed last night that there would be no freeze on COLAs for Social Security recipients next year. After this latest meeting, all sides agreed there was no agreement, there was only what Wright called a framework. (CBS-2)

Jennings: It does appear now as if President Reagan and the budget-writers on Capitol Hill have managed to break their deadlock. The compromise is essentially this: Social Security benefits will be allowed to rise, defense spending will be limited for now. A White House meeting today produced what both sides are calling a framework for a new federal budget.

ABC's Sam Donaldson: After a 75-minute meeting with the President, congressional budget-conferees said they'd made no budget deal, but had agreed on a framework that might produce one. (Sen. Domenici: "There's a framework discussed in terms of a starting point.") (...continued)

BUDGET (continued)

Donaldson's report continues: (Rep. Gray: "A framework wherein three out of four items in that framework represent a major change in the President's position.")

Actually, both sides did some changing. The President and Senate agreed to give up the idea of freezing COLAs next year -- for Social Security or any other government program. The President and Senate agreed to take the House's lower outlay figure for actual defense spending next year. But the House agreed to accept the Senate's higher authorization figure for future defense spending. Both sides agreed to look for additional domestic budget cuts, needed to stay on target for a \$50B-plus deficit-reduction for next year. And all sides agreed with the President that no new taxes will be included. Everyone stressed that this framework might not produce a budget deal, and the Senate Budget Committee Chairman seemed to be betting it wouldn't --

(Sen. Domenici: "I wouldn't think at this point that the chances are overwhelming that we can come up with one, but surely I won't give up.")

Such poor-mouthing of the chances didn't worry the old hands.

(Rep. Michel: "Well, you know, I'm a guy who likes -- I've heard all the story, I've heard all the posturing, I've heard all the statements -- I'm ready for action. I could lay that baby down there for them and -- I'd say this is what you're going to end up doing, why don't you just do it right now. -- But, you know -- ")

Oh, well. Posturing or not, the Committee meets again tomorrow with the House prepared to offer a new package of \$58M worth of cuts -- as everyone works hard to lay that budget down before the August vacation. (ABC-2)

Brokaw: President Reagan has been threatening to freeze for one year the COLAs, but now he has backed down. That has angered a lot of Republican Senators.

NBC's Chris Wallace: The President and congressional negotiators today set the basic guidelines for a budget compromise. But both Republicans and Democrats still express serious reservations.

(Sen. Domenici: "We leave here today without matters resolved but committed to go and try.")

They will try, based on this framework: No new taxes. The full inflation adjustment for Social Security and other retirement programs. A defense compromise, with a spending freeze the Democrats sought for next year, and the bigger increases the President wants in future years. And more cuts in domestic spending. The Democrats, clearly feeling they've won on Social Security, and given up little on defense, tried to lock the President into this deal.

(Rep. Wright: "It's a good, reasonable agreement. We didn't get everything we want. The President doesn't get everything he wants. That's the form of government we have.")

But Senate Republicans, obviously upset that the President pushed them to freeze Social Security and then gave into the Democrats, were not committing to the new framework. (...continued)

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BUDGET (continued)

Wallace's report continues: (Sen. Domenici: "We left there, at least on the Senate side, with a willingness to go try that, but a great deal of skepticism as to whether or not it would yield the kind of deficit-reduction package that the Senators on the conference would support.")

There are still major obstacles. The Republicans are demanding that the Democrats come up with another \$6-8B in domestic spending cuts. The Democrats are talking about \$1½B. House Speaker O'Neill says some Democrats may oppose those long-term defense increases.

(Speaker O'Neill: "One of the pitfalls remain -- I don't know if I can sell the military package that they're proposing to some of the liberals in my own party.")

One thing both sides agree on is that if there is no budget, and deficits remain high, it will be very damaging to the economy.

There's a wide-spread feeling in Washington that in the end, the fear of being blamed for causing that damage may drive all parties to make a deal. (NBC-2)

JOINT CHIEFS

Brokaw: President Reagan announced his new choice for the new chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff today. He is Adm. William Crowe, a former submarine commander who is now Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Pacific Command. Crowe will replace Gen. John Vessey, who is retiring. (NBC-4)

DESIGNER DRUGS

Rather: Attorney General Meese today proposed a ban on producing or dealing so-called designer drugs -- drugs created by underground chemists that are just as mind-bending, addictive or dangerous as the real ones, but not now against the law. A proposed new law would make dealing in designer drugs punishable by up to 15 years in jail and \$250,000 fine. As matters now stand, federal officials can only ban designer drugs on an emergency basis, one-by-one.

