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TODAY'S HEADLINES

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Reagan Decries Violence in South Africa -- The Reagan Administration said it is very disturbed by the violence in South Africa following the declaration there of a state of emergency.

(Washington Times, Washington Post, New York Times, Baltimore Sun)

Reagan Holds First High-Level Talks Since Operation -- President Reagan holds talks with visiting Chinese head of state Li Xiannian today, his first high-level meeting since cancer surgery.

(Reuter, AP, UPI, Washington Post, Washington Times, New York Times, Baltimore Sun)

NATIONAL NEWS

Regan, Dole Share Peace Pipe -- White House chief of staff Donald Regan and Senate Republican Leader Robert Dole posed with one of the oldest symbols of harmony -- a peace pipe -- to patch up their public split over the budget. (UPI, AP, Washington Post, New York Times, Baltimore Sun)

NETWORK NEWS (Monday Evening)

PRESIDENT LI -- President Reagan plans to greet Chinese President Li in a South Lawn ceremony and host a state banquet.

TAX REFORM -- The latest NBC News poll shows the President's tax plan isn't getting much support among the public.

"HE'S A LESSON TO ALL OF US"

"He (President Reagan) is struck down by an assailant and makes a joke about it. He tries to relax his wife at the bedside. He has been magnificent. I think it's incalculable the contribution he's made to our moral well-being, just the way he's behaved. I don't know how you'd measure it, but I know my kids have benefited. They'll never talk about it, but I know just watching him I've benefited. He's a lesson to all of us."

(Gov. Mario Cuomo, on the potential impact of President Reagan's illness, U.S. News & World Report, 7/29)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

200 MORE REPORTED HELD IN S. AFRICA UNDER EMERGENCY

PRETORIA -- Security forces armed with sweeping new powers arrested dozens more people, and police warned journalists to show "restraint" in their reporting during the second day of South Africa's declared state of emergency. (Glenn Frankel, Washington Post, A1)

Death Toll Rises in S. Africa, Rights Group Says 350 Detained

Police said three died in clashes with security forces, bringing to nine the official riot death toll since President Botha declared a state of emergency over the weekend. (Ruth Pitchford, Reuter)

Nine Killed Under South African Emergency Rule

Police reported widespread rioting, arson and stone-throwing in the 36 magisterial districts under the state of emergency. At least 170 blacks have been arrested and at least nine blacks have been killed since emergency rule was invoked by the white minority government.

(Brendan Boyle, UPI)

Scores Arrested in Night Raids in South Africa

Civil rights monitoring groups said about 200 people were siezed in the last 24 hours and put the number arrested since the emergency declaration took effect at more than 300.

(Alan Cowell, New York Times, A1)

U.S.'VERY DISTURBED' BY GROWING VIOLENCE

The Reagan Administration said it was "very disturbed" by the rising level of violence in South Africa that has led to the imposition of a state of emergency and called upon the government there to exercise its "considerable responsibility" in the present crisis "in a scrupulous manner."

(David Ottaway, Washington Post, A1)

Reagan Decries Violence in South Africa

Speaking for the convalescing President Reagan, Larry Speakes said, "The violence is counterproductive and advances no one's interest. The South African government bears considerable responsibility, and we look for the government to exercise its responsibility in a scrupulous manner."

(Washington Times, A6)

Apartheid Blamed by U.S. for Unrest in South Africa

A State Department official said the Administration's sharper tone reflected a desire to insure that the Pretoria government understood United States concern about the unrest.

But at the same time, he said, the Administration does not want to appear to be encouraging an overthrow of the government by more radical elements in South Africa. (Gerald Boyd, New York Times, A1)

S. Africa Warned by U.S.

Statements at both the White House and State Department called the state of emergency "a very serious event." It was essential, a State Department spokesman said, "that South Africans move rapidly back to the task at hand: ending apartheid." (Henry Trewhitt, Baltimore Sun, A1)

5 ANTIAPARTHEID LEADERS RE-ARRESTED

Apartheid protest leaders, whose arrests eight months ago at the South African Embassy helped spark similar demonstrations around the country, returned to the embassy and were re-arrested after laying symbolic coffins on the front lawn in the name of hundreds they said have died at the hands of the white-ruled South African government.

