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TODAY'S HEADLINES

NATIONAL NEWS

President Is Achieving 'Spectacular Recovery' -- President Reagan is making what his doctors call a "spectacular" recovery from his abdominal surgery and is awaiting a report this afternoon from pathologists at Bethesda Naval Hospital on whether the polyp removed from his colon was malignant. (Washington Times, Washington Post, New York Times, AP, UPI)

Reagan Surgery Hot Copy for World Press -- President Reagan's intestinal surgery was hot copy for most of the world's press, with front pages devoted to details of the operation and commentaries on his age.
(UPI, Washington Post)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

4,000 Women Batten for Debate in Nairobi -- Delegates representing the women of 169 countries begin debate today on how to make the world a better place for the women of the world.
(Washington Times, Washington Post, AP)

NETWORK NEWS (Sunday Evening)

PRESIDENT'S SURGERY --
President Reagan says he feels fit as a fiddle, was on his feet and read from a Western novel.
(All Nets Lead)

ABORTION -- A survey by pro-choice group has found that members of Congress who oppose abortion also generally vote against programs that would help lower-income parents raise children.

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NATIONAL NEWS

PRESIDENT, RECOVERING WELL, FACES WEEKS OF LIGHT DUTY

President Reagan is on a "spectacular" post-operative course following intestinal surgery at the Bethesda Naval Hospital, his chief surgeon said. But senior White House officials said Reagan would be on a reduced schedule and a light workload for weeks.

(David Hoffman, Washington Post, A1)

Described as upbeat and optimistic by Larry Speakes, Reagan told his top aides Sunday, "I'm amazed at how good I feel" -- less than 12 hours after the unexpected operation in which the large growth and about 2 feet of his intestine were removed.

(Helen Thomas, UPI)

President Is Achieving 'Spectacular Recovery'

Speakes described the President's vital signs as "good," although his temperature was slightly above normal. He said a slight temperature is typical in post-operative recovery and no signs of infection were present.

(Jeremiah O'Leary and Mary Belcher, Washington Times, A1)

President Reagan, Awaiting Cancer Report, Described as 'Upbeat'

The White House spokesman said Reagan was "very comfortable," walked around his room briefly and sat in a chair for about 45 minutes reading a western novel -- Louis L'Amour's "Jubal Sackett" -- during his first day after the operation.

(W. Dale Nelson, AP)

Reagan Reported Recovering Well; Plans Light Work

White House officials said that Mr. Reagan's schedule would mainly include briefings and selected meetings throughout the 7 to 10 days he is to remain in the hospital. The workload is also to be curtailed during the seven to eight weeks that doctors have estimated would be needed for the recovery, White House officials said.

(Gerald Boyd, New York Times, A1)

REAGAN'S PROGNOSIS UNCERTAIN UNTIL RELEASE OF TEST RESULTS

President Reagan's doctors described his recovery from surgery in rosy terms, but the President's long-term prognosis will not be certain until doctors release the results of tests to determine whether the tumor they removed was malignant.

Those results were expected to be released today, according to Larry Speakes.

(Boyce Rensberger, Washington Post, A7)

Microscopic Examination Has Enormous Implications

After the President's weekend surgery, doctors said it would take 48 hours to prepare and examine the polyp, blood vessels, lymph nodes and intestinal tissue that was removed. Specialists were looking for any signs of cancer and, if present, the extent of it.

(Warren Leary, AP)

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PRESIDENT, AIDES AND DOCTORS AGREE: THE NEWS IS GOOD

As they did four years ago when President Reagan was recuperating from a gunshot wound, Reagan's aides and doctors are portraying him as an almost superhuman patient making an astonishing recovery from traumatic surgery.

No one but his wife, his top aides, his doctors and a few other people has seen the President since he entered Bethesda Naval Hospital on Friday, but the reports from his hospital suite are uniformly positive.

(News analysis by Michael Putzel, AP)

POLITICAL ADVANTAGES EXPECTED

When White House chief of staff Regan was asked whether President Reagan's colon surgery would create sympathy that could be translated into political success for his programs, Regan quipped, "We might try, 'Win one for the Gipper'."

While Presidential advisers do not expect the immense surge of public support that Reagan received after he was seriously wounded in a March 30, 1981 attempt on his life, they do anticipate that sympathy for the President will mute opposition voices during the critical period of his recovery.

(Lou Cannon, Washington Post, A1)

REAGAN CONVALESCENCE WILL CRIMP ABILITY TO USE POPULARITY FOR PRESSING MAJOR POLITICAL GOALS

President Reagan's surgery is another in a series of events that have diminished his ability to dominate the terms and timing of political debate this year.

Even though all medical signs indicate a speedy recovery, top White House aides say they anticipate a "light duty schedule" for the President for the next several weeks. That means Reagan will delegate more decision-making authority to his aides than normal. And while a wave of public concern and sympathy could well boost his personal popularity, his convalescence will limit his ability to put that popularity to work on major pending issues.

(Robert Merry and Jane Mayer, Wall Street Journal, A40)

REGAN IS KEY LINK DURING RECOVERY

President Reagan's chief of staff, Donald Regan, is the dominant figure in White House plans for operating the government while Reagan recovers from abdominal surgery, White House aides said.

The aides said Regan's role has extended beyond what had already become an increasingly powerful one in running White House operations.

