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(Washington Post, Washington Times, AP, UPI, Reuter)

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(Pensacola News-Journal, AP, UPI)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

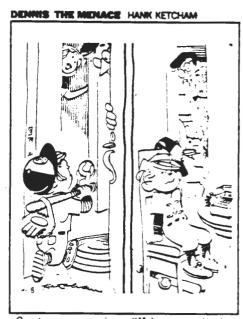
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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S PANEL SAYS SOME PORNOGRAPHY CAUSES SEXUAL VIOLENCE

The Attorney General's Commission on Pornography concluded in a report issued yesterday that some forms of pornography cause sexual violence, a finding its chairman said was based on "moral and ethical considerations" as well as the panel's analysis of scientific evidence.

Among other things, the report urges state and local prosecutors to crack down on pornography with help from a proposed Justice Department said Congress should amend prostitution It unfair-labor-practice laws so they can be used against film producers who hire actors and actresses for X-rated films. It also said forfeiture and interstate commerce laws should be strengthened to make it easier to seize pornography.

Henry Hudson appeared eager to respond to the wave of negative publicity that has surrounded the commission's work, and he tried to soften or play down some of its 92 recommendations. In presenting the report to Edwin Meese, Hudson said it refutes "the initial criticism of the commission, namely, that it was biased and lacking in objectivity. Those supporting censorship will be people who expected a document (Howard Kurtz, Washington Post, A1) disappointed."

Panel Report Links Violence To Hard-Core Pornography

The Attorney General's Commission on Pornography said in its final report released yesterday that there is a link between sexual violence and hard-core pornography.

But Henry Hudson, who chaired the year-long study, said the primary responsibility for fighting pornography rests with state and local governments and communities -- not Washington.

(John McCaslin, Washington Times, A1)

Report Pleases Anti-Porn Groups, Angers Free Speech Activists

The final report of the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography has stirred up two camps: those who say the study could be "the death knell for the criminal pornography industry," and others who call it "highly prejudicial, farsical."

The conclusions please anti-pornography groups and strike fear in

the hearts of free speech activists.

The Rev. Jerry Falwell, head of Moral Majority, said the report "avoids any call for censorship. It appeals to the grass-roots heartbeat of this country and common sense perspective...to begin putting an end to this scab in our society that has been so injurious to the women and children of our country."

The report "will be used by groups particularly on the religious right, to mobilize new citizen vigilante efforts," Barry Lynn, legislative counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, said in an interview.

(Pete Yost, AP)

U.S. Commission Report On Pornography Praised, Attacked

A U.S. commission report calling for strong measures by government and citizens against pornography was praised by religious groups and attacked by a leading civil liberties organization.

The American Civil Liberties Union, a private watchdog group, immediately issued a statement saying the report was biased because six of its members were previously involved in anti-pornography drives.

But the National Coalition Against Pornography, an alliance of more than 70 religious and conservative groups, welcomed the report, saying: "It rightly concluded that pornography involving children and violent pornography encouraging rape and violence toward children and women is harmful."

(Bruce Russell, Reuter)

The Politics Of Pornography

The anti-pornography crusade, steadily moving up the social issues agenda, has now won the support -- as controversial as it may be -- of the Administration.

With the release of the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography two-volume report linking pornography to crimes of violence, the Administration has given the anti-smut crusaders a powerful new tool —the stamp of government approval.

(David Anderson, News Analysis, UPI)

DOTHAN PRIMPS FOR REAGAN

PENSACOLA, Fla. -- People who paid \$25.00 to hear President Reagan speak today in Dothan, Alabama, will probably get their fried chicken lunches served on plates.

People who paid \$15.00 will eat from cardboard boxes.

The President didn't pay anything. But chances are, he'll eat his lunch off the best plate town officials can find.

Residents of the southeast Alabama town of 52,000 are still a bit surprised -- but delighted -- that the President accepted their invitation.

(Cindy West, Pensacola News-Journal, A1)

Reagan Travels To Alabama To Speak For Tax Revision

President Reagan, trying to help shape the final version of the tax-overhaul package in Congress, is personally endorsing a top individual tax rate of 27 percent and crediting himself with being one of the first champions of slashing rates.

Reagan is to fly to the southeastern corner of Alabama today to plug tax changes in a luncheon speech before the Chamber of Commerce in Dothan, a community of 52,000 people that proclaims itself the peanut capital of the world.

"The main point of his speech is that individual rates must be held down," said Larry Speakes. (Terrence Hunt, AP)

Reagan Touts Tax Reform In 'Small-Town America'

President Reagan and his aides are exultant over the imminent passage of a tax reform bill that critics laughed at a year ago when he stumped the country singing its praises and Congress seemed deaf.

Today the President travels to Dothan, Ala., to address the Chamber of Commerce to "emphasize most strongly that individual rates be held down," said Larry Speakes. (Ira Allen, UPI)

REGAN'S SURPRISE ON TAX-REVISION TACTICS

Eyebrows were raised at the Treasury Department this week when White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan told reporters that President Reagan is ready to compromise with Congress on tax-overhaul legislation. Regan had met early in the week with Treasury Secretary James Baker and Deputy Secretary Richard Darman, and all three had agreed on the best way to deal with the House-Senate conference committee on tax revision to begin work later this month.

But Baker and Darman had no warning that Regan would be making a public statement before President Reagan's tax speech today in Dothan, Ala.

(Washington Post, A21)

PRESIDENT TO CAMPAIGN AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

President Reagan, spurred in part by the cocaine-induced death of University of Maryland basketball star Len Bias and reports of an intensifying drug crisis in the United States, has decided to launch a personal campaign against drug abuse in the next few months, White House officials said yesterday.

Picking up an issue that has been championed by First Lady Nancy Reagan, the President intends to deliver a series of speeches and make public appearances to warn of the dangers of drug abuse and to "raise public consciousness" about the problem, officials said.

The President's campaign may also be accompanied by new policy initiatives from the Administration, including a proposal to expand the use of drug testing, officials said. (David Hoffman, Washington Post, A13)

STATES PUSHED TO IMPROVE NUCLEAR WAR READINESS

The Reagan Administration has notified state governments that they no longer can receive Civil Defense Act funds for natural disaster planning unless they also prepare for nuclear war.

"Emergency management cannot be defined as the protection of our citizens only from some, or even most, disaster," FEMA Director Julius Becton wrote. "Accordingly, in fiscal year 1987, FEMA will reemphasize the need to prepare for national security threats as well as those posed by natural and technological hazards."

(Fred Hiatt, Washington Post, A4)

HEARINGS ON REHNQUIST, SCALIA SET FOR THIS MONTH

Sen. Strom Thurmond, the Judiciary Committee chairman, said yesterday that he will hold hearings on Chief Justice-designate William Rehnquist and Supreme Court nominee Antonin Scalia later this month and that he hopes both can be confirmed before the Senate recesses in mid-August.

The announcement drew an immediate protest from committee Democrats, who had been negotiating for more time to study records of President Reagan's nominees. They say the panel has not received the required evaluation reports from the FBI and the American Bar Association. (Howard Kurtz, Washington Post, A4)

STAR WARS COMPROMISE DISCUSSED

The outlines of a "grand compromise," in which deep cuts in the superpowers' offensive nuclear arsenals would be traded for a delay in the deployment of a "Star Wars" missile defense system, have reemerged in Reagan Administration discussions of a response to the latest Soviet arms control proposal, Administration officials said yesterday.

But Secretary of State George Shultz and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger disagree so sharply over whether the United States should consider such a swap that the schism ultimately will have to be resolved by President Reagan, the officials said. Weinberger opposes any limits on future deployment of missile defenses, while Shultz reportedly is intrigued by the possibility if it leads to a significant reduction in nuclear weapons.

These sources emphasized that Reagan has reached no decision and would insist on a 50 percent reduction in Soviet and American strategic arms -- rather than the 35 percent most recently proposed by Moscow -- before considering any limits on his Star Wars program.

(Walter Pincus & Lou Cannon, Washington Post, A1)

Shultz, Weinberger Said At Odds Over U.S. Arms Response

President Reagan may have to decide a dispute between Secretary of State George Shultz and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger on considering a delay of "Star Wars" deployment in return for deep U.S.-Soviet nuclear cuts, The Washington Post said today.

The newspaper quoted sources as saying Shultz was intrigued by a "grand compromise" in which the United States would delay any deployment of SDI, known as "Star Wars," in return for 50 percent cuts in long-range nuclear missiles.

But it said Weinberger was adamantly opposed to any SDI delay and that Reagan's top staff advisers had not been able to resolve the dispute over whether to even consider the swap. (Reuter)

TERRORIST GROUP KILLS EXECUTIVE NEAR MUNICH

MUNICH -- A powerful, remote-controlled bomb killed a top business executive and his driver this morning in an attack that government officials and police said may signal the beginning of an upsurge of left-wing extremist violence in West Germany.

The terrorist apparently chose their target to seek to exploit opposition to nuclear power and to West German cooperation in research on the U.S Strategic Defense Initiative, or "Star Wars."

A seven-page letter, signed by the Red Army Faction and displayed at a news conference in Karlsruhe, cited "secret negotiations" involving Siemens on a possible role in the SDI research program.

(Robert McCartney, Washington Post, A1)

Terrorists' Bombs Kill 3 In Europe

MUNICH -- A bomb tore through the armor-plated car of the chief of research of the Siemens electronics group yesterday, killing him and his driver as they drove to work. Officials said the Red Army Faction terrorist group claimed responsibility.

At the same time in Paris, a bomb ripped into police offices near City Hall, killing the head of the anti-crime squad and wounding at least 15 other people, three seriously, authorities said.

In Washington, U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz called terrorists "beasts" and said it was "a bunch of baloney" to call them freedom fighters. (Washington Times, A1)

SHULTZ WARNS ON TERRORISM COVERAGE

Secretary of State George Shultz, declaring that terrorists are "beasts" who murder innocent people, said yesterday that journalists should not "get fascinated" with them and allow them to use the press to portray terrorism as legitimate freedom-fighting.

"You have to be careful not to encourage terrorism by publishing what [terrorists] want to be published," Shultz told a seminar of Washington-based foreign journalists that was held at the State Department.

While saying that "on the whole, the press has done a good job" in covering international terrorism, he was critical of journalists "who get fascinated by terrorists and do all sorts of things to get interviews with them."

(John Goshko, Washington Post, A26)

ISRAEL DENIES TRYING TO SKIRT U.S. ARMS TECHNOLOGY BAN

JERUSALEM -- Israel's Defense Ministry today denied as "unfounded" allegations that Israel attempted to illegally obtain U.S. technology to manufacture antipersonnel cluster shells here following a 1982 ban by President Reagan on the export of the munitions to Israel.

Expressing "serious astonishment" at the charges, a Defense Ministry spokesman said that cluster shells had been independently developed by Israel's state-owned Military Industries, and that the government was following all lawful procedures to acquire production processes for the antipersonnel artillery shells, which are packed with tiny grenades that scatter and greatly expand the range of damage.

(William Claiborne, Washington Post, A1)

Bush Unlikely To Raise Allegations Against Israel During Mideast Trip

Israel's reported efforts to illegally seek U.S. cluster-bomb technology are "certainly not helpful" but are not likely to be brought up by Vice President George Bush during his upcoming Mideast trip, a spokesman for Bush says.

"I don't expect the...intelligence issues to be part of the discussion; whether they will have an effect or not remains to be seen," Marlin Fitzwater, the Vice President's press secretary, said Wednesday as he briefed reporters on the trip.

"It is certainly not helpful, but I think the issues we want to discuss are larger than that," Fitzwater said of the cluster bomb report.

(Dale Nelson, AP)

ABRAMS SAYS REGION'S FUTURE DEPENDS ON CONTRA AID VOTE

The future of Nicaragua's Central American neighbors hinges on Senate approval of a \$100 million package of aid for Nicaraguan resistance forces, Assistant Secretary of State Elliott Abrams said yesterday.

"It is inconceivable to me that it would be possible to maintain stable Democratic, pro-American governments over the long run in those countries with a communist regime [in Nicaragua] tied to the Soviet Union," Mr. Abrams said during a luncheon with reporters and editors at The Washington Times. "This is really a turning point in contemporary foreign policy." (Christopher Simpson, Washington Times, A1)

HABIB'S MESSAGE: 'PRESS MANAGUA'

Presidential envoy Philip Habib leaves for Central America this morning in an effort to convince Nicaragua's neighbors to press that Marxist government into a less intransigent stance regarding negotiations.

Mr. Habib hopes those Central American countries can persuade Nicaragua to negotiate with the democratic resistance and end the 4-year-old civil war, a State Department official said yesterday.