(Karlyn Barker, Washington Post, A12)

5 Arrested in Embassy Protest

All were charged with violating a District of Columbia ordinance that prohibits demonstrations within 500 feet of an embassy.

(Larry Margasak, AP)

CHINA'S LI ARRIVES AS ENVOY IS NAMED

President Li of the People's Republic of China arrived on a state visit, just as President Reagan nominated Winston Lord, until recently the president of the Council on Foreign Relations, to be U.S. ambassador to China.

Li, 76, is to meet with Reagan at the White House this morning and with Cabinet officials this afternoon on a wide range of issues including the sale of nuclear-power technology, relations with Taiwan, problems with the Soviet Union and U.S. trade and population-control policies.

(Joanne Omang, Washington Post, A6)

Reagan Holds First High-Level Talks Since Operation

Reagan and Li were scheduled to spend about two hours talking on a wide range of global political and trade topics, with much of the emphasis likely to be on each country's relationship with the Soviet Union, a senior official said.

(Michael Battye, Reuter)

Reagan Greets Chinese President

Deferring to his convalescence, Reagan, 74, will sit instead of stand with Li, 76, during the red carpet reception on the South Lawn of the White House.

Later, the two leaders will meet in the Blue Room for talks on a range of issues, including the easing of tensions between China and the Soviet Union. (Helen Thomas, UPI)

Reagan Meets Chinese President in Abbreviated Schedule

Normally, Reagan meets with a head of state in the Oval Office, then moves to the Cabinet Room next door for discussions with the leader and specialists from both governments.

Reagan will host a formal state banquet in Li's honor in the evening, but in order to shorten the normally scheduled four-hour event, the Chinese leader and his wife, Lin Jiamei, will arrive about 15 minutes later than usual.

(R. Gregory Nokes, AP)

White House Uncertain Li Visit Will Settle Nuclear Agreement

(Li) and Reagan are expected to discuss broad issues while their aides review details of the pact that would allow the United States to sell nuclear reactors to China. (Mary Belcher, Washington Times, A3)

Reagan to Return to Diplomacy for Chinese Visit

The visit is most of all symbolic of the continuing, though often fitful, improvement in U.S.-China relations. None of the many continuing differences between the two governments will be allowed to interfere with the symbolism, American diplomats said.

(Henry Trewhitt, Baltimore Sun, A1)

WAR RULE CHANGES MAY NOT BE SOUGHT

The Reagan Administration may refrain from asking the Senate to ratify new provisions to the Geneva conventions on protection of war victims, fearing the revisions would provide a safety net for terrorists, officials said.

The revisions were designed to improve treatment of combatants and civilians during war. (Michael Weisskopf, Washington Post, A3)

CUBA, ALLIES ATTACK U.S. ON ANTITERRORISM MOVE

NAIROBI, Kenya -- Cuba, Nicaragua and Tanzania attacked the United States at the U.N. Decade for Women Conference, criticizing a U.S. attempt to condemn "outlaw" terrorist states and accusing Washington of sponsoring terrorism in Latin America.

The dispute over who is and who is not a terrorist came on a day when the conference, intended to appraise women's progress in the past decade, also was hobbled by Middle East hostilities.

(Blaine Harden, Washington Post, A11)

Arab Women Shun Speech by Israeli

The Arabs refused to listen to the Israelis and Cuba nominated the United States as a leading supporter of terrorism. (It) was another typical day of dialogue at the U.N. Women's conference continuing in Nairobi. (Jay Mallin, Washington Times, A7)

U.N. WOMEN'S FORUM SEEN LACKING -- IN MEN

NAIROBI, Kenya -- They were outnumbered by a ratio of perhaps 100 to 1, but men who attended the women's forum held during the U.N. Decade for Women Conference felt their presence was needed and instructive.

"I feel that the one large contingent missing is men," said Professor Harold Feldman of Cornell University. "The need for more sex integration is apparent here. Like racial integration, we should all be working together." (Washington Times, A7)

NO 'SMOKING GUN' ON NICARAGUA

The Reagan Administration appears to be relying on newly captured documents and on the testimony of a defector from the guerrilla forces in El Salvador to convince a skeptical Congress and the public that Nicaragua should be held responsible for past -- and future -- attacks on U.S. citizens in Central America.

