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TODAY'S HEADLINES

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(Montgomery Advertiser, Washington Post, Washington Times, UPI)

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TRIP NEWS

REAGAN PLEDGES GOP He Makes Pitch For Denton, Hunt

MONTGOMERY, Ala. -- Balloons fell, the band played, the chorus crooned "God Bless America," and President Reagan urged about 7,000 Alabamians Thursday here to "send the liberals a message by voting for Jerry Denton, Bill Dickenson, Guy Hunt, and Sunny Callahan."

Reagan swept into Montgomery for a two hour campaign stop to bolster Denton's campaign for a second term in the U.S. Senate, and the President also made a strong pitch for gubernatorial candidate Hunt, a long-time Reagan supporter. (Ray Locker, Montgomery Advertiser, A1)

Reagan's Endorsement Will Help Hunt's Bid, GOP Leaders Say

MONTGOMERY, Ala. -- President Reagan gave Republican Guy Hunt a clear endorsement in his bid for governor Thursday, a nod that GOP leaders say will boost the election bid of his former state campaign chairman.

Although U.S. Sen. Jeremiah Denton was the chief beneficiary of Reagan's visit to Montgomery, the President devoted one paragraph of his 15 minute speech to Hunt, who he said, "has a long history of service to Alabama and the nation." (Bruce Ritchie, Montgomery Advertiser, A1)

Reagan Traverses South To Aid GOP Senators Democrats Blamed For Economic Ills

NEW ORLEANS -- President Reagan, in a southern campaign swing for Senate Republicans, acknowledged today that oil and farming sectors of the economy have "lagged behind" the national recovery, but he blamed Democrats.

"It's not fair that Louisiana is being held back from joining in America's prosperity, and one of the things holding this state back is the old-style politics as usual," Reagan said. "Believe me, Louisiana isn't the only place where the total domination by one party has led to stagnation, arrogance and the abuse of power."

(David Hoffman, Washington Post, A5)

Reagan On The Run For GOP Candidates

President Reagan, campaigning hard to keep the Senate in Republican hands, has added a new hook in his political fight, telling voters there is "no reason in the world" not to switch parties.

"You know, my name will never be on the ballot again," Reagan told partisans in New Orleans Thursday as he campaigned for Senate candidate Henson Moore. "But don't think you can't vote for me."

"In a way, if you would like to vote for me again, vote for Henson Moore, so that we can have a Republican Senate that will work with me instead of against me," Reagan said. (Ira Allen, UPI)

Reagan Blasts Democrats At Moore Rally

NEW ORLEANS -- Despite the strong words of the President, and the pageantry of skydivers and thousands of multi-colored balloons, plumber Walter Moore said he would not vote for Moore.

"This rally is too much. They should find a better way to spend money," said Moore, who had taken the day off to see the President.

"If the President will come here and talk for Moore, then we need him [Moore] in Louisiana," said sixth grader Jim Impastato, who wished he were old enough to vote. (Janet Plume, UPI)

The Democrats' 'Party Is Over,' Reagan Promises Southerners

NEW ORLEANS -- President Reagan yesterday promised disenchanted Democrats here a restored sense of pride through conversion to the GOP, a theme he repeated often during a 10-hour swing through the Deep South to foment Republican realignment.

"It's time for some people to realize the party is over, it's morning and it's time to get back to work," Mr. Reagan told an outdoor rally for Republican Senate candidate Rep. Henson Moore. "The old politics are out." (Mary Belcher, Washington Times, A3)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

SOVIET SAYS SUMMIT HALF-SETTLED Shevardnadze Plays Down U.N. Expulsions, Danilooff Case

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, arriving here yesterday for two days of meetings with Secretary of State George Shultz, said the Soviet Union was ready for a summit that he said was already "arranged, settled 50 percent."

The Soviet minister, looking cheerful and relaxed, played down both the U.S. decision to expel 25 members of the Soviet mission to the United Nations and the case of the detained American reporter Nicholas Danilooff in remarks to reporters.

(David Ottaway & John Goshko, Washington Post, A1)

Resolve Crisis, Or Else, Shevardnadze Threatens

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze threatened the United States yesterday with years of "confrontation and dangerous contention" unless the current East-West crisis is resolved.

Today's meeting between Messrs. Shultz and Shevardnadze was supposed to discuss arrangements for a Reagan-Gorbachev summit. But a senior State Department official said: "We don't expect a date for a summit to come out of these meetings."

