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TODAY'S HEADLINES

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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(New York Times, Washington Post, Washington Times, UPI)

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NATIONAL NEWS

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NETWORK NEWS (Monday Evening)

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SOUTH AFRICA -- South Africa launched a series of military raids on neighboring countries.

MEXICO/DRUGS -- The U.S. is investigating the corruption in Mexico.

PRAVDA CRITICIZES SOVIET TV FOR
NEGATIVE, DULL REPORTING

MOSCOW -- The Communist Party newspaper Pravda criticized Soviet state television for its news coverage and complained that its reporting of the West is negative and dull. In a commentary, Pravda accused domestic reporting of being superficial and containing too many rehearsed interviews. "Information about the capitalist world is monotonous. Journalistic cliches migrate from broadcast to broadcast," commentator Dmitry Lyubosvetov said. (Reuter, 5/19)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

SOUTH AFRICA STRIKES ACROSS THREE BORDERS

HARARE, Zimbabwe -- South Africa, underscoring its military superiority over its black-ruled neighbors, today staged commando raids in Zimbabwe and Botswana and a combined ground and air strike in Zambia on targets allegedly used by the African National Congress, the main black resistance movement.

The attacks were viewed as a blow to U.S. policy in southern Africa, which has attempted to reduce cross-border violence. Washington today expressed "outrage" at the raids and lodged a formal protest with the South African government. (Glenn Frankel, Washington Post, A1)

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"We vigorously condemn these attacks by South Africa," White House spokesman Larry Speakes said. "The United States stands with the governments and peoples of those countries [attacked] in expressing our sense of outrage at these events and our condolences to the families of the victims."

U.S. officials said no decision has been made on further U.S. actions, but Speakes ruled out the possibility of additional U.S. sanctions. (David Ottaway, Washington Post, A23)

S. African Raiders Strike In 3 Nations

JOHANNESBURG -- South African warplanes and helicopters bearing commandos raided Botswana, Zimbabwe and Zambia yesterday, leaving three dead and 13 wounded in the widest ranging strikes yet against suspected guerrilla bases of the African National Congress (ANC). In Washington, the White House condemned the raids "vigorously."

(Michael Sullivan, Washington Times, A1)

Raids A 'Major Setback,' Says Speakes

South African raids on three neighboring countries brought worldwide condemnation yesterday, including "outrage" from the White House and promises by Democrats to introduce tough new sanctions in Congress.

Mr. Speakes said the raids could deal a "major setback" to the peaceful resolution of cross-border problems.

(Mary Belcher & Rita McWilliams, Washington Times, A8)

Pretoria's Forces Raid 3 Neighbors In Move On Rebels

JOHANNESBURG -- South African forces attacked the capitals of Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe today in what military officials said was part of a continuing drive against guerrillas of the African National Congress.

The Reagan Administration expressed "outrage" over the attacks and, after filing an official protest, said it was considering "further steps" against Pretoria. (Alan Cowell, New York Times, A1)

U.S. Condemns South African Raids

The Reagan Administration condemned South African raids on suspected black nationalist targets in three neighboring states and may summon the U.S. ambassador home to underscore American displeasure.

The State Department lodged a formal protest Monday with the South African Embassy, and the White House said the U.S. sides with South Africa's neighbors in expressing a "sense of outrage" over the attacks. (Matthew Quinn, UPI)

Reagan, Botha Branded 'Savages' After Zambia Raid

LUSAKA, Zambia -- President Kenneth Kaunda, reacting angrily to the South African air raid that killed two people, branded President Reagan and South African Prime Minister Pieter Botha "savages" who bomb children.

"Bombing children in Libya is the same as bombing children in Lusaka.... I want to know what President Reagan has to say about this bombing here," Kaunda told a news conference Monday after two South African warplanes strafed and bombed a suspected African National Congress guerrilla base at dawn. (Philip Williams, UPI)

GOP LEADERS SEEK DELAY ON SAUDI ARMS VOTE

Senate Republican leaders urged President Reagan yesterday to join them in a maneuver that would postpone a key vote on a controversial \$354 million arms sale to Saudi Arabia until after the Memorial Day congressional recess.

Robert Dole and White House spokesman Larry Speakes said the Administration lacked the 34 votes needed to sustain a veto if all senators were present and voting. White House and congressional sources said the President was six or seven votes short on the issue, which has become a political test of Administration foreign policy in the Middle East.