(James Morrison, Washington Times, A1)

SANDINISTA FORCES ARE SAID TO TRIPLE STOCK OF COPTERS

MANAGUA -- The Nicaraguan Air Force has tripled its stock of Soviet-made transport helicopters over the last two months, according to diplomats and military specialists here.

Diplomats said this week that the Sandinistas had unloaded as many as 15 new MI-17 helicopters at the ports of Corinto and Bluefields since the beginning of May. Before the shipments, the air force was thought to have seven or eight of them. (Stephen Kinzer, New York Times, Al)

2 POWERS AGREE TO DISCUSS WAYS TO VERIFY A-TESTS

The United States and the Soviet Union have agreed in principle to discuss problems of verifying the underground testing of nuclear weapons, Administration officials said today.

Officials said the proposed meeting was likely to be held this summer, although no decision has been made on the time or place.

These discussions would be the first on verification under the Reagan Administration and might lead to progress on the issue of nuclear testing, some officials said. (Michael Gordon, New York Times, A1)

MITTERRAND WINDS UP TALKS WITH GORBACHEV

MOSCOW -- After 16 hours of talks with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, French President Francois Mitterrand has detected no signs of movement toward a superpower summit meeting, but has made progress on several European issues, French officials said today.

Mitterrand, who arrived here Monday after holding talks with President Reagan in New York, was struck by the intransigence of both superpower leaders on the issue of the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative, popularly known as "Star Wars," according to senior French officials.

(Celestine Bohlen, Washington Post, A25)

U.S. MAY CONCEDE CUBA RADIO PROPAGANDA RIGHT

The United States is willing to recognize Cuba's right to beam propaganda broadcasts to this country on an AM radio frequency as part of an agreement to reactivate the 1984 U.S.-Cuban immigration accord suspended by President Fidel Castro's communist government last year, U.S. officials said yesterday.

The officials said the U.S. offer is being communicated to Cuba in talks between the two countries that began Tuesday in Mexico City.

(John Goshko, Washington Post, A19)

(Wednesday Evening, July 9, 1986)

MEESE COMMISSION

CBS's Dan Rather: After a year in the works, the Reagan Administration's controversial report on pornography is finally and officially out tonight, all 1,000-plus pages of it. And from the report's call for a crackdown on pornography nation-wide to linking pornography to real-life violence, critics are challenging what it says almost cover to cover.

CBS's Bob Schieffer: Controversy always sells books, and today at the Justice Department reporters were standing in a line to get copies of the controversial report which surveys sex and its affect on America. Running more than 2,000 pages, it includes a listing of all known porn movies, some with capsule plot summaries, and has 92 recommendations on how to combat porn on the street, on the air, and on the newsrack.

(<u>Henry Hudson</u>, Commission Chairman: "I think our commission very strongly supports the right of everybody to read. But we also equally oppose the abuse of women.")

Among the recommendations: tightening the law to give the federal government the right to confiscate assets of companies violating obscenity law; suggestions on how citizens can encourage local and state government to crackdown on porn; a call for Congress to ban obscene cable television programs. In its most controversial finding, the Commission concludes there is a relationship between violence and pornography. In some cases, even non-violent porn. The conclusion is drawn from available data. The Commission conducted no scientific studies. As Attorney General Meese got the first official copy today, his main purpose seemed to be to avoid the controversy.

(Edwin Meese: "I won't comment on any of the recommendations until I've actually read the report."

Barry Lynn, ACLU: "I hope the Attorney General does read it, and then analyze it, and then bury it.")

Criticism also came from publishers who fear the report will set off a wave of censorship. One distributor marked the release of the Commission report with displays of various books that various groups have tried to ban over the years.

(Christie Hefner, Playboy Enterprises: "I think the commissioners are out of touch with the reality of what's happened to attitudes in this country.")

Others were just as quick to praise the Commission, including one-time porn star Linda Lovelace.

(Linda Lovelace: And thank you for all the women who are not here today who have been silenced because of pornography.")

Although the Commission has drawn national attention for more than a year, the bulk of its recommendations concern what local governments can do to combat porn. (CBS-Lead)

ABC's Peter Jennings: The Attorney General's Commission on Pornography has issued its report. The Commission says that looking at sexually violent material can lead to sexual violence.... And there are those who believe it went too far.

ABC's Barry Serafin: ... The Commission's most controversial finding directly contradicts the conclusions of another presidential commission.... The Meese Commission says some kinds of pornography do lead to sexual abuse of women and children.

(<u>Henry Hudson</u>: "The Commission did find a definite correlation between sexually explicit materials in a violent context, and certain types of anti-social behavior.

But even some of the social scientists whose work was cited by the Commission say their studies were misused.

(Neal Malamuth, UCLA: "So I think, in general, the Meese Commission went beyond what I think is justified by the data.")

... Attorney General Meese repeatedly declined to answer questions today saying he hadn't read the report. He did insist though there would be no censorship.

(Edwin Meese: "This Department, as long as I'm the Attorney General, is not going to engage in censorship in the sense that in any way violates the First Amendment.")

(Barry Lynn: "...All that this government study really proves is that if you give a biased, pro-censorship commission a half-million tax dollars and a year, they will write a very lop-sided pro-censorship report at the end.")

Even feminist groups are divided. One, women against censorship, says the Commission is addressing symptoms not root causes of sexual violence. But another group disagrees.

(Dorchen Leidholt, Women Against Pornography: "Women Against Pornography commends the Commission for being the first federal government body to report on the systematic campaign of abuse being waged against over half of the citizens of this country.

ABC's Bill Blakemore reports on Meese Commission member Father Bruce Ritter's work against child pornography. (ABC-Lead)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: Sexually violent pornography leads to violence.

That's the central conclusion in a controversial report issued today by the U.S. Attorney General's Commission on Pornography. This Commission recommends a number of steps to deal with pornography, but it is the question of smut and violence that drives the debate about what should be done.

NBC's Bob Kur: ...Rarely does a government report generate so much interest... Critics charged that Meese stacked the Commission to condemn pornography. Today at the Justice Department, many wondered aloud whether Meese had picked the right location to receive the report.

(TV coverage: Naked female statue at the Department of Justice.)

...After a year of hearings...the Commission concluded that substantial exposure to sexually violent materials bears a causal relationship to sexual violence, and that material degrading toward women bears some causal relationship to unwanted sexual aggression. Sixteen years ago a presidential commission concluded just the opposite.... But Meese Commission director Alan Sears says times have changed.

(Alan Sears: "The violence, the sadomasochism, the torture, the absolute exploitation of women and children at the level that we find it now was almost unknown in 1970.")

<u>Kur</u> continues: Nevertheless two Meese Commission members disagree with the report's key conclusion.

(<u>Dr. Judith Becker</u>: "I've been working with sex offenders for eleven years and believe me, if a clear pattern came through that the reason people committed sexual crimes is because of exposure to pornography, I would have been the first one out there to give testimony.")

In addition to urging a law enforcement crackdown, the Meese Commission today called for picketing and boycotting stores that sell hard and softcore pornography...

(Christie Hefner: "When President Reagan initially convened the commission and suggested it look into the possible harm of extreme pornography, I think he had in mind issues like child pornography, or extreme violence in pornography. I don't think he had in mind the magazine that his son is a contributing editor for.") (NBC-Lead)

SHULTZ/TERRORISM

Brokaw: Secretary of State George Shultz today issued a strong denunciation of terrorists saying these people are beasts. And he said that it was a bunch of baloney that terrorists such as those who hijacked the Achille Lauro, really were freedom fighters. Shultz told a State Department seminar on terrorism that sometime journalists get fascinated by terrorists and risk being manipulated by them. (NBC-3)

BLOOD SUPPLY/AIDS

Rather: How safe from AIDS virus contamination is this nation's blood supply? A scientific group offered the latest evidence on today.

CBS's Susan Spencer: The AIDS blood test is very, very good. It is not perfect. It can, on rare occasions, fail to pick up contaminated blood, especially if the donor has only recently been exposed to AIDS. But a panel of experts assembled by the National Institutes of Health today stressed that the risk to the public is very low. Of 12 million units donated each year it estimated 120 may be contaminated -- roughly one unit in 100,000.... The panel also recommended: anyone with a positive blood test result be told about it and counselled; that blood test information never be used to punish or threaten anyone suspected of having the virus; and that blood bank lists of possibly infected donors be kept totally confidential from employers, insurance companies, and states. But while proclaiming the blood supply's safety, the panel did endorse people stockpiling their own blood, but only if they're going to have surgery. did not endorse President Reagan's idea of healthy people stockpiling their own blood just in case. They seem to agree with the Red Cross which has said that that would undermine the entire national blood supply system. (CBS-2, NBC-2)

TERRORISM

Jennings: There have been two acts of terrorism in Europe today. At least three people have died, more than twenty injured. One bombing was in West Germany, one was in France.

ABC's Mike Lee: A bomb in Paris killed a high ranking police inspector. The blast also injured more than two dozen people and demolished much of the headquarters housing the so-called Bandit Repression Brigade. French Premier Chirac visited the scene and was visibly shaken and angered.... Near Munich West Germany today a remote control bomb detonated at the base of a roadside tree tore through an armor-plated limousine killing a nuclear physicist. victim is Karl Beckerts.... At the scene of today's murder a seven page letter from the leftist Red Army Faction claimed that Beckerts had been killed as a representative of a large atomic energy research and development company. A German prosecutor said Beckerts had been involved in secret planning related to the U.S. space based Strategic Defense Initiative. A spokesman for the energy company said the company has no formal contracts nor proposals for taking (ABC-8, CBS-3, NBC-4) part in star wars research.

U.S.-ISRAEL

Rather: ... Tonight U.S. officials tell CBS's Debra Potter, they believe the Israeli effort to get the secrets of those U.S. high-tech weapons goes back to late 1984. Also, more U.S. subpoenas for Israelis are expected. Three have been subpoenaed already, and U.S. officials say they are determined that these Israelis make themselves available for questioning. For its part, the government of Israel today said it did nothing illegal or wrong.

(Yosef Gal, Israeli spokesman: "...The Ministry of Defense also categorically determines that there was no case here of unlawful technological export.")

The Israeli government says it used only its own hardware and know-how to develop cluster bombs. Israel also said the story was leaked by someone trying to drive a wedge in U.S.-Israel relations.

(CBS-5)

Jennings: The government of Israel is being investigated again because

American officials think that American law may have been broken again. Did Israel illegally smuggle American technology to make cluster bombs out this country. The Israelis say no.

ABC's Dennis Troute: Despite Israeli denials, U.S. officials insist their charges are serious and can only add to a growing strain between the two countries. (ABC-9)

DRUGS

Rather: Whether you see it as election year publicity, dramatic demonstration, or both, three prominent Republicans today went undercover to make drug buys on the streets of New York. A U.S. parole commissioner dressed as a painter, a U.S. federal attorney, and Senator Alphonse D'Amato seeking reelection, today all sought and scored "crack".

PHILIPPINES

Rather: In the Philippines President Aquino today banned all rallies by the supporters of the exiled President Marcos. (CBS-8)

Brokaw: President Corazon Aquino said today that she did not want to bring charges against Arturo Tolentino. She said if Tolentino and his supporters pledge allegiance to her they will be forgiven. In the meantime, however, their passports were cancelled so they couldn't leave the country.

(NBC-7)

SOUTH AFRICA

Brokaw: President Reagan is getting some strong pressure these days from within his Administration to make a speech clarifying the U.S. policy towards South Africa. White House spokesman Larry Speakes said today that the State Department and the National Security Advisor John Poindexter want the President to spell out his motives and goals on this, but Speakes said the idea had not been given much airing, explaining that right now the President has other speeches to make.

(NBC-6)

Rather: The white minority government of South Africa lifted its ban on black trade union meetings. The ban was imposed only two days ago. The government said it made a mistake. It said the unions should not have been included in a general ban on meetings of other black groups.

(CBS-9, ABC-11)

BANK FAILURES

Brokaw: Last year there were more bank failures in the United States than in any time since the Great Depression. Two-thirds of them were rural banks. Now the FDIC says it may no longer be able to find a healthy bank to take over when a rural bank goes under. So the Agriculture Department is warning that this will make times even tougher for the nation's farm communities. (NBC-13)

John Chancellor's Commentary reported on the mystery behind the sluggish U.S. economy. (NBC-14)

LIBERTY WEEKEND

Jennings: The Secretary of the Interior Donald Hodel, and the head of the fundraising effort for the Statue of Liberty's restoration Lee Iacocca, were not the best of friends even before the weekend.... Now they are having another difference of opinion.

