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News Summary

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TODAY'S HEADLINES

NEWS CONFERENCE

President Says Research on SDI Is No Bargaining Chip -- President Reagan ruled out any summit agreement with the Soviet Union that would block testing and development of his controversial "Star Wars" missile defense system.

(AP, Reuter, Washington Post, Washington Times, New Orleans Times-Picayune, Cincinnati Enquirer, Daily Oklahoman, Manchester Union-Leader, Indianapolis Star, Denver Post)

TRIP NEWS

It's Reagan Day in Reagan Country -- The President is to deliver a 15-minute speech on tax reform at New Hampshire's State House Plaza at 12:05 p.m. to a crowd estimated at as many as 10,000 people.

(Manchester Union Leader)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

White House Gave Contras Political Guidance -- The White House continued advising Nicaraguan rebels on political strategy after last year's congressional ban against "directly or indirectly" helping them militarily, National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane says.

(AP, Washington Post)

NETWORK NEWS (Tuesday Evening)

LASER TEST -- Two months before the superpower summit, two days before the resumption of U.S.-Soviet arms talks, the Pentagon announced the success of a laser beam test firing at a simulated Soviet missile.

TRADE -- There is a major confrontation building between President Reagan and Congress on the emotional issue of fair trade.

SEN. EAST -- Sen. East announced he won't seek re-election.



NEWS CONFERENCE

PRESIDENT SAYS RESEARCH ON SDI IS NO BARGAINING CHIP

President Reagan said that he would not trade away the right to develop and test components of his Strategic Defense Initiative space-based defense system in exchange for nuclear arms reductions from the Soviets.

In the 32nd nationally televised press conference of Reagan's Presidency, and the first since his cancer surgery July 15, the President also said he was a supporter of "fair trade" but warned that any "mindless stampede toward protectionism will be a one-way trip to economic disaster."
(Paul Taylor, Washington Post, A1)

Reagan Shoots Down Deal On 'Star Wars'

President Reagan ruled out any deal with the Soviet Union at the summit or the Geneva arms talks that would reduce the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative to a bargaining chip.

(Jeremiah O'Leary, Washington Times, A1)

But the President, answering questions at his first formal news conference in three months, said he would be willing to negotiate with Gorbachev over the deployment of the multi-billion dollar system if that would help "rid the world of the nuclear threat."
(Michael Putzel, AP)

Reagan Virtually Rules Out 'Star Wars' Deal with Moscow

Reagan said he would urge Gorbachev at their summit meeting in Geneva to also consider such a defensive system in order to end the present nuclear war deterrent of each side being poised to destroy the other if attacked.
(Jim Adams, Reuter)

REAGAN STAUNCH ON DEVELOPMENT OF STAR WARS

President Reagan on Tuesday night ruled out any summit agreement with the Soviet Union that would block testing and development of the controversial "Star Wars" missile defense system.

(AP, New Orleans Times-Picayune, A1)

EDITOR'S NOTE: The same AP story was run by The Cincinnati Enquirer under the headline, "Star Wars Here to Stay, Reagan Says," and by The Manchester Union Leader with the headline, "Reagan to Reds: Star Wars Stays." The Indianapolis Star also ran the story under the headline, "No Star Wars, No Summit Agreement, Reagan Says." "'Star Wars' Tests a Must for Reagan" was the headline used for the story in The Denver Post, and The Daily Oklahoman ran it under the title, "Star Wars Stance Firm, Reagan Says."

REAGAN RULES OUT DEAL WITH SOVIETS TO BAN STAR WARS

President Reagan said last night that he would not trade away the right to develop and test components of his Strategic Defense Initiative in exchange for nuclear arms reductions from the Soviets.

(Paul Taylor, Louisville Courier-Journal, A1)

REAGAN INSISTS ON FREE TRADE, SPACE ARMS ROLE

President Reagan called last night for "free and fair trade for all" and cautioned that a "mindless stampede toward protectionism will be a one-way trip toward economic disaster."

(AP, Richmond Times-Dispatch, A1)

PROTECTIONIST FERVOR DECRIED BY PRESIDENT

President Reagan, waving the banner of free trade at an increasingly rambunctious Congress, last night warned against "a mindless stampede toward protectionism" that he said could invite devastating retaliation from America's trading partners.

(Robert Timberg and Julie Johnson, Baltimore Sun, A1)

REAGAN: NO DEALS ON STAR WARS

President Reagan on Tuesday night firmly rejected placing any limits on research, testing and development of his "Star Wars" anti-missile defense program as a trade-off for reductions in Soviet offensive nuclear weapons.

(Owen Ullmann, Miami Herald, A1)

PRESIDENT STICKS WITH STAR WARS

President Reagan emphatically ruled out any compromise with the Soviet Union on research and testing of defensive weapons designed to shoot down nuclear missiles.

(Richard Ryan, Detroit News, A1)

REAGAN: NO DEAL ON STAR WARS

President Reagan Tuesday night once again rebuffed Soviet complaints about his Star Wars nuclear defense research program and said it would not be put on the table as a bargaining chip at his November summit meeting with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

(Ray Coffey and George DeLama, Chicago Tribune, A1)

REAGAN RULES OUT DEAL WITH SOVIET ON SPACE WEAPONS

President Reagan Tuesday night ruled out negotiations with the Soviet Union on development and testing of his proposed missile exchange for deep cuts in the Soviet nuclear arsenal.

(Bernard Weinraub, New York Times, A1)

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AIDS Dilemma Called 'Top Priority'

President Reagan expressed both understanding for parents who refuse to send their children to school with other children who are known to have AIDS, and compassion for the unfortunate children who are outcast by the fatal disease.

When asked whether he believed \$126 million was enough, Mr. Reagan replied, "I think with our budgetary constraints and all, it seems to me that \$126 million in a single year for research has got to be something of a vital contribution." (Washington Times, A8)

President Reagan, asked whether he would send a young child of his to school with AIDS-stricken pupils, said Tuesday he could understand the position of parents who have refused to do so.

"I'm glad I'm not faced with that problem today. And I can well understand the plight of the parents and how they feel about it." (AP)

REAGAN: SOUTH AFRICA SANCTIONS PUT HIM IN THE MIDDLE

President Reagan says he found a middle ground when he imposed limited economic sanctions against South Africa because both that country's white rulers and its black opposition are unhappy with them.

(E. Michael Myers, UPI)

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TRIP NEWS

Welcome Back Mr. President, New Hampshire Loves You

(Red, white and blue banner across top of front page,
Manchester Union Leader)

IT'S REAGAN DAY IN REAGAN COUNTRY

CONCORD, N.H. -- Ronald Reagan returns to New Hampshire today. The Granite State was promising sunny skies and a warm reception for the man whose successful road to the White House began in a presidential primary here five years ago.

The President is to deliver a 15-minute speech on tax reform at the State House Plaza at 12:05 p.m. to a crowd estimated at as many as 10,000 people.
(Donn Tibbetts, Manchester Union Leader, A1)

PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

CONCORD, N.H. -- New Hampshire's capital city primped Tuesday for a Presidential visit by Ronald Reagan, who picked a Republican stronghold to pitch his tax reform message in the Northeast. (UPI)

WELCOME HOME MR. PRESIDENT

Although New Hampshire isn't your geographical residence, we'd like to think it is your philosophical home -- and that's one of the reasons the Granite State started you on the road to the White House five years ago.

As a state with no income or sales tax, we salute your refusal to take money from our pockets in the form of higher and higher taxes. You know, as we have found out, low taxes bring progress.

Just as you are fighting the concept of big government bureaucracy in Washington, returning the power to the states, New Hampshire runs on the principle that towns and cities should handle their own affairs, finance their schools, and establish their rules. Like us, you know that the best person to make the decision is the one who is personally involved.

We are a bunch of flag wavers up here, Mr. President, and we salute your devotion to the principles of this great country. We, too, believe that a strong America will remain a free America.

So, welcome back, Mr. President, to a state that is proud to have supported you, not only as a person, but as a program for America. We are proud to have you here again and hope you will come more often. We promise you will always feel at home in New Hampshire.

(Editorial signed by Nackey Loeb, Manchester Union Leader, A1)

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NEW HAMPSHIRE, REAGAN GO BACK TO '68

Ronald Reagan has been in New Hampshire before.

He had campaigned here for the presidency of the United States in 1976, and nearly defeated an incumbent -- then-president Gerald Ford.

Now it was 1980, and Ronald Reagan had friends in New Hampshire. They liked his no-nonsense style and his vision of a strong but frugal America. New Hampshire could relate to frugality, you know.

Ronald Reagan had long been the political apple of the eye of the conservative publisher of a certain New Hampshire newspaper.

(John DiStaso, Manchester Union Leader, A1)

MOUNT REAGAN IDEA COMES FROM 'LOVE'

CONCORD, N.H. -- A state senator who wants the legislature to name a white mountain peak after President Reagan said the gesture was one of "love" for the President.

State Sen. Mark Hounsell, a conservative Republican from Groton, has introduced a bill to rename South Moat Mountain to Mount Reagan.

The Presidential range already has peaks named after Thomas Jefferson and George Washington, among other former presidents.

(Manchester Union Leader, A20)

"A Capsule Biography of President Reagan," by Donn Tippetts, is on page A20 of The Manchester Union Leader.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

McFARLANE LISTS U.S. ACTIONS IN AID OF NICARAGUA REBELS

After last year's congressional ban on "directly or indirectly" giving military aid to rebels fighting the government of Nicaragua, the White House continued to give them political advice and -- once last spring -- urged the rebels to suspend fighting, a senior Administration official says.