(Bernard Weinraub, New York Times, A1)

BUSH OFFERS TO DO 'WHATEVER IS NECESSARY' DURING REAGAN'S RECUPERATION

Vice President Bush, who temporarily held the full powers of the presidency but did not use them, is offering to stand in for President Reagan during the President's hospital stay and recuperation from major abdominal surgery.

Bush "is willing to do whatever they want, whatever is necessary," his press secretary, Marlin Fitzwater, said. He said Bush would meet soon with Reagan and White House chief of staff Donald Regan to discuss how he can fill in. (Terence Hunt, AP)

DID BUSH KNOW JUST WHEN HE TOOK OVER?

For about 12 minutes Saturday morning, the presidency of the United States appears not to have been vested in the hands of a man who had not been officially notified of his now, though temporary, powers.

As President Reagan, anesthetized for the removal of a potentially cancerous intestinal growth, slipped into unconsciousness on the operating table, Vice President Bush became the first "acting president" since the 25th amendment to the Constitution went into effect.

Although Reagan's surgeon's estimated (he went under anesthesia) at 11:28, the official chronology provided by the White House indicates Bush was not informed until 12 minutes later that the operation has begun and the previously discussed transfer of power was in effect.

(Norman Sandler, UPI)

W. EUROPEANS FOLLOW REAGAN'S OPERATION

President Reagan's surgery drew widespread interest in Western Europe, with details and commentaries about his health and age splashed across the front pages.

In Moscow, Tass made a brief announcement that Reagan had undergone surgery, but offered no comment on the subject.

(Washington Post, A9)

British Upset by Talk of Reagan's Intestines

Britain's expert on good manners says well-bred people should be embarrassed by all the talk about President Reagan's intestinal surgery.

"Sick room talk is not drawing room conversation," said Harold Brooks-Baker, a transplanted American who directs Burke's Peerage -- the publisher of British etiquette books and the most comprehensive genealogical guide to the royal family. (UPI)

Reagan Surgery Hot Copy for World Press

London's respected Observer newspaper, quoting sources close to the White House medical team, said surgeons who found a small polyp in Reagan's intestine in June 1984 warned him a larger growth might exist and urged immediate surgery.

Reagan, gearing up for his re-election battle, delayed the procedure, it said. The decision was endorsed by key Republican Party officials who feared the impact major surgery would have on the election, it said.

(Jonathan Landay, UPI)

TUMORS LIKE REAGAN'S CANCEROUS MORE THAN HALF THE TIME

Intestinal tumors like the one removed from President Reagan are cancerous more often than half the time, the chief of surgery at the National Cancer Institute says.

But Dr. Steven Rosenberg said even if the microscopic examination of the growth does find cancer cells, the President has a very high chance of having been cured by Saturday's surgery. (Al Rossiter Jr., UPI)

UNUSUAL ROUTINE CASE

When President Reagan awakened from surgical anesthesia Saturday night, his aides were ready to have him sign a letter resuming the powers and duties of his office. But they wanted to be sure Reagan was alert enough to carry them out.

So Donald Regan and Fred Fielding went the Mr. Reagan's bedside in the recovery room to test his mental faculties.

Without realizing it, Mr. Regan and the White House aides were doing what many physicians would have done to test a patients mental faculties. The only difference was that the patient was the President.

(News analysis by Lawrence Altman, New York Times, A1)

REGAN SAYS LEWIS, BALDRIGE SHUN OMB JOB

White House chief of staff Regan said that former Transportation secretary Drew Lewis and Commerce Secretary Baldrige had told him they do not want to head the Office of Management and Budget.

Regan said President Reagan hopes to make a choice this week to replace David Stockman. (Washington Post, A6)

CUOMO RIPS REAGAN'S 'RADICAL' TAX REFORM

ORLANDO, Fla. -- Gov. Cuomo called President Reagan's tax reform package "a radical proposal" that would harm the middle class and working poor and signals that "the party's over" on supply-side Reaganomics.

"The same people who sent out the invitations and set the table and cut the cake and played the music and poured the champagne are trying to pass the buck," Cuomo told delegates to the 50th annual conference of the National Association of Counties. (Bill Kling, Washington Times, A2)

TOP SCIENTIST RESIGNS FROM STAR WARS PANEL

A computer scientist advising the government on the "Star Wars" missile defense shield has quit because he is convinced it will not work and further research will be a waste of money.

"My judgment is that research in 'Star Wars' is going to fail, and I believe this so strongly that I'm willing to stake my professional reputation on this," said David Parnas, a professor at the University of Victoria in Victoria, British Columbia. "I don't believe anybody is going to build this thing," he said. (Richard Gross, UPI)

MIDGETMAN 'WON'T CUT IT,' SENATOR SAYS

The modernization of the nuclear ICBM force has reached a crisis stage and a new missile program is needed to correct the situation, according to a Republican member of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Sen. Wilson said the MX missile has essentially been killed by Congress and the small, single-warhead Midgetman weapon being proposed "won't cut it."
(Walter Andrews, Washington Times, A4)

HOSPITALIZED REAGAN ASKS FOR BUDGET ACTION THIS WEEK

Fresh out of surgery, a recuperating President Reagan told Congress he wants to see a budget compromise reached this week -- not out of any sympathy for him, but because his plan can "stand on its own merits."