(Richard Beeston, Washington Times, A1)

Talks Unlikely To Produce Summit Date, Senior U.S. Official Says

Secretary of State George Shultz will confront Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze head-on Friday with a demand to free American reporter Nicholas Danilooff and is unlikely to reach an agreement on a date for a superpower summit meeting, U.S. officials said.

"I honestly do not expect dates to come out of these sessions," a senior official said at a State Department briefing for reporters in which the official described the case of the U.S. News & World Report correspondent as "agenda item No. 1."

(Barry Schweid, AP)

INFORMAL MEETING OFFERS INSIGHT INTO U.S.-SOVIET COMMUNICATION GAP

JURMALA, U.S.S.R. -- Against the background of pine trees and sandy beaches in this Baltic coastal town in Latvia, an ongoing four-day conference on U.S.-Soviet affairs has become a public display of the communication gap between Americans and Soviets on topics ranging from regional conflicts to Jewish rights.

On the eve of the first meeting in nearly a year between Secretary of State George Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, the head-on debates here provide a good indication of the barriers the two policymakers face in coming to terms agreeable to both sides for a summit between U.S. and Soviet leaders this year, according to Soviet and American participants in the conference.

(Gary Lee, Washington Post, A20)

U.S. DISRUPTS SOVIETS' ESPIONAGE OPERATIONS
Key KGB, GRU Officers Are Targeted In Expulsion

Twenty-five Soviet diplomats expelled Wednesday from the United States are senior spies whose loss will severely disrupt international Soviet espionage operations, Reagan Administration officials said yesterday.

Administration officials also hinted that the expulsion order was linked, at least indirectly, to the recent arrest of American journalist Nicholas Daniloff in Moscow. (Bill Gertz, Washington Times, A1)

GORBACHEV CALLS NEWSMAN 'SPY WHO WAS CAUGHT IN ACT'

MOSCOW -- Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, in his first public remarks on the arrest of U.S. News & World Report correspondent Nicholas Daniloff, today described the American reporter as a "spy who was caught in the act."

"This time, they have picked up the 'Daniloff case,' the case of a spy who was caught in the act," Tass quoted Gorbachev as saying. "They want to make use of this espionage case to again spoil Soviet-American relations, to sow doubts about the Soviet Union's policy and to distort the idea which the American people had begun to form about the Soviet people." (Celestine Bohlen, Washington Post, A1)

U.S., SOVIETS MOVE CLOSER IN GENEVA TALKS
Daniloff Case Still Threatens Improving
Relations, Kremlin Official Says

GENEVA -- U.S. and Soviet negotiators began a critical round of nuclear arms talks today amid signs that the two sides have narrowed some differences but that the case of arrested U.S. reporter Nicholas Daniloff could sidetrack an improvement in superpower relations.

A top Soviet negotiator, asked about reports that the United States plans to propose reductions of approximately 30 percent in long-range ballistic missile warheads, reiterated the Soviet position that an agreement on strategic arms should provide for a delay of "at least 15 to 20 years" in deployment of the space-based, "Star Wars" defense system.

(Robert McCartney, Washington Post, A20)

U.S. READY TO CUT MISSILES IN EUROPE TO A TOKEN FORCE
Soviet Has Offered Sharp Trim In
Middle-Range Weapons, To A Political Symbol

As arms talks resumed today in Geneva, officials here said the United States was prepared to accept a Soviet suggestion that only token missile forces be kept in Europe.

The limit suggested by the Soviet Union is far below one proposed by the United States, which would allow 420 medium-range missile warheads.

(Michael Gordon, New York Times, A1)

AQUINO APPEALS TO CONGRESS

Philippine Leader Wins Hearts, Votes In Emotional Speech

President Corazon Aquino of the Philippines, her path strewn with yellow roses, moved triumphantly through Congress yesterday with an emotional appeal for new aid and support for her country that drew an immediate response.

Within hours the House, voting, as one member said, "with our hearts, not our heads," bypassed normal procedures to approve a \$200 million emergency aid package for the Philippines, with the Senate to take up the aid later.

(Joanne Omang, Washington Post, A1)

Aquino Addresses Congress

Philippine President Corazon Aquino assured a cheering U.S. Congress Thursday that she is ready to wield "the sword of war" if communist insurgents in her country do not respond to her offers of peace.

In an often poignant address filled with personal recollections of her assassinated husband, Aquino also used a joint meeting of Congress to appeal for more U.S. assistance to prevent the fragile democracy in the Philippines from being crushed by the burdens bequeathed her by former president Ferdinand Marcos.