ABC's John Martin: ... The cost of celebrating Liberty was supposed to come from the money ABC paid for television and money from tickets. In all it cost up to \$32 million and not all of that may be recovered due to last minute insurance costs and some unsold seats on the final night... The Secretary of the Interior, Donald Hodel, is warning Lee Iacocca in a letter that the centennial foundation he runs should not pay for the party with donations given to restore the statue and Ellis Island.

(<u>David Prosperi</u>, Interior Department spokesman: "The foundation has the legal authority to raise money both for the restoration and for the celebration. But I think, and the Secretary believes, that if people gave money for what they thought was to restore the statue they should be able to rely on that.")

Martin continues: ...But a spokesman for Iacocca said that if the celebration ultimately does cost more than it made, the money will come from the restoration. But the Interior Secretary is serving notice that even though the public hasn't complained to him so far, when Miss Liberty's bills are paid he'll be watching. (ABC-6)

CHILE

Rather: 2,000 mourners braved riot police in Chile today for the funeral of a young man who came to American nine years ago with his Chilean mother.

CBS's Bruce Morton reports Chilean police opened up on the mourners today with water cannon and tear gas. U.S. Ambassador Harry Barnes was there...

(Bernard Kalb: "We consider swift progress in this investigation to be very important.") (CBS-10, ABC-10, NBC-5)

WHITE HOUSE ALARM

Brokaw: An alarm went off in the White House early today warning the President and his staff that the water at the White House wasn't safe to drink. For five hours they had to make do with coffee brewed with bottled water, but as of tonight officials still aren't sure whether it was the water which comes from the city water system or a faulty guage that set off the alarm. (NBC-12)

GRAMM-RUDMAN

Gramm-Rudman: It's Overruled, But Cuts Still Need To Be Made -- "Let's hope that the next package will include such old-fashioned, realistic methods as increasing federal revenues, scaling down defense spending and intelligently reviewing domestic programs. (Detroit Free Press, 7/8)

Enforcing Budget Discipline -- "So the Supreme Court has ruled that the comptroller general cannot be designated the little Dutch boy of United States fiscal policy.... If the stock market slide continues -- and the economy stumbles -- the President may want to reconsider seizing the economic-policy initiative. As it is, Congress and the White House must accept accountability for the decisions flooding the spending side of the dike, rather than leave it to some designated little Dutch boy to stem the leakage."

(Christian Science Monitor, 7/9)

Gunning Down Grammbo -- "It was a tempting ploy, about which we ourselves professed some enthusiasm at first. But the Supreme Court is right to take the longer view. Congress and the President cannot be allowed to evade their responsibilities, no matter how compelling the cause may seem. In the end, the system will work. What's needed are elections, not automatic pilots."

(Detroit News, 7/8)

MANION

Manion Redux -- "To begin with, Mr. Manion has neither the competence nor the experience to serve on a court that's just one rung beneath the U.S. Supreme Court.... If his ideology were the only thing objectionable about him, his nomination would not so offend those who truly believe that only the best belong on the Federal bench. The simple fact is that irrespective of his politics, Mr. Manion is unfit because he lacks respectable legal credentials.... If they will put politics aside and vote simply on his qualifications, senators will reject Daniel Manion's nomination."

Manion's Nomination -- "Manion's detractors have rejected him because some of his rulings contained misspelled words and other grammatical errors. The errors were probably made by a typist or secretary and were not caught when the papers were proof-read. But even if Manion made the errors, they are not sufficient to reject his nomination, and he would be only one of many government officials who couldn't spell or use correct grammar. The other reason given by opponents of his appointment is that Manion's "ultraconservative views" make the Indiana lawyer temperamentally unsuited to be a judge. That is certainly a novel reason. Apparently ultraleftist views were never considered sufficient reason to reject nominees of Jimmy Carter or Jack Kennedy." (Birmingham News, 7/2)

EDITORIALS AND COLUMNISTS (continued)

SALT II

Get Serious About Reviving Arms Control -- "The outlines of an acceptable deal have long been obvious: fewer offensive weapons on both sides in exchange for mutual restrictions on testing the kind of Star Wars defenses Reagan has been promoting. If the Administration is 'genuinely seeking progress,' the way should be open for a U.S.-Soviet meeting with a broader agenda that the Salt II ceilings. One major item: scheduling a Reagan-Gorbachev summit late this year to ratify an agreement in principle, even if the fine print won't be ready until next year's summit."

(New York Newsday, 7/2)

IMMIGRATION

Immigration: The Time Has Come To Do What's Needed -- "We still need immigration, but we can no longer tolerate uncontrolled illegal immigration. Imposing penalties against employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens is part and parcel of achieving that end. And despite what some groups fear, it can be done without discriminating against any of our citizens. Granting amnesty to aliens who have made productive lives here over a period of years is no more than humane. Getting a handle on illegal immigration through better border enforcement is basic to figuring out what impact illegals have on various entitlement programs. Gaining a measure of control over our borders would re-establish U.S. sovereignty and might even put a crimp in narcotics smuggling. There is, in short, every reason to go ahead with the immigration legislation now being argued in Congress. It is needed, it is reasonable and it is supported by the American public."

(Fort Worth Star-Telegram, 7/5)

POLAND

Poland: The U.S. Retreats From A Crucial Political Struggle -- "The Reagan Administration should definitely decide what its policy is on Poland, and particularly on the Solidarity movement. Since Ronald Reagan took office, that policy has been wandering and inconsistent. Mr. Reagan's high-flying rhetoric applauding general aspirations of the Polish people cannot hide the basic fact that neither he nor his top aides seem to understand the nature and real dynamics of the Polish crisis. Still worse, the Administration seems virtually to have abandoned Solidarity."

(Detroit Free Press, 7/3)

MANILA

Manila Foils A Coup -- "The Reagan Administration for its part made the right move by warning Mr. Marcos to stop trying to undermine the Aquino government or face the consequences. If he ignores those warnings, and if Manila has no objections, the only step left may be to oust him from his Hawaii haven."

(Philadelphia Inquirer, 7/9)

FOREIGN MEDIA REACTION

GRAMM-RUDMAN

"In spite of the U.S. bond market's initial inclination to shrug it off as an irrelevance of narrowly political importance, Monday's Supreme Court decision to strike down the key provision of the Gramm-Rudman deficit reduction law could well become a serious setback for U.S. economic policymaking at a time when the world can ill afford it."

(Financial Times, Britain)

"Deepening pessimism over prospects for the United States economy triggered sharp falls in stock markets around the world yesterday. Dealing was described to be in panic conditions as pundits predicted that Wall Street is now entering a boom." (Guardian, Britain)

"Since yesterday, the U.S. Congress is looking for a legal means which can allow it to regain one of the most important post-war laws, abolished Monday by the Supreme Court as unconstitutional."

(La Stampa, Italy)

"Financial circles had hoped that the cuts would contribute to a restoration of the U.S. economy. The situation is especially difficult since the expected economic recovery is not taking place.... There is no new spectacular development and no sudden economic turnabout, but a loss of confidence is perceptible.... This could encourage the development of a real confidence crisis for the U.S. economy." (Le Monde, France)

U.S.-SOVIET/MITTERRAND

"Mitterrand reminded everyone of his recent meeting with Ronald Reagan. He introduced himself as a wise man giving cautious advice to the two superpowers.... It is not certain that Reagan and Gorbachev have to have Mitterrand's help to reach a compromise on arms control or to make a success of their coming summit. We wonder if his remarks were not dictated above all by domestic concerns."

(Figaro, France)

"The second Mitterrand-Gorbachev talks covered a complete range of East-West problems, including U.S.-Soviet arms control and the Stockholm disarmament conference. A French spokeswoman said the secret talks were very frank.... Especially on the SDI problem and the enforcement of verification on any agreement reached at the U.S.-Soviet negotiations in Geneva, it seems that Mitterrand thoroughly explained U.S. views."

(Yomiuri, Japan)

"Gorbachev seems to want to try out driving drive wedges into the cracks in U.S.-European relations. The proudly independent approach adopted by France in Europe will tempt the Soviet Union to recommend the same approach to France's neighbors. The Soviet Union may also try the idea of neutralism in West Germany once the political balance of power changes slightly from the present in the Federal Republic."

(Helsingin Sanomat, Finland)



News Summary

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TODAY'S HEADLINES

NATIONAL NEWS

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(Washington Post, Washington Times, AP, UPI, Reuter)

Reagan Travels To Alabama To Speak For Tax Revision -- President Reagan, trying to help shape the final version of the tax-overhaul package in Congress, is personally endorsing a top individual tax rate of 27 percent and crediting himself with being one of the first champions of slashing rates. (Pensacola News-Journal, AP, UPI)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Shultz, Weinberger Said At Odds Over U.S. Arms Response -- President Reagan may have to decide a dispute between Secretary of State George Shultz and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger on considering a delay of "Star Wars" deployment in return for deep U.S.-Soviet nuclear cuts, The Washington Post said today. (Washington Post, Reuter)

NETWORK NEWS (Wednesday Evening)

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Our team won again, "He's waiting for the President to call."

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S PANEL SAYS SOME PORNOGRAPHY CAUSES SEXUAL VIOLENCE

The Attorney General's Commission on Pornography concluded in a report issued yesterday that some forms of pornography cause sexual violence, a finding its chairman said was based on "moral and ethical considerations" as well as the panel's analysis of scientific evidence.

Among other things, the report urges state and local prosecutors to crack down on pornography with help from a proposed Justice Department task force. It said Congress should amend prostitution and unfair-labor-practice laws so they can be used against film producers who hire actors and actresses for X-rated films. It also said forfeiture and interstate commerce laws should be strengthened to make it easier to seize pornography.

Henry Hudson appeared eager to respond to the wave of negative publicity that has surrounded the commission's work, and he tried to soften or play down some of its 92 recommendations. In presenting the report to Edwin Meese, Hudson said it refutes "the initial criticism of the commission, namely, that it was biased and lacking in objectivity. Those people who expected a document supporting censorship will be disappointed."

(Howard Kurtz, Washington Post, A1)

Panel Report Links Violence To Hard-Core Pornography

The Attorney General's Commission on Pornography said in its final report released yesterday that there is a link between sexual violence and hard-core pornography.

But Henry Hudson, who chaired the year-long study, said the primary responsibility for fighting pornography rests with state and local governments and communities -- not Washington.

(John McCaslin, Washington Times, A1)

Report Pleases Anti-Porn Groups, Angers Free Speech Activists

The final report of the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography has stirred up two camps: those who say the study could be "the death knell for the criminal pornography industry," and others who call it "highly prejudicial, farsical."

The conclusions please anti-pornography groups and strike fear in the hearts of free speech activists.

The Rev. Jerry Falwell, head of Moral Majority, said the report "avoids any call for censorship. It appeals to the grass-roots heartbeat of this country and common sense perspective...to begin putting an end to this scab in our society that has been so injurious to the women and children of our country."

The report "will be used by groups particularly on the religious right, to mobilize new citizen vigilante efforts," Barry Lynn, legislative counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, said in an interview.

(Pete Yost, AP)

U.S. Commission Report On Pornography Praised, Attacked

A U.S. commission report calling for strong measures by government and citizens against pornography was praised by religious groups and attacked by a leading civil liberties organization.

The American Civil Liberties Union, a private watchdog group, immediately issued a statement saying the report was biased because six of its members were previously involved in anti-pornography drives.

But the National Coalition Against Pornography, an alliance of more than 70 religious and conservative groups, welcomed the report, saying: "It rightly concluded that pornography involving children and violent pornography encouraging rape and violence toward children and women is harmful."

(Bruce Russell, Reuter)

The Politics Of Pornography

The anti-pornography crusade, steadily moving up the social issues agenda, has now won the support -- as controversial as it may be -- of the Administration.

With the release of the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography two-volume report linking pornography to crimes of violence, the Administration has given the anti-smut crusaders a powerful new tool -- the stamp of government approval.

(David Anderson, News Analysis, UPI)

DOTHAN PRIMPS FOR REAGAN

PENSACOLA, Fla. -- People who paid \$25.00 to hear President Reagan speak today in Dothan, Alabama, will probably get their fried chicken lunches served on plates.

People who paid \$15.00 will eat from cardboard boxes.

The President didn't pay anything. But chances are, he'll eat his lunch off the best plate town officials can find.

Residents of the southeast Alabama town of 52,000 are still a bit surprised -- but delighted -- that the President accepted their invitation.

(Cindy West, Pensacola News-Journal, A1)

Reagan Travels To Alabama To Speak For Tax Revision

President Reagan, trying to help shape the final version of the tax-overhaul package in Congress, is personally endorsing a top individual tax rate of 27 percent and crediting himself with being one of the first champions of slashing rates.

Reagan is to fly to the southeastern corner of Alabama today to plug tax changes in a luncheon speech before the Chamber of Commerce in Dothan, a community of 52,000 people that proclaims itself the peanut capital of the world.