(Lou Cannon, Washington Post, A6)

Reagan May Stall For Time On Saudi Arms Sale Veto

President Reagan, advised to stall for time, is waiting to see if he has won any support before deciding whether to veto congressional rejection of an arms sale to Saudi Arabia today or wait until midnight Wednesday.

Senator Dole said Reagan would go ahead with the veto today -- leading to an override attempt before the start of the Memorial Day recess -- if assured of 35 votes, one more than needed to sustain his veto.

Secretary Shultz also will deliver a strong pitch for the sale to GOP senators today at the Capitol. (Helen Thomas, UPI)

PENTAGON PREDICTS BIG WAR IF LATINS SIGN PEACE ACCORD

The Reagan Administration is divided over whether a Central American peace treaty being put together by a number of Latin American nations can be salvaged as an instrument acceptable to the United States, according to Administration officials.

(Leslie Gelb, New York Times, A1)

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CONGRESSMEN URGE REAGAN ENDORSEMENT FOR NICARAGUA PEACE PLAN

A group of lawmakers is telling President Reagan his endorsement is vital for success of a Central American peace treaty that could end the conflict with Nicaragua.

"The ongoing Contadora negotiations have produced a treaty which meets the legitimate security considerations of us all, including the United States," seven members of Congress said Monday in a letter to Reagan.

(Gregory Nokes, AP)

CASEY ASKS JUSTICE DEPT. TO PROSECUTE NBC NEWS

CIA Director William Casey asked the Justice Department to consider prosecuting NBC News for violation of a 1950 law against disclosures of "communications intelligence" after the network broadcast a report yesterday on the trial of accused spy Ronald Pelton.

(Eleanor Randolph, Washington Post, A1)

NBC-TV Story Broke Spy Law, Casey Claims

CIA Director William Casey charged yesterday that an NBC-TV news report about U.S. submarine activities violated a law against disclosing information about communications intelligence.

Mr. Casey said he was referring the matter to the Justice Department. John Russell, a spokesman for the Justice Department, said he had no comment on the matter.

(AP, Washington Times, A2)

W. GERMANS SEIZE EMBASSY

MANAGUA, Nicaragua -- About 70 West Germans occupied their nation's embassy today and said the ambassador could not leave until he asks President Reagan to order Nicaraguan rebels to release eight captured German workers.

(AP, Washington Post, A26)

Fighting Reported In Area Near Germans' Kidnapping

MANAGUA -- Nicaraguan government troops and U.S.-backed rebels have clashed in an area near where eight West Germans were kidnapped by the insurgents, government sources said.

(Matthew Campbell, Reuter)

EPA ADMITS RADIOACTIVITY IN U.S. MAY HAVE BEEN HIGHER THAN REPORTED

The EPA conceded that the air many Americans have been breathing since the Chernobyl nuclear accident may have had three times the radiation the agency reported. But even at the higher readings, the radiation is still not hazardous to human health, EPA said Monday. (AP)

WEINBERGER TO MEET AUSTRIANS ABOUT DEFENSE AND GUERRILLAS

VIENNA -- Secretary Weinberger is expected to discuss joint action against guerrilla attacks with Austrian leaders today amid signs Washington wants the neutral state to boost its defenses. (David Storey, Rueter)

USIA'S WICK SAYS SATELLITE BROADCASTS CAN HELP PEACE

U.S. Information Agency Director Charles Wick, whose government broadcast network spans the world, believes satellite communications provide the United States with a new opportunity for peace.

(Ed Rogers, Washington Times, A3)

EDITOR'S NOTES: "Canada's Politics Turn Stormy," political troubles for Mulroney's government because of the Michael Deaver allegations, by Herbert Denton, appears in the Washington Post, A21.

"Mitterrand To Call On Lady Liberty?" and Administration-related stories, by Donnie Radcliffe, appear in the Style section of the Washington Post, B2.

NATIONAL NEWS

REAGAN SIGNS BILL EASING GUN CONTROLS

President Reagan signed legislation yesterday easing federal firearm controls and allowing gun dealers to sell rifles and shotguns to buyers anywhere in the country.

"The President is pleased that this is a result of seven long years of debate and analysis over the deficiencies in the 1968 act...", White House spokesman Larry Speakes told reporters. "The President also stresses that there is a responsibility to protect the rights of law-abiding citizens without diminishing the effectiveness of criminal law enforcement and he believes...the bill accomplishes these goals."

(AP, Washington Post, A7)

Reagan Signs Gun Bill Into Law

President Reagan signed into law a controversial bill allowing gun owners to buy and transport rifles and shotguns across state lines -- a measure opponents claimed would weaken the nation's laws.