(George Condon, Copley)

House Narrowly Approves \$200 Million Extra Aid For Philippines

A few hours after addressing a joint session of Congress, Philippine President Corazon Aquino was awarded what critics called "a \$200 million honorarium" by the House yesterday in the form of an urgent supplemental appropriation of economic aid for her beleaguered country.

The House took the extraordinary action in the emotional aftermath of the speech and after some deft maneuvering by the Democratic leadership. Despite unanimous praise for Aquino's speech, the aid bill, which would add \$200 million to the fiscal 1986 deficit estimated at about \$230 billion, barely survived a 203-to-197 vote. (Edward Walsh, Washington Post, A19)

House OKs Aquino Aid After Speech

The House, moved by an impassioned plea delivered to Congress by Philippine President Corazon Aquino, yesterday approved \$200 million in emergency funds to bolster the fledgling democracy.

"That's the finest speech I've heard in my 34 years in Congress," House Speaker Thomas O'Neill said after the joint session.

(Christopher Simpson, Washington Times, A1)

House OKs Aid Bill After Hearing Aquino

The close vote reflected resistance to foreign aid at a time of record budget deficits, and irritation by some lawmakers at Aquino's refusal to make an immediate commitment to renew leases beyond 1991 for U.S. military bases in her nation.

The outlook for prompt Senate concurrence remained in doubt, although Aquino's speech scored a big hit on both sides of Capitol Hill.

During a meeting in her hotel suite with a small group of reporters, she said she "hit it off very well" with President Reagan during their first meeting Wednesday, and that "cobwebs of doubt" about the depth of his commitment to her government have been dissipated.

With a broad smile, she voiced the hope that there now is a solid "Cory-Ron" relationship. (Leo Rennert, McClatchy)

MANILA CONSTITUTION DRAFTERS REJECT ATTEMPT TO BAN BASES

MANILA -- The sharply divided commission drafting a new Philippine constitution tonight rejected attempts by its leftist members to include a ban on American military bases and declare the country officially neutral.

At the same time, however, a majority of the panel appeared poised to declare the Philippines a "nuclear-free country," following a growing antinuclear trend in the region that has posed an unexpected irritant to U.S. policy interests. (Keith Richburg, Washington Post, A19)

Philippine Commission Allows Bases

MANILA -- A commission drafting a new constitution for the Philippines defeated an effort by nationalists on the panel yesterday to prohibit U.S. bases in any part of the country.

But the 47-member panel agreed on a constitutional provision calling for a new bases agreement, or treaty, to be approved by the new Philippine Senate once the current pact expires in 1991.

(Tom Breen, Washington Times, A1)

U.S., BRITAIN SIGN ACCORD AIMED AT DRUG TRAFFICKERS

Meese, Mexican Attorney General To Meet

Attorney General Edwin Meese continued the Reagan Administration's publicity campaign against drugs yesterday, announcing a new money-laundering treaty with Great Britain and promoting a list of law-enforcement proposals that have failed to win congressional support.

At his third news conference in four days, Meese also announced that he will meet with the Mexican attorney general in Mexico Oct. 8 to discuss the drug problem there and in other Latin American countries. And he said he has arranged a meeting of U.S. ambassadors from all countries where drug trafficking is a major problem.

(Howard Kurtz, Washington Post, A16)

NATIONAL NEWS

FOR REHNQUIST, AFTERMATH OF CONFIRMATION IS ROUTINE Ready To Take Office After 'Long 3 Months' Of Scrutiny

Hours after his confirmation as the 16th chief justice of the United States, William Rehnquist appeared before reporters yesterday, characteristically amiable and acting for all the world as if nothing had happened.

The only noticeable sign of his new stature was that he wore black penny loafers instead of his usual crepe-soled, tan Wallabees.

Otherwise, it was Rehnquist, casual as ever, saying he was "looking forward to the future" and to "trying to be a good chief justice."

(Al Kamen, Washington Post, A3)

WHITE HOUSE, CONGRESS EXPECT BUDGET-CUT PACT Plan Would Step Up Tax-Law Enforcement

White House officials and congressional leaders said yesterday they were nearing agreement on a package of up to \$15 billion in budget cuts that relies on better tax-law enforcement, rather than tax increases, to help meet the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings deficit target for fiscal 1987.

"The chances are reasonably good that we will be able to come up with a package that will be acceptable to House...and Senate leaders on both sides" as well as the Reagan Administration, Budget Director James Miller said after a lengthy bargaining session.

(Helen Dewar, Washington Post, A10)

HOUSING INVESTORS WIN A TAX BREAK

The tax overhaul bill that comes before the House next week for a final vote includes a \$500 million provision that would exempt investors in low-income housing from much of the bill's crackdown on tax shelters, congressional sources said yesterday.