In a September 5 letter, Robert McFarlane depicted an active White House campaign to help the rebels politically, but denied that those actions violated even the congressional ban on even indirect military help for counterrevolutionary forces fighting Nicaragua's leftist government.

(Robert Parry, Washington Post, A24)

White House Gave Contras Political Guidance

McFarlane added: "At no time did we encourage military activities. Our emphasis on a political rather than a military solution to the situation was as close as we ever came to influencing the military aspect of their struggle."

(Robert Parry, AP)

SHULTZ WARNS OF CUTS IN REFUGEE ADMISSIONS

Secretary Shultz warned Congress that the United States would have to drastically reduce refugee admissions for the next fiscal year if Congress sharply reduces the administration's \$338 million budget request.

(I. Rajeswary, Washington Post, A4)

SHULTZ TO RESOLVE DISPUTE OVER SUPPORT FOR U.N. POPULATION FUND

Secretary Shultz is caught in a sensitive foreign aid dispute over the Reagan Administration's support for the U.N. Fund for Population Activities. Shultz is under pressure from the Agency for International Development to suspend support for UNFPA because of its involvement in alleged abortion and involuntary sterilization in China.

(Lionel Barber, Washington Post, A12)

SHULTZ SAYS KRUGERRAND IMPORTS WILL STOP SOON

Secretary Shultz said Tuesday the United States will ban the importation of South African gold coins -- Krugerrands -- "in a matter of weeks."

In testimony before a Senate Judiciary subcommittee, Shultz confirmed the ban would begin after notification procedure is completed under the terms of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

(Dave Doubrava, Washington Times, A2)

WEINBERGER LENDS SELF TO LATER AMPLIFICATION

U.S. officials, clarifying Defense Secretary Weinberger's account of the clash between Soviet and American military intelligence in East Germany, performed an increasingly common ritual: explaining what the secretary "really meant."

Weinberger, a lawyer, argues for a strong defense against the Soviet menace as if appealing to an uncertain jury and often leaves it to aides to refine his points later.

(News Analysis by Michael Weisskopf, Washington Post, A12)

POPE PLANS U.S. TRIP IN '87, FOCUSING ON SOUTH AND WEST

Pope John Paul II is expected to pay a second visit to this country, probably in September or October of 1987, spending eight days largely in the West and the South to complement his 1979 visit to the East Coast and the Midwest.

(Marjorie Hyer, Washington Post, A2)

RAID BY PRETORIA DENOUNCED BY U.S.

A senior Reagan Administration official today denounced South Africa's military raid into Angola and suggested that it might violate international law.

The official, talking with reporters at the White House, said that "no previous facts were brought to our attention that would warrant such an action" as South Africa's raid on Monday.

(Bernard Gwertzman, New York Times, A1)

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NATIONAL NEWS

EXITING POSTAL CHIEF GAVE FRIEND A JOB

Nine days before he left office last year, Postmaster General William Bolger named the wife of a retiring Postal Service official who is a close friend of Bolger's to a \$31,000-a-year postmaster's job in a small Cape Cod town where the couple had bought a retirement home.

(Howard Kurtz, Washington Post, A1)

Former Postmaster General Denies Patronage Appointment

(Bolger) appointed a friend who "didn't know a 20-cent stamp from a post card" to a postmaster's job in Cape Cod nine days before he left office last year, the Washington Post reported.

Attorney William Lafferty, who represents one of the unsuccessful candidates for the job, said Shuman "never saw the inside of a Post Office. She didn't know a 20-cent stamp from a post card. She was always a secretary." (UPI)

SEN. EAST, CITING HEALTH, SAYS HE WON'T RUN AGAIN

Sen. John East announced that he will not seek re-election next year because of poor health. (Paul Taylor, Washington Post, A3)

Bad News For GOP: East Won't Run

A decision by Sen. East not to seek re-election has dampened Republican chances of maintaining its Senate majority in 1986.

(Bill Kling, Washington Times, A3)

BUDGET PRIORITIES ASKEW, AIR FORCE SECRETARY SAYS

U.S. national priorities need to be reexamined when Congress proposes cuts in military retirement benefits while at the same time increasing foreign aid, Air Force Secretary Verne Orr said.

(Walter Andrews, Washington Times, A2)

MEESE ASSAILS RACIAL-QUOTA BACKERS

Attorney General Meese likened supporters of mandatory, race-conscious hiring quotas to an earlier generation of Americans who argued that "slavery was good not only for slaves but for society."

(Merrill Hartson, Washington Post, A8)

Attorney General Likens Quota Supporters To Defenders Of Slavery

Meese said in his speech that "any policy of affirmative action that prefers one person over another because of race, gender, or national origin, is unfair..."

(Merrill Hartson, AP)

Meese Tries To Enunciate Affirmative Action Stand

Benjamin Hooks (of the NAACP) said the Attorney General's address to students and faculty of Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa., "continues his desperate attempt to convince the American public that affirmative action is discriminatory." (John McCaslin, Washington Times, A4)

Meese Says The Same Idea Underpins Slavery, Quotas

Mr. Meese said that the battle over quotas was a "battle for the moral principle of equality." (Lyle Denniston, Baltimore Sun, A1)

PRESIDENT OPPOSES FARMERS' REFERENDUM

President Reagan indicated to Republican congressional leaders that he would veto any farm bill that allows farmers to vote on a program to curb agricultural production.

The President also told the GOP farm-state lawmakers that he will continue to insist that the bill meet budget requirements but will be flexible on how they are met.

(Ward Sinclair, Washington Post, A8)

In its search for ways to save money on farm subsidies, the Reagan Administration has hit upon an idea that is likely to incur not only the wrath of farmers but to injure their pride as well.

The idea is to target income support payments only to farmers deemed by the government to be most in need of them -- in effect, putting farm subsidies in the same category as welfare payments and food stamps, which the administration has insisted go only to "the truly needy."

(Jim Drinkard, AP)

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NEWS FROM THE STATES

SECRETARY BAKER CONSIDERING ELIMINATING VETERANS' PROGRAMS

AUSTIN, Texas (UPI) -- State Land Commissioner Garry Mauro said Tuesday that Treasury Secretary James Baker is reconsidering a decision to eliminate land and housing programs for Texas veterans. The Texas Veterans Land Program and the Texas Veterans Housing Assistance Program are financed with federal tax exempt bonds, which would be eliminated for use in the programs under current federal tax reform proposals. Mauro said Baker assured him Monday that he was keeping "an open mind" about the Texas programs. "Despite press reports to the contrary, Secretary Baker has not singled out the Texas veterans programs for elimination," Mauro said. The land program allows eligible Texas veterans to borrow up to \$20,000 at 9.97 percent interest to buy a minimum of ten acres of land. The home loan program provides for \$20,000 loans to help finance the purchase of a home.

COORS/BLACK UNIVERSITIES

GOLDEN, Colo. (UPI) -- The Adolph Coors Co. Tuesday said it will donate \$10,000 to each of seven predominately black universities to augment the schools' educational programs. Paula Pete, assistant national program manager for the brewing firm, said the schools are Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.; Florida A&M University, Tallahassee; Morehouse College, Atlanta; Grambling University, Grambling, La.; Morgan State University, Baltimore; Spelman College, Atlanta, and Texas Southern University, Houston. Pete will present the checks to school representatives Sept. 26 in New Orleans. She said the gifts, in addition to Coors' recent \$25,000 donation to the United Negro College Fund, bring the firm's support of black educational institutions to nearly \$100,000 this year. In addition to supporting educational institutions, Pete said Coors has expanded its commitment to the black community through stepped-up hiring and promotion programs and increased business associations with black vendors and financial institutions.

NEW OFFSHORE PLAN STALLED

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- A new offshore leasing plan for California has been stalled by unresolved conflicts, including the threat of air pollution, Interior Secretary Donald Hodel said today. Another plan containing a new set of tracts proposed for oil drilling was expected this week, but Hodel said he cannot produce an acceptable plan yet. "I don't think I ought to come up with a plan because if I do, it won't work," Hodel told a reporter shortly before testifying for a Senate Energy subcommittee. Hodel backed out of a tentative agreement reached in July with a segment of the California congressional delegation that proposed offering 150 offshore tracts after he learned the oil industry found them undesirable. Hodel compared the standoff to "a volatile domestic relations squabble" between those who favor exploration and drilling and those against it.

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NEWS FROM THE STATES (continued)

REAGAN PLANS EAST TENNESSEE VISIT

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) -- President Reagan tentatively plans to visit the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and make a speech in Athens, Tenn., next Tuesday, U.S. Rep. John Duncan said Tuesday. Reagan plans to attend a business symposium at UT during the morning and then helicopter to Athens, about 50 miles to the south, to speak at the county courthouse, Duncan said. At the university symposium, Reagan would hear professors, students and Knoxville business executives discuss how local businesses have benefitted from university research projects. Duncan is the ranking Republican on the powerful House Ways and Means Committee. "I guess he wants to put some pressure on me to support his tax bill," Duncan said. The congressman said as many as 15,000 people could gather at the McMinn County Courthouse in Athens to hear Reagan talk about taxes. Tennesseans stand to benefit from at least one major component of the Reagan tax plan, the proposal to disallow deductions for state income taxes. Tennessee does not have a state income tax.

STATE COLLEGES EMBARK ON \$12 MILLION REMEDIAL PROGRAM

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) -- State colleges are embarking on a \$12 million remedial program to teach incoming freshmen reading, writing and arithmetic they should have learned in high-school, officials said Tuesday. "It's a long-needed program," said Betty Renfro, head of academic development at Nashville State Technical Institute. "It will assist us in retaining students and giving them the academic base they really need." About 40-percent of entering students will be required to take the course to teach them the algebra, reading comprehension and research paper skills needed for a college education. Students will be selected for the class if they fail a specially-designed test that will be administered to all incoming freshmen who score below 16 on the ACT (American College Testing) exam.