Larry Speakes said Reagan is strongly urging Senate and House budget conferees to reach agreement this week so action can be completed before Congress' August recess.
(Helen Thomas, UPI)

'88 PRESIDENTIAL HOPES FUEL KEMP-DOLE BUDGET BATTLE

The public brawl between Senate Republicans and the White House over the fiscal 1986 budget escalated with Senate Majority Leader Dole accusing a hospitalized President Reagan and his top advisers of not caring enough about deficit-reduction.

"I don't think Don Regan is too anxious to do much about it," Dole said in a radio interview broadcast over the weekend.

The President feels the "majority leader's pointed remarks were rather unfortunate," Larry Speakes said at Bethesda Naval Hospital.

The intra-party fight is driven in part by competition for the 1988 GOP presidential nomination and by the recent revelation that Rep. Kemp has sold Mr. Reagan on a deadlock-breaking budget scheme that left Dole out in the cold.
(Ralph Hallow, Washington Times, A1)

HILL, WHITE HOUSE PLAY CHICKEN, PUT FEDERAL PENSION PLAN AT RISK

A political game of chicken may be brewing between Congress and the Reagan Administration over creating a federal retirement plan for more than 200,000 civil servants hired since Jan. 1, 1984.

One congressional source predicted, "If we don't get a new plan nailed down in the next week or two that all the major players on both sides of the aisle can accept, then it will become a game of chicken to see who blinks first."
(Mark Tapscott, Washington Times, A1)

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U.S. WILL ASK COURT TO REVERSE ABORTION RULING

The Reagan Administration is to ask the Supreme Court to overturn its landmark 1973 decision that established the constitutional right to obtain an abortion, according to a top Justice Department official.

Several officials, who spoke on condition they not be identified, said that in a brief to be filed Monday, the Solicitor General's office will maintain that the principles of the Roe v. Wade ruling were so sweeping as to block what the officials described as modest and reasonable state and local governmental efforts to control legalized abortions.

(Leslie Gelb, New York Times, A1)

EDITOR'S NOTE: Donnie Radcliffe's article on Mrs. Reagan's reactions to the President's surgery, "Nancy Reagan's Anxious Wait," is on page B1 of The Washington Post.

"Colon Cancer 'Epidemic' Under Way," a story by Susan Okie on the spread of colon cancer in the United States, appears on page A1 of The Washington Post.

A feature reviewing previous occasions when there have been men who served as president for a day, "Bush Not First To Stand In," is on page A8 of The Washington Post.

"Decade-old ICBM issue still befuddles U.S." by Tom Diaz is on page A4 of The Washington Times.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

POLITICS OBSCURES 'WOMEN'S CONCERNS'

NAIROBI, Kenya -- On the eve of a U.N. conference to appraise the progress of the world's women during the past decade, the stage has been set for a political confrontation between Third World countries and the United States.

The North-South, rich-poor schism that appears likely to dominate, and possibly derail, this 10-day gathering of delegations representing 155 nations was put in stark relief by two blunt speeches last week.

In Washington, President Reagan dispatched the U.S. delegation with these words: "The members of your delegation firmly believe that the business of this conference is women, not propaganda. Should it prove necessary, you'll be more than willing to fight to keep the conference on track."

In Nairobi on Friday night, Margaret Papandreou, the American-born wife of PM Papandreou of Greece, said the United States had no right to tell the world's women what their concerns should be.

(Blaine Harden, Washington Post, A1)

4,000 Women Batten for Debate in Nairobi

The Soviet Union and its allies of the Third World countries seem determined to make it a week of America-bashing, and the United States delegation, led by Presidential daughter Maureen Reagan, says it will try to keep the conference focused on advancing the status of women.

(Jay Mallin, Washington Times, A1)

U.N. Women's Conference Expected to Be Plagued by Politics

Participants in Forum '85, a 10-day non-governmental meeting which began last Wednesday and overlaps the U.N. meeting, has set the scene for the U.N. conference by denouncing both the Reagan Administration and the American delegation.

Participants in Forum '85 called the U.S. Administration "the devil," and the "most sexist, most racist, most warlike government" in American history. (AP)

IN NAIROBI, AN UNEASY TRUCE

NAIROBI, Kenya -- As the United Nation's Women's Conference gets underway this week, the 30-member U.S. delegation headed by Maureen Reagan and prominent American feminists are unlikely allies on one critical point:

The need to keep the conference agenda focused on "women's issues" such as education and health care and away from the political quicksand of disarmament, Palestinian rights and improved terms of trade between rich nations and poor.

(Mary Battiata, Washington Post, B1)

Women Aim to Free U.N. Conference of Political Wrangling

Despite general agreement upon themes -- the political, cultural, economic and social advancement of women -- the United Nations conference already has become entangled in international politics and factionalism -- and the issues of apartheid, Zionism, Palestine and disarmament.

(Dave Doubrava, Washington Times, A7)

U.S., AUSTRALIA MEET TO SHORE UP PACT

CANBERRA, Australia -- Secretary Shultz appealed to Australia to maintain and develop its alliance with the United States in the face of "a steady and disturbing" Soviet military buildup in the Pacific and "escapism and isolationism" that he said "have been exploited continually by our adversaries."

Shultz's references to "escapism and isolationism" seemed clearly aimed at New Zealand. Shultz's pointed remarks at the opening session of day-long security consultations were a bid to shore up the remaining two legs of the previously three-legged ANZUS alliance.

(Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A1)

"I share with you the hope that as time goes on, we will be able to rectify our differences with New Zealand," Shultz said shortly before talks got underway.

