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75 YEARS OF GROWTH

During President Reagan's lifetime:

- Americans hit 134,875 home runs.
- 245 million Americans have been born.
- Americans won 1,472 Olympic gold medals.
- 15,000 Western movies have been made.
- The White House press corps has grown from 72 to 1,797 members.

(White House Public Affairs, 2/5)



## **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

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### **DUVALIER LEAVES HAITI, STATE DEPARTMENT SAYS**

Jean-Claude Duvalier, Haiti's embattled president-for-life, left the Caribbean country in a U.S. Air Force plane early today, the State Department said. A State Department official who spoke on the condition that she not be identified said she would provide no information on where Duvalier would be taken.

"At President Duvalier's request, the U.S. did provide an Air Force plane, and he left about 3:46 EST," she said. The official said family members left with him, but she said she had no names of the relatives. She said she had no reports of violence in the country. Asked who was running the Haitian government, she said, "The new government has only been in existence for a few hours. It's difficult to make any definitive statements." (AP)

### **U.S. TO SPEND \$50 MILLION TO BUILD HONDURAS FACILITIES**

The Reagan Administration, while saying it does not intend to establish permanent bases in Honduras, plans to build \$50 million worth of facilities there during the next five years, including ammunition warehouses, aircraft hangers, barracks, a club and a \$115,000 outdoor racquetball court.

The planned construction is outlined in an unclassified report presented to Congress Monday. The report for the first time shows the Administration's detailed and long-range plans to maintain a military presence in Honduras, where officials have always said they are conducting only temporary exercises. (Fred Hiatt, Washington Post, A1)

### **DOD ALONE IN OPTIMISM FOR SAVIMBI**

Two of the three U.S. intelligence agencies have concluded that the pro-Western guerrilla movement led by Jonas Savimbi has no chance of winning on the battlefield against the Marxist Angolan government and little prospect of joining a coalition, according to congressional and intelligence sources.

Nevertheless, the sole agency that predicts a possible military and political victory by Savimbi -- the Pentagon's Defense Intelligence Agency -- has for several months shared intelligence information with him and provided communications support to his guerrillas, according to Pentagon and other sources.

(David Ottaway and Patrick Tyler, Washington Post, A1)

### **CIA SHOULD STILL HANDLE DEFECTIONS, MEESE SAYS**

Attorney General Meese said yesterday he opposes plans to shift responsibility for the handling of Soviet intelligence defectors from the CIA to the FBI. In a wide-ranging interview during a Washington Times luncheon, Mr. Meese also said the Justice Department could take action against Louis Farrakhan if he defies President Reagan's ban on travel to India.

(Bill Gertz and John McCaslin, Washington Times, A2)

## LARGER ROLE FOR U.S. SEEN IN PHILIPPINES

MANILA -- The Reagan Administration's activist policy of promoting change in the Philippines is raising expectations here of greater U.S. involvement in fighting a spreading Communist-led insurgency once today's presidential elections are out of the way. Containing that insurgency has become the chief goal of U.S. policy in the Philippines and has led the Reagan Administration to abandon its commitment to "quiet diplomacy" when dealing with the flaws of a friendly government that subscribes to its global anticommunist credo.

(Jim Hoagland, News Analysis, Washington Post, A1)

## U.S. URGED TO STEP UP ARMS NEGOTIATION EFFORT

House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Dante Fascell (D-Fla.) called on the Reagan Administration yesterday "to take a more aggressive and assertive posture" in the Geneva arms negotiations and urged a high-priority effort to work out a comprehensive U.S.-Soviet ban on nuclear testing.

Secretary Shultz, testifying before Fascell's committee Wednesday, opposed a U.S. test ban in the absence of agreements on sharp reductions in nuclear weapons stockpiles. "As long as there are nuclear weapons there is a need to conduct tests" in order to ensure the safety of weapons stockpiles and to "carry out modernization" of nuclear weapons to match Soviet efforts, Shultz said. (Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A9)

## Secretary Shultz Sees Hope for Accords with Soviet Union

As President Reagan weighs a response to Mikhail Gorbachev's arms control proposal, negotiations with the Soviet Union on nuclear weapons and other vital issues are at a standstill. But Secretary Shultz, who will have as much to say about the response as anyone, is taking an unusually optimistic view of the talks to be held by the two superpowers this year. "We may be at a rare moment of opportunity," he told the House Foreign Affairs Committee this week. (Barry Schweid, AP)