SURVEY SAYS MINNESOTA BUSINESSMEN SUPPORT REAGAN TAX PLAN

ST. PAUL, Minn. (UPI) -- The Minnesota Association of Commerce and Industry says a survey indicates most Minnesota business owners favor President Reagan's tax reform plan. Most strongly oppose Reagan's move to stop deducting state and local taxes on federal tax returns, but overall think Congress should pass Reagan's plan -- even if they lose the deductibility, the MACI said. Winston Borden, president of MACI, said his organization made the survey at the request of Minnesota's congressional delegation. The survey went to 1,000 randomly selected MACI members and nearly 400 responded.

Some of the key findings in the survey:

63 percent of business owners responding in the survey support enactment of the Reagan tax plan.

80 percent oppose giving up state and local tax deductibility in figuring federal tax. About 62 percent "strongly oppose" giving it up.

66 percent believe the present federal tax system is unfair.

72 percent believe some businesses use the tax laws to take unfair advantage of other businesses.

55 percent believe Reagan's reform plan is more fair than the current system.

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NEWS FROM THE STATES (continued)

KEMP INTERVIEW

DES MOINES (INA) -- Rep. Jack Kemp thinks President Reagan will go to the summit talks with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in a "much stronger position" than any recent president. In an interview in Des Moines, Kemp implied that Reagan's position was enhanced because of the Strategic Defense Initiative. Kemp, currently serving his eighth term in Congress, clearly does not want the U.S. to give up the controversial Strategic Defense Initiative. "It's purpose is to defend, not attack...In my view it holds the hope of reducing the arms race."

Kemp also said, "I think the White House should take immediate steps to force the FED to bring down the discount rate and short term federal funds rate. I think that would have a favorable impact upon farm commodity prices and the demand for products...."

PERELLI/TAX REFORM

TAMPA, Fla. (UPI) -- Retired Boston police officer Charles Perelli was so happy last week after listening to President Reagan's speech calling for support of his tax reform proposal he danced a little jig in the aisle. A newspaper report of the impromptu dance was brought to Reagan's attention and a White House staff member said the President got "such a kick out of him." Monday, Perelli was even more excited after a letter from Reagan arrived at John Knox Village of Tampa, a retirement complex in north Tampa. "Nothing gladdens my heart more than finding out that when speaking before an audience that my message comes out loud and clear," the letter read. "And, that's why I am so grateful for your enthusiasm about my proposed tax reform as well as your friendship and support. Together, we make a great team. Just wanted you to know that you have made my day!" it continued. Perelli was thrilled by receipt of the letter -- even though whoever typed it misspelled his name Pirelli. The 87-year-old widower promptly framed the color photograph of Reagan that accompanied the letter and has it hanging on his dining room wall.

STEINEM: PROGRESSIVE TIDE NEEDS LEADERS

DES MOINES, Iowa (UPI) -- Progressive political groups must find new leaders to combat the Reagan Administration's opposition to equal pay and women's rights, feminist Gloria Steinem said Monday. "I do not think there is a growing conservative tide in this country. There is a growing progressive and equality tide that just doesn't have a spokesperson," the founder of Ms. Magazine said. Steinem, 51, appearing at a news conference in conjunction with the Iowa Older Women's Conference, also said the White House has been a major source of the backlash to the women's movement's recent gains. "I don't see how this administration can be opposed to terrorist activities and condone, sometimes specifically, the bombing of abortion clinics," she said.

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NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY

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LASER TEST

CBS's Dan Rather: Two months before the superpower summit, two days before the resumption of U.S.-Soviet arms talks, the Pentagon announced the success of a laser beam test firing at a simulated Soviet missile. Moscow issued the expected condemnation that was almost as quick as the laser beam itself.

CBS's David Martin: The test was denounced by the Soviets as a deliberate attempt to undermine arms control.

(Georgi Arbatov: "I think your people know it, and they do it very consciously and it's very dangerous.")

(Secretary Weinberger: "The tests are absolutely necessary. And I would expect that Mr. Arbatov would say that if we sneezed rather loudly we were being provocative or doing something we shouldn't do. That's his job.")

In Geneva, the chief Soviet arms negotiator repeated the Russian position that there can be no progress until the U.S. agrees to give up star wars. In Washington, there is talk the Reagan Administration is moving toward making concessions on star wars in return for deep cuts in offensive weapons.

(Sen. Nunn: "If they table an offensive reduction proposal on strategic weapons and on intermediate weapons, I think we have to take a serious look at our defensive plans.")

But the man in charge of star wars insists it's not negotiable.

(Weinberger: "The President's said many times it's not a negotiating chip, not a bargaining chip.")

Weinberger has put off a planned trip to the Far East next month so he can be on hand to defend that hardline position during the final preparations for the summit meeting. (CBS-2)

ABC's Peter Jennings: The Pentagon today released pictures showing off some of its laser technology, the kind that could be used in space. Less than two months before Mr. Reagan and the Soviet leader meet at the Summit, the message is clearly intended for Moscow:

ABC's Dean Reynolds: Friday, September 6, the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico -- the second stage of a Titan missile booster stands tethered to the ground. In the foreground, a building housing a large chemical laser known as Miracle, for Mid Infrared Advanced Chemical Laser. At 6 p.m., Miracle meets the missile. (TV coverage of missile being destroyed.)

(General James Abrahamson: "It's an important step because it shows us, as I said, that our calculations are correct. We can easily destroy a booster...")

Lasers, in this case the product of two chemicals, are high intensity beams that pack enormous power.

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NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY EVENING, Sept. 17 (cont.)

Reynolds continues: The President's multi-billion dollar Strategic Defense Initiative, also known as "Star Wars," sees them as a potential way out of this nightmare scenario -- Soviet intercontinental missiles bearing down on Western targets. Theoretically, the chemical lasers could be fired from the ground and reflected off huge mirrors against the Soviet missiles, or from space directly at their targets. Still, critics are unimpressed.

(Scientist: "The Star Wars program is going to be showing us a lot of parlor tricks over the next four-or-five years like this one but these individual gadgets developments don't really say very much about whether you can build a reliable system.")

Regardless of the criticism in this country, U.S. officials believe the Star Wars test will have a profound impact in Moscow, and may add to President Reagan's leverage in the November Summit. (ABC-Lead)

TRADE/NEWS CONFERENCE

ABC's Peter Jennings: President Reagan's going to hold a news conference tonight which ABC News will televise. Mr. Reagan is quite likely to face some very tough questions about his foreign trade policy. Mr. Reagan's position against formally protecting American industry from overseas competition is not at all popular in the Congress. As ABC's Brit Hume reports, the House Ways and Means Committee has now begun hearings on a number of bills to raise the trade barriers.

ABC's Brit Hume: This is the committee President Reagan is counting on to produce the tax reform bill he wants, but today it formally began work on a trade bill he doesn't want. And while there is some doubt about the tax bill, there seemed little doubt today there will be a trade bill.

(Rep. Gibbons, D-Fla: "We will have a legislative bill this year. It will be an important bill. It will be a meaningful bill.")

The proposal under study was offered by Senator Bentsen of Texas and Congressman Gephardt of Missouri, both Democrats. It would slap a 25 percent tariff on products from countries like Japan that run large trade surpluses with the U.S. and do not have what Congress considers open markets for U.S. goods.

(Rep. Gephardt: "We face an immediate crisis of a trade hemorrhage to the tune of \$150B a year.")

(Sen. Bentsen: "At the current rate, in just five years this country is going to owe other countries around the world one trillion dollars.")

The Administration tried again today to resist the protectionist pressures.

(Trade Rep. Yeutter: "If one looks at the basic causes of our trade problems in this country today, this legislation doesn't deal with those causes at all.")

The most basic problem is agreed to be the budget deficit, but nobody here seems able to do anything about that, and Congress now clearly wants to try something else. The President may not like it, but in politics as in other things it's hard to beat something with nothing. (CBS-10)

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NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR TUESDAY EVENING, Sept. 17 (cont.)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: There is a major confrontation building between President Reagan and Congress on the emotional issue of fair trade. As he opens his news conference tonight, the President is expected to repeat his opposition to trade quotas. Those are restrictions on imports: clothing, shoes, cars, electronics -- whatever is made in other countries and sold here, usually at prices cheaper than American products. It is a serious economic issue -- getting more serious with every passing day. In 1980, the U.S. sold \$12 billion more abroad than it took in. Last year, a trade deficit of \$89 billion. This year, the U.S. could import \$150 billion more than it exports. That's a huge deficit. And all of this has touched off a fierce debate on quotas limiting imports. For example, textile companies and their workers are for quotas, since textile imports have doubled in five years now costing the American industry 250,000 jobs. But retailers, and the people who move those imports -- truckers and so on -- are against quotas. After all, imports are good for their business. Well, as a result of the demand for quotas, there are now about 300 bills before Congress that would penalize imports of everything from television sets to textiles. Today, Congress opened hearings on the issue and as Bob Kur reports, some members think that the rest of the world is playing the U.S. for a sucker.