The exception, added by tax writers early yesterday morning, is one of hundreds of "transition rules" intended to ease the switch to a new tax system for certain projects and investors. Some of the rules also were crafted to help win support from wavering legislators.

(Dale Russakoff & Anne Swardson, Washington Post, A1)

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY

(Thursday Evening, September 18, 1986)

U.S.-SOVIET/DANILOFF

NBC's Tom Brokaw: It comes down to this: the Soviet Union will not give on the arrest of American journalist Nicholas Daniloff as a suspected spy. But the Soviets insist this has nothing to do with their plans for a summit meeting. The Reagan Administration insists that Daniloff cannot be separated from the summit plans. But there are no plans to scrap the summit idea yet. Add to all of this some provocative charges from Soviet leader Gorbachev, who until today was publicly quiet on the Daniloff case.

NBC's Steve Hurst: Soviet leader Gorbachev was in the second day of a visit to a southern Russian city when he made his first public remarks on the case of American reporter Nicholas Daniloff. Gorbachev called Daniloff a spy who was caught red-handed, and charged that Washington was using the case to spoil U.S.-Soviet relations and to fan up hatred.... In Moscow today, more tough talk. The Soviets issued a stinging attack on Washington's expulsion of 25 Soviet U.N. staff members.

(Boris Pyadishev, Foreign Ministry spokesman: "The American side is making a mistake thinking that these provocative steps will have no consequences. Washington drives itself in the corner.")

Alexander Belonogov, Soviet U.N. Ambassador: "This kind of behavior cannot but evoke condemnation.")

...Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze was jovial as he arrived in Washington today for talks with Secretary Shultz. He spoke only briefly about the storm around the U.N. expulsions.

(Eduard Shevardnadze: "This is an illegal decision, and since it is illegal it is a bad decision. I could, of course, use stronger expression too, but that may be after the meeting.")

He said wisdom and foresight would keep both the Daniloff and the U.N. cases from overshadowing more important issues separating the superpowers and plans for a Reagan-Gorbachev summit. The Soviets are talking tough about the U.N. case but so far their reactions show restraint. A Soviet source, however, said the Kremlin line on Daniloff had hardened -- that he would definitely be tried for spying if Zakharov is put on trial for espionage in New York.

Brokaw: Is the Reagan Administration willing to lose the summit to continue its protest of the Daniloff arrest?... Tomorrow Secretary Shultz and Foreign Minister Shevardnadze will meet to talk about the summit plans. What's the Shultz strategy at this point?

NBC's Marvin Kalb: We're told that Shultz intends to raise the Daniloff case immediately -- it's at the very top of his agenda. But Shultz is really not the kind of Secretary of State who walks out of rooms, who slams doors, who scuttles a summit. In his view the world goes on. He wants to talk with Shevardnadze about a range of problems including arms control, human rights, regional problems, bilateral relations, but because of the Daniloff case Shultz does not expect there to be agreement on the dates for a summit in this meeting with Shevardnadze.

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Brokaw: This is very reminiscent of what happened in 1960.

Kalb: It is reminiscent in the sense that back then a summit meeting was scuttled because of espionage charges back and forth and actions. But in this case both sides are really trying to save the summit possibility. That is quite clear. At the very same time, if it turns out that the summit collapses, both sides in their public statements, are already positioning themselves to blame the other guy. But what is ironic, is that the Danilo case has really forced the Reagan Administration to take certain actions to save the summit possibility. There have been major concessions already on arms control to be presented to the Russians in Geneva, but at this time tonight it is still not clear that there's going to be a summit.

Brokaw: The United Nations said today that the U.S. expulsion of 25 Soviet employees there was incompatible with the 1947 agreement that it has with the United States. The Soviet Union called the expulsion order scandalous, reprehensible, and blatantly provocative. White House National Security Advisor John Poindexter defended the U.S. order.

(John Poindexter: "How can it be improper for a country to protect its national security. The whole point of the message in the U.N. is that the United States is no longer going to tolerate espionage being conducted out of the United Nations there, with impunity.")

At the United Nations, the Soviet ambassador said the number of his countrymen working there now actually was below the limit that the United States had already set. (NBC-Lead)

CBS's Dan Rather: New trouble tonight on the road to a Reagan-Gorbachev summit, if indeed there is to be one. Soviet leader Gorbachev, for the first time, personally branded American reporter Nick Danilo an outright spy. In Washington, visiting Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze branded U.S. expulsion of 25 Soviet U.N. employees illegal. U.S. Secretary of State Shultz indicated he may cut short tomorrow's talks with the Soviet Foreign Minister.