Asked if Reagan had ever discussed the legislation with Sarah Brady, Larry Speakes said, "The President is certainly aware of Sarah Brady's views."

(Judi Hasson, UPI)

GOP OFFENSIVES PRODUCE DRAMATIC BUT FRAGILE GAINS

RALEIGH, N.C. -- There were slam-bang primaries in two southern states this month -- North Carolina and Texas. Candidates said nasty things about one another, saturated the airways with millions of dollars in television ads, and so thoroughly dominated the headlines that the other party's primaries got all but lost in the din.

If their advances were merely the byproduct of one man's extraordinary popularity -- President Reagan's approval rating among southern whites stood at 82 percent last month, according to a survey by The Washington Post -- Democrats might simply hunker down and mark 1988 on their calendars as the year of the firebreak.

To be sure, that is a critical ingredient. Capstone Polls taken in Alabama from 1981 to 1986 show a direct correlation between Reagan's popularity and the growth of those identifying themselves as Republicans.

(Paul Taylor, Washington Post, A1)

DOLE WOULD USE WINDFALL ON DEFICIT

Senator Robert Dole said yesterday he is willing to use a one-time revenue windfall from the tax-overhaul bill to help meet next year's deficit target, a maneuver that could head off a confrontation between Congress and the White House over an election-year tax increase.

But White House spokesman Larry Speakes said yesterday that President Reagan would not accept use of revenues from the tax-overhaul bill to meet the next year's deficit target.

(Helen Dewar, Washington Post, A8)

ECONOMIC REVIVAL SEEN IN SECOND HALF OF 1986

The U.S. economy is on the verge of a significant rebound in economic activity, but the revival is not likely to come until the second half of the year, many economists believe.

These analysts base their optimism on the fact that oil prices have fallen dramatically, pushing the inflation rate down to levels not seen in 20 years, while interest rates have fallen sharply as well.

More about economic growth will be known today when the Commerce Department releases its revised estimate for growth during the first three months of the year. (Martin Crutsinger, AP)

NASA FILE DESTRUCTION WAS NOT INTENTIONAL, COMMISSION CONCLUDES

The presidential commission investigating the Challenger accident has concluded that NASA officials did not intentionally destroy documents on the shuttle disaster and that it is "reasonably satisfied" it has all the documents necessary to complete its work, a spokesman said yesterday.

In a separate development, two Democratic senators, concerned about what aides called a "lack of direction" in Reagan Administration space policy, are planning to introduce legislation to overhaul the government's space policy-making apparatus by reviving the old National Aeronautics and Space Council with a full-time staff.

(Michael Isikoff, Washington Post, A6)

SPACE FUTURE

A presidential commission wants the U.S. to take the lead in making settlements possible "from the highlands of the moon to the plains of Mars" in the 21st century.

"In the increasingly competitive world of the future, it is clear that maintaining America's preeminence in science and technology will again test our nation's technical vision, resolution and institutional strength," says the National Commission on Space. (Harry Rosenthal, AP)

HOUSE PLAN WOULD FORCE WEAPON CUTS

The budget resolution passed by the House proposing cuts of \$35 billion in President Reagan's defense budget will force cancellations of a string of weapons to achieve the savings, Pentagon and congressional leaders agreed yesterday. (George Wilson, Washington Post, A6)

House Defense Cuts Force Policy Choices, Aspin Says

About two-thirds of the House's \$35 billion military budget reduction goal could be realized by cuts in weapons programs, the chairman of the House Armed Services Committee said yesterday.

But Chairman Les Aspin said the rest could be achieved only by changes in global national security.

(Walter Andrews, Washington Times, A3)

HIGH COURT RULING SIGNALS SUPPORT FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

The Supreme Court, in a significant victory for civil rights groups, said yesterday that broad affirmative-action plans that include hiring goals are constitutionally permissible so long as they are carefully tailored to remedy past discrimination. (Al Kamen, Washington Post, A1)

'Affirmative Action' Layoffs Unconstitutional, Court Says

Unless there is evidence of prior discrimination, it's unconstitutional for employers to lay off employees for affirmative-action reasons, the Supreme Court ruled yesterday. (David Sellers, Washington Times, A1)

AERIAL SURVEILLANCE POWERS BROADENED

In a pair of decisions that affect the privacy rights of everyone from homeowners to Fortune 500 companies, the Supreme Court said yesterday that police and other government investigators may conduct aerial surveillance and take detailed photographs from the air without obtaining a warrant. (Ruth Marcus, Washington Post, A1)

ETHICS OFFICE WEAK, SAYS CHAIRMAN OF HILL PANEL HEARING

A House Judiciary subcommittee chairman yesterday called the Office of Government Ethics "woefully weak" and said its chief "has had his hands tied" in some investigations.