NBC's Bob Kur: Congress wants voters to know that it is way ahead of the President in fighting to protect American industries. That's why there were fighting words at today's hearings.
(Rep. Rostenkowski: "But leave no doubt abroad that America is ready to fight barrier with barrier.")
(Rep. Gephardt: "In the world trade game, President Reagan has turned Uncle Sam into Uncle Sap.")
It's not only Democrats. Many Republican congressmen are pushing the Administration too. Howard Coble spent the past few days home in North Carolina listening to textile workers scared by layoffs.
(Textile worker Robert Phillip: "...Probably lose my house, my car, furniture -- just about everything.")
And Congressman Coble knows he could lose his job over the trade issue. That's why he hopes President Reagan -- his party's leader -- won't veto a textile protection bill.
(Rep. Coble: "I am a good team player, but there are occasionally -- becomes times when I cannot agree with the Administration and this is one of those times.")
It's also one of those times for Maine Republican Olympia Snow. Of 350 workers, only 55 are left at a shoe factory in Snow's district. And they've been told the plant will shut down in two weeks.
(Rep. Snow: "This story of dashed hopes and economic dislocation is being repeated throughout the country. And it will continue to spread unless this House takes swift action to halt the unchecked onslaught of imported shoes.")
Congress is likely to approve a 30% reduction in clothing imports and consider import quotas on shoes and a 25% surcharge on imports for Japan, Taiwan, South Korea and Brazil unless they open their markets. But what about consumers? Critics say protectionism will cost the consumer.

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NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR TUESDAY EVENING, Sept. 17 (cont.)

Kur continues: (Rep. Jack Kemp: "Prices would rise, choices would be limited, the quality of competition would be reduced.")

Congressional opponents of protectionism -- and there don't seem to be many right now -- hope they and the President can put together a trade bill strong enough to block those calling for surcharges and quotas. But at the moment, that side seems to be overwhelmed here and a confrontation with White House is a good bet.

Brokaw to Chris Wallace: What about the President's trade bill? What will he have in it that will head off this opposition from Congress?

NBC's Chris Wallace: He is going to announce a trade package next week of measures that he can support -- such things as seeking more authority to fight unfair trading by other countries, a \$300 million war chest to subsidize U.S. exports. The Administration is trying to make a distinction here between what it calls good trade measures, which open up markets, and what it calls bad trade measures -- protectionism which closes off markets. And it hopes the Congress will buy that distinction.

Brokaw: Just last week the President changed his mind about sanctions for South Africa. Is there any chance that he's going to change his mind on quotas on imports?

Wallace: At least at this point they say that he's not going to have to change his mind and back down. They fully expect that Congress will pass at least one protectionist measure, most likely on textiles, and they say the President will veto it, but their hope is that by proposing a trade package of his own that the President will gain enough support in Congress that his veto of that textile measure will stand up.

Brokaw: The President's news conference will be carried live by NBC tonight beginning at 8 Eastern. (NBC-Lead)

GERMAN SPIES

Rather: The very top of the West German government, the office of Chancellor Kohl, was shaken by another spy scandal. A secretary who had worked in the Chancellor's office for 12 years and had access to top secrets has fled with her husband to East Berlin.

CBS's Doug Tunnel: For Chancellor Kohl, the defection could not have come at a more sensitive moment -- on the heels of a visit to Washington by West German experts assessing their country's possible role in the SDI, on the verge of a decision to sign on to President Reagan's massive, largely secret, research plan. Kohl's government denied the secretary had access to star wars secrets. But through her division in the Chancellor's office came information about West Germany's scientific and technological research programs for the future. (ABC-2, NBC-3, CBS-Lead)

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR TUESDAY EVENING, Sept. 17 (cont.)

IMMIGRATION REFORM

Rather reports the Senate approved a controversial amendment to the immigration bill that would allow another 350,000 foreign workers in the country for temporary work, harvesting highly perishable crops. Some senators say this may be enough to kill the whole bill.

CBS's Rita Braver reports on a 7-year-old girl who came into this country illegally, having traveled on an airplane to Miami to meet her mother, an illegal alien living in New York. She is one of hundreds of unaccompanied minors trapped in the Immigration Service net. Unlike adults, who can get out on bail while fighting deportation, federal policy says minors can be released only to a parent or legal guardian. But that policy is under attack. Immigration activists have filed suit in federal court to allow the youngsters to be released to the custody of any responsible adult. (CBS-7)

SOUTH AFRICA

CBS's John Blackstone reports from South Africa that thousands of teachers, parents and students opened schools illegally, not for classes but on principle. Schools have become a focus of anger because of inequalities in education. South Africa spends about eight times more on each white student than on each black student. The government had ordered the 450 schools closed, saying they had become centers of protest. The demonstration of anger started in the schools was repeated in the streets. (CBS-4, ABC-7, NBC-5)

SYRIA/HOSTAGES

Brokaw: The State Department disclosed late today that two weeks after the 39 TWA hostages were released last summer, Syria accused the U.S. of failing to honor the deal that was made to gain their freedom. Syria said at that time, it would no longer try to win the freedom of the seven other Americans still being held in Lebanon. The issue was whether the Israelis would promptly free the more than 750 Lebanese prisoners that they were holding. A State Department official said today, "We let the Syrians assume there was a deal." But apparently, no deal was made. (NBC-2)

ITALY/CAFE BOMBING

Rather: Italian police had a suspect -- a Lebanese-born Palestinian traveling on a false passport -- in yesterday's grenade attack at a cafe in Rome. Thirty-nine people, including nine Americans, had been injured. (ABC-8, NBC-4, CBS-5)

SENATOR EAST

Rather: Sen. East announced he won't seek re-election next year. The officially stated reason: poor health. (ABC-11, CBS-12)

EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

TRADE

Reagan's Trade Dilemma -- "The President, who remains a free trader, is drafting some mildly protectionist legislation to cool a virulently protectionist fever in Congress that could plunge the world into a trade war....In congressional testimony the other day, Chairman Paul Volcker of the Federal Reserve Board, who is tighter with his praise than with the money supply, said Mr. Reagan's stand against protectionism was 'admirable.' The President can be faulted on many things, but his stand against harsh trade legislation that would be hurtful to American consumers over the long-term deserves Mr. Volcker's accolade."

(Pittsburgh Press, 9/15)

SOUTH AFRICA

More Realism, Not 'Factoids' Needed for South Africa Policy -- "President Reagan is getting little credit from establishment opinion magnates of any persuasion for his decision to impose some economic sanctions on South Africa. Television commentators said flatly that it was perceived simply as cosmetic, an observation that when repeated often enough becomes a kind of manufactured fact, or factoid....Opposition to apartheid is a cover for Soviet subversion....If our goal is to end injustices such as apartheid, therefore, we must be prepared to resist Soviet subversion as well as strengthen -- not weaken -- economic and democratic institutions that promise real freedom rather than a substitute tyranny."

(Dayton Journal Herald, 9/12)

FARMS

Time for Realism on Farm Crisis -- "The government should chart a course to return all farmers to the discipline and opportunity of the free market, free of government controls that are inevitable in any program of taxpayer subsidy. That is the way President Reagan has proposed to go, by stages....The sentimental appeal is to save the family farmer. It rings hollow. To all intents and purposes, that battle was lost long ago. In 1930, a quarter of Americans lived on farms. Now only 2.5% do. And many of them are wealthy....Realism calls for retrenchment and reform."

(Dixon Evening Telegraph, 9/13)

SDI

Don't Make a Deal; Just Build Star Wars -- "It's said that if we offer to give up the Strategic Defense Initiative because the Soviets see it as a threat, and the Soviets offer to give up something we find threatening, both sides will be better off. The trouble is that the Soviets are engaged in an enormous SDI of their own -- but they won't admit it....If we do not offer it as a bargaining chip, then in the 1990s both of us will probably have effective defenses against the other's missiles. Each will know it cannot hope to wipe out the other's retaliatory force by a surprise attack."

(Robert Jastrow, USA Today, 9/17)

NETWORK COMMENTARY FOLLOWING PRESIDENTIAL NEWS CONFERENCE

ABC's Peter Jennings: ...bringing this third full-scale news conference by the President to a conclusion. He -- talking about trade, South Africa, Soviet-American relations. A very spirited defense of his own free trading position -- bearing in mind that on Capitol Hill there is a great movement now for protectionism for some American industries.

Tomorrow on World News Tonight, there will be a lot of reaction to this around the world. Particularly, there is likely to be reaction from the Soviets who will have heard the President say today that he will not go to the summit meeting with any agreement to outlaw testing and deployment on his Strategic Defense Initiative, or "Star Wars." In other words, it's not a bargaining chip. Thank you for joining us. You've heard the rest of what the President had to say.

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CBS's Dan Rather: Live, from the White House East Room, a presidential news conference. Right from the get-go, his opening statement tonight, President Reagan, without naming Congress, ridiculed the slew of bills in Congress designed to stem the tide imports are hurting some USA industries. The President saying that so-called protectionist trade barriers only lead to foreign retaliation. The President called such bills now working through Congress a "mindless stampede to economic disaster."

On continuing and new recent tests of the so-called "Star Wars" defense technology, the President denied reports that limiting such technology would be a bargaining chip in arms control talks with the Soviets. All in all, another in-control, smiling, not afraid to use humor Ronald Reagan news conference on the issues -- and also the first up-close sustained look for Americans at how well President Reagan has recovered from his cancer surgery this summer.

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NBC's Tom Brokaw: President Reagan concluding his news conference -- the first since his cancer surgery last summer -- asked as he's leaving the East Room of the White House there whether he believed that the rose should be the national flower. That was a vote in Congress this past week. The President concluding, as he opened his news conference, by taking a strong stand against any legislation that would provide for trade quotas.

But the big news, I suppose tonight, comes from the area of the upcoming summit meeting with Gorbachev. The President making clear tonight that he is not prepared to trade "Star Wars," or Strategic Defense Initiative, being developed in this country for any deep cuts in the Soviet missile arsenal. As for Gorbachev, the President said, "I won't be giving him any friendship rings, but we take these summit meetings seriously."