"The main point of his speech is that individual rates must be held down," said Larry Speakes. (Terrence Hunt, AP)

Reagan Touts Tax Reform In 'Small-Town America'

President Reagan and his aides are exultant over the imminent passage of a tax reform bill that critics laughed at a year ago when he stumped the country singing its praises and Congress seemed deaf.

Today the President travels to Dothan, Ala., to address the Chamber of Commerce to "emphasize most strongly that individual rates be held down," said Larry Speakes. (Ira Allen, UPI)

REGAN'S SURPRISE ON TAX-REVISION TACTICS

Eyebrows were raised at the Treasury Department this week when White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan told reporters that President Reagan is ready to compromise with Congress on tax-overhaul legislation. Regan had met early in the week with Treasury Secretary James Baker and Deputy Secretary Richard Darman, and all three had agreed on the best way to deal with the House-Senate conference committee on tax revision to begin work later this month.

But Baker and Darman had no warning that Regan would be making a public statement before President Reagan's tax speech today in Dothan, Ala. (Washington Post, A21)

PRESIDENT TO CAMPAIGN AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

President Reagan, spurred in part by the cocaine-induced death of University of Maryland basketball star Len Bias and reports of an intensifying drug crisis in the United States, has decided to launch a personal campaign against drug abuse in the next few months, White House officials said yesterday.

Picking up an issue that has been championed by First Lady Nancy Reagan, the President intends to deliver a series of speeches and make public appearances to warn of the dangers of drug abuse and to "raise public consciousness" about the problem, officials said.

The President's campaign may also be accompanied by new policy initiatives from the Administration, including a proposal to expand the use of drug testing, officials said. (David Hoffman, Washington Post, A13)

STATES PUSHED TO IMPROVE NUCLEAR WAR READINESS

The Reagan Administration has notified state governments that they no longer can receive Civil Defense Act funds for natural disaster planning unless they also prepare for nuclear war.

"Emergency management cannot be defined as the protection of our citizens only from some, or even most, disaster," FEMA Director Julius Becton wrote. "Accordingly, in fiscal year 1987, FEMA will reemphasize the need to prepare for national security threats as well as those posed by natural and technological hazards."

(Fred Hiatt, Washington Post, A4)

HEARINGS ON REHNQUIST, SCALIA SET FOR THIS MONTH

Sen. Strom Thurmond, the Judiciary Committee chairman, said yesterday that he will hold hearings on Chief Justice-designate William Rehnquist and Supreme Court nominee Antonin Scalia later this month and that he hopes both can be confirmed before the Senate recesses in mid-August.

The announcement drew an immediate protest from committee Democrats, who had been negotiating for more time to study records of President Reagan's nominees. They say the panel has not received the required evaluation reports from the FBI and the American Bar Association. (Howard Kurtz, Washington Post, A4)

STAR WARS COMPROMISE DISCUSSED

The outlines of a "grand compromise," in which deep cuts in the superpowers' offensive nuclear arsenals would be traded for a delay in the deployment of a "Star Wars" missile defense system, have reemerged in Reagan Administration discussions of a response to the latest Soviet arms control proposal, Administration officials said yesterday.

But Secretary of State George Shultz and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger disagree so sharply over whether the United States should consider such a swap that the schism ultimately will have to be resolved by President Reagan, the officials said. Weinberger opposes any limits on future deployment of missile defenses, while Shultz reportedly is intrigued by the possibility if it leads to a significant reduction in nuclear weapons.

These sources emphasized that Reagan has reached no decision and would insist on a 50 percent reduction in Soviet and American strategic arms -- rather than the 35 percent most recently proposed by Moscow -- before considering any limits on his Star Wars program.

(Walter Pincus & Lou Cannon, Washington Post, A1)

Shultz, Weinberger Said At Odds Over U.S. Arms Response

President Reagan may have to decide a dispute between Secretary of State George Shultz and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger on considering a delay of "Star Wars" deployment in return for deep U.S.-Soviet nuclear cuts, The Washington Post said today.

The newspaper quoted sources as saying Shultz was intrigued by a "grand compromise" in which the United States would delay any deployment of SDI, known as "Star Wars," in return for 50 percent cuts in long-range nuclear missiles.

But it said Weinberger was adamantly opposed to any SDI delay and that Reagan's top staff advisers had not been able to resolve the dispute over whether to even consider the swap. (Reuter)

TERRORIST GROUP KILLS EXECUTIVE NEAR MUNICH

MUNICH -- A powerful, remote-controlled bomb killed a top business executive and his driver this morning in an attack that government officials and police said may signal the beginning of an upsurge of left-wing extremist violence in West Germany.

The terrorist apparently chose their target to seek to exploit opposition to nuclear power and to West German cooperation in research on the U.S Strategic Defense Initiative, or "Star Wars."

A seven-page letter, signed by the Red Army Faction and displayed at a news conference in Karlsruhe, cited "secret negotiations" involving Siemens on a possible role in the SDI research program.

(Robert McCartney, Washington Post, A1)

Terrorists' Bombs Kill 3 In Europe

MUNICH -- A bomb tore through the armor-plated car of the chief of research of the Siemens electronics group yesterday, killing him and his driver as they drove to work. Officials said the Red Army Faction terrorist group claimed responsibility.

At the same time in Paris, a bomb ripped into police offices near City Hall, killing the head of the anti-crime squad and wounding at least 15 other people, three seriously, authorities said.

In Washington, U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz called terrorists "beasts" and said it was "a bunch of baloney" to call them freedom fighters.

(Washington Times, A1)

SHULTZ WARNS ON TERRORISM COVERAGE

Secretary of State George Shultz, declaring that terrorists are "beasts" who murder innocent people, said yesterday that journalists should not "get fascinated" with them and allow them to use the press to portray terrorism as legitimate freedom-fighting.

"You have to be careful not to encourage terrorism by publishing what [terrorists] want to be published," Shultz told a seminar of Washington-based foreign journalists that was held at the State Department.

While saying that "on the whole, the press has done a good job" in covering international terrorism, he was critical of journalists "who get fascinated by terrorists and do all sorts of things to get interviews with them."

(John Goshko, Washington Post, A26)

ISRAEL DENIES TRYING TO SKIRT U.S. ARMS TECHNOLOGY BAN

JERUSALEM -- Israel's Defense Ministry today denied as "unfounded" allegations that Israel attempted to illegally obtain U.S. technology to manufacture antipersonnel cluster shells here following a 1982 ban by President Reagan on the export of the munitions to Israel.

Expressing "serious astonishment" at the charges, a Defense Ministry spokesman said that cluster shells had been independently developed by Israel's state-owned Military Industries, and that the government was following all lawful procedures to acquire production processes for the antipersonnel artillery shells, which are packed with tiny grenades that scatter and greatly expand the range of damage.

(William Claiborne, Washington Post, A1)

Bush Unlikely To Raise Allegations Against Israel During Mideast Trip

Israel's reported efforts to illegally seek U.S. cluster-bomb technology are "certainly not helpful" but are not likely to be brought up by Vice President George Bush during his upcoming Mideast trip, a spokesman for Bush says.

"I don't expect the...intelligence issues to be part of the discussion; whether they will have an effect or not remains to be seen," Marlin Fitzwater, the Vice President's press secretary, said Wednesday as he briefed reporters on the trip.

"It is certainly not helpful, but I think the issues we want to discuss are larger than that," Fitzwater said of the cluster bomb report.

(Dale Nelson, AP)

ABRAMS SAYS REGION'S FUTURE DEPENDS ON CONTRA AID VOTE

The future of Nicaragua's Central American neighbors hinges on Senate approval of a \$100 million package of aid for Nicaraguan resistance forces, Assistant Secretary of State Elliott Abrams said yesterday.

"It is inconceivable to me that it would be possible to maintain stable Democratic, pro-American governments over the long run in those countries with a communist regime [in Nicaragua] tied to the Soviet Union," Mr. Abrams said during a luncheon with reporters and editors at The Washington Times. "This is really a turning point in contemporary foreign policy." (Christopher Simpson, Washington Times, A1)

HABIB'S MESSAGE: 'PRESS MANAGUA'

Presidential envoy Philip Habib leaves for Central America this morning in an effort to convince Nicaragua's neighbors to press that Marxist government into a less intransigent stance regarding negotiations.

Mr. Habib hopes those Central American countries can persuade Nicaragua to negotiate with the democratic resistance and end the 4-year-old civil war, a State Department official said yesterday.

(James Morrison, Washington Times, A1)

SANDINISTA FORCES ARE SAID TO TRIPLE STOCK OF COPTERS

MANAGUA -- The Nicaraguan Air Force has tripled its stock of Soviet-made transport helicopters over the last two months, according to diplomats and military specialists here.

Diplomats said this week that the Sandinistas had unloaded as many as 15 new MI-17 helicopters at the ports of Corinto and Bluefields since the beginning of May. Before the shipments, the air force was thought to have seven or eight of them. (Stephen Kinzer, New York Times, A1)

2 POWERS AGREE TO DISCUSS WAYS TO VERIFY A-TESTS

The United States and the Soviet Union have agreed in principle to discuss problems of verifying the underground testing of nuclear weapons, Administration officials said today.

Officials said the proposed meeting was likely to be held this summer, although no decision has been made on the time or place.

These discussions would be the first on verification under the Reagan Administration and might lead to progress on the issue of nuclear testing, some officials said. (Michael Gordon, New York Times, A1)

MITTERRAND WINDS UP TALKS WITH GORBACHEV

MOSCOW -- After 16 hours of talks with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, French President Francois Mitterrand has detected no signs of movement toward a superpower summit meeting, but has made progress on several European issues, French officials said today.

Mitterrand, who arrived here Monday after holding talks with President Reagan in New York, was struck by the intransigence of both superpower leaders on the issue of the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative, popularly known as "Star Wars," according to senior French officials.

(Celestine Bohlen, Washington Post, A25)

U.S. MAY CONCEDE CUBA RADIO PROPAGANDA RIGHT

The United States is willing to recognize Cuba's right to beam propaganda broadcasts to this country on an AM radio frequency as part of an agreement to reactivate the 1984 U.S.-Cuban immigration accord suspended by President Fidel Castro's communist government last year, U.S. officials said yesterday.

The officials said the U.S. offer is being communicated to Cuba in talks between the two countries that began Tuesday in Mexico City.

(John Goshko, Washington Post, A19)

(Wednesday Evening, July 9, 1986)

MEESE COMMISSION

CBS's Dan Rather: After a year in the works, the Reagan Administration's controversial report on pornography is finally and officially out tonight, all 1,000-plus pages of it. And from the report's call for a crackdown on pornography nation-wide to linking pornography to real-life violence, critics are challenging what it says almost cover to cover.

CBS's Bob Schieffer: Controversy always sells books, and today at the Justice Department reporters were standing in a line to get copies of the controversial report which surveys sex and its affect on America. Running more than 2,000 pages, it includes a listing of all known porn movies, some with capsule plot summaries, and has 92 recommendations on how to combat porn on the street, on the air, and on the newsrack.

(<u>Henry Hudson</u>, Commission Chairman: "I think our commission very strongly supports the right of everybody to read. But we also equally oppose the abuse of women.")

Among the recommendations: tightening the law to give the federal government the right to confiscate assets of companies violating obscenity law; suggestions on how citizens can encourage local and state government to crackdown on porn; a call for Congress to ban obscene cable television programs. In its most controversial finding, the Commission concludes there is a relationship between violence and pornography. In some cases, even non-violent porn. The conclusion is drawn from available data. The Commission conducted no scientific studies. As Attorney General Meese got the first official copy today, his main purpose seemed to be to avoid the controversy.

(Edwin Meese: "I won't comment on any of the recommendations until I've actually read the report."

Barry Lynn, ACLU: "I hope the Attorney General does read it, and then analyze it, and then bury it.")

Criticism also came from publishers who fear the report will set off a wave of censorship. One distributor marked the release of the Commission report with displays of various books that various groups have tried to ban over the years.

(Christie Hefner, Playboy Enterprises: "I think the commissioners are out of touch with the reality of what's happened to attitudes in this country.")

Others were just as quick to praise the Commission, including one-time porn star Linda Lovelace.

(Linda Lovelace: And thank you for all the women who are not here today who have been silenced because of pornography.")

Although the Commission has drawn national attention for more than a year, the bulk of its recommendations concern what local governments can do to combat porn. (CBS-Lead)

ABC's Peter Jennings: The Attorney General's Commission on Pornography has issued its report. The Commission says that looking at sexually violent material can lead to sexual violence.... And there are those who believe it went too far.