Rep. Dan Glickman, chairman of the House Judiciary subcommittee on administrative law and government relations, said the government ought to consider setting up a new office independent of political influence from the executive branch.

(Myron Struck & Mark Tapscott, Washington Times, A3)

PROPOSAL TO CURB PRIVATE USES OF RICO WINS SUPPORT OF REAGAN, OFFICIALS SAY

The Reagan Administration has decided to support legislation advocated by business and labor groups to limit private uses of a federal anti-racketeering law, according to Justice Department officials, lobbyists and congressional aides. (Andy Pasztor, Wall Street Journal, A7)

BROCK EXHORTS TEAMSTERS TO PURGE CRIMINAL INFLUENCES

LAS VEGAS -- Labor Secretary William Brock, in a dramatic speech to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters convention, called on the nation's largest union to "clean house" in the cases where criminal interests dominated the union. (Peter Perl, Washington Post, A1)

NEWS FROM THE STATES

NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN FIGHTING THE SYSTEM

TAYLORSVILLE, N.C. (UPI) -- Seamstress Virginia Deal is bucking federal labor laws in her own way, which includes sending her message to President Reagan on a pair of blue boxer shorts and a pair of white panties. An attached note read: "We can sew the President's undershorts at home, but we can't make the First Lady's panties."

Deal and her co-workers are angry over "the home work rule," a section of the Fair Labor Standards Acts that divides manufactured items into those that can be sewn at home for commercial use and those that cannot. Deal's run-in with the government began this winter when the Labor Department ordered her and 83 other women in Wilkes and Alexander counties to stop working in their homes. "It just made me mad that the government could come into my home and tell me what I could sew and what I couldn't," Deal said. Two weeks ago, the Labor Department rejected a petition filed on Deal's behalf by lawyers with the Center on National Labor Policy in Virginia. Although federal officials turned down the request for an emergency hearing, they said they were reviewing home work restrictions.

LEHMAN WELCOMES BACK SAILORS

ABOARD THE USS CORAL SEA (UPI) -- Navy Secretary John Lehman, calling the recent confrontation with Libyan forces "a hugely successful operation," welcomed home the approximately 4,000 crew members of the USS Coral Sea as it steamed toward Norfolk today. Thousands of sailors in their summer whites stood aboard the carrier to hear Lehman's remarks. "It was a hugely successful operation," Lehman said. "It was because we have a ready and trained Navy today."

"The Libyan defense system is one of the toughest in the world," Lehman said. "(The Libyans) have the best air defense with 3,000 Soviet advisers trying to shoot down our airplanes. It was totally neutralized."

BUSH: HAWKINS RE-ELECTION A 'NATIONAL PRIORITY'

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (UPI) -- Vice President Bush said Monday that the re-election of Sen. Paula Hawkins is "absolutely essential" to the continuation of President Reagan's programs, and warned Gov. Bob Graham that to oppose Hawkins is to "tangle with a tiger."

"It is absolutely essential to the continuation of this program we call the Reagan revolution ... that we keep control of the Senate," Bush said during a meeting with GOP and Democratic lawmakers.

Bush said Reagan himself will likely visit Florida to campaign for Hawkins and other GOP candidates as the campaigns heat up this fall.

Bush and state party leaders acknowledged that Hawkins, a first-term incumbent, trailed Democrat Graham by 12 points in recent public opinion polls. But the Republicans noted that Hawkins has been sidelined while undergoing surgery for neck problems. They also noted recent polls that suggest Florida Republicans have achieved rough parity with state Democrats in terms of voters' party identification.

'\$10-MILLION RAIN' BREAKS DROUGHT

Scattered showers that agricultural officials called a "\$10-million rain" continued across south Alabama Monday, bringing an end to the worst drought in a century and reviving hopes that farmers could save their stricken crops. Bubba Trotman, director of federal Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service in Alabama, said the more than three inches of rain that fell in some sections of the state Sunday and continued in the southern counties Monday came just in the nick of time for most Alabama farmers. Sunday's rainfall was the first significant precipitation in the state in almost two months.

The dry spell -- which left the state 20 inches below normal in rainfall for the year -- had already destroyed most of Alabama's \$25 million wheat crop and threatened corn, peanuts and cotton, prompting Gov. George Wallace to ask President Reagan to declare the state a disaster area.