## INDIA AGREES TO BUY U.S. COMPUTERS

India has agreed to buy as much as \$500,000 worth of U.S. computer and manufacturing technology as part of its effort to leap ahead in the development of modern industries, diplomatic and business sources said yesterday. The sale involves the highest level of technology ever allowed to go to India under U.S. export control laws, and provides the strongest evidence to date of new, closer ties that have developed between the world's two largest democracies since Prime Minister Gandhi visited Washington last June. (Stuart Auerbach, Washington Post, A21)

#### PHILIPPINE ELECTION ENDS WITH AT LEAST 13 DEAD

MANILA -- Voting in the Philippine presidential election ended today with officials reporting at least 13 people killed in isolated violence around the country. Filipinos turned out in huge numbers to vote. Some of the more than 86,000 polling stations stayed open beyond the deadline to deal with long lines of people still waiting to vote. Thousands complained that bureaucratic red tape made it impossible for them to cast their ballots when they finally got inside polling centers. (David Goddard, Reuter)

#### U.S. CONCERN: CAN THE VICTOR GOVERN?

Top Administration decision-makers, equipped with an unusual degree of firsthand knowledge about the Philippines, are less concerned about who wins today's presidential election there than whether either candidate can deal with what comes next. "Whoever wins emerges with the booby prize," one senior policy-maker said. The handful of officials responsible for U.S. policy toward the Philippines have direct knowledge of its crumbling economy, its growing communist insurgency and its corrupt, truculent military establishment. (Joanna Omang, Washington Post, A28)

#### MEESE DECISION AWAITED ON INDICTMENT OF ARAFAT

Attorney General Meese is expected to decide soon whether to seek an indictment against PLO chief Arafat for his illegal role in the 1973 deaths of three diplomats in Khartoum. The Department of Justice's criminal division has been investigating charges that Arafat ordered the assassination of U.S. Ambassador to the Sudan Cleo Noel in 1973, as well as those of U.S. Charges D'Affaires George Moore and Belgian diplomat Guy Eid. The three were shot when terrorists seized hostages at the Saudi Arabian Embassy in the Sudanese capital. (Bill Kritzberg, Washington Times, A9)

#### LIBYA STOCKED UP ON AMERICAN SPARE PARTS BEFORE U.S. EMBARGO

TRIPOLI, Libya -- In an effort to soften the impact of the U.S. economic embargo, Libya took last-minute contingency measures by stocking up on spare parts to keep its U.S.-made machinery running, diplomatic sources said. Planeloads of spare parts were purchased and arrived shortly before the trade embargo imposed by President Reagan came into effect on Feb. 1, according to the sources, who asked not to be identified. (Kate Dourian, Reuter)

## NATIONAL NEWS

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### HUNT FOR NEW NASA CHIEF IS SPEEDED

The White House has started an "accelerated search" for a permanent head of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to replace indicted Administrator James Beggs, officials said yesterday, amid concern at the White House and in Congress about who is in charge at the agency in the wake of the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger.

White House officials say they were taken aback to learn after last week's disaster that Beggs, though officially on indefinite leave, was still actively working at NASA following his indictment in December on fraud charges unrelated to the agency. "No one here knew" that Beggs was still occupying an office at NASA headquarters until after the accident, said one senior Administration official, who asked not to be identified.

(Kathy Sawyer and David Hoffman, Washington Post, A1)

### LAWMAKERS CLAIM REAGAN UNDERSTATED DEFENSE COSTS

Key legislator in both parties said yesterday that President Reagan may have underestimated defense spending for fiscal 1987 by \$10 billion to \$15 billion, and some analysts said this could push spending over the limits of the new balanced-budget law.

House Budget Committee chairman William Gray (D-Pa.) called Reagan's budget "invalid" and said the President should revise it. Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici (R-N.M.) said he was "truly disturbed" that the Pentagon had underestimated spending next year by so much. A committee statement said there is "widespread belief" that military spending figures are "substantially understated" in Reagan's budget.