However, the State Department acknowledges there is no "smoking gun" in the publicly available material that links the leftist Sandinista government of Nicaragua to alleged terrorist training centers or to particular terrorist acts. They say classified reports do provide that evidence but cannot be disclosed, even if the secrecy weakens public support. (News analysis by Joanne Omang, Washington Post, All)

FOREIGN MINISTERS CALL FOR RESUMPTION OF U.S.-NICARAGUA TALKS

PANAMA CITY -- Foreign ministers of the four Contadora nations called for a resumption of talks between Nicaragua and the United States and an end to "foreign military interference" in Central America.

In a communique at the end of a two-day meeting, the foreign ministers of Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia and Panama said there was a "dangerous deterioration of the regional situation."

(Thomas Brown, AP)

Contadora Nations Say U.S. Must Play Role to Find Peace

"The only thing we're missing to finish the rough draft of the Act of Peace are the security aspects," (Panamanian Foreign Minister Arias) said. Without a U.S. role, however, ministers said a lasting peace in the region would be difficult to achieve.

(Washington Times, A8)

Contadora Group Ends Meeting with Action Plan

The Contadora group ended (the) meeting by calling for leftist Nicaragua and the United States to resume the direct dialogue which ended in failure last year.

The meeting was the first since Nicaragua dealt the Central American peace initiative a severe blow by walking out of joint talks last month, saying theoretical peace discussions were pointless when regional tension was so high.

(Hermes Sucre, Reuter)

U.S. LIFTS WARNING ON ATHENS TRAVEL

The State Department canceled its warning to U.S. travelers that they risk the "potential danger of terrorist acts" if they use the airport at Athens.

Charles Redman, deputy State Department spokesman, said the revocation of the travel advisory "follows a careful inspection of Athens International Airport by a team composed of FAA airport security experts last week.

(Douglas Feaver, Washington Post, A11)

Athens Firms Security; Airport Warning Lifted

"For obvious security reasons, I don't want to get into the specifics of (the improvements)," Redman said. "We would like to note, however, that the Greek government was positive and responsive to the concerns which we expressed."

(Dave Doubrava, Washington Times, A4)

ADMINISTRATION WANTS MILITARY TRAINING FACILITY ON ANTIGUA

The Reagan Administration has asked Congress to provide money to convert an aging Navy oceanographic station on the island of Antigua into a military training facility that could be used by security forces from seven Caribbean islands.

Officials at the Pentagon, the State Department and on Capitol Hill confirmed details of the plan on the condition they not be identified.

(Norman Black, AP)

FREE WORLD LEADERS HERE TO BOOST DEMOCRACY

The largest assembly ever of Free World political leaders opens tomorrow in Washington as representatives of more than 33 moderate and conservative political parties gather for the second International Democratic Union party leaders conference.

The three-day conference -- Wednesday, Thursday and Friday -- will bring together world leaders to discuss international and political issues related to the IDU's goal of promoting democracy.

(Bill Gertz, Washington Times, A1)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Americans Pay Homage to a Revolution," a look by Edward Cody at American visitors to Nicaragua, appears on page A9 of The Washington Post.

A news analysis by Youssed Bodansky, "Ogarkov tells how Soviets can win war in Europe," is on page A1 of The Washington Times.

A story by James Sterba which looks at the question, "What happens to China when Deng Xiaoping dies?" is on page 1 of the of The Wall Street Journal under the title, "Will China Continue to Take Deng's Road After His Rule Ends?"

DOLE GIVEN PEACE PIPE BY REGAN

The White House moved to end two weeks of hostilities with Senate Republicans as chief of staff Regan brought a two-foot-long peace pipe to Majority Leader Dole and as President Reagan offered to make phone calls to help resolve the Senate's budget dispute with the House.

But, responding to Dole's suggestion Sunday that Reagan "step into the breach" to achieve a budget compromise, White House officials appeared to be trying to keep some distance between the President and the budget fracas. (Helen Dewar, Washington Post, A4)

Regan, Dole Share the Peace Pipe

Regan said he brought the pipe, about two feet long with a wooden stem and a stone bowl, to mark Dole's 62nd birthday Monday and to show he will work with the GOP leader to break the 6-week-old budget stalemate. (Elaine Povich, UPI)

"The President called me earlier this afternoon and told me he's ready to go to work," Dole said at the start of (the) meeting with Regan, other senators and Administration officials to discuss farm legislation.