SOFTWOOD LUMBER INDUSTRY CHALLENGES CANADIAN IMPORTS

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- The U.S. softwood lumber industry petitioned the International Trade Commission and Commerce Department Monday for tariffs on Canadian softwood, arguing subsidized imports are closing U.S. mills from Maine to Oregon.

The Coalition for Fair Lumber Imports last week postponed filing the petition seeking countervailing duties in hopes the Canadian government would make an offer that would resolve the dispute. When none was received, a petition was filed covering most softwood products, the coalition said.

POLISH FISHERMAN ASKS ASYLUM

SEATTLE (UPI) -- A Polish fisherman is trying to obtain asylum after jumping ship on the Seattle waterfront, officials said. Seattle police said the man, identified as Marek Michalski, 23, contacted beat patrol officers after leaving the motor transport Delfin, which stopped in Seattle over the weekend. The police officers referred the man to the Coast Guard, which in turn sent him to the Immigration and Naturalization Service where he applied for asylum.

An INS official said it had not yet been determined whether Michalski had a credible, well-founded fear of persecution for a particular reason, a requirement for being granted asylum.

CONSERVATIVES EYE FLORIDA FOR SPACE UNIVERSITY

A conservative organization headed by the man whose research became the basis for President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative is eyeing Florida and six other sites as home for a proposed space college for mining, medical and military specialties. "An international space academy would be a good catalyst to train students for commercial and strategic application of ... space technologies," said Roop Mohunlall, project director for High Frontier Inc. of Washington, D.C.

High Frontier is attempting to secure \$500,000, mainly from corporations, in development funds for the private space school that would bestow master's management degrees in space specialties. He identified as potential college sites the Orlando-Cape Canaveral area, Houston, Huntsville, Ala., Colorado Springs, Colo., Orange and Los Angeles counties in California and San Diego.

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NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY

(Monday Evening, May 19)

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

CBS's Dan Rather: A Supreme Court ruling touched one of the nation's long-running and deeply-felt controversies: affirmative action programs to fight race discrimination on the job. The court struck down a program in Michigan designed to protect black workers from layoffs.

CBS's Fred Graham reports that, in a setback for affirmative action involving schoolteachers in Jackson, Michigan, the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 it was unconstitutional to give black teachers more protection from layoffs than whites with more job seniority. The decision means the Reagan Administration has won the first of three cases it has pursued before the Supreme Court in a broad attack on racial quotas in the American workplace. A Justice Department spokesman called the decision a significant advance for the principle that the rights of all races must be judged by the same standards.

(CBS-Lead)

ABC's Peter Jennings: The Supreme Court ruled that a town in Michigan could not lay off white workers in order to protect the same jobs held by blacks. The court decision has to do with affirmative action. On the surface it looks like a setback for those who support it. In fact, those in favor and those against say they are reasonably satisfied.

ABC's Tim O'Brien reports the court was as divided as the country itself on affirmative action. Justice White said any layoff policy based on race is unconstitutional. But the key was that four justices found the Jackson plan unjustified because there was no evidence the school board itself had ever discriminated against blacks. The court required deliberate discrimination for the government to use racial classifications in affirmative action. The classifications must also be narrowly drawn and must serve a compelling government interest. While the Jackson plan flunked the high court's test, some civil rights leaders say the ruling will support other affirmative action plans. Attorney General Meese called the ruling a significant advance for all, regardless of race. But today's ruling is far from the sweeping denunciation the Administration had sought on the use of racial preferences. The court expressly endorsed the principle of affirmative action, saying as part of this nation's dedication to eradicating racial discrimination, innocent persons may be called upon to bear the burden.

(ABC-Lead)

NBC's Carl Stern reports the court expressed sweeping support of affirmative action and civil rights groups were surprised at the strength of the decision. But a conservative expert [Bruce Fein of the American Enterprise Institute] said today's decision could be used by whites in some places to challenge affirmative action. What is startling about today's decision is that all the justices seem to have accepted affirmative action, differing only as to when and how. The Justice Department said it would wait to see what happens in two other pending cases.