(David Hoffman, Washington Post, A1)

### CONGRESS VOTES EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR COMMODITY CREDIT CORP.

Congress has sent President Reagan an emergency \$1.4 billion infusion for the Commodity Credit Corp., meaning the flow of subsidy and loan money to farmers could resume as early as next week. Both the House and Senate passed the short-term appropriation on voice votes Thursday, providing just enough money to keep the CCC in business until Congress returns from a 10-day recess that begins this weekend.

(Jim Drinkard, AP)

### WHITE HOUSE PANEL URGES TIGHTER MONEY

The President's Council of Economic Advisers, expressing deep concern about last year's rapid money-supply growth, called on the Federal Reserve to gradually tighten monetary policy to prevent a resurgence of inflation. In its annual report, the council also dismissed the view -- espoused by some economists recently -- that the Fed must act soon to offset the effects of the sharp decline in government spending scheduled to take place Oct. 1 under the Gramm-Rudman law.

(Alan Murray, Wall Street Journal, A2)

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## REAGAN ASKS TALKS TO REFORM CURRENCY

The hearts of gold-standard advocates and other monetary-system reformers should beat faster this week, according to Administration and Congressional sources. They attribute this to President Reagan's Tuesday night speech, which they say, was designed to cheer fixed exchange-rate proponents in general.

A White House source said a carefully worded section in the State of the Union message signaled significant movement toward reform of the way nations treat their currencies. (Ralph Hallow, Washington Times, A5)

## EVEN AT THE PENTAGON, \$60 BILLION CUT IS BIG

If the Defense Department had to slash \$60 billion out of the fiscal 1987 defense budget to meet the belt-tightening requirements of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings deficit-reduction law, how could it be done? Budget experts estimate that if the automatic, across-the-board cuts required by the law were to take place next fall, the Pentagon would have to give up at least \$60 billion to shrink the federal deficit to the \$144 billion required by Gramm-Rudman-Hollings.

(George Wilson, Washington Post, A6)

## HILL-LIAISON REAGAN AIDE IS RESIGNING

M.B. Oglesby, director of the White House office of congressional affairs, will leave the Reagan Administration and be replaced by William Ball, who holds a similar position at the State Department, informed sources said yesterday. Oglesby has served in the congressional office throughout the Reagan presidency and became its director two years ago. He was widely credited in the Administration and on Capitol Hill for playing key role in House passage last December of Reagan's tax-overhaul legislation.

Ball is a former administrative assistant to retired senator John Tower (R-Tex.) and worked for another former senator Herman Talmadge (D-Ga.). He is not well known to Republican House members but recently was given their stamp of approval after a meeting with three members of the GOP House leadership. (Lou Cannon, Washington Post, A10)

## CORNELIUS SAYS FIRING IS NOT VALID BUT FAILS TO APPEAR AT HER OPM JOB

Loretta Cornelius, fired Wednesday as deputy director of the Office of Personnel Management, continued to insist yesterday that the dismissal is not official, and that only the President himself can remove her from office. But she did not follow through on her pledge to go to work as usual. Cornelius' attorney, said the White House office of Counsel to the President had produced no evidence that President Reagan has mandated Cornelius' firing. (Juan Williams, Washington Post, A13)



## REAGAN SENDS THE HILL A LEGISLATIVE WISH LIST

One day after opening a new budget season with his 1987 spending plan, President Reagan yesterday called for a greater White House role in the budget process and the possibility of programs for several years at a time. In an 18-page legislative wish list, Mr. Reagan also said he would propose changes in federal antitrust laws, seek new ways to reduce medical malpractice costs and continue to push for tax reform, his top domestic initiative.

(Mary Belcher, Washington Times, A1)

## WHITE HOUSE WARNED TO NEGOTIATE OR BE LEFT BEHIND ON BUDGET THIS YEAR

President Reagan's top budget officials are getting blunt warnings from Congress that the President may be left behind this year unless he "cuts the baloney" and agrees to negotiate new spending priorities. Secretary Baker and Budget Director Miller defended the \$994 billion spending proposal before the House Appropriations Committee on Thursday, but ran into a wall of bipartisan skepticism.

Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., chairman of the Appropriations subcommittee on foreign aid, singled out the budget's proposed foreign aid increase as unrealistic in the context of heavy domestic spending cuts.