(Cliff Haas, AP)

President to Join Talks on Budget

But in answer to Dole's request for Presidential assistance in breaking an impasse between the House and the Senate, officials said Reagan would not take the lead.

"I don't think he's going to ride a white horse to Capitol Hill on this one," Larry Speakes said. "But he'll be there and his presence will be forceful." (Jonathan Fuerbringer, New York Times, A1)

President Tries to End Budget Feud

"Some people thought I wasn't at peace with Senate Republicans,"
Regan said when presenting the gift (pipe) in Dole's office. "I just
wanted Senate Republicans to know I'm at peace with them."

(Nancy Schwerzler, Baltimore Sun, A1)

SENATE WEIGHING LINE ITEM VETO BILL AFTER REAGAN LOBBYING

The Senate is deciding whether to give President Reagan the power to veto individual items in spending bills, in the aftermath of the first personal lobbying by the President since his cancer operation.

Senate Majority Leader Dole scheduled a second attempt today to break the debate by opponents of the line-item veto bill, who claim it is an affront to the balance of powers in the Constitution.

(Steven Kumarow, AP)

HOUSE AND SENATE FALTER IN BID TO HOLD TO BUDGET RESOLUTIONS' SPENDING GOALS

As budget negotiators stretch to find new savings on domestic programs, the House and Senate are having trouble living within the spending limits set in separate resolutions adopted in May.

Rising costs for federal farm programs are playing havoc with savings assumed in both budgets, and the Reagan Administration's concern brought chief of staff Regan to the Capitol to meet with senators writing a new agriculture bill. (David Rogers, Wall Street Journal, 64)

DOLE CRITICIZED ON SAFETY CLAIMS

Transportation Secretary Dole says her first priority is safety and she misses few opportunities to tell the public and Congress that she is out front in making virtually all forms of transportation safer. But her critics have begun to ask whether her campaign is all press release and little action.

Effectiveness is difficult to measure, but the issue has emerged as the key question about her tenure at the department.

(Douglas Feaver, Washington Post, A1)

WEINBERGER UNDER POLITICAL SIEGE, BUT FEW EXPECT CHANGE OF COURSE

These have been months of political siege for Defense Secretary Weinberger.

Since February, he has been battled to a standstill on the military budget and the MX missile. His influence on some national security issues, such as arms control, seems at least somewhat diminished, and his credibility is under attack on Capitol Hill. Some conservatives charge that he has let the world's largest bureaucracy run out of control and has failed to set priorities for spending and strategy.

(Bill Keller, New York Times, A1)

REAGAN'S ILLNESS NOT EXPECTED TO ALTER HIS COURSE

President Reagan, beginning limited duty after another brush with his own mortality, seems determined that cancer will be no more successful in stopping the Reagan Revolution than a would-be assassins's bullet was four years ago.

By all accounts, the President has refused to dwell on the affliction that abruptly came to light about a week ago, but rather has embarked on a course of conduct designed to assure his family, friends and the nation the the worst is over.

(Robert Timberg, Baltimore Sun, A1)

JUSTICE POST FIGHT LOOMS

An FBI backround investigation is focusing on several potential controversies over the expected nomination of Herbert Ellingwood to head the Justice Department's Office of Legal Policy, which screens candidates for federal judgeships.

Opponents have mounted a preemptive campaign to defeat Ellingwood, a longtime associate of Attorney General Meese and now chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

One reason for their opposition involves questions about Ellingwood's connection with a "Christian talent bank" to recruit Christians for federal jobs. (Howard Kurtz, Washington Post, A3)

ADMINISTRATION SWEETENS THE KITTY FOR FARM BILL LEGISLATION

The Reagan Administration says it is willing to add some \$8 billion to farm spending over the next three years to help offset a bleak agricultural outlook, but senators are finding it hard to fit their new farm bill into even the liberalized spending limits.

White House chief of staff Regan met with several farm-state Republican senators, including Senate Majority Leader Dole, and emerged with words of sympathy and promises of help.

(Jim Drinkard, AP)

MEESE ARREST WARRANT REISSUED

LOS ANGELES -- Attorney General Meese never paid a \$10 jaywalking ticket issued five years ago and a warrant for his arrest was reissued, officials said.