(NBC-2)

SOUTH AFRICA

NBC's Tom Brokaw: When South Africa launched a series of military raids on neighboring countries, it surprised even its allies, and angered many of them. South Africa said it was attacking countries harboring the African National Congress. Speaking for President Reagan, White House spokesman Larry Speakes said, however, that the raids were outrageous and inexplicable, saying they could be a major setback to peace efforts in that region. The South Africans struck four targets in three countries. In Zambia, South African warplanes struck a refugee camp near the capital. Zambia said two people were killed. South African helicopters attacked targets near an army base in the capital of Botswana. And in Zimbabwe, South African ground troops shot up ANC offices in the capital city and an ANC house on the outskirts. The British foreign secretary also condemned those raids, calling them a plain violation of the sovereignty of the countries that were attacked.

NBC's Mike Boettcher reports the president of Botswana said some of the victims were members of a soccer team. He said the South Africans, not the ANC, were terrorists. The ANC hasn't responded.
(NBC-Lead)

CBS's Steve Croft reports the South African government said it had a duty to protect its people, and seemed to draw an analogy between today's attacks and the U.S. raid against Libya. But Washington wasn't buying it, and joined the international outcry on the side of the victims.
(Larry Speakes briefing reporters: "We vigorously condemn these attacks by South Africa.")
(CBS-7)

ABC's Sam Donaldson: Direct from the White House, and in unusually strong language, the Reagan Administration moved quickly to condemn the South African raids into Zambia, Zimbabwe and Botswana.
(Larry Speakes: "The United States stands with the governments and peoples of those countries in expressing our sense of outrage at these events and our condolences to the families of the victims. We vigorously condemn these attacks by South Africa.")
As to the South African contention that it was only doing what the President did in Libya in striking at terrorism, the State Department insisted the two situations were not the same.
(Bernard Kalb: "Libya is the world's principal proponent of state-sponsored terrorism. The governments of Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe have made serious efforts to limit cross-border violence directed at South Africa.")
To further show Washington's displeasure, Ambassador Nickle may be recalled from Pretoria for consultations. But on Capitol Hill, critics of Administration policy weren't satisfied.
(Sen. Simon: "What we really need is more than just stronger language. We need to send a message in concrete terms. We need to say to South Africa, 'No more imports of coal, no more imports of steel.'")
(Del. Fauntroy: "Outrage expressed is fine, but well done is better than well said, and I'm looking for the Administration to join us in doing something.")

Donaldson continues: New sanction legislation will be introduced on Capitol Hill this week, but the Administration is unlikely to support it. Even though today's sharp statements suggest the President's attitude toward South Africa is hardening, officials here say his opposition to really tough sanctions remains unchanged. (ABC-2)

MEXICO/DRUGS

CBS's Richard Schlesinger reports that Florentino Ventura, a senior officer in the Mexican Federal Judicial Police, is suspected of being a drug trafficker himself by U.S. law enforcement agencies, according to Capitol Hill sources. And the U.S. is also investigating at least one member of President de la Madrid's family. Classified documents identify Edmundo de la Madrid, believed to be the president's cousin, as a large-scale trafficker dealing in thousands of pounds of cocaine. U.S. sources say Florentino Ventura was present at least twice when large amounts of cocaine were delivered in Mexico. Ventura is also the leading Mexican investigator into the murder of American drug agent Enrique Camarena. But Ventura, according to government sources, works with Edmundo de la Madrid in a drug ring. The Mexican government defends Ventura's record. U.S. sources say more senior Mexican officials might soon be implicated in the drug business. (CBS-3)

DRUG PROFITS

Rather reports U.S. officials announced they have seized \$30 million cash in a coordinated drive nationwide trying to stop drug money laundering. The money was found in everything from tennis balls to tv sets. (ABC-6, CBS-4)

JACKIE PRESSER

CBS's Terry Drinkwater reports from Las Vegas that Teamster delegates rallied to support the re-election of their president. Only a tiny fraction demonstrated. Among many here, the Presser indictment was a surprise. Presser sent a message to the locals back home. (Presser, via satellite to delegates: " -- It's a vendetta type of indictment.") (CBS-5)

ABC's Barry Serafin reports from Las Vegas that Secretary Brock said some advisors had urged him to cancel an appearance here today because of Presser's indictment. But he said the union boss, like everyone else, is innocent until proven guilty. (ABC-5)

CASEY/MEDIA

Brokaw: CIA Director Casey charged that a report broadcast by NBC News violated a 1950 law against disclosing information about communications intelligence. This law has never before been used against a news organization. Casey referred the matter to the Justice Department. The report by James Polk was aired on NBC's "Today" program this morning. It detailed the charges against Ronald Pelton, who is accused of spying. The report said that he gave the Soviets information about electronic eavesdropping done by U.S. submarines. NBC News said it was referring this matter to its legal counsel. (ABC-7, NBC-9)

ORGAN TRANSPLANTS

Rather reports a federal task force recommended the federal government should pay for organ transplants for people who cannot afford them. That recommendation will soon be before President Reagan.