(Jim Drinkard, AP)

## SENATORS CHARGE ADMINISTRATION SURRENDERING WAR ON DRUGS

A Democratic senator says Treasury Department officials should put their "jobs and reputations on the line" to fight cuts in U.S. Customs Service drug interception programs. Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Okla., told Richard Darman Thursday that he should personally appeal to President Reagan to restore the cuts.

(Larry Margasak, AP)

## A ROBUST RONALD REAGAN TURNS 75

As he celebrates his 75th birthday in the White House -- with family and friends toasting to his continued good health, and with millions of well-wishers the world over -- Reagan's fervent wish is that everyone could be as happy as he is today.

(Trude Feldman, Special Features, Dallas Morning News, 2/6)

## Reagan, at 75, bracing for 'midlife crisis'

President Reagan, looking fit and joking about this age, celebrated his 75th birthday yesterday with a prayer, a round of speechmaking and jovial exchanges of gifts with his family and the nation's political elite. After ceremoniously signing his economic report in the Oval Office, Mr. Reagan assured reporters that he was, indeed 75 years old, but added, "Remember, that's only 24 Celcius."

(Washington Times, A3)

## NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY

(Thursday Evening, February 6, 1986)

### PHILIPPINES ELECTION

CBS's Dan Rather: In the Philippines, the voters are going to some 90,000 polling places, scattered across more than 7,000 islands to choose their next president.

CBS's Bill Redeker: from Manila that even before the balloting began, there were indications that cheating had already occurred. Election Day violence is another concern. The army is on red alert, it says, to counter any civil unrest to protect against trouble from Moslem and Communist insurgents.

CBS's Bob Faw: Aquino supporters agree the American congressional delegation will help minimize election fraud, but to many Filipinos, the presence of those observers still smacks of colonialism. The situation is volatile.

(TV coverage: Sen. Lugar and delegation arriving in Manila.)

(ALL NETS LEAD)

ABC's Peter Jennings: For many Filipinos, this is one of the most important days in the forty years of their independence. In a free and fair election, there is no doubt that President Marcos is vulnerable. And there is the question for today: will the elections be free and fair. There is a deep state of anxiety in many parts of these islands: the military is on a state of alert. No election in any Asian nation has ever been watched so closely by an American administration. But the American teams of observers here will have a very difficult time making an assessment of its fairness: there are simply too few of them, and too many places to keep an eye on.

ABC's Jim Laurie: An official U.S. observer team is in town. Led by Sen. Richard Lugar, his 20-member team to monitor polling in eight areas around the country, a limited effort in nearly 90,000 precincts on 7,000 islands. Lugar's team been told to expect delays in election returns.

(TV coverage: Sen. Lugar making rounds on the islands.)

Jennings: The United States has an enormous stake in these islands and looks even now beyond the Marcos period. But, for today, President Reagan, at the White House, what does he think about today's voting?

(President: "The Philippines and the United States have had an historic friendship for many years, and we want it to continue and when they have made their decision -- which is theirs to make -- as to choose a government, why, we would seek to go along with their decision and to maintain relations.")

One very important reason why President Reagan, and for that matter, any subsequent American president will want to maintain good relations here is the value of the Philippines to the American strategic position in the Pacific.

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ABC's Mark Litke: To U.S. military officials, there's no better proof of the strategic importance of the Philippines than Clark Air Force Base and the Subic Bay Naval station. These two bases have made the Philippines the hub of U.S. security interests, from Japan to Australia -- from the Pacific to the Indian ocean. Despite the obvious goodwill in the port town of Olangapol, Washington is concerned that unrest elsewhere in the country has made the bases increasingly vulnerable.

(TV coverage: effigies of Marcos and President Reagan being burned.)

Politically, there's fear that a post-Marcos government will kick the bases out, or refuse to renew their lease in 1991, because of America's longtime support of Mr. Marcos. But the marines who patrol the jungles of Subic Bay these days know that they could eventually face a far more serious threat.

(TV coverage: U.S. Servicemen on patrol.)

Publicly, U.S. officials here appear optimistic about the future, pointing out that the Philippines still needs the money and security the bases provide.

(TV coverage: U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines Stephen Bosworth: "These facilities are extremely important to the United States....")

But no matter how many reasons the U.S. may have for keeping these bases where they are, the fact is their presence here cannot be taken for granted anymore.