(Richard Bill, AP)

REVISING THE TERRORIST LIST

President Reagan is riding high now, but he may have stepped over the line when he flouted the State Department and came up with his personal list of the Top Five terrorist nations: Iran, Libya, North Korea, Cuba and Nicaragua.

Until Reagan struck out on his own, the official U.S. list of terrorist nations was considered as inviolable as the Hit Parade or preseason wire-service football polls. Nations had to work to get on the State list or to stay off of it, and no president would have lightly dropped South Yemen to save a few minutes in a speech.

Administration officials, who agreed to discuss the speech on grounds that they be neither identified nor called about late-breaking stories, said centralization of terrorist identification in the White House would never have happened if Alexander Haig were still in charge at State.

(Lou Cannon, Washington Post, A2)

NICARAGUA ARMS FOR INVASION BY U.S.

MANAGUA -- Defense Minister Ortega announced the government distributed 200,000 rifles to civilian militia groups in anticipation of a feared U.S. invasion of the Central American country.

(Washington Times, A7)

200,000 Rifles Distributed in Case of U.S. Invasion

Ortega also said the army was training "special brigades" in anti-tank and anti-helicopter warfare in anticipation of U.S. action against the Marxist Sandinista government. (Oswaldo Bonilla, UPI)

OFFICIALS SET TRADE TOPICS

SAULT STE. MARIE, Canada -- Trade ministers of the United States, Canada, Japan and the European Community ended four days of meetings with general agreement on topics for a new round of global trade negotiations.

Representatives also restated the need to persuade India, Egypt, Brazil and other developing nations to take part in the negotiations, aimed at reducing international trade barriers.

(Jane Seaberry, Washington Post, A11)

PANAMA ASKS U.S. HELP

PANAMA CITY -- At the fragile age of nine months, Panamanian democracy has entered a contest for survival pitted against large foreign debts and the specter of return to overt military rule.

The struggle of Nicola Ardito Barletta, who is Panama's first elected president in 16 years, is to guide the country back to solvency through painful measures while also avoiding political violence that could bring the soldiers out of their barracks again.

"The opportunity for democracy has come at a very difficult economic moment, and unless the United States helps, we're going to go back to military dictatorship," Ardito Barletta warned in an interview.

(Edward Cody, Washington Post, A17)

PALESTINIAN NAMES OFFERED

CANBERRA, Australia -- Secretary Shultz said he was evaluating a list of Palestinians proposed for inclusion in a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation that would meet with U.S. officials as part of a new Middle East peace proposal. (Washington Post, A21)

United States Examining List of Palestinians for Prospective Talks

The list of about a dozen names was sent to Washington over the weekend by Jordan's King Hussein, who received it from Yasir Arafat, The New York Times reported in Monday editions. (AP)

U.S. Examining List of Palestinians for Talks

Officials, who declined to divulge the names, said that none of them appeared to be prominent but that some were known to American experts on the Middle East. (Bernard Gwertzman, New York Times, A1)

TOKYO WARNS U.S. ON FORCING A MILITARY BUILDUP

TOKYO -- Already bristling with anger over what it regards as pressure tactics by the United States to force trade concessions, the Japanese government is apparently ready to draw the line if such tactics are used in an effort to speed up its defense buildup.

If pressure is applied to security issues, it is likely to be counterproductive and could even undermine the stability of the government, Japanese officials warn.

(Timothy Elder, Washington Times, A6)

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NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY

(Sunday Evening, July 14, 1985)

PRESIDENT'S SURGERY

CBS's Bill Redeker: President Reagan says he feels fit as a fiddle, was on his feet today and read from a Western novel. The President, recovering from intestinal surgery, met White House aides less than 24 hours after his operation and urged them to push a compromise version of the 1986 budget.

CBS's Gary Schuster: (TV Coverage: Photograph of President Reagan in hospital kissing Mrs. Reagan.)

Late this afternoon the White House released a photograph of President Reagan in his hospital bed, seemingly well on his way to a recovery his surgeon assesses in glowing terms.

(TV Coverage: Larry Speakes at hospital briefing room.)

(Speakes: "So far, Dr. Oller says, it is a spectacular post-operative course. Vitals are rock-stable -- that includes temperature, pulse and blood pressure -- and lab studies are totally as expected. The President has require no pain medication overnight. In fact, this morning he was virtually pain free.")

Asked why the President's recovery is so remarkable, Speakes said the surgical team credited Mr. Reagan's overall excellent health.

(Speakes: "The doctor said it was the internal workings of a 40-year-old. They were really surprised about how well the President looked and, and as he said, he looks great on the outside and he can now attest he looks great on the inside.")

But while White House officials and Mr. Reagan's doctors are understandably beaming about the upbeat report on the President's post-surgery status, there is concern about tomorrow's expected biopsy findings on the tumor. There are four scenarios: First, that the growth contains no malignancy, which is the case about half the time under these circumstances. Or, that there is cancer present, but it is localized within the tumor; or, it could be locally invasive, possibly going up to or into the bowel wall. Or, it could have spread through the bowel wall. Doctors say the last possibility is unlikely because they could not see or feel any growth beyond the intestine. Today's London Observer reported that sources close to the White House medical team said the President was told last year he might need exploratory abdominal surgery because of earlier signs of growths in his colon, but he refused because of his quest for reelection.

(TV Coverage: London Observer headline: "Surgery was Delayed Until After Election.")