CBS's Susan Spencer reports on the organ transplant program. The task force says the federal government, which already pays for most kidney transplants, should pay for heart and liver transplants as well for anyone who otherwise can't afford them. That could cost up to \$35 million. The recommendation to fund those operations is one of a package designed to improve the current hodge-podge system that so often fails patients. And scarce organs should go mostly to Americans, the task force says, recommending that no more than 10% of available kidneys go to foreign recipients -- no hearts and livers unless no American needs them. The Administration won't comment on the recommendations yet, but it is felt that any call for new spending, including pay for life-saving transplants, won't go over very well. (CBS-6)

SYRIA/ABU NIDAL

Brokaw: The White House challenged a denial by President Assad that his country sponsors terrorist activities. Larry Speakes said as long as terrorists move freely within Syria, our serious concern remains Syria's support for international terrorism. (NBC-6)

Rather: The Reagan Administration officially called on Syria to kick out Palestinian Abu Nidal. (CBS-10)

BRITAIN/TERRORISM

Jennings reports there continue to be enormous delays in trying to cross the English Channel. Police in various port towns of Britain, Belgium, France and Holland are still searching vehicles being loaded on cross-channel ferrys. (NBC-7, ABC-3)

CORAL SEA

Jennings: There was a happy homecoming in Norfolk, Virginia today. The Coral Sea returned from the Mediterranean and the attack on Libya. Navy Secretary Lehman went aboard to praise the Coral Sea's 4,000 crew members for what he called a hugely successful operation.... (NBC-8, ABC-4)

NICARAGUA/HOSTAGES

Brokaw: In Nicaragua there were new demands that the U.S. and West Germany press the contras to free eight West Germans being held as hostages. The demands came from some 60 West Germans staging a sit-in at their country's embassy in Nicaragua. (NBC-10)

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CUBAN-AMERICANS

CBS's Bernard Goldberg reports on Cuban politics in Miami. Just beneath the tranquil surface, there is controversy raging through Miami. A lot of Miamians are saying too many Cuban refugees are becoming just like the dictator they fled. Too many exiles, they say, don't know the meaning of free speech. Two months ago, Miami Cubans supporting U.S. aid to the contras threw rocks and eggs at counterdemonstrators. This month, a play was canceled after Cuban exiles accused the author, a Cuban-American herself, of being soft on communism. And this weekend, two more opposing rallies. At one, accusations that some exiles are trying to stifle free speech. And at another one, sponsored by Cuban refugees to denounce communism, they put up a sign to make sure everyone knew which one was their rally and which was their opponents.'

(Cuban-American: "On that side are the communists, on this side are the people who love democracy.")

The sad irony is that some who came here to embrace America now stand accused of not really understanding America at all.

(NBC-11 CBS-12)

AERIAL SEARCHES

Father reports the Supreme Court gave law enforcement surveillance from the sky a big boost in two different types of sky searches to find lawbreakers. In one, justices approved an overflight of a chemical company plant to find evidence of air pollution. In the other, the court approved an aerial search for a backyard marijuana patch. In both cases, the justices found no need for a search warrant and no violation of privacy rights.

(CBS-2)

MARIO CUOMO

CBS's Eruce Morton profiles Gov. Cuomo. Cuomo today officially announced he will run for governor again this year.

(CBS-8)

SCOBEE

Rather reports Challenger Commander Dick Scobee came home to a hero's burial in Arlington National Cemetery.

(ABC-11, CBS-9)

ISRAEL/WAR CRIMES

Rather reports Israel received U.N. War Crimes Commission files on 347 of the hunted war criminals, including what the Israeli ambassador called the hierarchy of the exterminating machine.

(CBS-11)

STOCKS

Jennings reports the Dow lost about 1.5 points. Trading was the slowest in almost four months.

(ABC-13)

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EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

TAX REFORM

With Only a Change or Two, New Tax Plan Should Carry -- "The IRA amendment and a few other flaws aside, the Senate Finance Committee has resurrected bright prospects for an effective, comprehensive tax reform within the next year or so. If the rest of Congress now will confine its changes to those few matters which will make the bill even more fair, simple and economically sound, the accomplished reality of that likelihood would shine with genuinely amazing brilliance." (Salt Lake Tribune, 5/10)

Tax Reform Resurrection -- "Though the results would vary greatly in individual situations, under the Senate bill, that seems to be enjoying the most favor at the moment, most taxpayers would be better off, paying about the same or less. Those who would pay more are people in the upper-income group who have been using shelters and loopholes that should be abolished. Tax justice and simplification could do so much good for our country and the economy as a whole that even those who might see some personal initial disadvantage in the changes might find the new system generally beneficial in the long run....Let's let greater tax justice bring more economic growth for the good of all."