NBC's Tom Brokaw: The U.S. has a huge stake -- whatever the outcome of this contest -- between Ferdinand Marcos, who has ruled the Philippines like a warlord for 20 years now, and Corazon Aquino, a political novice, the widow of Marcos' best-known political opponent, Benigno Aquino, who was assassinated when he tried to return here two and one half years ago.

NBC's Steve Mallory: The American observers were told they would get a closer look than the government had originally planned.

(Sen. Lugar: "And we will have the ability to look at everything that our eyes can see, at whatever close range we need to see it; we appreciate that.")

At two giant U.S. military bases, Service personnel were advised against going out. So were American workers here.

Brokaw: The U.S. has vital strategic interests here in the Philippines, and it wants to maintain them, whoever wins the election. And in addition, of course, American companies have heavy investments in the Philippines as well. With all of that in mind, President Reagan was asked today about his thoughts on this election.

(President: "Only that the Philippines and the United States have had an historic friendship for many years, and we want it to continue and when they have made their decision -- which is theirs to make -- as to choose a government, why, we would seek to go along with their decision and to maintain relations.")

(TV coverage: But if the United States is the mother country of the modern Filipino state, it is not altogether a loving relationship.

(TV coverage: President Marcos and President Reagan being burned in effigy by angry Filipino crowd.)

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Brokaw continues:

(TV coverage: Vice President Bush and Mrs. Bush at Philippine ceremony in 1982.)

What has compounded the problem for the U.S. are the 20 years of abuses by the Marcos regime. Abuses that brought almost no hard criticism from Washington.

PRESIDENT REAGAN'S BIRTHDAY

Rather: President Reagan today took a brief break from a part of his job that's no piece of cake: the selling of his brand-new budget in Congress.

(TV coverage: President being presented with birthday cake and Administration appointees singing 'Happy Birthday' to him.

Instead, the President got the whole cake -- a birthday cake. The President turned 75 today, but, as he reminded his audience, that's only '24' Celsius. (CBS-6)

ABC's Sam Donaldson: They gave the President a giant birthday cake, Mrs. Reagan and hundreds of her husband's political appointees, as they all gathered today under a giant American flag, to review the Administration's accomplishments.

(TV coverage: Administration appointees singing 'Happy Birthday' to President Reagan and the President being presented with a birthday cake.)

Said the President: "I blew out my candles and got my wish. There will be no tax increase this year.")

On Capitol Hill, Administration efforts to sell the President's alternative to higher taxes -- deep domestic budget cuts -- continue to provoke cries of outrage.

(Rep. Obey (D-Wisc.) to Secretary Baker: "And if you think there's a chance of a snowball in hell of my committee approving that, you're crazy.")

Administration officials held their ground. And before the Senate Budget committee, Secretary Weinberger fired back at critics of an alleged wasteful defense procurement:

(Secretary Weinberger: "Each one was taken as an example of something that was going very wrong, and was blown up, and was used by a lot of opportunistic demagogues to try to hurt the defense effort of the country.")

Back at the White House, all was calm and serene, as the President sent up to Congress his new rosy economic forecast, predicting four percent growth this year, and bantered with reporters about his birthday:

(Donaldson: "How's it feel to be 75 years of age?"

President: "Well, Sam, the funny thing is, it seems only like 39 to me."

Donaldson: "Well, you look 39, I'll say that."

President: "Well, you're my favorite fellow, Sam!")

The President does look fit, and seems to be full of energy. Given the budget bruhaha now underway, he'll need it.

NBC's Chris Wallace: Ronald Reagan celebrated his birthday in presidential style, in a series of events mixing personal touches and politics. The centerpiece: a big party thrown by the White House, that clearly delighted Mr. Reagan.

(TV coverage: President being presented with birthday cake and sung 'Happy Birthday' by appointees.)

But with his budget just off to Congress, the President also used the occasion to score some points:

(President: "Nancy brought in my cake this morning, and I blew out every candle -- so there will be no tax increase this year.")

Earlier, the President sent Congress a legislative package that gave no sign he intends to slow down: Tax and welfare reform; support for what he calls anti-communist freedom fighters. And he knew just the present he'd like from arch-critic Tip O'Neill:

(President: "What'd be a great present? His approval of everything we've done.")