(Speakes: "That's not true. That's all poppycock, as the British would say.")

(Doctor: "Just the fact that he had blood in the stool is enough to warrant a full examination of the colon, and had that been done after it was discovered in May of 1984, the large polyp, which has probably been there for several years, might have been detected earlier.")

Without complications, the President will remain here about another week, gradually increasing his workload. Today he began by asking Congress to give him a get-well gift this week of an approved 1986 federal budget.

(CBS-lead)

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PRESIDENT'S SURGERY (continued)

ABC's Sam Donaldson: President Reagan was up and about today, walking briefly in his hospital suite, and doctors describe his recovery from yesterday's colon operation as spectacular. The White House released a picture of the President and Mrs. Reagan, taken today -- the first picture of him since he entered the hospital.

(TV Coverage: Photograph of President Reagan in hospital kissing Mrs. Reagan.)

Mr. Reagan himself said, "I'm amazed at how good I feel."

ABC's Sheilah Kast: White House spokesman Larry Speakes came to the podium at the hospital to tell reporters that the President is recovering faster than almost all patients who undergo this surgery.

(Speakes: "So far, Dr. Oller says, it is a spectacular post-operative course. Vitals are rock-stable -- that includes temperature, pulse and blood pressure -- and lab studies are totally as expected.")

Late today, Speakes said the President's temperature was actually slightly elevated, but he was sitting up and walking around.

(Speakes: "The President has been up and walked about his room briefly today. He spent about 45 minutes sitting in a chair and reading.")

Earlier today, the First Lady came to visit, bearing pictures to brighten up the President's suite during his expected week-to-10-day hospital stay -- family photographs and California scenes.

(TV Coverage: Mrs. Reagan arriving at hospital.)

Chief of Staff Regan had already been in to talk business with the President.

(Speakes: "The President expressed a strong desire to see action on the federal budget this week. And the President said, and this is a quote, "I want to emphasize 'this week.'")

Speakes said the President also brought up criticism by Sen. Dole who told reporters that the budget compromise embraced by the President amounts to surrendering to the deficit.

(Speakes: "In my opinion, and I judge I reflect the President's view that the Majority Leader's pointed remarks were rather unfortunate and seemed not to put the problem where it is. I don't think he can fault the President or the White House for this at all.") So the White House is reporting the President is fit enough not to just focus on the budget, but to spar with his point man in the Senate about it -- all part of the picture of the President running the government from his hospital room. (ABC-lead)

NBC's John Palmer: Doctors said today President Reagan is making what they call a spectacular recovery from Saturday's three-hour operation to remove a large growth from Mr. Reagan's colon. The President walked about his hospital room today, sat in a chair for 45 minutes, scanned some briefing papers and read part of a Western novel.

NBC's Emery King: After arriving this morning, White House Chief of Staff Regan held a 10-minute meeting with President Reagan discussing overnight national security and congressional developments. The President, according to spokesman Larry Speakes in his mid-morning briefing, was even sending a message to Congress: that he wants to see action on the federal budget this week. Speakes said the President was looking well and full of good humor. (...continued)

PRESIDENT'S SURGERY (continued)

King's report continues: (Speakes: "The first words the President spoke when we saw him was, "I'm amazed at how good I feel." As he left the recovery room, he expressed a desire to walk to his room, but doctors intervened, and he was wheeled down the hallway. He asked for the newspapers first off, then quickly added, "I've got them only for the comics.")

Speakes quoted the surgeon who performed the operation as saying Mr. Reagan is better off at this point than 99.9% of all patients who had the same surgery.

(Speakes: "So far, Dr. Oller says, it is a spectacular post-operative course. Vitals are rock-stable -- that includes temperature, pulse and blood pressure -- and lab studies are totally as expected.")

Speakes said a nasal-gastric tube would remain in place, however, for several days, and the President is still benefiting from the residual effect of morphine administered to the lower spinal area for pain.

The last two days appear to have had an effect on Mrs. Reagan, assisted by a Secret Service agent when she arrived, bringing pictures of Western scenes and other items to decorate the President's room.

(TV Coverage: Mrs. Reagan arriving at hospital.)

Late this afternoon, the White House released its first photograph of the President, taken this morning. And Larry Speakes, updating the President's condition, described the President's day as excellent.

(Speakes: "The President has been up and walked about his room briefly today. He spent about 45 minutes sitting in a chair and reading. He is now sitting very comfortably in bed and reading. He is reading Louis L'Amour's new book.")

Now with the recovery underway, the focus is on finding out if there's a problem with the section of the President's colon that was removed. Test results won't be available until tomorrow.

Palmer: How long will it be before the President can resume a full work schedule?

King: Despite all the good news the White House is giving us about the President's recovery, it is important to remember that this was a major operation, and so the President will still be hospitalized for at least seven to ten days, and Larry Speakes says that once he returns to the White House, he will ease back into his schedule, working short periods of time in the White House residence, with short visits to the Oval Office as well. But he still plans to make his August 14 trip to California. (NBC-lead)

RECOVERY

Donaldson: Behind the good news of spectacular recovery, there is one more important detail to nail down: the result of a biopsy to determine whether the removed polyp contained cancer cells. That finding won't be known until sometime tomorrow. Doctors said yesterday that even if malignant cells are found in the polyp, they do not appear to have spread and by removing the polyp, the danger has been removed also. Still more attention is being focused today on the question of why the President had not had a complete colon examination earlier.