(Chattanooga News-Free Press, 5/13)

True Tax Reform in Sight -- "True tax reform, which only a few days ago seemed virtually out of reach, is now in sight as a result of the package approved by the Senate Finance Committee. It isn't perfect. It has several sections that need review -- the proposal to eliminate the Individual Retirement Account deduction...and the plan to raise the maximum capital gains tax from 20 to 27%. But this package is by far the best tax-reform measure yet."

(St. Louis Globe-Democrat, 5/13)

Senate Proposal Boosts Hopes for Tax Reform -- "The Senate committee erred...in knocking out deductions for state and local sales taxes. That would amount to a double taxation of income already taxed at local and state levels. And the full Senate should continue, as would the House and the President, the tax incentives for Individual Retirement Accounts approved in 1981....Despite these and other drawbacks, the general outline of the Senate panel's plan is a good one. It reflects simplicity, fairness and balance. And it puts Washington tax reform back on track."

(Buffalo News, 5/11)

Tax Reform Bill Hurts This State -- "For Washington state taxpayers...there is a significant difference between the House reform package and Packwood's. The House bill would continue deductions for state and local sales taxes. Packwood -- who is from a state without a sales tax -- would eliminate them while keeping deductions for local income and property taxes. This state's tax structure, off-balance because it does not include an income tax, relies heavily on the sales tax....Losing the federal deduction would substantially increase Washington residents' income tax bills....Here and in the 45 other states which have sales taxes residents would be penalized by having to pay a tax on their taxes."

(Seattle Post-Intelligencer, 5/8)

EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS (continued)

Tax Bill Details Causing a Few to Re-think Support -- "The bill retains myriad special-purpose exemptions. Credits are retained for builders of low-income housing, renovation of historic structures and users of non-conventional forms of energy. From our point of view, that helps mitigate the threatened damage to the housing industry. The same is true for a slightly shorter depreciation period for apartment buildings than for offices. We are disappointed, however, that tighter limits aren't proposed for tax-exempt development bonds. That area of abuse of the market and the taxpayer deserves the closest scrutiny, for too often industrial development bonds are but political rewards in projects that would be built anyway.
(Atlanta Journal, 5/14)

If We're Lucky -- "It isn't perfect. What piece of legislation is? But at least it moves in the right direction. The best thing about the Packwood package is that it keeps the legislative process moving."
(Torrance, Calif. Daily Breeze, 5/9)

More Money for the IRS -- "Sharp differences of opinion have developed over some parts of the tax-overhaul efforts in Congress, but there is at least one aspect of it that merits a meeting of the minds -- the effort to provide more money for the Internal Revenue Service to improve the collection of federal taxes. The amount of money not being collected is alarming, even disheartening. Because of overstated deductions and understated income, the IRS has said, that amount will total \$103 billion this year....Think how bringing in even a portion of that money would help solve terrible federal deficit problems." (Fort Worth Star-Telegram, 5/11)

The Incredible Tax Reform -- "There is a reason for everything, so the saying goes. And for much-battered, eternally deferred tax reform -- why should it not be now?"
(Sarasota Herald-Tribune, 5/10)

Packwood Bill is a Step Toward Economic Sense -- "The exciting aspect of the Packwood bill is the dramatic reduction in the marginal rate to 27%, which has philosophical implications that should be greeted with cries of joy. The recognition that high discriminatory taxation against the affluent is economically stupid and philosophically unwise in a society that prides itself on equal treatment before the law. The Packwood bill is an exciting, progressive step toward economic sense and philosophical justice.
(William F. Buckley, Atlanta Journal, 5/14)

A Gamble with Capital Formation -- "We are about to have a monumental tax reform. It would be a great pity if this historic change in tax rules ended up hurting the capital-accumulation process that is the driving force of economic growth and of the international competitiveness of our manufacturing industry. The current Senate Finance Committee bill is an unnecessary and unwise gamble with capital formation and economic growth. The top priority for the Senate should be to make the modifications in saving and investment incentives that will make this tax bill an unambiguous stimulus to capital formation."
(Martin Feldstein, Wall Street Journal, 5/19)