CBS's Wyatt Andrews: Gorbachev's first public comment on the Danilo case makes it clear he is the architect of the Soviet hard line. He called Danilo the spy who was caught red-handed, and warned that the Soviets would not be provoked by the outrage of American public opinion. It's a signal Gorbachev is ready for a long stand-off over Danilo. And some say it's a deliberate affront to President Reagan who proclaimed Danilo's innocence.

(Dimitri Simes: "This is a man who wants to project an image of toughness, and I would even say ruthlessness, and he's making very clear that it is his ambition to cut Ronald Reagan down to size.")

Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze arrived in Washington for two days of talks with Secretary Shultz which begin tomorrow. The talks are supposed to move the superpowers closer to a summit, but Shevardnadze knows the Danilo case is the first item on the American agenda.

(Shevardnadze: "It can be resolved.")

But to the Soviets that just means the Danilo case can be solved their way, namely a direct swap: Danilo for accused Soviet spy Zakharov. The Soviets were also playing tough at the United Nations where their ambassador said a Reagan-Gorbachev meeting is now in jeopardy because of an American decision expelling 25 Soviet diplomats suspected of spying....

Andrews continues: Just as they did before the Geneva summit last year, the Soviets are posturing, publicly bracing for diplomatic failure. But despite the hard line in the Daniloff case and despite the threats against the summit, if the Soviets truly did not want a summit Shevardnadze would not be here.

CBS's Bill McLaughlin: The Reagan Administration had tough talk too. A senior State Department official indicated that the United States does not want a summit at any price, and is not prepared, during these two days of Shultz-Shevardnadze talks, to commit itself to the timing and arrangements of a second Reagan-Gorbachev meeting.

(Jeane Kirkpatrick: "We can not regard the Daniloff, the holding of an American, the holding of an American -- framing and arresting and holding of an American in the Soviet Union -- as a trivial affair, and sort of brush it off the table as the Soviets have been suggesting.")

In New Orleans today, aides to President Reagan reaffirmed Daniloff's innocence and said that the only way to improve relations is to release him.

(TV coverage: The President boarding Air Force One.)

And at the State Department:

(Bernard Kalb: "In so far as the Secretary's priority at the start of the meeting, it will indeed be the Daniloff case."

Henry Kissinger: "The Daniloff matter has to be settled and it has to be settled in a manner that recognizes the fundamental values of this country.")

...Tomorrow the message will be clear: if the Soviets want a summit reporter Nick Daniloff must be allowed to come home. (CBS-Lead)

ABC's Peter Jennings: If there is anyone in the country who thought the Soviets might soften up on the American reporter in Moscow charged with spying, it appears to be think again. Today the top man himself said Nick Daniloff was a spy.

ABC's Dean Reynolds: Gorbachev has been winding up a month-long vacation with election style appearances in the...Soviet Union. As reported by the state-run media, Gorbachev zeroed in on the Daniloff case during a meeting with Communist party faithful. In response to a question, the Soviet leader said the American reporter...was the spy caught red-handed -- that Americans were trying to use the case to spoil relations and to fan up hatred. But the Soviet Union, he said, will remain calm in the face of this campaign. We will not become nervous, he said, and will not be provoked. And at the Soviet Foreign Ministry today in Moscow, another broadside. The United States, said a spokesman, is setting itself up for a fall in the case of Daniloff.

(Boris Pyadishev: "We are getting new results and new unquestionable proof of the facts that this American journalist was involved in the spying activity.")

ABC's John McWethy: President Reagan, who was out campaigning today, was asked if the U.S. was ready to deal with threats of Soviet retaliation. His response: "I'm always ready."

(TV coverage: The President boarding Air Force One and says the words, "I'm always ready.")

McWethy continues: National Security Advisor Poindexter defended the U.S. order expelling 25 Soviets.... Meanwhile Eduard Shevardnadze arrived and immediately headed for the microphones, a new kind of Soviet diplomat full of charm and good humor. He was asked about the Daniloff case.

(Shevardnadze: "What do you think yourself about that?")

Reporter: We're here to ask your opinion sir.

Shevardnadze: "And I would like to know your opinion.")

...Overall, Shevardnadze was diplomatically upbeat, saying that solutions are possible, that preparations for a summit were 50% complete....