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RECOVERY (continued)

ABC's George Strait reports that it turns out that President Reagan's tumor is between two and five years old. His doctors admit it could have been found years ago if they had examined the entire length of Mr. Reagan's colon. But this procedure was never done, prompting criticism from a number of experts who say they would have performed this colonoscopy 14 months ago when the President's first polyp was found. During Mr. Reagan's physical last March, the second polyp was found. Still his doctors decided to wait four months before taking a closer look. Mr. Reagan's doctors maintained they followed acceptable medical practice. They said there was no special concern because the polyps they found were benign. Public health officials are using the President's illness to emphasize that people over 40 need frequent colon examinations. That's the only way, they say, to avoid colon cancer, which this year will kill 60,000 Americans. (ABC-2)

NBC's Robert Bazell reports medical experts agree that President Reagan is out of any immediate danger and is expected to recover and suffer no lingering effects from yesterday's surgery. His long-term prospects depend on whether the tumor is cancerous, and, if it is, how far the cancer has spread. If the tumor is cancerous, the pathology report will indicate only the President's statistical chances of survival. It will not indicate the course of treatment. (NBC-2)

ACTING PRESIDENT

Donaldson: Some fine-tuning of the details of yesterday's historic transfer of Presidential power shows that some 22 minutes elapsed between the time President Reagan slipped into unconsciousness under anesthesia and the time Vice President Bush was formally notified that he was acting President, although Bush had been informally notified of the procedure underway. Nothing happened under those 22 minutes that required a decision. In fact, during the entire time he had the power, Bush did absolutely nothing. (ABC-3)

Palmer: President Reagan's unprecedented transfer of power to Vice President Bush during yesterday's operation on Mr. Reagan was supposed to avoid confusion and uncertainty. But it now appears that Bush was not informed of his new temporary powers until 22 minutes after the President became unconscious from the anesthesia. (NBC-3)

PRESIDENT'S BROTHER

Redeker: The President's older brother said today he underwent a similar operation eleven days ago and is already feeling fine. The older Reagan says he had a malignant tumor removed from his colon and noted he was home five days after the operation. My brother, he said, will not be any different. (CBS-2)

ABORTION

Redeker: A survey by a pro-choice group has found that members of Congress who oppose abortion also generally vote against programs that would help lower-income parents raise children. A study by Catholics for a Free Choice is critical of abortion opponents, saying they do not realize that the availability of aid for child care has a profound effect on a poor woman's decision about having a child or seeking an abortion. (CBS-12)

Donaldson: The Reagan Administration will move tomorrow in the courts to back up its public position on an issue of interest to women: abortion. The Justice Department will formally intervene in a Pennsylvania case asking the Supreme Court to overturn its 1973 decision which made abortion legal. (ABC-7)

SECRETARY SHULTZ

Palmer: Secretary Shultz is in Australia today as part of his tour of Southeast Asia nations. Australia has taken on a greater strategic importance to the United States ever since New Zealand has virtually ceased military cooperation with the United States.

NBC's Robin Lloyd reports that Secretary Shultz arrived in Canberra for talks with Australian leaders on sensitive nuclear security questions and on the troubled state of ANZUS. Earlier, Shultz was booed by a small group of anti-nuclear protesters. U.S.-Australian military ties have been strained since PM Hawke's visit to Washington last February. Hawke backed out of an agreement to provide support facilities for U.S. MX missile testing. Anti-American demonstrations are on the increase here. What concerns U.S. policymakers is that this anti-nuclear sentiment seems to be quickly spreading at a time when Australia has become more important to the United States strategically. Increasingly, many Australians believe that they are being used by the United States. (NBC-9)

SPY CASE

Palmer: The so-called Walker spy case may have yielded to the Soviet Union years of access to U.S. Navy satellite communications. Officials say information provided by the spy ring has allowed the Russians to make use of sophisticated coding machines, and the worst damage in the case may have been caused by Jerry Whitworth. (NBC-7)

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Donaldson: While President Reagan is recuperating in the relaxing quiet of his hospital suite in Bethesda, his daughter Maureen is in the middle of a noisy political battle in Nairobi, Kenya. She is leading the U.S. delegation to the United Nations Women's Decade Conference, which opens there tomorrow, and she's doing her best to try to keep the focus on women's issues only. (...continued)

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE (continued)

ABC's Lynn Sher reports from Nairobi that its delegates, representing some 150 governments, will try to agree on a document setting forth a plan of action to take them to the year 2,000. But while many say they want to avoid the global politics that have disrupted the previous meetings, at least three issues already divide the group: apartheid, the view of Palestinian women, and the distribution of the world's wealth. For Maureen Reagan, the fights over these issues threaten to derail the meeting. But to many here, everything concerning women is political, and the Secretary General says she hopes the women will be able to place those issues in context. She and others point out that most of the document has already been approved, including goals to help women who are poor or abused or elderly, refugee women, and ways to increase female employment. And that, they say, indicates at least some hope for the future.

(ABC-6)

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The guest on NBC's MEET THE PRESS was Baseball Commissioner Peter V. Ueberroth.

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ABC -- THIS WEEK WITH DAVID BRINKLEY

Moderator: David Brinkley. Panel: George Will, Sam Donaldson.

Guests: Dr. Timothy Johnson, ABC News Medical Editor; Dr. Sidney Winawer, Chief, Gastroenterology Service, Sloan-Kettering.