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News Summary

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TODAY'S HEADLINES

NEWS CONFERENCE

President Says Research on SDI Is No Bargaining Chip -- President Reagan ruled out any summit agreement with the Soviet Union that would block testing and development of his controversial "Star Wars" missile defense system. (AP, Reuter, Washington Post, Washington Times, New Orleans Times-Picayune, Cincinnati Enquirer, Daily Oklahoman, Manchester Union-Leader, Indianapolis Star, Denver Post)

TRIP NEWS

It's Reagan Day in Reagan Country -- The President is to deliver a 15-minute speech on tax reform at New Hampshire's State House Plaza at 12:05 p.m. to a crowd estimated at as many as 10,000 people. (Manchester Union Leader)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

White House Gave Contras Political Guidance -- The White House continued advising Nicaraguan rebels on political strategy after last year's congressional ban against "directly or indirectly" helping them militarily, National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane says. (AP, Washington Post)

NETWORK NEWS (Tuesday Evening)

LASER TEST -- Two months before the superpower summit, two days before the resumption of U.S.-Soviet arms talks, the Pentagon announced the success of a laser beam test firing at a simulated Soviet missile.

TRADE -- There is a major confrontation building between President Reagan and Congress on the emotional issue of fair trade.

SEN. EAST -- Sen. East announced he won't seek re-election.



NEWS CONFERENCE

PRESIDENT SAYS RESEARCH ON SDI IS NO BARGAINING CHIP

President Reagan said that he would not trade away the right to develop and test components of his Strategic Defense Initiative space-based defense system in exchange for nuclear arms reductions from the Soviets.

In the 32nd nationally televised press conference of Reagan's Presidency, and the first since his cancer surgery July 15, the President also said he was a supporter of "fair trade" but warned that any "mindless stampede toward protectionism will be a one-way trip to economic disaster."

(Paul Taylor, Washington Post, A1)

Reagan Shoots Down Deal On 'Star Wars'

President Reagan ruled out any deal with the Soviet Union at the summit or the Geneva arms talks that would reduce the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative to a bargaining chip.

(Jeremiah O'Leary, Washington Times, A1)

But the President, answering questions at his first formal news conference in three months, said he would be willing to negotiate with Gorbachev over the deployment of the multi-billion dollar system if that would help "rid the world of the nuclear threat." (Michael Putzel, AP)

Reagan Virtually Rules Out 'Star Wars' Deal with Moscow

Reagan said he would urge Gorbachev at their summit meeting in Geneva to also consider such a defensive system in order to end the present nuclear war deterrent of each side being poised to destroy the other if attacked. (Jim Adams, Reuter)

REAGAN STAUNCH ON DEVELOPMENT OF STAR WARS

President Reagan on Tuesday night ruled out any summit agreement with the Soviet Union that would block testing and development of the controversial "Star Wars" missile defense system.

(AP, New Orleans Times-Picayune, A1)

EDITOR'S NOTE: The same AP story was run by The Cincinnati Enquirer under the headline, "Star Wars Here to Stay, Reagan Says," and by The Manchester Union Leader with the headline, "Reagan to Reds: Star Wars Stays." The Indianapolis Star also ran the story under the headline, "No Star Wars, No Summit Agreement, Reagan Says." "'Star Wars' Tests a Must for Reagan" was the headline used for the story in The Denver Post, and The Daily Oklahoman ran it under the title, "Star Wars Stance Firm, Reagan Says."

REAGAN RULES OUT DEAL WITH SOVIETS TO BAN STAR WARS

President Reagan said last night that he would not trade away the right to develop and test components of his Strategic Defense Initiative in exchange for nuclear arms reductions from the Soviets.

(Paul Taylor, Louisville Courier-Journal, A1)

REAGAN INSISTS ON FREE TRADE, SPACE ARMS ROLE

President Reagan called last night for "free and fair trade for all" and cautioned that a "mindless stampede toward protectionism will be a one-way trip toward economic disaster."

(AP, Richmond Times-Dispatch, A1)

PROTECTIONIST FERVOR DECRIED BY PRESIDENT

President Reagan, waving the banner of free trade at an increasingly rambunctious Congress, last night warned against "a mindless stampede toward protectionism" that he said could invite devastating retaliation from America's trading partners.

(Robert Timberg and Julie Johnson, Baltimore Sun, A1)

REAGAN: NO DEALS ON STAR WARS

President Reagan on Tuesday night firmly rejected placing any limits on research, testing and development of his "Star Wars" anti-missile defense program as a trade-off for reductions in Soviet offensive nuclear weapons.

(Owen Ullmann, Miami Herald, A1)

PRESIDENT STICKS WITH STAR WARS

President Reagan emphatically ruled out any compromise with the Soviet Union on research and testing of defensive weapons designed to shoot down nuclear missiles.

(Richard Ryan, Detroit News, A1)

REAGAN: NO DEAL ON STAR WARS

President Reagan Tuesday night once again rebuffed Soviet complaints about his Star Wars nuclear defense research program and said it would not be put on the table as a bargaining chip at his November summit meeting with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

(Ray Coffey and George DeLama, Chicago Tribune, A1)

REAGAN RULES OUT DEAL WITH SOVIET ON SPACE WEAPONS

President Reagan Tuesday night ruled out negotiations with the Soviet Union on development and testing of his proposed missile exchange for deep cuts in the Soviet nuclear arsenal.

(Bernard Weinraub, New York Times, A1)

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AIDS Dilemma Called 'Top Priority'

President Reagan expressed both understanding for parents who refuse to send their children to school with other children who are known to have AIDS, and compassion for the unfortunate children who are outcast by the fatal disease.

When asked whether he believed \$126 million was enough, Mr. Reagan replied, "I think with our budgetary constraints and all, it seems to me that \$126 million in a single year for research has got to be something of a vital contribution." (Washington Times, A8)

President Reagan, asked whether he would send a young child of his to school with AIDS-stricken pupils, said Tuesday he could understand the position of parents who have refused to do so.

"I'm glad I'm not faced with that problem today. And I can well understand the plight of the parents and how they feel about it." (AP)

REAGAN: SOUTH AFRICA SANCTIONS PUT HIM IN THE MIDDLE

President Reagan says he found a middle ground when he imposed limited economic sanctions against South Africa because both that country's white rulers and its black opposition are unhappy with them.

(E. Michael Myers, UPI)

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TRIP NEWS

Welcome Back Mr. President, New Hampshire Loves You
(Red, white and blue banner across top of front page,
Manchester Union Leader)

IT'S REAGAN DAY IN REAGAN COUNTRY

CONCORD, N.H. -- Ronald Reagan returns to New Hampshire today. The Granite State was promising sunny skies and a warm reception for the man whose successful road to the White House began in a presidential primary here five years ago.

The President is to deliver a 15-minute speech on tax reform at the State House Plaza at 12:05 p.m. to a crowd estimated at as many as 10,000 people.
(Donn Tibbetts, Manchester Union Leader, A1)

PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

CONDORD, H.N. -- New Hampshire's capital city primped Tuesday for a Presidential visit by Ronald Reagan, who picked a Republican stronghold to pitch his tax reform message in the Northeast. (UPI)

WELCOME HOME MR. PRESIDENT

Although New Hampshire isn't your geographical residence, we'd like to think it is your philosophical home -- and that's one of the reasons the Granite State started you on the road to the White House five years ago.

As a state with no income or sales tax, we salute your refusal to take money from our pockets in the form of higher and higher taxes. You know, as we have found out, low taxes bring progress.

Just as you are fighting the concept of big government bureaucracy in Washington, returning the power to the states, New Hampshire runs on the principle that towns and cities should handle their own affairs, finance their schools, and establish their rules. Like us, you know that the best person to make the decision is the one who is personally involved.

We are a bunch of flag wavers up here, Mr. President, and we salute your devotion to the principles of this great country. We, too, believe that a strong America will remain a free America.

So, welcome back, Mr. President, to a state that is proud to have supported you, not only as a person, but as a program for America. We are proud to have you here again and hope you will come more often. We promise you will always feel at home in New Hampshire.

(Editorial signed by Nackey Loeb, Manchester Union Leader, A1)

NEW HAMPSHIRE, REAGAN GO BACK TO '68

Ronald Reagan has been in New Hampshire before.

He had campaigned here for the presidency of the United States in 1976, and nearly defeated an incumbent -- then-president Gerald Ford.

Now it was 1980, and Ronald Reagan had friends in New Hampshire. They liked his no-nonsense style and his vision of a strong but frugal America. New Hampshire could relate to frugality, you know.

Ronald Reagan had long been the political apple of the eye of the conservative publisher of a certain New Hampshire newspaper.

(John DiStaso, Manchester Union Leader, A1)

MOUNT REAGAN IDEA COMES FROM 'LOVE'

CONCORD, N.H. -- A state senator who wants the legislature to name a white mountain peak after President Reagan said the gesture was one of "love" for the President.

State Sen. Mark Hounsell, a conservative Republican from Groton, has introduced a bill to rename South Moat Mountain to Mount Reagan.

The Presidential range already has peaks named after Thomas Jefferson and George Washington, among other former presidents.

(Manchester Union Leader, A20)

"A Capsule Biography of President Reagan," by Donn Tippetts, is on page A20 of The Manchester Union Leader.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

McFARLANE LISTS U.S. ACTIONS IN AID OF NICARAGUA REBELS

After last year's congressional ban on "directly or indirectly" giving military aid to rebels fighting the government of Nicaragua, the White House continued to give them political advice and -- once last spring -- urged the rebels to suspend fighting, a senior Administration official says.