Jennings: And despite the serious strain in relations between Moscow and Washington, another round of arms control negotiations began in Geneva today. The United States is expected to match a Soviet proposal to cut offensive nuclear weapons by approximately a third.

(ABC-Lead)

AQUINO

Rather: Corazon Aquino spoke to a packed joint session of Congress today and they loved her. House Speaker Tip O'Neill said it was the best speech he's ever heard in Congress. Richard Lugar called it magic. And that magic worked some immediate wonders with your tax dollars.

CBS's Phil Jones: ...Corazon Aquino charmed the members of the American Congress out of their pocketbooks today.... The speech was perfectly tailored to sway the Americans. She invoked the memory of her assassinated husband.

(Aquino: "But his death was my country's resurrection.")

Referring to the communist insurgency in the Philippines she invoked the memory of an assassinated American.

(Aquino: "Like Abraham Lincoln I understand that force may be necessary before mercy. Like Lincoln, I don't relish it. Yet, I will do whatever it takes to defend the integrity and freedom of my country.")

Aquino was hardly out of the chamber before the payoff occurred: a \$220 million emergency aid package was proposed and passed in the House.

(Rep. Obey: "What we are trying to do on a bipartisan basis is to respond to that moving and eloquent statement that Mrs. Aquino made this morning.")

Rep. Roth: "Yes, President Aquino gave a very excellent speech today, but is it worth a quarter-billion dollar honorarium.")

After today's speech Majority Leader Dole told Aquino she had hit a home run. Aquino, clearly playing in the big leagues responded, I hope the bases were loaded.

(CBS-8)

Brokaw: Corazon Aquino...today proclaimed herself keeper of peace and democracy in her part of the world. She delivered a powerful address to a joint meeting of the U.S. Congress. Afterward, one senator said the speech had a magic that was really extraordinary.

NBC's Jack Reynolds: It was a day of personal triumph for President Corazon Aquino.

Reynolds continues:

(Aquino: "Three years ago I left America in grief to bury my husband Benigno Aquino. But his death was my country's resurrection, and the courage and faith by which alone they could be free again.")

...In her speech to the Congress she addressed a far wider audience. It was broadcast live to the Philippines and contained a message to the rebels as well as to her critics in the Reagan Administration.

(Aquino: "I will not stand by and allow an insurgent leadership to spurn our offer of peace and kill our young soldiers, and threaten our new freedom.")

...(Aquino: "Today I say, join us America as we build a new home for democracy, another haven for the oppressed, so it may stand as a shining testament as our two nations' commitment to freedom.")

(Sen. Lugar: "It was truly a magic moment in politics. You had people who wanted her to succeed and who saw her succeed.")

(NBC-4)

ABC's Charles Gibson: From the moment she arrived Cory Aquino saw nothing but a sea of support.... Mrs. Aquino promised to reach out to communist insurgents in her country.... She also promised the sword of war if peace overtures fail. And she asked for help in dealing with the Philippines' foreign debt.

(Aquino: "You have spent many lives and much treasure to bring freedom to many lands that were reluctant to receive it. And here you have a people who won it by themselves and need only the help to preserve it.")

Despite objections it would bust this year's budget, the unrestricted aid carried the House by a bare six votes. It now goes to an uncertain fate in the Senate. But even opponents said Cory Aquino probably won more aid for the Philippines next year. (ABC-5)

REHNQUIST

Brokaw: For William Rehnquist the triumph, although not overwhelming, finally came last night when the U.S. Senate voted 65-33 to confirm him as Chief Justice of the United States. No Supreme Court Justice has ever received so many negative votes. Rehnquist will be sworn in next Friday. Today Rehnquist got another endorsement from President Reagan who said he had no doubt that Rehnquist would prove to be a chief justice of historic stature. For his part Rehnquist said that he was glad that this bruising confirmation process was now over.

(Rehnquist: "I'm not gonna address myself really to the past. That's over. That chapter is closed, and I'm looking forward to the future and to trying to be a good chief justice.") (NBC-5)

Jennings: At the Supreme Court today, William Rehnquist made the traditional day-after appearance before reporters.... And going to the Court for the first time as an associate justice: Antonin Scalia. All 98 senators who voted did so in favor. (ABC-6)

FRANCE/TERRORISM

Rather: French Premier Chirac today promised a "crushing response" to the wave of bombing attacks that are killing people in Paris.

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Rather continues: But the French have yet to identify, much less find, the murderers. And some of those murderers killed again today. This time with bullets.