But there were also some non-political reflections -- about changes over three-quarters of a century:

(President: "Our generation has seen us move from the horse and buggy to a plane that we think can get to Tokyo in two hours. In a single lifetime.")

More than 75 foreign leaders sent greetings to Mr. Reagan. At a prayer breakfast, George Bush read one from South Korea's President:

(Vice President: " 'No Ick jung' . In Korean, that's meaning the older one gets, the more vigorous one becomes.")

As Mr. Reagan went through one more celebration, he was ready, with more sentiment and another one-liner.

(President: "In all the 36 anniversaries of my 39th birthday, this has certainly been my most memorable.")

But the President's favorite gift today may have been a fake schedule from his staff, including a ceremony to mark repeal of the 22nd amendment, allowing him to run for a third term -- and ending with a long California vacation. (NBC-6)

#### REAGAN CHALLENGER PANEL

CBS's Peter Van Sant: The President's commission investigating the shuttle disaster has less than four months to determine why Challenger exploded. Until the mystery is solved, the U.S. shuttle fleet will remain grounded. The commission faces a tough task. Tomorrow the commission begins secret hearings. And the public may not hear from its members again until they can answer the question: what went wrong? (CBS-4)

ABC's Lynn Sherr: Today the shuttle managers also formally corrected the impression -- wrongly left by some -- that Challenger's crew managers could have escaped death. They said it is impossible to separate the solid rocket boosters from the orbiter before the boosters are burned out, because it wouldn't separate cleanly.

(ABC-2)

NBC's Robert Hager: NASA officials told the board they're trying to enhance the photos to learn more about that plume of flame. The commission wanted to know whether sub-freezing temperatures at the Cape that morning could have played a role, since the manufacturer of the booster, Morton Thiokol, recommends that the fuel be at temperatures of 40 degrees or more at the time it's fired. NASA's Judson Lovingood said there had been talk about how the cold would affect the boosters' seals.

(Lovingood: "And the discussions centered around the integrity of the 'O' rings under lowered temperatures. In fact, I recommended to proceed in launch. So they did recommend launch.")

The technicians calculated it was 55 degrees at launch-time, well within safety margins. (NBC-2)

#### KENNEDY IN MOSCOW

Rather: In Moscow today, Sen. Edward Kennedy met with Soviet leader Gorbachev. According to the Soviet news agency TASS, Gorbachev told Kennedy that the Geneva Summit meeting last November created favorable East-West conditions, but that the next summit, due later this year, must create concrete results. Earlier, Sen. Kennedy praised Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov in a speech to the Soviet Academy of Sciences. (CBS-2, NBC-8)

#### EAST-WEST SPY SWAP

Rather: There was official confirmation today of just when that East-West swap of prisoners will take place. A Polish government spokesman now says it will be next Tuesday. But he refused to say exactly where -- it probably will be in Berlin -- in the exchange Soviet Jewish activist Anatoly Shcharansky is expected to be released to the West. (CBS-3,)

Brokaw: Tonight, there are reports that America's ambassador to West Germany, Richard Burt, is flying to Berlin. He guided a major spy exchange in that city last year.

(NBC-7)

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## F.A.A. GUIDELINES

Rather: The nation's airlines tonight are under new Federal Aviation Administration orders to make safety checks on certain Pratt & Whitney jet engines; engines that are on more than 1,800 DC-9 727 and 737 jets. The airlines are to look for cracks that could result in a major part of the engine breaking loose. (CBS-5)

## HAITIAN TROUBLES

Brokaw: The government of Haiti today dismissed as "completely crazy" reports yesterday that President Jean-Claude Duvalier sought, but was refused, political asylum in Western Europe. Recent protests against Duvalier's rule prompted the State Department today to approve the departure from Haiti of non-essential American personnel and dependents of U.S. employees there. It called this a "prudent move," because of Haiti's unsettled situation. (NBC-9)

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## EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

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### STATE OF THE UNION

Reagan's Skewed Vision Of The State Of The Union -- "It wasn't the 'state of the union' that President Reagan addressed Tuesday night. It was, instead, the state of Mr. Reagan's political values -- unchanged, unyielding and ultimately unhelpful toward resolving the most pressing problems besetting this nation.... In short, Mr. Reagan's vision of the state of the union is skewed where it is not blind. Unfortunately the Democrats again failed to offer a compelling alternative build upon conviction. Instead their rebuttal smacked of the smarmiest sort of media-consultant campaign pap." (Philadelphia Inquirer, 2/6)