Meese's brother, George, head of the California Department of Motor Vehicles in Sacramento, immediately called Los Angeles officials and said he would pay the accumulated \$130.50 warrant, city attorney spokesman Ted Goldstein said.

(Washington Post, A6)

INFLATION HOLDING AT MODERATE PACE; NEW FIGURES OUT TODAY

Contributing declines in grocery prices, coupled with steady or only slightly higher energy costs, are prompting analysts to anticipate at least several more months of moderate inflation.

The Labor Department was releasing its Consumer Price Index for June later today and the consensus expectation was for an increase of no more than 0.2 percent or, perhaps, 0.3 percent. (Jerry Estill, AP)

No Inflationary Surge Seen Despite Easing Dollars

With the strength of the dollar on foreign exchange markets waning slightly, many analysts are considering the consequences if the trend continues -- higher prices as imports become less competitive.

But that point us still a long way off, even with the dollar continuing to ease. (Denis Gulino, UPI)

TRUST US, IF NOT REAGAN, SENATORS TELL BLACK LEADERS

Senate Republicans privately have asked black civil rights leaders for help in the 1985 Senate races, reminding them that Republicans have been instrumental in passing legislation important to blacks.

Republicans helped win an extension of the Voting Rights Act and fought hard against tax breaks for colleges that discriminate, the Senate leaders pointed out, asking for support in future Senate races where the black vote will be crucial, such as Pennsylvania and Florida.

(Rita McWilliams, Washington Times, A1)

DOLE, GRAY OFFER OPPOSING VIEWS OF PARTIES TO LEAGUE

Republicans can give black Americans "long-term political clout," Majority Leader Dole said at the National Urban League's annual conference.

In a (later) speech, Rep. Gray countered that blacks "still have not recovered from the (economic) downturn of Ronald Reagan (and) ... have not seen Mr. and Mrs. Recovery yet."

(Bill Kling, Washington Times, A5)

FIRST LADY: 'GLAD HER MAN IS BACK'

Nancy Reagan wants her husband to take it easy during his convalescence from cancer surgery and will relieve him of some of the social duties at tonight's state dinner in honor of Chinese President Li.

Aides said the First Lady has conferred daily with chief of staff Regan on (President) Reagan's schedule, making sure the President is not overtaxed by meetings and appointments.

"She's glad her man is back," said one aide.

(Helen Thomas, UPI)

LET THE PEOPLE DO THE TALKING

PROVIDENCE, R.I. -- President Reagan will receive personal wishes via a high-tech get well card from about 100 Rhode Island residents.

The electronic card is a 10-minute videotape made at a dairy mart store in Cranston and mailed to the President Monday, said Robert Lachance, president of Tin Can Alley, the firm which devised it.

(UPI)

NEWS FROM THE STATES

ASSOCIATION NAMES STYLEMAKERS

ST. LOUIS (UPI) -- Television stars Donna Mills and David Hasselhoff Monday were elected the 1985 female and male stylemakers of the year by the National Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association. The association said Nancy Reagan, Diahann Carroll, Joan Collins, Sheena Easton, Geraldine Ferraro, Linda Gray, Susan Lucci, Diana Ross and Elizabeth Taylor also received votes from its 50,000 members.

CINCINNATI WOMAN 'BEATS CANCER'

CINCINNATI (UPI) -- Mary Venn, a 70-year-old woman who learned three years ago she had the type of cancer removed from her colon as President Reagan did, has some advice for the President -- a good mental outlook is necessary. Mrs. Venn learned Friday that two polyp growths recently removed surgically from the wall of her colon were benign. Three years ago she had polyps removed from her colon in about the same location that the polyps were found in the President. Those, too, were diagnosed as being cancerous. The recovery of Mrs. Venn went much the same as that of the President -- discharged from the hospital after eight days and returned to work within five weeks. Last week's surgery reinforced her will to fight against cancer. She said she beat the disease because of her outlook on "My initial reaction," she said. "I don't think anyone who's been through it ever forgets that feeling, really. I accepted the news very calmly, and when I look back I don't understand why, because cancer is a very dreaded disease. I just had a very optimistic outlook about it, and I think President Reagan felt about the same way," she said. Mrs. Venn is a registered nurse, does volunteer work, is a widow and has 4 grandchildren.