CBS's Doug Tunnell: France came under terrorist attack again today, this time in Beirut where the French military attache was gunned down as he arrived at the embassy this morning. A previously unknown group claimed responsibility. French authorities have yet to establish a link with the bombing campaign in Paris. (ABC-3, CBS-2)

Brokaw: There was more terrorism directed against France today. This time it was in Beirut. The French military attache there was shot and killed outside the French Embassy. A group calling itself the Front For Justice and Responsibility claimed responsibility. (NBC-2)

SOVIET MISSILE TESTS

Jennings: Pentagon officials said today that two tests of a new and very long-range Soviet missile, one in April and another last month, both ended with the missile exploding in mid-air. The Pentagon analysts do not think it is a major setback for the Soviets. (ABC-2)

WAR ON DRUGS

Brokaw: One case that the Rehnquist Court is almost certain to hear is a challenge to President Reagan's order that federal workers be tested for drugs. The American Civil Liberties Union charged today that such tests violate the workers' rights. It offered to represent any worker in court. And in New Jersey a federal judge ruled that surprise drug tests given to police and fire fighters were an unreasonable search barred by the U.S. Constitution. (NBC-6)

Jennings: Though our ABC News poll shows that most of us have never tried an illegal drug, it does show that drug use is highest among those under 30, that it can begin before the age of 15 often with marijuana, that frequency increases when people are in their mid-twenties. And while many people in the country believe we are in the midst of something new and frightening, in some ways we have been there before. Very often we have just denied it. And why is America, of all the industrialized countries, the place where more people abuse themselves with drugs?

ABC's Bill Blakemore reports:

(The President: "Drugs are menacing our society.")

Something like this drug scare has happened before in America.

(Dr. David Musto, Yale University: "In 1900, 1905, which was probably the peak of cocaine use in this country, cocaine had completed its metamorphosis from being the ideal American tonic to being the most feared drug in America.")

...Headlines are now rallying people and president. Are we now in another cycle?... If we're in a cycle, it hasn't turned down yet.... Social scientists are saying that this drug problem's arisen because a number of factors have all come together at the same time in the same country, all amplifying each other. They include the Vietnam war.... Youth were often under pressure to use drugs. There's the ease of supply.... Cocaine has also been linked to Hollywood glamour and big-time success. (ABC-7)

U.S. BORDER PATROL

Rather: The U.S. Border Patrol has gone public with its new weapon.

The weapon's designed to seek out illegal aliens and drug smugglers even in the dark by picking up body heat up to three miles away. Plans call for deploying more of these weapons along the U.S.-Mexico border from San Diego, California to McAllen, Texas. The Border Patrol calls the system Forward Radar Enhancement Device -- FRED.
(CBS-9)

ECONOMY

Rather: The Commerce Department today reported the Gross National

Product grew at a lackluster annual rate of six tenths of one percent. This is for the year's second quarter. Today's report confirms earlier estimates that the economy from April through June staggered along at the slowest pace since the end of the last recession.

(CBS-5)

AIDS

Rather reports that scientists are expected to announce tomorrow proposals for expanded use of an anti-viral drug which has shown the first significant progress against AIDS. It is not a cure. But it is cause for hope.

CBS's Bob Schieffer: The news about the drug AZT is so good it was bound to leak. Sources tell CBS News a panel of federal health authorities has concluded the drug can slow the spread of the AIDS through the body. The panel will announce tomorrow that test results have been so encouraging the drug will be given soon to more and more AIDS victims....
(CBS-3)

TEXAS AIR-EASTERN MERGER

Brokaw: The Reagan Administration today reversed a previous ruling and cleared the way for Texas Air to buy Eastern Airlines -- a merger that will make it the nation's largest air carrier. In addition to Eastern, Texas Air already owns Continental and New York Air, and this week it agreed to buy People Express.

(ABC-10, CBS-10, NBC-3)

EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

AQUINO/PHILIPPINES

Cory Aquino Needs Help And Commitment By U.S. -- "A lot of fuss will be made by President Reagan and Congress over Philippines President Corazon Aquino during her visit this week to Washington. But the real question, underneath the hoopla, is whether the Reagan Administration will devote the same kind of single-minded attention to saving democracy in one of America's most critical allies that it does to pursuing democracy in countries ruled by Marxist leaders." (Philadelphia Inquirer, 9/17)

Cory Goes To Washington -- "Perhaps yesterday's White House meeting marked a beneficial change. Perhaps in her address to a joint session of Congress today Mrs. Aquino will fire up sentiment for economic and foreign aid commensurate to her country's needs. Perhaps it will become evident that Mrs. Aquino's popularity, linked as it is with her passion for democracy, is high on both sides of the Pacific. If that is the result, economic and political revival might proceed in the Philippines behind a government strong enough to negotiate with the Communist insurgency and to contain it militarily if that is the only answer." (Baltimore Sun, 9/18)