ABC's Barry Serafin: ... The Commission's most controversial finding directly contradicts the conclusions of another presidential commission.... The Meese Commission says some kinds of pornography do lead to sexual abuse of women and children.

(Henry Hudson: "The Commission did find a definite correlation between sexually explicit materials in a violent context, and certain types of anti-social behavior.

But even some of the social scientists whose work was cited by the Commission say their studies were misused.

(Neal Malamuth, UCLA: "So I think, in general, the Meese Commission went beyond what I think is justified by the data.")

... Attorney General Meese repeatedly declined to answer questions today saying he hadn't read the report. He did insist though there would be no censorship.

(Edwin Meese: "This Department, as long as I'm the Attorney General, is not going to engage in censorship in the sense that in any way violates the First Amendment.")

(Barry Lynn: "...All that this government study really proves is that if you give a biased, pro-censorship commission a half-million tax dollars and a year, they will write a very lop-sided pro-censorship report at the end.")

Even feminist groups are divided. One, women against censorship, says the Commission is addressing symptoms not root causes of sexual violence. But another group disagrees.

(Dorchen Leidholt, Women Against Pornography: "Women Against Pornography commends the Commission for being the first federal government body to report on the systematic campaign of abuse being waged against over half of the citizens of this country.

ABC's Bill Blakemore reports on Meese Commission member Father Bruce Ritter's work against child pornography. (ABC-Lead)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: Sexually violent pornography leads to violence.

That's the central conclusion in a controversial report issued today by the U.S. Attorney General's Commission on Pornography. This Commission recommends a number of steps to deal with pornography, but it is the question of smut and violence that drives the debate about what should be done.

NBC's Bob Kur: ...Rarely does a government report generate so much interest... Critics charged that Meese stacked the Commission to condemn pornography. Today at the Justice Department, many wondered aloud whether Meese had picked the right location to receive the report.

(TV coverage: Naked female statue at the Department of Justice.)

...After a year of hearings...the Commission concluded that substantial exposure to sexually violent materials bears a causal relationship to sexual violence, and that material degrading toward women bears some causal relationship to unwanted sexual aggression. Sixteen years ago a presidential commission concluded just the opposite.... But Meese Commission director Alan Sears says times have changed.

(Alan Sears: "The violence, the sadomasochism, the torture, the absolute exploitation of women and children at the level that we find it now was almost unknown in 1970.")

Kur continues: Nevertheless two Meese Commission members disagree with the report's key conclusion.

(<u>Dr. Judith Becker</u>: "I've been working with sex offenders for eleven years and believe me, if a clear pattern came through that the reason people committed sexual crimes is because of exposure to pornography, I would have been the first one out there to give testimony.")

In addition to urging a law enforcement crackdown, the Meese Commission today called for picketing and boycotting stores that sell hard and softcore pornography...

(Christie Hefner: "When President Reagan initially convened the commission and suggested it look into the possible harm of extreme pornography, I think he had in mind issues like child pornography, or extreme violence in pornography. I don't think he had in mind the magazine that his son is a contributing editor for.") (NBC-Lead)

SHULTZ/TERRORISM

Brokaw: Secretary of State George Shultz today issued a strong denunciation of terrorists saying these people are beasts. And he said that it was a bunch of baloney that terrorists such as those who hijacked the Achille Lauro, really were freedom fighters. Shultz told a State Department seminar on terrorism that sometime journalists get fascinated by terrorists and risk being manipulated by them. (NBC-3)

BLOOD SUPPLY/AIDS

Rather: How safe from AIDS virus contamination is this nation's blood supply? A scientific group offered the latest evidence on today.

CBS's Susan Spencer: The AIDS blood test is very, very good. It is not perfect. It can, on rare occasions, fail to pick up contaminated blood, especially if the donor has only recently been exposed to AIDS. But a panel of experts assembled by the National Institutes of Health today stressed that the risk to the public is very low. Of 12 million units donated each year it estimated 120 may be contaminated -- roughly one unit in 100,000.... The panel also recommended: anyone with a positive blood test result be told about it and counselled; that blood test information never be used to punish or threaten anyone suspected of having the virus; and that blood bank lists of possibly infected donors be kept totally confidential from employers, insurance companies, and states. But while proclaiming the blood supply's safety, the panel did endorse people stockpiling their own blood, but only if they're going to have surgery. did not endorse President Reagan's idea of healthy people stockpiling their own blood just in case. They seem to agree with the Red Cross which has said that that would undermine the entire national blood (CBS-2, NBC-2) supply system.

TERRORISM

Jennings: There have been two acts of terrorism in Europe today. At least three people have died, more than twenty injured. One bombing was in West Germany, one was in France.

ABC's Mike Lee: A bomb in Paris killed a high ranking police inspector. The blast also injured more than two dozen people and demolished much of the headquarters housing the so-called Bandit Repression Brigade. French Premier Chirac visited the scene and was visibly shaken and angered.... Near Munich West Germany today a remote control bomb detonated at the base of a roadside tree tore through an armor-plated limousine killing a nuclear physicist. victim is Karl Beckerts.... At the scene of today's murder a seven page letter from the leftist Red Army Faction claimed that Beckerts had been killed as a representative of a large atomic energy research and development company. A German prosecutor said Beckerts had been involved in secret planning related to the U.S. space based Strategic Defense Initiative. A spokesman for the energy company said the company has no formal contracts nor proposals for taking (ABC-8, CBS-3, NBC-4) part in star wars research.

U.S.-ISRAEL

Rather: ... Tonight U.S. officials tell CBS's Debra Potter, they believe the Israeli effort to get the secrets of those U.S. high-tech weapons goes back to late 1984. Also, more U.S. subpoenas for Israelis are expected. Three have been subpoenaed already, and U.S. officials say they are determined that these Israelis make themselves available for questioning. For its part, the government of Israel today said it did nothing illegal or wrong.

(Yosef Gal, Israeli spokesman: "...The Ministry of Defense also categorically determines that there was no case here of unlawful technological export.")

The Israeli government says it used only its own hardware and know-how to develop cluster bombs. Israel also said the story was leaked by someone trying to drive a wedge in U.S.-Israel relations.

(CBS-5)

Jennings: The government of Israel is being investigated again because

American officials think that American law may have been broken again. Did Israel illegally smuggle American technology to make cluster bombs out this country. The Israelis say no.

ABC's Dennis Troute: Despite Israeli denials, U.S. officials insist their charges are serious and can only add to a growing strain between the two countries.

(ABC-9)

DRUGS

Rather: Whether you see it as election year publicity, dramatic demonstration, or both, three prominent Republicans today went undercover to make drug buys on the streets of New York. A U.S. parole commissioner dressed as a painter, a U.S. federal attorney, and Senator Alphonse D'Amato seeking reelection, today all sought and scored "crack".

PHILIPPINES

Rather: In the Philippines President Aquino today banned all rallies by the supporters of the exiled President Marcos. (CBS-8)

Brokaw: President Corazon Aquino said today that she did not want to bring charges against Arturo Tolentino. She said if Tolentino and his supporters pledge allegiance to her they will be forgiven. In the meantime, however, their passports were cancelled so they couldn't leave the country.

(NBC-7)

SOUTH AFRICA

Brokaw: President Reagan is getting some strong pressure these days from within his Administration to make a speech clarifying the U.S. policy towards South Africa. White House spokesman Larry Speakes said today that the State Department and the National Security Advisor John Poindexter want the President to spell out his motives and goals on this, but Speakes said the idea had not been given much airing, explaining that right now the President has other speeches to make.

(NBC-6)

Rather: The white minority government of South Africa lifted its ban on black trade union meetings. The ban was imposed only two days ago. The government said it made a mistake. It said the unions should not have been included in a general ban on meetings of other black groups.

(CBS-9, ABC-11)

BANK FAILURES

Brokaw: Last year there were more bank failures in the United States than in any time since the Great Depression. Two-thirds of them were rural banks. Now the FDIC says it may no longer be able to find a healthy bank to take over when a rural bank goes under. So the Agriculture Department is warning that this will make times even tougher for the nation's farm communities. (NBC-13)

John Chancellor's Commentary reported on the mystery behind the sluggish U.S. economy. (NBC-14)

LIBERTY WEEKEND

Jennings: The Secretary of the Interior Donald Hodel, and the head of the fundraising effort for the Statue of Liberty's restoration Lee Iacocca, were not the best of friends even before the weekend.... Now they are having another difference of opinion.

ABC's John Martin: ... The cost of celebrating Liberty was supposed to come from the money ABC paid for television and money from tickets. In all it cost up to \$32 million and not all of that may be recovered due to last minute insurance costs and some unsold seats on the final night... The Secretary of the Interior, Donald Hodel, is warning Lee Iacocca in a letter that the centennial foundation he runs should not pay for the party with donations given to restore the statue and Ellis Island.

(<u>David Prosperi</u>, Interior Department spokesman: "The foundation has the <u>legal authority</u> to raise money both for the restoration and for the celebration. But I think, and the Secretary believes, that if people gave money for what they thought was to restore the statue they should be able to rely on that.")

Martin continues: ...But a spokesman for Iacocca said that if the celebration ultimately does cost more than it made, the money will come from the restoration. But the Interior Secretary is serving notice that even though the public hasn't complained to him so far, when Miss Liberty's bills are paid he'll be watching. (ABC-6)

CHILE

Rather: 2,000 mourners braved riot police in Chile today for the funeral of a young man who came to American nine years ago with his Chilean mother.

CBS's Bruce Morton reports Chilean police opened up on the mourners today with water cannon and tear gas. U.S. Ambassador Harry Barnes was there...

(Bernard Kalb: "We consider swift progress in this investigation to be very important.") (CBS-10, ABC-10, NBC-5)

WHITE HOUSE ALARM

Brokaw: An alarm went off in the White House early today warning the President and his staff that the water at the White House wasn't safe to drink. For five hours they had to make do with coffee brewed with bottled water, but as of tonight officials still aren't sure whether it was the water which comes from the city water system or a faulty guage that set off the alarm.

(NBC-12)

EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

GRAMM-RUDMAN

Gramm-Rudman: It's Overruled, But Cuts Still Need To Be Made -- "Let's hope that the next package will include such old-fashioned, realistic methods as increasing federal revenues, scaling down defense spending and intelligently reviewing domestic programs. (Detroit Free Press, 7/8)

Enforcing Budget Discipline -- "So the Supreme Court has ruled that the comptroller general cannot be designated the little Dutch boy of United States fiscal policy.... If the stock market slide continues -- and the economy stumbles -- the President may want to reconsider seizing the economic-policy initiative. As it is, Congress and the White House must accept accountability for the decisions flooding the spending side of the dike, rather than leave it to some designated little Dutch boy to stem the leakage."

(Christian Science Monitor, 7/9)

Gunning Down Grammbo -- "It was a tempting ploy, about which we ourselves professed some enthusiasm at first. But the Supreme Court is right to take the longer view. Congress and the President cannot be allowed to evade their responsibilities, no matter how compelling the cause may seem. In the end, the system will work. What's needed are elections, not automatic pilots."

(Detroit News, 7/8)

MANION

Manion Redux -- "To begin with, Mr. Manion has neither the competence nor the experience to serve on a court that's just one rung beneath the U.S. Supreme Court.... If his ideology were the only thing objectionable about him, his nomination would not so offend those who truly believe that only the best belong on the Federal bench. The simple fact is that irrespective of his politics, Mr. Manion is unfit because he lacks respectable legal credentials.... If they will put politics aside and vote simply on his qualifications, senators will reject Daniel Manion's nomination."

(Miami Herald, 7/6)

Manion's Nomination -- "Manion's detractors have rejected him because some of his rulings contained misspelled words and other grammatical errors. The errors were probably made by a typist or secretary and were not caught when the papers were proof-read. But even if Manion made the errors, they are not sufficient to reject his nomination, and he would be only one of many government officials who couldn't spell or use correct grammar. The other reason given by opponents of his appointment is that Manion's "ultraconservative views" make the Indiana lawyer temperamentally unsuited to be a judge. That is certainly a novel reason. Apparently ultraleftist views were never considered sufficient reason to reject nominees of Jimmy Carter or Jack Kennedy." (Birmingham News, 7/2)

EDITORIALS AND COLUMNISTS (continued)

SALT II

Get Serious About Reviving Arms Control -- "The outlines of an acceptable deal have long been obvious: fewer offensive weapons on both sides in exchange for mutual restrictions on testing the kind of Star Wars defenses Reagan has been promoting. If the Administration is 'genuinely seeking progress,' the way should be open for a U.S.-Soviet meeting with a broader agenda that the Salt II ceilings. One major item: scheduling a Reagan-Gorbachev summit late this year to ratify an agreement in principle, even if the fine print won't be ready until next year's summit."