SENATORS MORE POPULAR THAN BRANSTAD AND REAGAN

DES MOINES, Iowa (UPI) -- Sen. Charles Grassley and Sen. Tom Harkin are maintaining their strong backing from Iowans, while Gov. Terry Branstad and President Reagan are slipping in popularity, a new poll said. Two-thirds of the Iowans polled in June approve of the job Grassley is doing and 61% approve of Harkin's work, the Des Moines Register's Iowa Poll released Sunday said. President Reagan was the biggest loser during the five-month span, dropping 8% to 43% approval. More Iowans, 45%, now disapprove of the job Reagan is doing. Reagan's support was divided strongly along party lines. About 71% of the Republicans polled approve of the President's work, while only 19% of the Democrats approve. Independents gave him a 43% approval mark.

WASHINGTON STATE NEWS

SPOKANE, Wash. (UPI) -- Sales tax in Spokane County could go up by one-quarter cent this fall to help the county cover a projected deficit of \$3.6 million next year. County commissioners plan to hold a public hearing Aug. 13 on the proposed increase, which would raise the sales tax to 7.8 cents per dollar in most county areas. County budget officials face a \$1 million increase next year to operate a new county-city jail. The county also may lose \$2.6 million in federal revenue-sharing funds if Congress and the Reagan Administration follow through on plans to cut such expenditures.

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY

(Monday Evening, July 22, 1985)

PRESIDENT LI

Base today. He'll talk tomorrow with recuperating President Reagan. Secretary Shultz welcomed Li, the first-ever Communist Chinese head of state to visit these United States. President Reagan, recuperating from his cancer surgery, plans to greet Li in a South Lawn ceremony tomorrow and host a state banquet tomorrow night, but both affairs are expected to be abbreviated. (CBS-9)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: Two of the oldest Presidents in the world will meet tomorrow -- President Reagan, who is 74, and President Li of China, who is two years Mr. Reagan's senior. Li hopes to wrap up an agreement on nuclear energy. American officials say that Li brings assurances that China will not help other countries build nuclear weapons -- a legal requirement for the sale of U.S. reactors abroad. Li was greeted by Secretary Shultz today. Tomorrow's ceremonies with President Reagan have been scaled down because of Mr. Reagan's cancer surgery. (NBC-10)

SOUTH AFRICA

Brokaw: This time the South African government has gone too
far, even for the Reagan Administration. Today, the White House
issued a statement condemning apartheid, the forced separation of the
races, for this current wave of violence in South Africa. And
although the statement did not specifically criticize the South African
government, it did say that government bears considerable
responsibility. That is the strongest statement yet against South
Africa from this Administration. It comes after a weekend of fresh
violence brought on by an official state of emergency imposed by the
South African government. (NBC-lead)

Rather: President Reagan today officially reacted to South Africa's new crackdown against blacks. Presidential spokesman Larry Speakes said racial apartheid is "largely responsible for the current wave of violence," and he added, "calling a meaningful political dialogue which would lead to basic reforms, moving away from apartheid." But, Speakes said, no U.S. action is contemplated. (CBS-3)

ABC's Peter Jennings: The Reagan Administration said today that apartheid was largely responsible for the current violence. While the statement did not openly criticize South Africa's decision to declare a state of emergency, the Administration did say the South African government bears a considerable responsibility at this time. There's criticism in this country because the Reagan Administration will not take a harder line. The state of emergency has given new energy to the anti-South African protest here.

SOUTH AFRICA (continued)

ABC's Carole Simpson reports that Randall Robinson, a leader of the anti-apartheid protests, met with members of his steering committee to map new strategies before today's demonstration. The committee says now that the protests have begun to sway public opinion against South Africa, the new target is President Reagan.

(Robinson: "What we're seeing now, with this state of emergency, is the bitter harvest of five years of a Reagan policy of constructive engagement. That Administration must turn around and do what has to be done.")

EDITOR'S NOTE: ABC led with a report by Charles Glass about the situation in South Africa.