How To Help Cory -- "Mrs. Aquino needs more than good will to solve the formidable problems that face her back home. Specifically, she told the President, she needs trade. Congress, especially, should heed that message.... Remembering all this, Congress would do well to stop sniping at Mrs. Aquino's back with its talk of protection, and instead put out the trade welcome mat. It might be able to get a bargain on one made in Manila." (Wall Street Journal, 9/18)

Mrs. Aquino's Fair-Weather Friends -- "This season of Gramm-Rudman is not an easy time for Congress to increase foreign aid, but there has rarely been a more important occasion. It wasn't so long ago that Filipinos and Americans alike were chanting, or pulling for, Co-ry, Co-ry, Co-ry. Now's the chance to put some September money where all those February friends were." (New York Times, 9/18)

Visitor From Manila -- "Two decades ago, this country committed its armies and its wealth to the defense of an only dubiously democratic government in South Vietnam. Now, in another time and another frame of mind, the United States hesitated to give more than the most nominal assistance to a country that, unlike the Vietnam of 1966, has an attractive and genuinely responsive government -- and which has, moreover, much democratic experience and a long historical association with the United States. If this country lets Mrs. Aquino depart with nothing more than an apologetic smile, it will have served badly its own national interests, not to mention its own national values and traditions." (Washington Post, 9/17)

Tough Lady, tough job -- "Corazon Aquino has more problems than Imelda Marcos had shoes. One is criticism, leaked to the press by anonymous Reagan Administration officials, of her handling of the communist insurgency in her country.... She needs -- and deserves -- the President's support.... President Reagan should see to it that no one in his Administration makes her job even tougher." (Louisville Courier Journal, 9/15)

EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS (continued)

DANILOFF AFFAIR

President's Waffling -- "The ghost of Jimmy Carter seems to have been roaming White House corridors.... Frankly we are disappointed in Mr. Reagan's leadership in this instance. His tough talk in the absence of tough action and in the face of real provocation will be viewed by the Kremlin and the world as simply meaningless bluster."

(Birmingham News, 9/10)

Gorbachev 1, Reagan 0 -- "The Administration is so eager for another session between President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev that it apparently is willing to acquiesce to Soviet hostage-taking. Given the Administration's negotiating record in the Danilooff affair, Mr. Gorbachev must be encouraged about Soviet prospects in the Geneva nuclear-arms talks and any future encounter with Mr. Reagan."(San Diego Union, 9/13)

Confusion At The Summit -- "The Administration is in an obvious state of confusion, with public and congressional pressure building to force it to live up to its anti-Soviet rhetoric. Buying Mr. Danilooff's partial freedom by accepting equal terms for Mr. Zakharov was an awful precedent. Jimmy Carter did better, at least getting some Soviet dissidents thrown into a similar bargain. But the Danilooff deal has one saving grace: freeing him from KGB interrogation strengthens the President's hand if he decides to hold tight and put off the summit. Mr. Reagan has often got where conservatives want to go by resisting their initial advice. If it turns out that way again, we'd have to pay another tribute to the Reagan instinct."

(Wall Street Journal, 9/17)

WAR ON DRUGS

A Responsible Drug Bill Hinges On The Senate -- "Of the two legislative packages submitted so far, Reagan's is somewhat better balanced, stressing the federal role in interdicting drug traffic. But the rush to get something passed has been so great that some very bad legislation could result. The Senate has a lot of work to do." (Newsday, 9/17)

Politicizing Drug Abuse -- "A more important role for the government is the one President Reagan already has begun, by making televised admonitions. He can use his persuasive gifts to encourage children, parents, teachers and local leaders to talk about and deal with drug abuse where such communication will do the most good -- in the family, school and community."

(Los Angeles Herald, 9/12)

President's Crusade Against Drugs -- "Congress may see this as a wonderful pre-election issue, but it won't be a joyride. Whatever laws it enacts will either be tough enough to hurt some of the people now demanding them, or be patent-medicine fakes that will make a real cure even harder."

(Chicago Tribune, 9/16)

Just Say 'No!' -- "The Reagans, as well as the prominent athletes who are speaking out strongly against drug use, are the leaders in this crusade. The drive to get across the message that drugs ruin lives and should be shunned by all sensible people is the only real hope for cutting down the drug enemy."

(Chattanooga News-Free Press, 9/15)

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