(New York Newsday, 7/2)

IMMIGRATION

Immigration: The Time Has Come To Do What's Needed -- "We still need immigration, but we can no longer tolerate uncontrolled illegal immigration. Imposing penalties against employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens is part and parcel of achieving that end. And despite what some groups fear, it can be done without discriminating against any of our citizens. Granting amnesty to aliens who have made productive lives here over a period of years is no more than humane. Getting a handle on illegal immigration through better border enforcement is basic to figuring out what impact illegals have on various entitlement programs. Gaining a measure of control over our borders would re-establish U.S. sovereignty and might even put a crimp in narcotics smuggling. There is, in short, every reason to go ahead with the immigration legislation now being argued in Congress. It is needed, it is reasonable and it is supported by the American public."

(Fort Worth Star-Telegram, 7/5)

POLAND

Poland: The U.S. Retreats From A Crucial Political Struggle -- "The Reagan Administration should definitely decide what its policy is on Poland, and particularly on the Solidarity movement. Since Ronald Reagan took office, that policy has been wandering and inconsistent. Mr. Reagan's high-flying rhetoric applauding general aspirations of the Polish people cannot hide the basic fact that neither he nor his top aides seem to understand the nature and real dynamics of the Polish crisis. Still worse, the Administration seems virtually to have abandoned Solidarity."

(Detroit Free Press, 7/3)

MANILA

Manila Foils A Coup -- "The Reagan Administration for its part made the right move by warning Mr. Marcos to stop trying to undermine the Aquino government or face the consequences. If he ignores those warnings, and if Manila has no objections, the only step left may be to oust him from his Hawaii haven."

(Philadelphia Inquirer, 7/9)

FOREIGN MEDIA REACTION

GRAMM-RUDMAN

"In spite of the U.S. bond market's initial inclination to shrug it off as an irrelevance of narrowly political importance, Monday's Supreme Court decision to strike down the key provision of the Gramm-Rudman deficit reduction law could well become a serious setback for U.S. economic policymaking at a time when the world can ill afford it."

(Financial Times, Britain)

"Deepening pessimism over prospects for the United States economy triggered sharp falls in stock markets around the world yesterday. Dealing was described to be in panic conditions as pundits predicted that Wall Street is now entering a boom." (Guardian, Britain)

"Since yesterday, the U.S. Congress is looking for a legal means which can allow it to regain one of the most important post-war laws, abolished Monday by the Supreme Court as unconstitutional."

(La Stampa, Italy)

"Financial circles had hoped that the cuts would contribute to a restoration of the U.S. economy. The situation is especially difficult since the expected economic recovery is not taking place.... There is no new spectacular development and no sudden economic turnabout, but a loss of confidence is perceptible.... This could encourage the development of a real confidence crisis for the U.S. economy." (Le Monde, France)

U.S.-SOVIET/MITTERRAND

"Mitterrand reminded everyone of his recent meeting with Ronald Reagan. He introduced himself as a wise man giving cautious advice to the two superpowers.... It is not certain that Reagan and Gorbachev have to have Mitterrand's help to reach a compromise on arms control or to make a success of their coming summit. We wonder if his remarks were not dictated above all by domestic concerns." (Figaro, France)

"The second Mitterrand-Gorbachev talks covered a complete range of East-West problems, including U.S.-Soviet arms control and the Stockholm disarmament conference. A French spokeswoman said the secret talks were very frank.... Especially on the SDI problem and the enforcement of verification on any agreement reached at the U.S.-Soviet negotiations in Geneva, it seems that Mitterrand thoroughly explained U.S. views."

(Yomiuri, Japan)

"Gorbachev seems to want to try out driving drive wedges into the cracks in U.S.-European relations. The proudly independent approach adopted by France in Europe will tempt the Soviet Union to recommend the same approach to France's neighbors. The Soviet Union may also try the idea of neutralism in West Germany once the political balance of power changes slightly from the present in the Federal Republic."

(Helsingin Sanomat, Finland)



News Summary

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TODAY'S HEADLINES

NATIONAL NEWS

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(Washington Post, Washington Times, AP, UPI, Reuter)

Reagan Travels To Alabama To Speak For Tax Revision -- President Reagan, trying to help shape the final version of the tax-overhaul package in Congress, is personally endorsing a top individual tax rate of 27 percent and crediting himself with being one of the first champions of slashing rates. (Pensacola News-Journal, AP, UPI)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

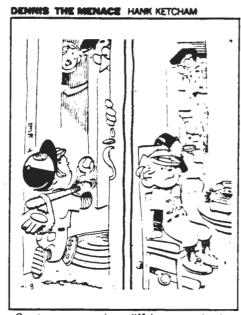
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NEIWORK NEWS (Wednesday Evening)

MEESE COMMISSION -- The Attorney General's Commission on Pornography says that looking at sexually violent material can lead to sexual violence.

SHULTZ/TERRORISM -- Secretary of State George Shultz issued a strong denunciation of terrorists and said journalists should not get fascinated with them.

BLOOD SUPPLY/AIDS -- The AIDS blood test is very good, but not perfect.



Our team won again,
Dad!"

"He's waiting for the President to call."

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S PANEL SAYS SOME PORNOGRAPHY CAUSES SEXUAL VIOLENCE

The Attorney General's Commission on Pornography concluded in a report issued yesterday that some forms of pornography cause sexual violence, a finding its chairman said was based on "moral and ethical considerations" as well as the panel's analysis of scientific evidence.

Among other things, the report urges state and local prosecutors to crack down on pornography with help from a proposed Justice Department task force. It said Congress should amend prostitution and unfair-labor-practice laws so they can be used against film producers who hire actors and actresses for X-rated films. It also said forfeiture and interstate commerce laws should be strengthened to make it easier to seize pornography.

Henry Hudson appeared eager to respond to the wave of negative publicity that has surrounded the commission's work, and he tried to soften or play down some of its 92 recommendations. In presenting the report to Edwin Meese, Hudson said it refutes "the initial criticism of the commission, namely, that it was biased and lacking in objectivity. Those people who expected a document supporting censorship will be disappointed."

(Howard Kurtz, Washington Post, A1)

Panel Report Links Violence To Hard-Core Pornography

The Attorney General's Commission on Pornography said in its final report released yesterday that there is a link between sexual violence and hard-core pornography.

But Henry Hudson, who chaired the year-long study, said the primary responsibility for fighting pornography rests with state and local governments and communities -- not Washington.

(John McCaslin, Washington Times, A1)

Report Pleases Anti-Porn Groups, Angers Free Speech Activists

The final report of the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography has stirred up two camps: those who say the study could be "the death knell for the criminal pornography industry," and others who call it "highly prejudicial, farsical."

The conclusions please anti-pornography groups and strike fear in the hearts of free speech activists.

The Rev. Jerry Falwell, head of Moral Majority, said the report "avoids any call for censorship. It appeals to the grass-roots heartbeat of this country and common sense perspective...to begin putting an end to this scab in our society that has been so injurious to the women and children of our country."

The report "will be used by groups particularly on the religious right, to mobilize new citizen vigilante efforts," Barry Lynn, legislative counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, said in an interview.

(Pete Yost, AP)

U.S. Commission Report On Pornography Praised, Attacked

A U.S. commission report calling for strong measures by government and citizens against pornography was praised by religious groups and attacked by a leading civil liberties organization.

The American Civil Liberties Union, a private watchdog group, immediately issued a statement saying the report was biased because six of

its members were previously involved in anti-pornography drives.

But the National Coalition Against Pornography, an alliance of more than 70 religious and conservative groups, welcomed the report, saying: "It rightly concluded that pornography involving children and violent pornography encouraging rape and violence toward children and women is harmful."

(Bruce Russell, Reuter)

The Politics Of Pornography

The anti-pornography crusade, steadily moving up the social issues agenda, has now won the support -- as controversial as it may be -- of the Administration.

With the release of the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography two-volume report linking pornography to crimes of violence, the Administration has given the anti-smut crusaders a powerful new tool —the stamp of government approval.

(David Anderson, News Analysis, UPI)

DOTHAN PRIMPS FOR REAGAN

PENSACOLA, Fla. -- People who paid \$25.00 to hear President Reagan speak today in Dothan, Alabama, will probably get their fried chicken lunches served on plates.

People who paid \$15.00 will eat from cardboard boxes.

The President didn't pay anything. But chances are, he'll eat his lunch off the best plate town officials can find.

Residents of the southeast Alabama town of 52,000 are still a bit surprised -- but delighted -- that the President accepted their invitation.

(Cindy West, Pensacola News-Journal, A1)

Reagan Travels To Alabama To Speak For Tax Revision

President Reagan, trying to help shape the final version of the tax-overhaul package in Congress, is personally endorsing a top individual tax rate of 27 percent and crediting himself with being one of the first champions of slashing rates.

Reagan is to fly to the southeastern corner of Alabama today to plug tax changes in a luncheon speech before the Chamber of Commerce in Dothan, a community of 52,000 people that proclaims itself the peanut capital of the world.

"The main point of his speech is that individual rates must be held down," said Larry Speakes. (Terrence Hunt, AP)

Reagan Touts Tax Reform In 'Small-Town America'

President Reagan and his aides are exultant over the imminent passage of a tax reform bill that critics laughed at a year ago when he stumped the country singing its praises and Congress seemed deaf.

Today the President travels to Dothan, Ala., to address the Chamber of Commerce to "emphasize most strongly that individual rates be held down," said Larry Speakes. (Ira Allen, UPI)

REGAN'S SURPRISE ON TAX-REVISION TACTICS

Eyebrows were raised at the Treasury Department this week when White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan told reporters that President Reagan is ready to compromise with Congress on tax-overhaul legislation. Regan had met early in the week with Treasury Secretary James Baker and Deputy Secretary Richard Darman, and all three had agreed on the best way to deal with the House-Senate conference committee on tax revision to begin work later this month.

But Baker and Darman had no warning that Regan would be making a public statement before President Reagan's tax speech today in Dothan, Ala. (Washington Post, A21)

PRESIDENT TO CAMPAIGN AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

President Reagan, spurred in part by the cocaine-induced death of University of Maryland basketball star Len Bias and reports of an intensifying drug crisis in the United States, has decided to launch a personal campaign against drug abuse in the next few months, White House officials said yesterday.

Picking up an issue that has been championed by First Lady Nancy Reagan, the President intends to deliver a series of speeches and make public appearances to warn of the dangers of drug abuse and to "raise public consciousness" about the problem, officials said.

The President's campaign may also be accompanied by new policy initiatives from the Administration, including a proposal to expand the use of drug testing, officials said. (David Hoffman, Washington Post, A13)

STATES PUSHED TO IMPROVE NUCLEAR WAR READINESS

The Reagan Administration has notified state governments that they no longer can receive Civil Defense Act funds for natural disaster planning unless they also prepare for nuclear war.

"Emergency management cannot be defined as the protection of our citizens only from some, or even most, disaster," FEMA Director Julius Becton wrote. "Accordingly, in fiscal year 1987, FEMA will reemphasize the need to prepare for national security threats as well as those posed by natural and technological hazards."

(Fred Hiatt, Washington Post, A4)

HEARINGS ON REHNQUIST, SCALIA SET FOR THIS MONTH

Sen. Strom Thurmond, the Judiciary Committee chairman, said yesterday that he will hold hearings on Chief Justice-designate William Rehnquist and Supreme Court nominee Antonin Scalia later this month and that he hopes both can be confirmed before the Senate recesses in mid-August.

The announcement drew an immediate protest from committee Democrats, who had been negotiating for more time to study records of President Reagan's nominees. They say the panel has not received the required evaluation reports from the FBI and the American Bar Association. (Howard Kurtz, Washington Post, A4)

STAR WARS COMPROMISE DISCUSSED

The outlines of a "grand compromise," in which deep cuts in the superpowers' offensive nuclear arsenals would be traded for a delay in the deployment of a "Star Wars" missile defense system, have reemerged in Reagan Administration discussions of a response to the latest Soviet arms control proposal, Administration officials said yesterday.

But Secretary of State George Shultz and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger disagree so sharply over whether the United States should consider such a swap that the schism ultimately will have to be resolved by President Reagan, the officials said. Weinberger opposes any limits on future deployment of missile defenses, while Shultz reportedly is intrigued by the possibility if it leads to a significant reduction in nuclear weapons.

These sources emphasized that Reagan has reached no decision and would insist on a 50 percent reduction in Soviet and American strategic arms -- rather than the 35 percent most recently proposed by Moscow -- before considering any limits on his Star Wars program.

(Walter Pincus & Lou Cannon, Washington Post, A1)

Shultz, Weinberger Said At Odds Over U.S. Arms Response

President Reagan may have to decide a dispute between Secretary of State George Shultz and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger on considering a delay of "Star Wars" deployment in return for deep U.S.-Soviet nuclear cuts, The Washington Post said today.