(CBS-5, ABC-13)

GUN CONTROL

Rather: The gun lobby said today it could draw a blank in the House after winning a big one last night in the Senate. The Senate voted overwhelmingly to allow interstate sales of hand guns. It is the first major change in federal gun control since 1968, but the bill faces heavy House opposition. (CBS-3)

MARINES

CBS's Eric Engberg reports that terrorism has killed a tradition -- the supershort haircuts of Marine guards assigned to U.S. Embassies abroad have been banned as too dangerous for the world today. The Embassy guards got new grooming orders from up top -- they must move away from any extreme that makes it easier to target our men. The haircuts, too easy for terrorists to spot, even when the Marines were in civilian clothes, had to go. (CBS-11)

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EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

DAVID STOCKMAN

Well Done, David Stockman -- "David Stockman's career as Ronald Reagan's budget director was most notable not for the clear-cutting he tried to do in the federal forest, but for a kind of intellectual and moral integrity that is rarely found in national public life, and that any administration would be lucky to have....We have often taken issue with Mr. Stockman. But we have deep respect for the manner in which he has served the president. He'll be missed." (Washington Post, 7/10)

David Stockman: Solo Odyssey -- "No doubt glittering prizes await him in the private sector and we can expect him to return to politics as soon as his bank balance permits. When he does, it must be as his own man and not as somebody else's house economic expert. Stockman has many virtues but he is not a team player." (New York Post, 7/10)

Stockman the Soldier -- "Stockman has been bold, witty, brash, glib, sometimes brilliant and most of the time very loyal to his President. The Times has disagreed with his specific budget proposals more often than not. But there is no question about his value to the Administration as the point man for the President's quest of a smaller federal establishment. Stockman is leaving official Washington after 4½ years as budget director and two terms in the U.S. House from Michigan's 4th District. And still he is only 38 years old. It would not be surprising if Stockman is called on to serve under another administration at some future time. No doubt, like the good soldier, he would heed the call." (Los Angeles Times, 7/10)

REAGAN/GORBACHEV SUMMIT

It Is a Risk For Both Sides, But One Well Worth Taking -- "Reagan's meeting is a wonderful photo opportunity, for a man who can capitalize on photo opportunities to the hilt. We hope urgently that the president recognizes that the longer term possibilities -- and risks -- are also there, and that he can use this meeting and others to find areas where there can be mutual accommodation and where our interests can be protected." (Detroit Free Press, 7/4)

Welcome Summit -- "The unlikelihood of achieving a major break-through in Soviet-American relations should not deter (Reagan) from exploiting this opportunity to meet Mr. Gorbachev and lay the groundwork for more-regular meetings. To talk and fail is no sin; to fail to talk would be unpardonable." (Miami Herald, 7/7)

Come Into My Parlor -- "For his part, Mr. Reagan should ask himself what benefits the United States has derived from previous summits. The answer is none....Can we expect better this time? Do not depend on it. When Soviet soldiers murdered an American officer, this made Mr. Reagan eager to chat with the man responsible. He has yet to respond to the murder of two Americans during the Tehran hijacking six months ago, to last month's murder of a Navy diver in Lebanon. Does his response to the shooting down of KAL Flight 007 or Soviet violations of Salt II impress anyone as the work of a resolute leader." (Washington Times, 7/10)

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AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

War on Terror: Hit the 'Outlaws' -- "In his speech to the American Bar Association, President Reagan hammered home the point that nations, not maverick bands of violent malcontents, bear the primary responsibility for the scourge of international terrorism....A speech isn't a policy. The next step should be an agreement between the U.S. and its allies -- acting alone is futile -- to take concrete steps. For example, no planes coming from any of the outlaw states should be permitted to land anywhere in the U.S., Western Europe, Japan or other democratic countries. Other sanctions, diplomatic and economic, but not excluding military reprisals, should be carried out. The Free World needs to free itself of the ever-present gun to its head." (New York Daily News, 7/10)

Under Reagan's Bluster, an Aura of Weakness and Fear -- "It's bad enough to hear the leader of the free world suggest that some lawyers hold a convention because his country has, by his own account, been attacked in war. It's worse still when he utters yet more empty bluster about a retaliation that is plainly not going to happen. That really is the language of weakness and fear." (New York Post, 7/9)

Syria is Missing -- "Orating before an American Bar Association gathering, President Reagan Monday named Iran, Libya, North Korea, Cuba, and Nicaragua as comprising an international 'Murder Inc.' Perhaps in deference to the well-known lawyer's knack for omission, the President left off one of the big terrorist nations -- Syria. He should put Syria back on the list, up near the top where it belongs....The President should speak the whole truth, nothing but the truth, or put a lid on it." (Washington Times, 7/10)

Misfits and Looney Tunes in a Cartoon World... -- "Artful diplomacy alone will not erase terrorism from the planet. But the kind of black-and-white, B-grade-movie foreign policy Mr. Reagan outlined to the ABA is sure not only to fan bloodlust, but to narrow U.S. options in the process. It paints Uncle Sam into a dangerous corner. It is out of touch with reality." (Philadelphia Inquirer, 7/10)

Toward an Effective Response -- "Mr. Reagan's language probably signals a victory for Patrick J. Buchanan, the White House's tough talking communications director, rather than those advisors who steered the President on a restrained course through the Beirut crisis....The speech may have been useful to the President as a means of letting off steam, and of placating Americans who wished Mr. Reagan had retaliated in Lebanon when the TWA plane was hijacked. But its tone has unwelcome implications." (Hartford Courant, 7/10)

Terrorism -- "Terrorists often claim that only through violence will their grievances be addressed. That is not so. Diplomatic and international channels exist for a peaceable working out of legitimate grievances. One way to blunt terrorism in the long run is to address fundamental inequities, of which the world has many, at an early stage and in a peaceable manner....Nations named by President Reagan which wish to refute his accusations could begin by participating in such efforts." (Christian Science Monitor, 7/10)