In a September 5 letter, Robert McFarlane depicted an active White House campaign to help the rebels politically, but denied that those actions violated even the congressional ban on even indirect military help for counterrevolutionary forces fighting Nicaragua's leftist government.

(Robert Parry, Washington Post, A24)

White House Gave Contras Political Guidance

McFarlane added: "At no time did we encourage military activities. Our emphasis on a political rather than a military solution to the situation was as close as we ever came to influencing the military aspect of their struggle."

(Robert Parry, AP)

SHULTZ WARNS OF CUTS IN REFUGEE ADMISSIONS

Secretary Shultz warned Congress that the United States would have to drastically reduce refugee admissions for the next fiscal year if Congress sharply reduces the administration's \$338 million budget request.

(I. Rajeswary, Washington Post, A4)

SHULTZ TO RESOLVE DISPUTE OVER SUPPORT FOR U.N. POPULATION FUND

Secretary Shultz is caught in a sensitive foreign aid dispute over the Reagan Administration's support for the U.N. Fund for Population Activities. Shultz is under pressure from the Agency for International Development to suspend support for UNFPA because of its involvement in alleged abortion and involuntary sterilization in China.

(Lionel Barber, Washington Post, A12)

SHULTZ SAYS KRUGERRAND IMPORTS WILL STOP SOON

Secretary Shultz said Tuesday the United States will ban the importation of South African gold coins -- Krugerrands -- "in a matter of weeks."

In testimony before a Senate Judiciary subcommittee, Shultz confirmed the ban would begin after notification procedure is completed under the terms of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

(Dave Doubrava, Washington Times, A2)

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WEINBERGER LENDS SELF TO LATER AMPLIFICATION

U.S. officials, clarifying Defense Secretary Weinberger's account of the clash between Soviet and American military intelligence in East Germany, performed an increasingly common ritual: explaining what the secretary "really meant."

Weinberger, a lawyer, argues for a strong defense against the Soviet menace as if appealing to an uncertain jury and often leaves it to aides to refine his points later.

(News Analysis by Michael Weisskopf, Washington Post, A12)

POPE PLANS U.S. TRIP IN '87, FOCUSING ON SOUTH AND WEST

Pope John Paul II is expected to pay a second visit to this country, probably in September or October of 1987, spending eight days largely in the West and the South to complement his 1979 visit to the East Coast and the Midwest.

(Marjorie Hyer, Washington Post, A2)

RAID BY PRETORIA DENOUNCED BY U.S.

A senior Reagan Administration official today denounced South Africa's military raid into Angola and suggested that it might violate international law.

The official, talking with reporters at the White House, said that "no previous facts were brought to our attention that would warrant such an action" as South Africa's raid on Monday.

(Bernard Gwertzman, New York Times, A1)

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NATIONAL NEWS

EXITING POSTAL CHIEF GAVE FRIEND A JOB

Nine days before he left office last year, Postmaster General William Bolger named the wife of a retiring Postal Service official who is a close friend of Bolger's to a \$31,000-a-year postmaster's job in a small Cape Cod town where the couple had bought a retirement home.

(Howard Kurtz, Washington Post, A1)

Former Postmaster General Denies Patronage Appointment

(Bolger) appointed a friend who "didn't know a 20-cent stamp from a post card" to a postmaster's job in Cape Cod nine days before he left office last year, the Washington Post reported.

Attorney William Lafferty, who represents one of the unsuccessful candidates for the job, said Shuman "never saw the inside of a Post Office. She didn't know a 20-cent stamp from a post card. She was always a secretary." (UPI)

SEN. EAST, CITING HEALTH, SAYS HE WON'T RUN AGAIN

Sen. John East announced that he will not seek re-election next year because of poor health. (Paul Taylor, Washington Post, A3)

Bad News For GOP: East Won't Run

A decision by Sen. East not to seek re-election has dampened Republican chances of maintaining its Senate majority in 1986. (Bill Kling, Washington Times, A3)

BUDGET PRIORITIES ASKEW, AIR FORCE SECRETARY SAYS

U.S. national priorities need to be reexamined when Congress proposes cuts in military retirement benefits while at the same time increasing foreign aid, Air Force Secretary Verne Orr said. (Walter Andrews, Washington Times, A2)

MEESE ASSAILS RACIAL-QUOTA BACKERS

Attorney General Meese likened supporters of mandatory, race-conscious hiring quotas to an earlier generation of Americans who argued that "slavery was good not only for slaves but for society." (Merrill Hartson, Washington Post, A8)

Attorney General Likens Quota Supporters To Defenders Of Slavery

Meese said in his speech that "any policy of affirmative action that prefers one person over another because of race, gender, or national origin, is unfair..." (Merrill Hartson, AP)

Meese Tries To Enunciate Affirmative Action Stand

Benjamin Hooks (of the NAACP) said the Attorney General's address to students and faculty of Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa., "continues his desperate attempt to convince the American public that affirmative action is discriminatory." (John McCaslin, Washington Times, A4)

Meese Says The Same Idea Underpins Slavery, Quotas

Mr. Meese said that the battle over quotas was a "battle for the moral principle of equality." (Lyle Denniston, Baltimore Sun, A1)

PRESIDENT OPPOSES FARMERS' REFERENDUM

President Reagan indicated to Republican congressional leaders that he would veto any farm bill that allows farmers to vote on a program to curb agricultural production.

The President also told the GOP farm-state lawmakers that he will continue to insist that the bill meet budget requirements but will be flexible on how they are met.

(Ward Sinclair, Washington Post, A8)

In its search for ways to save money on farm subsidies, the Reagan Administration has hit upon an idea that is likely to incur not only the wrath of farmers but to injure their pride as well.

The idea is to target income support payments only to farmers deemed by the government to be most in need of them -- in effect, putting farm subsidies in the same category as welfare payments and food stamps, which the administration has insisted go only to "the truly needy."

(Jim Drinkard, AP)

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NEWS FROM THE STATES

SECRETARY BAKER CONSIDERING ELIMINATING VETERANS' PROGRAMS

AUSTIN, Texas (UPI) -- State Land Commissioner Garry Mauro said Tuesday that Treasury Secretary James Baker is reconsidering a decision to eliminate land and housing programs for Texas veterans. The Texas Veterans Land Program and the Texas Veterans Housing Assistance Program are financed with federal tax exempt bonds, which would be eliminated for use in the programs under current federal tax reform proposals. Mauro said Baker assured him Monday that he was keeping "an open mind" about the Texas programs. "Despite press reports to the contrary, Secretary Baker has not singled out the Texas veterans programs for elimination," Mauro said. The land program allows eligible Texas veterans to borrow up to \$20,000 at 9.97 percent interest to buy a minimum of ten acres of land. The home loan program provides for \$20,000 loans to help finance the purchase of a home.

COORS/BLACK UNIVERSITIES

GOLDEN, Colo. (UPI) -- The Adolph Coors Co. Tuesday said it will donate \$10,000 to each of seven predominately black universities to augment the schools' educational programs. Paula Pete, assistant national program manager for the brewing firm, said the schools are Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.; Florida A&M University, Tallahassee; Morehouse College, Atlanta; Grambling University, Grambling, La.; Morgan State University, Baltimore; Spelman College, Atlanta, and Texas Southern University, Houston. Pete will present the checks to school representatives Sept. 26 in New Orleans. She said the gifts, in addition to Coors' recent \$25,000 donation to the United Negro College Fund, bring the firm's support of black educational institutions to nearly \$100,000 this year. In addition to supporting educational institutions, Pete said Coors has expanded its commitment to the black community through stepped-up hiring and promotion programs and increased business associations with black vendors and financial institutions.

NEW OFFSHORE PLAN STALLED

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- A new offshore leasing plan for California has been stalled by unresolved conflicts, including the threat of air pollution, Interior Secretary Donald Hodel said today. Another plan containing a new set of tracts proposed for oil drilling was expected this week, but Hodel said he cannot produce an acceptable plan yet. "I don't think I ought to come up with a plan because if I do, it won't work," Hodel told a reporter shortly before testifying for a Senate Energy subcommittee. Hodel backed out of a tentative agreement reached in July with a segment of the California congressional delegation that proposed offering 150 offshore tracts after he learned the oil industry found them undesirable. Hodel compared the standoff to "a volatile domestic relations squabble" between those who favor exploration and drilling and those against it.

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NEWS FROM THE STATES (continued)

REAGAN PLANS EAST TENNESSEE VISIT

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) -- President Reagan tentatively plans to visit the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and make a speech in Athens, Tenn., next Tuesday, U.S. Rep. John Duncan said Tuesday. Reagan plans to attend a business symposium at UT during the morning and then helicopter to Athens, about 50 miles to the south, to speak at the county courthouse, Duncan said. At the university symposium, Reagan would hear professors, students and Knoxville business executives discuss how local businesses have benefitted from university research projects. Duncan is the ranking Republican on the powerful House Ways and Means Committee. "I guess he wants to put some pressure on me to support his tax bill," Duncan said. The congressman said as many as 15,000 people could gather at the McMinn County Courthouse in Athens to hear Reagan talk about taxes. Tennesseans stand to benefit from at least one major component of the Reagan tax plan, the proposal to disallow deductions for state income taxes. Tennessee does not have a state income tax.

STATE COLLEGES EMBARK ON \$12 MILLION REMEDIAL PROGRAM

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) -- State colleges are embarking on a \$12 million remedial program to teach incoming freshmen reading, writing and arithmetic they should have learned in high-school, officials said Tuesday. "It's a long-needed program," said Betty Renfro, head of academic development at Nashville State Technical Institute. "It will assist us in retaining students and giving them the academic base they really need." About 40-percent of entering students will be required to take the course to teach them the algebra, reading comprehension and research paper skills needed for a college education. Students will be selected for the class if they fail a specially-designed test that will be administered to all incoming freshmen who score below 16 on the ACT (American College Testing) exam.