The newspaper quoted sources as saying Shultz was intrigued by a "grand compromise" in which the United States would delay any deployment of SDI, known as "Star Wars," in return for 50 percent cuts in long-range nuclear missiles.

But it said Weinberger was adamantly opposed to any SDI delay and that Reagan's top staff advisers had not been able to resolve the dispute over whether to even consider the swap. (Reuter)

TERRORIST GROUP KILLS EXECUTIVE NEAR MUNICH

MUNICH -- A powerful, remote-controlled bomb killed a top business executive and his driver this morning in an attack that government officials and police said may signal the beginning of an upsurge of left-wing extremist violence in West Germany.

The terrorist apparently chose their target to seek to exploit opposition to nuclear power and to West German cooperation in research on the U.S Strategic Defense Initiative, or "Star Wars."

A seven-page letter, signed by the Red Army Faction and displayed at a news conference in Karlsruhe, cited "secret negotiations" involving Siemens on a possible role in the SDI research program.

(Robert McCartney, Washington Post, A1)

Terrorists' Bombs Kill 3 In Europe

MUNICH -- A bomb tore through the armor-plated car of the chief of research of the Siemens electronics group yesterday, killing him and his driver as they drove to work. Officials said the Red Army Faction terrorist group claimed responsibility.

At the same time in Paris, a bomb ripped into police offices near City Hall, killing the head of the anti-crime squad and wounding at least 15 other people, three seriously, authorities said.

In Washington, U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz called terrorists "beasts" and said it was "a bunch of baloney" to call them freedom fighters.

(Washington Times, A1)

SHULTZ WARNS ON TERRORISM COVERAGE

Secretary of State George Shultz, declaring that terrorists are "beasts" who murder innocent people, said yesterday that journalists should not "get fascinated" with them and allow them to use the press to portray terrorism as legitimate freedom-fighting.

"You have to be careful not to encourage terrorism by publishing what [terrorists] want to be published," Shultz told a seminar of Washington-based foreign journalists that was held at the State Department.

While saying that "on the whole, the press has done a good job" in covering international terrorism, he was critical of journalists "who get fascinated by terrorists and do all sorts of things to get interviews with them."

(John Goshko, Washington Post, A26)

ISRAEL DENIES TRYING TO SKIRT U.S. ARMS TECHNOLOGY BAN

JERUSALEM -- Israel's Defense Ministry today denied as "unfounded" allegations that Israel attempted to illegally obtain U.S. technology to manufacture antipersonnel cluster shells here following a 1982 ban by President Reagan on the export of the munitions to Israel.

Expressing "serious astonishment" at the charges, a Defense Ministry spokesman said that cluster shells had been independently developed by Israel's state-owned Military Industries, and that the government was following all lawful procedures to acquire production processes for the antipersonnel artillery shells, which are packed with tiny grenades that scatter and greatly expand the range of damage.

(William Claiborne, Washington Post, A1)

Bush Unlikely To Raise Allegations Against Israel During Mideast Trip

Israel's reported efforts to illegally seek U.S. cluster-bomb technology are "certainly not helpful" but are not likely to be brought up by Vice President George Bush during his upcoming Mideast trip, a spokesman for Bush says.

"I don't expect the...intelligence issues to be part of the discussion; whether they will have an effect or not remains to be seen," Marlin Fitzwater, the Vice President's press secretary, said Wednesday as he briefed reporters on the trip.

"It is certainly not helpful, but I think the issues we want to discuss are larger than that," Fitzwater said of the cluster bomb report.

(Dale Nelson, AP)

ABRAMS SAYS REGION'S FUTURE DEPENDS ON CONTRA AID VOTE

The future of Nicaragua's Central American neighbors hinges on Senate approval of a \$100 million package of aid for Nicaraguan resistance forces, Assistant Secretary of State Elliott Abrams said yesterday.

"It is inconceivable to me that it would be possible to maintain stable Democratic, pro-American governments over the long run in those countries with a communist regime [in Nicaragua] tied to the Soviet Union," Mr. Abrams said during a luncheon with reporters and editors at The Washington Times. "This is really a turning point in contemporary foreign policy."

(Christopher Simpson, Washington Times, A1)

HABIB'S MESSAGE: 'PRESS MANAGUA'

Presidential envoy Philip Habib leaves for Central America this morning in an effort to convince Nicaragua's neighbors to press that Marxist government into a less intransigent stance regarding negotiations.

Mr. Habib hopes those Central American countries can persuade Nicaragua to negotiate with the democratic resistance and end the 4-year-old civil war, a State Department official said yesterday.

(James Morrison, Washington Times, A1)

SANDINISTA FORCES ARE SAID TO TRIPLE STCCK OF COPTERS

MANAGUA -- The Nicaraguan Air Force has tripled its stock of Soviet-made transport helicopters over the last two months, according to diplomats and military specialists here.

Diplomats said this week that the Sandinistas had unloaded as many as 15 new MI-17 helicopters at the ports of Corinto and Bluefields since the beginning of May. Before the shipments, the air force was thought to have seven or eight of them. (Stephen Kinzer, New York Times, A1)

2 POWERS AGREE TO DISCUSS WAYS TO VERIFY A-TESTS

The United States and the Soviet Union have agreed in principle to discuss problems of verifying the underground testing of nuclear weapons, Administration officials said today.

Officials said the proposed meeting was likely to be held this summer, although no decision has been made on the time or place.

These discussions would be the first on verification under the Reagan Administration and might lead to progress on the issue of nuclear testing, some officials said. (Michael Gordon, New York Times, A1)

MITTERRAND WINDS UP TALKS WITH GORBACHEV

MOSCOW -- After 16 hours of talks with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, French President Francois Mitterrand has detected no signs of movement toward a superpower summit meeting, but has made progress on several European issues, French officials said today.

Mitterrand, who arrived here Monday after holding talks with President Reagan in New York, was struck by the intransigence of both superpower leaders on the issue of the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative, popularly known as "Star Wars," according to senior French officials.

(Celestine Bohlen, Washington Post, A25)

U.S. MAY CONCEDE CUBA RADIO PROPAGANDA RIGHT

The United States is willing to recognize Cuba's right to beam propaganda broadcasts to this country on an AM radio frequency as part of an agreement to reactivate the 1984 U.S.-Cuban immigration accord suspended by President Fidel Castro's communist government last year, U.S. officials said vesterday.

The officials said the U.S. offer is being communicated to Cuba in talks between the two countries that began Tuesday in Mexico City.

(John Goshko, Washington Post, A19)

(Wednesday Evening, July 9, 1986)

MEESE COMMISSION

CBS's Dan Rather: After a year in the works, the Reagan Administration's controversial report on pornography is finally and officially out tonight, all 1,000-plus pages of it. And from the report's call for a crackdown on pornography nation-wide to linking pornography to real-life violence, critics are challenging what it says almost cover to cover.

CBS's Bob Schieffer: Controversy always sells books, and today at the Justice Department reporters were standing in a line to get copies of the controversial report which surveys sex and its affect on America. Running more than 2,000 pages, it includes a listing of all known porn movies, some with capsule plot summaries, and has 92 recommendations on how to combat porn on the street, on the air, and on the newsrack.

(Henry Hudson, Commission Chairman: "I think our commission very strongly supports the right of everybody to read. But we also equally oppose the abuse of women.")

Among the recommendations: tightening the law to give the federal government the right to confiscate assets of companies violating obscenity law; suggestions on how citizens can encourage local and state government to crackdown on porn; a call for Congress to ban obscene cable television programs. In its most controversial finding, the Commission concludes there is a relationship between violence and pornography. In some cases, even non-violent porn. The conclusion is drawn from available data. The Commission conducted no scientific studies. As Attorney General Meese got the first official copy today, his main purpose seemed to be to avoid the controversy.

(Edwin Meese: "I won't comment on any of the recommendations until I've actually read the report."

Barry Lynn, ACLU: "I hope the Attorney General does read it, and then analyze it, and then bury it.")

Criticism also came from publishers who fear the report will set off a wave of censorship. One distributor marked the release of the Commission report with displays of various books that various groups have tried to ban over the years.

(Christie Hefner, Playboy Enterprises: "I think the commissioners are out of touch with the reality of what's happened to attitudes in this country.")

Others were just as quick to praise the Commission, including one-time porn star Linda Lovelace.

(Linda Lovelace: And thank you for all the women who are not here today who have been silenced because of pornography.")

Although the Commission has drawn national attention for more than a year, the bulk of its recommendations concern what local governments can do to combat porn. (CBS-Lead)

ABC's Peter Jennings: The Attorney General's Commission on Pornography has issued its report. The Commission says that looking at sexually violent material can lead to sexual violence.... And there are those who believe it went too far.

ABC's Barry Serafin: ... The Commission's most controversial finding directly contradicts the conclusions of another presidential commission.... The Meese Commission says some kinds of pornography do lead to sexual abuse of women and children.

(<u>Henry Hudson</u>: "The Commission did find a definite correlation between sexually explicit materials in a violent context, and certain types of anti-social behavior.

But even some of the social scientists whose work was cited by the Commission say their studies were misused.

(Neal Malamuth, UCLA: "So I think, in general, the Meese Commission went beyond what I think is justified by the data.")

... Attorney General Meese repeatedly declined to answer questions today saying he hadn't read the report. He did insist though there would be no censorship.

(Edwin Meese: "This Department, as long as I'm the Attorney General, is not going to engage in censorship in the sense that in any way violates the First Amendment.")

(Barry Lynn: "...All that this government study really proves is that if you give a biased, pro-censorship commission a half-million tax dollars and a year, they will write a very lop-sided pro-censorship report at the end.")

Even feminist groups are divided. One, women against censorship, says the Commission is addressing symptoms not root causes of sexual violence. But another group disagrees.

(<u>Dorchen Leidholt</u>, Women Against Pornography: "Women Against Pornography commends the Commission for being the first federal government body to report on the systematic campaign of abuse being waged against over half of the citizens of this country.

ABC's Bill Blakemore reports on Meese Commission member Father Bruce Ritter's work against child pornography. (ABC-Lead)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: Sexually violent pornography leads to violence.

That's the central conclusion in a controversial report issued today by the U.S. Attorney General's Commission on Pornography. This Commission recommends a number of steps to deal with pornography, but it is the question of smut and violence that drives the debate about what should be done.

NBC's Bob Kur: ...Rarely does a government report generate so much interest... Critics charged that Meese stacked the Commission to condemn pornography. Today at the Justice Department, many wondered aloud whether Meese had picked the right location to receive the report.

(TV coverage: Naked female statue at the Department of Justice.)

...After a year of hearings...the Commission concluded that substantial exposure to sexually violent materials bears a causal relationship to sexual violence, and that material degrading toward women bears some causal relationship to unwanted sexual aggression. Sixteen years ago a presidential commission concluded just the opposite.... But Meese Commission director Alan Sears says times have changed.

(Alan Sears: "The violence, the sadomasochism, the torture, the absolute exploitation of women and children at the level that we find it now was almost unknown in 1970.")

Kur continues: Nevertheless two Meese Commission members disagree with the report's key conclusion.

(<u>Dr. Judith Becker</u>: "I've been working with sex offenders for eleven years and believe me, if a clear pattern came through that the reason people committed sexual crimes is because of exposure to pornography, I would have been the first one out there to give testimony.")

In addition to urging a law enforcement crackdown, the Meese Commission today called for picketing and boycotting stores that sell hard and softcore pornography...

(Christie Hefner: "When President Reagan initially convened the commission and suggested it look into the possible harm of extreme pornography, I think he had in mind issues like child pornography, or extreme violence in pornography. I don't think he had in mind the magazine that his son is a contributing editor for.") (NBC-Lead)

SHULTZ/TERRORISM

Brokaw: Secretary of State George Shultz today issued a strong denunciation of terrorists saying these people are beasts. And he said that it was a bunch of baloney that terrorists such as those who hijacked the Achille Lauro, really were freedom fighters. Shultz told a State Department seminar on terrorism that sometime journalists get fascinated by terrorists and risk being manipulated by them. (NBC-3)

BLOOD SUPPLY/AIDS

Rather: How safe from AIDS virus contamination is this nation's blood supply? A scientific group offered the latest evidence on today.