Subject: President's surgery and the 25th Amendment.

Johnson: Why was it necessary to do such a major operation when it was not certain that there might be cancer there? Why does it take 48 hours to get a definitive answer, even for the President?

Winawer: This is a very large polyp, and there is about a 50% chance that there was some cancer already present in this polyp. So they have to do a cancer operation, not an operation for a polyp....It takes that length of time (48 hours) for the tissues to be properly processed and studied in the pathology laboratory, and that's routine.

Guests: John Feerick, Dean, Fordham University Law School.

Brinkley: Is the 25th Amendment adequate?

Feerick: What we saw yesterday was a President who acted very courageously and responsibly in transferring power to his Vice President for that period of time when he felt that he would not be able to discharge the powers and duties of the President, and I'm not at all surprised by the caution that was taken by the President. We are dealing with a historic kind of event -- the first application in a Presidential inability situation.

Will: There was an obvious reluctance on the part of the Administration to say this was a precedent -- is there some incapacitation so brief that you don't want to go through this?

Feerick: If (the President) feels there might be a set of circumstances requiring the presence of the Vice President acting as President, that's for him to decide....The Section 3 use of the 25th Amendment is designed for an infinite variety of situations....I think that the actual situation, as reflected in the letter (from the President), was an application of the 25th Amendment....If the President refused to take advantage of that mechanism of transferring power, there would then have been a question presented for the Cabinet and the Vice President to decide whether the circumstances required a declaration on their part that the President was disabled, in which case we'd have a Section 4 use of the Amendment.

Guests: Birch Bayh, Nicholas Katzenbach.

Bayh: ...I think the Administration was wise to use this. I think now that it's all over, we can go back and say why didn't you do this and that. But the fact is Presidents must keep everybody cool -- we don't want a run on the stock market, we don't want our allies to be fearful, we don't want to tempt our enemies or some crazy nut to do something because the President may be unconscious. Now it's been done. It's business as usual. It's nothing to worry about, and if we do it for an operation like this, it shouldn't cause a whole lot of consternation in the future when the provisions are used.

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BRINKLEY (continued)

Donaldson: Why were they so reluctant to admit yesterday that they were using the 25th Amendment?

Bayh: It seems to me that it's a letter that was sort of written in haste because I think there are wiser heads in the White House -- if they'd had a chance to ruminate on it overnight, they could have seen that it made better sense to do it a different way.

FREE-FOR-ALL (Tom Wicker joins panel.)

Donaldson: I'd like to raise the question of whether Presidents ought not to have some procedure whereby they are periodically examined by the top people in the medical profession....I think the American people have a vested interest beyond just electing someone because they like his ideology and his program in knowing that person is going to have the best professional examinations.

Will: There are limits in this world to how much you can do to take the risk, danger, uncertainty, bad luck out of life.

Brinkley: If you had all the great specialists in all the medical fields examining the President on a more-or-less regular basis, they would always be finding something wrong with him somewhere.

Wicker: It seems to me that you go beyond the expectations that the public's got a right to.

Will: (On the budget)...The budget process clanks along with both sides agreeing to increase spending, which suggests very strongly there will be no addressing the deficit until the country is frightened.

Wicker: We've had dire predictions about the consequences of these budget deficits almost since they began falling. When we begin to see those dire predictions come true, then the country will get alarmed. I don't think they're going to have the severe economic consequences as have been predicted.

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CBS -- FACE THE NATION

Moderator: Lesley Stahl.

Guests: Dr. James Lewis, Gastroenterologist; Dr. John Potter, Surgeon.

Subject: President's surgery and 25th Amendment.

Stahl: Do you have any suspicions that the White House may be painting a rosier picture than exists?

Potter: No, not really. I think he's doing quite well, according to what they say, and we're all happy about that.

Stahl: What about the fact that his brother has this cancer of the colon -- does this play into the question of risk?

Lewis: It certainly does. The President's age is the peak age incidence for colon cancer. The fact that his brother we now know has a colon cancer probably doubles or triples the President's risk of having colon cancer during his lifetime.

Stahl: ...Do you doubt that he can carry on the duties of his office, from what you know?

Potter: I know nothing of the specifics, but from what I know and would project, I think that he can do this easily.

Stahl: How long do you think it will take this President to fully recover?

Potter: He should be out of the hospital in a week or so. He should be on limited activity the following week, and I think that in six weeks after an operation of this magnitude, he should be in complete excellent and physical good health.

Stahl: Did (the doctors) make a mistake (by not examining the colon 14 months ago)?

Lewis: The fact that he had blood in the stool is enough to warrant a full examination of the colon. Had that been done (sooner)...the large polyp may have been detected earlier.

Guests: Rep. Richard Cheney (R. Wyo.); Prof. Bonno Schmidt, Columbia University Law School.

Stahl: Did the President in fact invoke the 25th Amendment?

Schmidt: Yes. The Amendment is invoked by events and not by whether the President says it's invoked.

Stahl: Why did they go to such lengths to say it wasn't invoked?

Rep. Cheney: There's always a tendency in the Oval Office and among the staff to try to preserve options for future Presidents. You want to avoid taking steps that in the future might in fact place constraints that would be unwise or unnecessary on future Presidents. (...continued)

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FACE THE NATION (continued)

Rep. Cheney continues: So there's always a willingness to try to interpret events as applying just to his set of circumstances....I can think of circumstances in certain Administrations in which the relationship between the President and the Vice President might be severely strained, or the Vice President might not have the standing that George Bush does, and under those circumstances I can see a situation in which a future President under the same circumstances might be reluctant to exercise that authority.