SURVEY SAYS MINNESOTA BUSINESSMEN SUPPORT REAGAN TAX PLAN

ST. PAUL, Minn. (UPI) -- The Minnesota Association of Commerce and Industry says a survey indicates most Minnesota business owners favor President Reagan's tax reform plan. Most strongly oppose Reagan's move to stop deducting state and local taxes on federal tax returns, but overall think Congress should pass Reagan's plan -- even if they lose the deductibility, the MACI said. Winston Borden, president of MACI, said his organization made the survey at the request of Minnesota's congressional delegation. The survey went to 1,000 randomly selected MACI members and nearly 400 responded.

Some of the key findings in the survey:

- 63 percent of business owners responding in the survey support enactment of the Reagan tax plan.

- 80 percent oppose giving up state and local tax deductibility in figuring federal tax. About 62 percent "strongly oppose" giving it up.

- 66 percent believe the present federal tax system is unfair.

- 72 percent believe some businesses use the tax laws to take unfair advantage of other businesses.

- 55 percent believe Reagan's reform plan is more fair than the current system.

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NEWS FROM THE STATES (continued)

KEMP INTERVIEW

DES MOINES (INA) -- Rep. Jack Kemp thinks President Reagan will go to the summit talks with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in a "much stronger position" than any recent president. In an interview in Des Moines, Kemp implied that Reagan's position was enhanced because of the Strategic Defense Initiative. Kemp, currently serving his eighth term in Congress, clearly does not want the U.S. to give up the controversial Strategic Defense Initiative. "It's purpose is to defend, not attack...In my view it holds the hope of reducing the arms race."

Kemp also said, "I think the White House should take immediate steps to force the FED to bring down the discount rate and short term federal funds rate. I think that would have a favorable impact upon farm commodity prices and the demand for products...."

PERELLI/TAX REFORM

TAMPA, Fla. (UPI) -- Retired Boston police officer Charles Perelli was so happy last week after listening to President Reagan's speech calling for support of his tax reform proposal he danced a little jig in the aisle. A newspaper report of the impromptu dance was brought to Reagan's attention and a White House staff member said the President got "such a kick out of him." Monday, Perelli was even more excited after a letter from Reagan arrived at John Knox Village of Tampa, a retirement complex in north Tampa. "Nothing gladdens my heart more than finding out that when speaking before an audience that my message comes out loud and clear," the letter read. "And, that's why I am so grateful for your enthusiasm about my proposed tax reform as well as your friendship and support. Together, we make a great team. Just wanted you to know that you have made my day!" it continued. Perelli was thrilled by receipt of the letter -- even though whoever typed it misspelled his name Pirelli. The 87-year-old widower promptly framed the color photograph of Reagan that accompanied the letter and has it hanging on his dining room wall.

STEINEM: PROGRESSIVE TIDE NEEDS LEADERS

DES MOINES, Iowa (UPI) -- Progressive political groups must find new leaders to combat the Reagan Administration's opposition to equal pay and women's rights, feminist Gloria Steinem said Monday. "I do not think there is a growing conservative tide in this country. There is a growing progressive and equality tide that just doesn't have a spokesperson," the founder of Ms. Magazine said. Steinem, 51, appearing at a news conference in conjunction with the Iowa Older Women's Conference, also said the White House has been a major source of the backlash to the women's movement's recent gains. "I don't see how this administration can be opposed to terrorist activities and condone, sometimes specifically, the bombing of abortion clinics," she said.

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NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY

(Tuesday Evening, September 17, 1985)

LASER TEST

CBS's Dan Rather: Two months before the superpower summit, two days before the resumption of U.S.-Soviet arms talks, the Pentagon announced the success of a laser beam test firing at a simulated Soviet missile. Moscow issued the expected condemnation that was almost as quick as the laser beam itself.

CBS's David Martin: The test was denounced by the Soviets as a deliberate attempt to undermine arms control.

(Georgi Arbatov: "I think your people know it, and they do it very consciously and it's very dangerous.")

(Secretary Weinberger: "The tests are absolutely necessary. And I would expect that Mr. Arbatov would say that if we sneezed rather loudly we were being provocative or doing something we shouldn't do. That's his job.")

In Geneva, the chief Soviet arms negotiator repeated the Russian position that there can be no progress until the U.S. agrees to give up star wars. In Washington, there is talk the Reagan Administration is moving toward making concessions on star wars in return for deep cuts in offensive weapons.

(Sen. Nunn: "If they table an offensive reduction proposal on strategic weapons and on intermediate weapons, I think we have to take a serious look at our defensive plans.")

But the man in charge of star wars insists it's not negotiable.

(Weinberger: "The President's said many times it's not a negotiating chip, not a bargaining chip.")

Weinberger has put off a planned trip to the Far East next month so he can be on hand to defend that hardline position during the final preparations for the summit meeting. (CBS-2)

ABC's Peter Jennings: The Pentagon today released pictures showing off some of its laser technology, the kind that could be used in space. Less than two months before Mr. Reagan and the Soviet leader meet at the Summit, the message is clearly intended for Moscow:

ABC's Dean Reynolds: Friday, September 6, the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico -- the second stage of a Titan missile booster stands tethered to the ground. In the foreground, a building housing a large chemical laser known as Miracle, for Mid Infrared Advanced Chemical Laser. At 6 p.m., Miracle meets the missile. (TV coverage of missile being destroyed.)

(General James Abrahamson: "It's an important step because it shows us, as I said, that our calculations are correct. We can easily destroy a booster...")

Lasers, in this case the product of two chemicals, are high intensity beams that pack enormous power.

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Reynolds continues: The President's multi-billion dollar Strategic Defense Initiative, also known as "Star Wars," sees them as a potential way out of this nightmare scenario -- Soviet intercontinental missiles bearing down on Western targets. Theoretically, the chemical lasers could be fired from the ground and reflected off huge mirrors against the Soviet missiles, or from space directly at their targets. Still, critics are unimpressed.

(Scientist: "The Star Wars program is going to be showing us a lot of parlor tricks over the next four-or-five years like this one but these individual gadgets developments don't really say very much about whether you can build a reliable system.")

Regardless of the criticism in this country, U.S. officials believe the Star Wars test will have a profound impact in Moscow, and may add to President Reagan's leverage in the November Summit. (ABC-Lead)

TRADE/NEWS CONFERENCE

ABC's Peter Jennings: President Reagan's going to hold a news conference tonight which ABC News will televise. Mr. Reagan is quite likely to face some very tough questions about his foreign trade policy. Mr. Reagan's position against formally protecting American industry from overseas competition is not at all popular in the Congress. As ABC's Brit Hume reports, the House Ways and Means Committee has now begun hearings on a number of bills to raise the trade barriers.

ABC's Brit Hume: This is the committee President Reagan is counting on to produce the tax reform bill he wants, but today it formally began work on a trade bill he doesn't want. And while there is some doubt about the tax bill, there seemed little doubt today there will be a trade bill.

(Rep. Gibbons, D-Fla: "We will have a legislative bill this year. It will be an important bill. It will be a meaningful bill.")

The proposal under study was offered by Senator Bentsen of Texas and Congressman Gephardt of Missouri, both Democrats. It would slap a 25 percent tariff on products from countries like Japan that run large trade surpluses with the U.S. and do not have what Congress considers open markets for U.S. goods.

(Rep. Gephardt: "We face an immediate crisis of a trade hemorrhage to the tune of \$150B a year.")

(Sen. Bentsen: "At the current rate, in just five years this country is going to owe other countries around the world one trillion dollars.")

The Administration tried again today to resist the protectionist pressures.

(Trade Rep. Yeutter: "If one looks at the basic causes of our trade problems in this country today, this legislation doesn't deal with those causes at all.")

The most basic problem is agreed to be the budget deficit, but nobody here seems able to do anything about that, and Congress now clearly wants to try something else. The President may not like it, but in politics as in other things it's hard to beat something with nothing.

(CBS-10)

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR TUESDAY EVENING, Sept. 17 (cont.)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: There is a major confrontation building between President Reagan and Congress on the emotional issue of fair trade. As he opens his news conference tonight, the President is expected to repeat his opposition to trade quotas. Those are restrictions on imports: clothing, shoes, cars, electronics -- whatever is made in other countries and sold here, usually at prices cheaper than American products. It is a serious economic issue -- getting more serious with every passing day. In 1980, the U.S. sold \$12 billion more abroad than it took in. Last year, a trade deficit of \$89 billion. This year, the U.S. could import \$150 billion more than it exports. That's a huge deficit. And all of this has touched off a fierce debate on quotas limiting imports. For example, textile companies and their workers are for quotas, since textile imports have doubled in five years now costing the American industry 250,000 jobs. But retailers, and the people who move those imports -- truckers and so on -- are against quotas. After all, imports are good for their business. Well, as a result of the demand for quotas, there are now about 300 bills before Congress that would penalize imports of everything from television sets to textiles. Today, Congress opened hearings on the issue and as Bob Kur reports, some members think that the rest of the world is playing the U.S. for a sucker.

NBC's Bob Kur: Congress wants voters to know that it is way ahead of the President in fighting to protect American industries. That's why there were fighting words at today's hearings.

(Rep. Rostenkowski: "But leave no doubt abroad that America is ready to fight barrier with barrier.")

(Rep. Gephardt: "In the world trade game, President Reagan has turned Uncle Sam into Uncle Sap.")

It's not only Democrats. Many Republican congressmen are pushing the Administration too. Howard Coble spent the past few days home in North Carolina listening to textile workers scared by layoffs.