CBS's Susan Spencer: The AIDS blood test is very, very good. It is not perfect. It can, on rare occasions, fail to pick up contaminated blood, especially if the donor has only recently been exposed to AIDS. But a panel of experts assembled by the National Institutes of Health today stressed that the risk to the public is very low. Of 12 million units donated each year it estimated 120 may be contaminated -- roughly one unit in 100,000.... The panel also recommended: anyone with a positive blood test result be told about it and counselled; that blood test information never be used to punish or threaten anyone suspected of having the virus; and that blood bank lists of possibly infected donors be kept totally confidential from employers, insurance companies, and states. But while proclaiming the blood supply's safety, the panel did endorse people stockpiling their own blood, but only if they're going to have surgery. did not endorse President Reagan's idea of healthy people stockpiling their own blood just in case. They seem to agree with the Red Cross which has said that that would undermine the entire national blood (CBS-2, NBC-2) supply system.

TERRORISM

Jennings: There have been two acts of terrorism in Europe today. At least three people have died, more than twenty injured. One bombing was in West Germany, one was in France.

ABC's Mike Lee: A bomb in Paris killed a high ranking police inspector. The blast also injured more than two dozen people and demolished much of the headquarters housing the so-called Bandit Repression Brigade. French Premier Chirac visited the scene and was visibly shaken and angered.... Near Munich West Germany today a remote control bomb detonated at the base of a roadside tree tore through an armor-plated limousine killing a nuclear physicist. victim is Karl Beckerts.... At the scene of today's murder a seven page letter from the leftist Red Army Faction claimed that Beckerts had been killed as a representative of a large atomic energy research and development company. A German prosecutor said Beckerts had been involved in secret planning related to the U.S. space based Strategic Defense Initiative. A spokesman for the energy company said the company has no formal contracts nor proposals for taking part in star wars research. (ABC-8, CBS-3, NBC-4)

U.S.-ISRAEL

Rather: ... Tonight U.S. officials tell CBS's Debra Potter, they believe the Israeli effort to get the secrets of those U.S. high-tech weapons goes back to late 1984. Also, more U.S. subpoenas for Israelis are expected. Three have been subpoenaed already, and U.S. officials say they are determined that these Israelis make themselves available for questioning. For its part, the government of Israel today said it did nothing illegal or wrong.

(Yosef Gal, Israeli spokesman: "...The Ministry of Defense also categorically determines that there was no case here of unlawful

technological export.")

The Israeli government says it used only its own hardware and know-how to develop cluster bombs. Israel also said the story was leaked by someone trying to drive a wedge in U.S.-Israel relations.

(CBS-5)

Jennings: The government of Israel is being investigated again because

American officials think that American law may have been broken again. Did Israel illegally smuggle American technology to make cluster bombs out this country. The Israelis say no.

ABC's Dennis Troute: Despite Israeli denials, U.S. officials insist their charges are serious and can only add to a growing strain between the two countries. (ABC-9)

DRUGS

Rather: Whether you see it as election year publicity, dramatic

demonstration, or both, three prominent Republicans today went
undercover to make drug buys on the streets of New York. A U.S.
parole commissioner dressed as a painter, a U.S. federal attorney,
and Senator Alphonse D'Amato seeking reelection, today all sought
and scored "crack". (CBS-6)

PHILIPPINES

Rather: In the Philippines President Aquino today banned all rallies by the supporters of the exiled President Marcos. (CBS-8)

Brokaw: President Corazon Aquino said today that she did not want to bring charges against Arturo Tolentino. She said if Tolentino and his supporters pledge allegiance to her they will be forgiven. In the meantime, however, their passports were cancelled so they couldn't leave the country.

(NBC-7)

SOUTH AFRICA

Brokaw: President Reagan is getting some strong pressure these days from within his Administration to make a speech clarifying the U.S. policy towards South Africa. White House spokesman Larry Speakes said today that the State Department and the National Security Advisor John Poindexter want the President to spell out his motives and goals on this, but Speakes said the idea had not been given much airing, explaining that right now the President has other speeches to make.

(NBC-6)

Rather: The white minority government of South Africa lifted its ban on black trade union meetings. The ban was imposed only two days ago. The government said it made a mistake. It said the unions should not have been included in a general ban on meetings of other black groups.

(CBS-9, ABC-11)

BANK FAILURES

Brokaw: Last year there were more bank failures in the United States than in any time since the Great Depression. Two-thirds of them were rural banks. Now the FDIC says it may no longer be able to find a healthy bank to take over when a rural bank goes under. So the Agriculture Department is warning that this will make times even tougher for the nation's farm communities. (NBC-13)

John Chancellor's Commentary reported on the mystery behind the sluggish U.S. economy. (NBC-14)

LIBERTY WEEKEND

Jennings: The Secretary of the Interior Donald Hodel, and the head of the fundraising effort for the Statue of Liberty's restoration Lee Iacocca, were not the best of friends even before the weekend... Now they are having another difference of opinion.

ABC's John Martin: ... The cost of celebrating Liberty was supposed to come from the money ABC paid for television and money from tickets. In all it cost up to \$32 million and not all of that may be recovered due to last minute insurance costs and some unsold seats on the final night.... The Secretary of the Interior, Donald Hodel, is warning Lee Iacocca in a letter that the centennial foundation he runs should not pay for the party with donations given to restore the statue and Ellis Island.

(<u>David Prosperi</u>, Interior Department spokesman: "The foundation has the legal authority to raise money both for the restoration and for the celebration. But I think, and the Secretary believes, that if people gave money for what they thought was to restore the statue they should be able to rely on that.")

Martin continues: ...But a spokesman for Iacocca said that if the celebration ultimately does cost more than it made, the money will come from the restoration. But the Interior Secretary is serving notice that even though the public hasn't complained to him so far, when Miss Liberty's bills are paid he'll be watching. (ABC-6)

CHILE

Rather: 2,000 mourners braved riot police in Chile today for the funeral of a young man who came to American nine years ago with his Chilean mother.

CBS's Bruce Morton reports Chilean police opened up on the mourners today with water cannon and tear gas. U.S. Ambassador Harry Barnes was there...

(Bernard Kalb: "We consider swift progress in this investigation to be very important.") (CBS-10, ABC-10, NBC-5)

WHITE HOUSE ALARM

Brokaw: An alarm went off in the White House early today warning the President and his staff that the water at the White House wasn't safe to drink. For five hours they had to make do with coffee brewed with bottled water, but as of tonight officials still aren't sure whether it was the water which comes from the city water system or a faulty guage that set off the alarm. (NBC-12)

EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

GRAMM-RUDMAN

Gramm-Rudman: It's Overruled, But Cuts Still Need To Be Made -- "Let's hope that the next package will include such old-fashioned, realistic methods as increasing federal revenues, scaling down defense spending and intelligently reviewing domestic programs. (Detroit Free Press, 7/8)

Enforcing Budget Discipline -- "So the Supreme Court has ruled that the comptroller general cannot be designated the little Dutch boy of United States fiscal policy.... If the stock market slide continues -- and the economy stumbles -- the President may want to reconsider seizing the economic-policy initiative. As it is, Congress and the White House must accept accountability for the decisions flooding the spending side of the dike, rather than leave it to some designated little Dutch boy to stem the leakage."

(Christian Science Monitor, 7/9)

Gunning Down Grammbo -- "It was a tempting ploy, about which we ourselves professed some enthusiasm at first. But the Supreme Court is right to take the longer view. Congress and the President cannot be allowed to evade their responsibilities, no matter how compelling the cause may seem. In the end, the system will work. What's needed are elections, not automatic pilots."

(Detroit News, 7/8)

MANION

Manion Redux -- "To begin with, Mr. Manion has neither the competence nor the experience to serve on a court that's just one rung beneath the U.S. Supreme Court.... If his ideology were the only thing objectionable about him, his nomination would not so offend those who truly believe that only the best belong on the Federal bench. The simple fact is that irrespective of his politics, Mr. Manion is unfit because he lacks respectable legal credentials.... If they will put politics aside and vote simply on his qualifications, senators will reject Daniel Manion's nomination."

Manion's Nomination -- "Manion's detractors have rejected him because some of his rulings contained misspelled words and other grammatical errors. The errors were probably made by a typist or secretary and were not caught when the papers were proof-read. But even if Manion made the errors, they are not sufficient to reject his nomination, and he would be only one of many government officials who couldn't spell or use correct grammar. The other reason given by opponents of his appointment is that Manion's "ultraconservative views" make the Indiana lawyer temperamentally unsuited to be a judge. That is certainly a novel reason. Apparently ultraleftist views were never considered sufficient reason to reject nominees of Jimmy Carter or Jack Kennedy." (Birmingham News, 7/2)

EDITORIALS AND COLUMNISTS (continued)

SALT II

Get Serious About Reviving Arms Control -- "The outlines of an acceptable deal have long been obvious: fewer offensive weapons on both sides in exchange for mutual restrictions on testing the kind of Star Wars defenses Reagan has been promoting. If the Administration is 'genuinely seeking progress,' the way should be open for a U.S.-Soviet meeting with a broader agenda that the Salt II ceilings. One major item: scheduling a Reagan-Gorbachev summit late this year to ratify an agreement in principle, even if the fine print won't be ready until next year's summit."

(New York Newsday, 7/2)

IMMIGRATION

Immigration: The Time Has Come To Do What's Needed -- "We still need immigration, but we can no longer tolerate uncontrolled illegal immigration. Imposing penalties against employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens is part and parcel of achieving that end. And despite what some groups fear, it can be done without discriminating against any of our citizens. Granting amnesty to aliens who have made productive lives here over a period of years is no more than humane. Getting a handle on illegal immigration through better border enforcement is basic to figuring out what impact illegals have on various entitlement programs. Gaining a measure of control over our borders would re-establish U.S. sovereignty and might even put a crimp in narcotics smuggling. There is, in short, every reason to go ahead with the immigration legislation now being argued in Congress. It is needed, it is reasonable and it is supported by the American public."

(Fort Worth Star-Telegram, 7/5)

POLAND

Poland: The U.S. Retreats From A Crucial Political Struggle -- "The Reagan Administration should definitely decide what its policy is on Poland, and particularly on the Solidarity movement. Since Ronald Reagan took office, that policy has been wandering and inconsistent. Mr. Reagan's high-flying rhetoric applauding general aspirations of the Polish people cannot hide the basic fact that neither he nor his top aides seem to understand the nature and real dynamics of the Polish crisis. Still worse, the Administration seems virtually to have abandoned Solidarity."

(Detroit Free Press, 7/3)

MANILA

Manila Foils A Coup -- "The Reagan Administration for its part made the right move by warning Mr. Marcos to stop trying to undermine the Aquino government or face the consequences. If he ignores those warnings, and if Manila has no objections, the only step left may be to oust him from his Hawaii haven."

(Philadelphia Inquirer, 7/9)

FOREIGN MEDIA REACTION

GRAMM-RUDMAN

"In spite of the U.S. bond market's initial inclination to shrug it off as an irrelevance of narrowly political importance, Monday's Supreme Court decision to strike down the key provision of the Gramm-Rudman deficit reduction law could well become a serious setback for U.S. economic policymaking at a time when the world can ill afford it."

(Financial Times, Britain)

"Deepening pessimism over prospects for the United States economy triggered sharp falls in stock markets around the world yesterday. Dealing was described to be in panic conditions as pundits predicted that Wall Street is now entering a boom." (Guardian, Britain)

"Since yesterday, the U.S. Congress is looking for a legal means which can allow it to regain one of the most important post-war laws, abolished Monday by the Supreme Court as unconstitutional."

(La Stampa, Italy)

"Financial circles had hoped that the cuts would contribute to a restoration of the U.S. economy. The situation is especially difficult since the expected economic recovery is not taking place.... There is no new spectacular development and no sudden economic turnabout, but a loss of confidence is perceptible.... This could encourage the development of a real confidence crisis for the U.S. economy." (Le Monde, France)

U.S.-SOVIET/MITTERRAND

"Mitterrand reminded everyone of his recent meeting with Ronald Reagan. He introduced himself as a wise man giving cautious advice to the two superpowers.... It is not certain that Reagan and Gorbachev have to have Mitterrand's help to reach a compromise on arms control or to make a success of their coming summit. We wonder if his remarks were not dictated above all by domestic concerns."

(Figaro, France)

"The second Mitterrand-Gorbachev talks covered a complete range of East-West problems, including U.S.-Soviet arms control and the Stockholm disarmament conference. A French spokeswoman said the secret talks were very frank.... Especially on the SDI problem and the enforcement of verification on any agreement reached at the U.S.-Soviet negotiations in Geneva, it seems that Mitterrand thoroughly explained U.S. views."

(Yomiuri, Japan)

"Gorbachev seems to want to try out driving drive wedges into the cracks in U.S.-European relations. The proudly independent approach adopted by France in Europe will tempt the Soviet Union to recommend the same approach to France's neighbors. The Soviet Union may also try the idea of neutralism in West Germany once the political balance of power changes slightly from the present in the Federal Republic."

(Helsingin Sanomat, Finland)