ECONOMIC SANCTIONS

Brokaw reports all of this will likely increase the pressure for American economic sanctions against South Africa. The House and the Senate have each passed bills designed to squeeze the South African government. (NBC-2)

CONSTRUCTIVE ENGAGEMENT

- Brokaw: The Reagan Administration defends what it calls Constructive Engagement -- its policy toward South Africa -- saying it's more important to stay in touch diplomatically than to have economic sanctions because you'll just lose influence there.
- Sen. Lugar: I think the Administration would have to admit that

 Constructive Engagement is not enough -- that sanctions, if they're well-drawn, are important. The Senate bill calls for sanctions designed to hurt the South African government, but it also provides incentives for business to continue in South Africa, to help blacks, to provide for humanitarian assistance -- I think those aspects are important. I think it would be very ill-advised to cut investment, to cut ties to South Africa and thus loose influence at this point.

Brokaw: Won't (economic sanctions) only hurt the blacks?

Sen. Lugar: I think we have to draw up the sanctions in a way that does not hurt the people of South Africa -- I think that's possible...Our voice must be less ambiguous than it's been in the past.

Brokaw: Does the Administration now have to drop Constructive Engagement as an official policy?

Sen. Lugar: I don't think the President's indicated that he will, but I would hope that the President, the Secretary of State and others would admit that we have a point in the Congress, that our legislation might be constructive, and as we go into conference, we'll try to refine it even more. (NBC-3)

DOLE/REGAN

Rather: A well-orchestrated photo opportunity today featuring a peace pipe and two powerful Republicans who've been fuming at each other lately -- Bob Dole, the Senate Republican leader and Presidential hopeful, along with Donald Regan, the White House Chief of Staff who grabbed even more power during President Reagan's stay in the hospital. Today's event was designed to gloss over the not-so-behind-the-scenes sniping Regan started against Dole about the federal budget gridlock and who and what is to blame for it.

(CBS-11)

Brokaw: During President Reagan's illness it was White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan, not Vice President George Bush, who ran the federal government. It was an unusual display of power for a member of the President's staff, but many of his reviews are not so favorable.

NBC's Chris Wallace: (TV Coverage: Sen. Dole and Mr. Regan in the Capitol.)

When Donald Regan came to a meeting with Sen. Dole today, he was bearing a peace pipe and trying to end a fight with Congress. (Mr. Regan: "Well, some people thought that I wasn't at peace with the Senate, and I wanted to make sure that the Senate Republicans understood that I'm at peace with them."

Sen. Dole: "Let's see if there's anything ticking.")
But as Dole's joke indicates, many people in Washington are still
uneasy about Regan. During the President's hospital stay last week,
Regan often seemed to be running the government -- deciding when
Mr. Reagan was ready to reassume the powers he transferred to
George Bush, deciding in consultation with Mrs. Reagan when Bush
and others could see the President. But if Regan wielded his power
openly, critics say he did not always wield it wisely, taking on
Congress, for instance, in his own name.

(Mr. Regan: [July 18] "And we must cut federal spending. They're afraid to come to grips with it -- and I challenge them to do it.")

Regan's high profile made him an easy target.

(Sen. Dole on "Meet the Press" Sunday: "Don Regan should not take on the Congress, as he did at the Chamber. That just pours gas on the fire.")

During Mr. Reagan's first term, power at the White House was split among Edwin Meese, James Baker and Michael Deaver. But since becoming Chief of Staff five months ago, Regan has centralized authority -- and, unlike every other staffer, critics say he acts almost as a Presidential equal. The President has not seemed to mind. Last month he deferred openly to Regan on tax reform. (President Reagan in Mooresville: "Don, you just interrupt me if I miss something here.")

But Regan has not been as successful with Congress, which has battered his efforts on the budget and tax reform. A political scientist says, as a former Wall Street executive, Regan knows more about corporate authority than the subtleties of Washington.

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DOLE/REGAN (continued)

Wallace continues: (Dr. Norman Ornstein: "I don't see any tremendous political savvy on the part of Don Regan. I don't think he understands Congress or how Congress works.")