(Textile worker Robert Phillip: "...Probably lose my house, my car, furniture -- just about everything.")

And Congressman Coble knows he could lose his job over the trade issue. That's why he hopes President Reagan -- his party's leader -- won't veto a textile protection bill.

(Rep. Coble: "I am a good team player, but there are occasionally -- becomes times when I cannot agree with the Administration and this is one of those times.")

It's also one of those times for Maine Republican Olympia Snow. Of 350 workers, only 55 are left at a shoe factory in Snow's district. And they've been told the plant will shut down in two weeks.

(Rep. Snow: "This story of dashed hopes and economic dislocation is being repeated throughout the country. And it will continue to spread unless this House takes swift action to halt the unchecked onslaught of imported shoes.")

Congress is likely to approve a 30% reduction in clothing imports and consider import quotas on shoes and a 25% surcharge on imports for Japan, Taiwan, South Korea and Brazil unless they open their markets. But what about consumers? Critics say protectionism will cost the consumer.

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NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR TUESDAY EVENING, Sept. 17 (cont.)

Kur continues: (Rep. Jack Kemp: "Prices would rise, choices would be limited, the quality of competition would be reduced.")

Congressional opponents of protectionism -- and there don't seem to be many right now -- hope they and the President can put together a trade bill strong enough to block those calling for surcharges and quotas. But at the moment, that side seems to be overwhelmed here and a confrontation with White House is a good bet.

Brokaw to Chris Wallace: What about the President's trade bill? What will he have in it that will head off this opposition from Congress?

NBC's Chris Wallace: He is going to announce a trade package next week of measures that he can support -- such things as seeking more authority to fight unfair trading by other countries, a \$300 million war chest to subsidize U.S. exports. The Administration is trying to make a distinction here between what it calls good trade measures, which open up markets, and what it calls bad trade measures -- protectionism which closes off markets. And it hopes the Congress will buy that distinction.

Brokaw: Just last week the President changed his mind about sanctions for South Africa. Is there any chance that he's going to change his mind on quotas on imports?

Wallace: At least at this point they say that he's not going to have to change his mind and back down. They fully expect that Congress will pass at least one protectionist measure, most likely on textiles, and they say the President will veto it, but their hope is that by proposing a trade package of his own that the President will gain enough support in Congress that his veto of that textile measure will stand up.

Brokaw: The President's news conference will be carried live by NBC tonight beginning at 8 Eastern. (NBC-Lead)

GERMAN SPIES

Rather: The very top of the West German government, the office of Chancellor Kohl, was shaken by another spy scandal. A secretary who had worked in the Chancellor's office for 12 years and had access to top secrets has fled with her husband to East Berlin.

CBS's Doug Tunnel: For Chancellor Kohl, the defection could not have come at a more sensitive moment -- on the heels of a visit to Washington by West German experts assessing their country's possible role in the SDI, on the verge of a decision to sign on to President Reagan's massive, largely secret, research plan. Kohl's government denied the secretary had access to star wars secrets. But through her division in the Chancellor's office came information about West Germany's scientific and technological research programs for the future. (ABC-2, NBC-3, CBS-Lead)

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY FOR TUESDAY EVENING, Sept. 17 (cont.)

IMMIGRATION REFORM

Rather reports the Senate approved a controversial amendment to the Immigration bill that would allow another 350,000 foreign workers in the country for temporary work, harvesting highly perishable crops. Some senators say this may be enough to kill the whole bill.

CBS's Rita Braver reports on a 7-year-old girl who came into this country illegally, having traveled on an airplane to Miami to meet her mother, an illegal alien living in New York. She is one of hundreds of unaccompanied minors trapped in the Immigration Service net. Unlike adults, who can get out on bail while fighting deportation, federal policy says minors can be released only to a parent or legal guardian. But that policy is under attack. Immigration activists have filed suit in federal court to allow the youngsters to be released to the custody of any responsible adult. (CBS-7)

SOUTH AFRICA

CBS's John Blackstone reports from South Africa that thousands of teachers, parents and students opened schools illegally, not for classes but on principle. Schools have become a focus of anger because of inequalities in education. South Africa spends about eight times more on each white student than on each black student. The government had ordered the 450 schools closed, saying they had become centers of protest. The demonstration of anger started in the schools was repeated in the streets. (CBS-4, ABC-7, NBC-5)

SYRIA/HOSTAGES

Brokaw: The State Department disclosed late today that two weeks after the 39 TWA hostages were released last summer, Syria accused the U.S. of failing to honor the deal that was made to gain their freedom. Syria said at that time, it would no longer try to win the freedom of the seven other Americans still being held in Lebanon. The issue was whether the Israelis would promptly free the more than 750 Lebanese prisoners that they were holding. A State Department official said today, "We let the Syrians assume there was a deal." But apparently, no deal was made. (NBC-2)

ITALY/CAFE BOMBING

Rather: Italian police had a suspect -- a Lebanese-born Palestinian traveling on a false passport -- in yesterday's grenade attack at a cafe in Rome. Thirty-nine people, including nine Americans, had been injured. (ABC-8, NBC-4, CBS-5)

SENATOR EAST

Rather: Sen. East announced he won't seek re-election next year. The officially stated reason: poor health. (ABC-11, CBS-12)

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EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

TRADE

Reagan's Trade Dilemma -- "The President, who remains a free trader, is drafting some mildly protectionist legislation to cool a virulently protectionist fever in Congress that could plunge the world into a trade war....In congressional testimony the other day, Chairman Paul Volcker of the Federal Reserve Board, who is tighter with his praise than with the money supply, said Mr. Reagan's stand against protectionism was 'admirable.' The President can be faulted on many things, but his stand against harsh trade legislation that would be hurtful to American consumers over the long-term deserves Mr. Volcker's accolade."

(Pittsburgh Press, 9/15)

SOUTH AFRICA

More Realism, Not 'Factoids' Needed for South Africa Policy -- "President Reagan is getting little credit from establishment opinion magnates of any persuasion for his decision to impose some economic sanctions on South Africa. Television commentators said flatly that it was perceived simply as cosmetic, an observation that when repeated often enough becomes a kind of manufactured fact, or factoid....Opposition to apartheid is a cover for Soviet subversion....If our goal is to end injustices such as apartheid, therefore, we must be prepared to resist Soviet subversion as well as strengthen -- not weaken -- economic and democratic institutions that promise real freedom rather than a substitute tyranny."

(Dayton Journal Herald, 9/12)

FARMS

Time for Realism on Farm Crisis -- "The government should chart a course to return all farmers to the discipline and opportunity of the free market, free of government controls that are inevitable in any program of taxpayer subsidy. That is the way President Reagan has proposed to go, by stages....The sentimental appeal is to save the family farmer. It rings hollow. To all intents and purposes, that battle was lost long ago. In 1930, a quarter of Americans lived on farms. Now only 2.5% do. And many of them are wealthy....Realism calls for retrenchment and reform."

(Dixon Evening Telegraph, 9/13)

SDI

Don't Make a Deal; Just Build Star Wars -- "It's said that if we offer to give up the Strategic Defense Initiative because the Soviets see it as a threat, and the Soviets offer to give up something we find threatening, both sides will be better off. The trouble is that the Soviets are engaged in an enormous SDI of their own -- but they won't admit it....If we do not offer it as a bargaining chip, then in the 1990s both of us will probably have effective defenses against the other's missiles. Each will know it cannot hope to wipe out the other's retaliatory force by a surprise attack."

(Robert Jastrow, USA Today, 9/17)

NETWORK COMMENTARY FOLLOWING PRESIDENTIAL NEWS CONFERENCE

ABC's Peter Jennings: ...bringing this third full-scale news conference by the President to a conclusion. He -- talking about trade, South Africa, Soviet-American relations. A very spirited defense of his own free trading position -- bearing in mind that on Capitol Hill there is a great movement now for protectionism for some American industries.

Tomorrow on World News Tonight, there will be a lot of reaction to this around the world. Particularly, there is likely to be reaction from the Soviets who will have heard the President say today that he will not go to the summit meeting with any agreement to outlaw testing and deployment on his Strategic Defense Initiative, or "Star Wars." In other words, it's not a bargaining chip. Thank you for joining us. You've heard the rest of what the President had to say.

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CBS's Dan Rather: Live, from the White House East Room, a presidential news conference. Right from the get-go, his opening statement tonight, President Reagan, without naming Congress, ridiculed the slew of bills in Congress designed to stem the tide imports are hurting some USA industries. The President saying that so-called protectionist trade barriers only lead to foreign retaliation. The President called such bills now working through Congress a "mindless stampede to economic disaster."

On continuing and new recent tests of the so-called "Star Wars" defense technology, the President denied reports that limiting such technology would be a bargaining chip in arms control talks with the Soviets. All in all, another in-control, smiling, not afraid to use humor Ronald Reagan news conference on the issues -- and also the first up-close sustained look for Americans at how well President Reagan has recovered from his cancer surgery this summer.

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NBC's Tom Brokaw: President Reagan concluding his news conference -- the first since his cancer surgery last summer -- asked as he's leaving the East Room of the White House there whether he believed that the rose should be the national flower. That was a vote in Congress this past week. The President concluding, as he opened his news conference, by taking a strong stand against any legislation that would provide for trade quotas.

But the big news, I suppose tonight, comes from the area of the upcoming summit meeting with Gorbachev. The President making clear tonight that he is not prepared to trade "Star Wars," or Strategic Defense Initiative, being developed in this country for any deep cuts in the Soviet missile arsenal. As for Gorbachev, the President said, "I won't be giving him any friendship rings, but we take these summit meetings seriously."

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