Stahl: ...The business of controlling the news, and even saying that (the President) wasn't invoking the 25th Amendment -- is that the proper way to handle a situation like this?

Rep. Cheney: I think it's a normal, human way to handle it....You rarely have complete information. There's always a desire on the part of the staff to reassure everyone that everything's normal...there's no cause for public panic.

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AGRONSKY & COMPANY

Moderator: Martin Agronsky. Panel: Elizabeth Drew, Jack Kilpatrick, Carl Rowan, Hugh Sidey.

BUDGET/TAX REFORM

Drew: The big thing that happened this week is that the summit agreement at the White House between the President and Tip O'Neill, mainly, hurt any progress on the deficit because the President did one of the things you really shouldn't do in politics and I've a feeling he's going to pay a price for this throughout the second term -- he helped lead the Senate Republicans out on a very risky limb of freezing Social Security benefits. He sawed them off that limb this week and said he's not for these Social Security freezes after all. These Republicans are very upset and with good reason. This also leads to another increase in the deficit.

Rowan: (The President) will accept new taxes, but he won't step front as a President ought to do and say the nation must have them. He's going to hope that the Democrats will bail him out by proposing new taxes.

Drew: I don't think you're going to see the taxes this year. You may see them down the line. The President and Baker and Darman want to save any revenues that you can get from raising taxes for the tax reform program so that they can lower individual taxes....If there is a tax reform bill, there is going to be even more difficulty raising taxes in future years because a lot of emphasis will have been put on the brackets-- and just about all of the revenues that can be found to pay for those tax breaks will have been found.

TERRORISM

Sidey: I think rhetoric is part of the weapon. You try to sway world opinion on your side. I think there will be continued CIA efforts to put the pressure on. There may be preemptive strikes.

Rowan: I wait to see how fast (the Lebanese) put the (identified hijackers) before a firing squad. This may be a good step, but rhetoric means nothing in terms of the problem of terrorism.

Drew: It seems that in the government, at least right now, the balance is swinging more towards some kind of retaliation. (The President) has a problem on his right -- the people who feel he has not been sufficiently strong, and if he keeps up the rhetoric, he might box himself in.

Sidey: (Other nations) are sensitive as to how they're viewed in the world, and if they're viewed as murderers and killers and terrorists, it may have an effect on making them moderate their actions.

Rowan: We have a House of Representatives, in its anger and frustration over this hijacking episode, which is passing laws that most of the members never would have voted for before (i.e., vote to give military aid to rebels in Angola, etc.).

AGRONSKY (continued)

TERRORISM (continued)

Drew: This is a time when a President has to be very careful in what he says. He has to be an educator and not mislead the people into thinking he can do more than he can and not get these things mixed up.

SOUTH AFRICA

Kilpatrick: In the history of international relations, I cannot recall an act on the part of any sovereign power as presumptuous, as arrogant, as impudent, as impertinent, as this bill just passed in the Senate (Thursday). If I were Mr. Botha, I'd think seriously about severing diplomatic relations altogether with the United States.

Rowan: Mr. Botha isn't going to do that because he's propped up in great measure with the United States. They have a terrible inflation rate there. They don't want any more economic troubles, which is why these sanctions mean more to them than they otherwise might mean.

Drew: The significant part of what happened this week is that both the House and the Senate, on a bipartisan basis, separated themselves from our government's policy.

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THE McLAUGHLIN GROUP

Moderator: John McLaughlin. **Panel:** Jim Fallows of Atlantic Monthly, Fred Barnes, Jack Germond, Morton Kondracke.

BUDGET

Germond: The Senate Republicans made the mistake of trusting the White House and this Administration and they got their arms cut off again.

Fallows: The people who so far have been hurt by the deficit don't know that's what hurt them -- farmers and manufacturing have been killed by the over-valued dollar, which was caused by the deficit. You have no political pizzazz for anybody to try to reduce the deficit.

Barnes: (President Reagan) has been incredibly accommodating toward members of the Senate....The President merely bowed to reality.

Fallows: We have a compromise that pushes the whole budget up, and that's the problem.

TERRORISM

Barnes: What people like about Ronald Reagan is that he talks tough and doesn't do the hard things.

Fallows: The important question is not where he stands in American public opinion -- and that is high -- but what does Assad think, and what does the Ayatollah think. He talks tough and nothing happens. If some effective action got taken, maybe they would stop worrying another time.

Germond: The seriousness is undermined by the sort of cheap rhetoric about Looney Tunes and that kind of thing. This is a serious issue.

Kondracke: The American people basically don't want to get involved in military conflicts anyway. They do love this rich feeling that the President is a tough guy -- at least, verbally -- without any response.

CAMBODIA

Germond: The Administration doesn't want to get credit for the kind of people you have to run around with if you want to get involved in that (freedom fighting) project, and we already are.

SOUTH AFRICA SANCTIONS

Fallows: This is good legislation, because you need in any kind of dealings a carrot on a stick, and the U.S. for four years has had all carrot and it's had no demonstrable effect.

PREDICTIONS

Fallows: After five years of wheel-spinning, there's a better than even chance the Congress will pass an immigration control bill this year.

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