A Way To Break The Chains -- "In his State of the Union address, President Reagan made it one of the principal goals of his Administration to break the chains of despair and dependency that are hobbling a substantial segment of this nation's poor people. If he goes about the effort with sustained vigor and sensitivity, it could go down as one of the greatest achievements of his presidency.... But President Reagan has an enormous gift for political persuasion, and if he deploys it consistently and wisely on this issue, he could go down as the leader who finally showed his nation the way to recover the human potential that is now caught, generation to generation, in a cycle of doom." (Chicago Tribune, 2/6)

State of the Budget -- "Given the differences of philosophy in Washington, even between the ideologues and pragmatists in his own administration, the President's success in setting a tone relatively free of embittering personal attack is surely one of his achievements.... If the programs left by President Carter had continued unchanged, actual spending levels to this point would have been about the same, if not somewhat lower; it would have been the mix, not the overall totals, that was different, with defense and interest payments taking a smaller share under Mr. Carter. Washington is wrestling more to steer the federal spending vessel marginally left or right than actually to slow it down." (Christian Science Monitor, 2/6)

Now For the Hard Part -- "Well, it is clear from the President's fiscal 1987 budget that all Americans will have to sacrifice in some fashion to comply with the new Gramm-Rudman deficit-reduction law. What the budget says is that the government really is not some mysterious big-spending 'them,' but us -- all of us. That is fine. Those who can afford it should pay for government services.... Americans have always sacrificed to meet national needs. All 235 million of us constitute the American family that expresses its collective will through a national government. Tighten the belt we must. But only in a way that provides equity and social and economic justice for all." (Los Angeles Times, 2/6)



State of the Union (continued)

Spare Head Start From Budget Ax -- "Economic Opportunity Atlanta and the 1,500 disadvantaged children served by its nine Head Start centers are among the best arguments to be made against indiscriminate, across-the-board federal budget cuts. Though the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings ax would force cutbacks in many worthy programs, it's frightening to contemplate the long-term damage that could be done through erosion of Head Start.... Congress and the White House ought to undertake a little introspection, too. Do they really want to sacrifice programs of proven human and social benefit to an arbitrary, abstract budget-whacking formula? We're talking real, live kids here, you know."

(Atlanta Constitution, 2/6)

State of the Union -- "Mr. Reagan is right in saying that 1986 finds the United States strong and most of its people prosperous. But there are still a lot of people unemployed. There are people suffering serious and expensive illnesses. There are students without the the money to complete their degrees. There are farmers squeezed by swinging prices. All of them represent national interests that the national government needs to take into account. Mr. Reagan's address and his budget open a year of national politics that is going to be devoted essentially to a renewed struggle over the balance between public and private responsibilities."

(Washington Post, 2/6)

Mr. Reagan at His Best -- "Leadership, at its best, brings out the best in people. It does that not by dwelling on specifics or through lamentations of gloom and doom, but by harnessing a nation's energy in fulfillment of a vision shared by the masses and articulated by their chosen one. President Reagan carried out this function of leadership in splendid fashion Tuesday when he talked about the state of the union. 'America is on the move!' he told a cheering audience in Congress.... In the days ahead, we would like to see Mr. Reagan demonstrate a sense of realism on the budget that matches the sense of greatness that radiated from his assessment of the state of the union."

(Hartford Courant, 2/6)

PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY

The President's 75 Candles -- "President Reagan's 75th birthday -- surely a thought-provoking milestone in any human being's journey -- presents a welcome opportunity today to put aside political differences and pay respects to a most extraordinary man.... Few presidents in history equal, and none excel, Mr. Reagan at serving as the nation's ceremonial chief of state. His style has reinvigorated the presidency as he seeks to reshape the role of government in modern American society. Whatever one may think of his political philosophy or his record in dealing with domestic and foreign affairs, all must concede that his impact on his times assures him a large imprint upon history and a host of good wishes for the future."

(Philadelphia Inquirer, 2/6)

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