By all accounts, the President is still taken with Regan, who is just the kind of confident, self-made millionaire Mr. Reagan admires. But what some officials here wonder is how long the star of the show will permit his supporting actor to keep stealing scenes. (NBC-11)

TAX REFORM -- POLL

Brokaw: One area that's going to test the White House political skills in the months ahead is tax reform, which the President has made one of the top priorities of his second term. The latest NBC News Poll shows the President's tax plan isn't getting much support among the public. By a more than 2 to 1 margin, people say they don't expect to benefit much from this proposal. And when we asked how important tax reform was when compared with some other issues, the public gave it a very low priority. By 69% to 23%, people said cleaning up toxic waste was more important than tax reform. They gave about the same priority (68% to 22%) to reducing the federal budget deficit. And by 65% to 28%, people said reducing unemployment was more important than tax reform. For the moment, tax reform is on the back burner. Next week Congress is expected to recess for the entire month of August. (NBC-12)

ESPIONAGE

CBS's Rita Braver reports that the recent spy cases have provoked calls for a crackdown, proposals for broad use of lie detectors, tighter security clearances, and, most important, a resurrection of the death penalty for espionage. Now, the House has overwhelmingly voted to permit execution for peacetime spying by members of the military, and there's legislation pending for civilians as well. Opponents say that executions would prevent spy exchanges between the United States and the Soviet Union. But even those who oppose the death penalty say they understand why public sentiment for it is building. (CBS-8)

SOVIET NAVAL EXERCISES

Rather reports a Soviet naval fleet is holding exercises in the North Atlantic, testing tactics it might use in war. For the NATO alliance, the Soviet exercises are a sobering learning experience.

CBS's Tom Fenton reports from London that it's the largest display of Soviet naval power in history -- an estimated 100 warships and submarines. The Soviets are testing their ability to keep American warships and supplies out of the North Atlantic in time of war. In the process, NATO is learning more about the Soviet navy, and playing a game of cat-and-mouse with the Soviets. The Soviets are demonstrating that they have become a world-wide sea power. American authorities also want to draw attention to this display of Soviet power. As a naval expert told us, it's one way of convincing the taxpayers of the need for a strong navy. (CBS-7)

ATHENS AIRPORT

Rather reports the United States today folded its travel advisory that had warned Americans not to use the Athens Airport. A State Department spokesman said today an FAA inspection team now feels improved security at the Athens Airport meets international requirements.

(CBS-2)

BOMBS IN DENMARK

Rather reports that Middle East terror found Denmark today. Bombs exploded in a U.S. airline office in Copenhagen and outside a Copenhagen synagogue. Nearly 30 people were injured, including three Americans. Claiming responsibility -- the Islamic Jihad.

CBS's Steve Croft reports from Copenhagen that in its statement claiming responsibility, the Islamic Jihad said, "If certain countries think they are free of our attacks, let them know that sooner or later we shall reach to the heart of the White House, the Kremlin, the Elysees, and 10 Downing Street." Police officials in Copenhagen said they had no reason to disbelieve the radical Shiite Muslims were to blame, but added they had no previous intelligence on the group, and it was only speculation as to why Northwest Orient was targeted.

(CBS-lead, ABC-10, NBC-4)

EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

PRESIDENT REAGAN'S HEALTH

Telling All About Reagan's Illness -- "This is not suggest that President Reagan's illness is a great boon, a national service. Cancer is hardly a social value. But dealing with it, directly and completely, is.... The information about cancer has made it easier for us to speak frankly about it and the frankness in turn has reduced terror. We seem to have learned, finally, that cancer isn't one illness and a universally fatal one at that. It's many with even more varied futures. In this most prominent case, the doctors gave good odds to the President, and the media gave them in gory, complete, and therefore believable, detail. Having his innards discussed in public is a fair enough price for public reassurance." (Ellen Goodman, Boston Globe, 7/18)

The Gipp Factor -- "Never underestimate the power of emotion in politics, a hugely emotional department of life. Never underestimate either a President with the rare combination of selling ability, personal energy and firm convictions. Reagan will be out for a stretch, but during at least the next couple of years his prospects look bright, based on what is known about his condition....The Gipper is down but nowhere near out." (Dallas Morning News, 7/17)

Bush -- Business as Usual -- "If it is in the nature of things that some shadow of a doubt about the President's health will linger on, it follows that in the nature of politics the public focus will sharpen on an incumbent vice-president who is already a prime candidate for the Republican nomination in 1988. The chance encounter last Monday offered no more than a snapshot. But it showed a George Bush both sensible and sensitive enough to carry on business as usual in the absence of any good (Philip Gevelin, Dallas Times Herald, 7/19) reason to do otherwise."

SUPREME COURT AND ABORTION

The Politics of Aborting Sways the Administration -- "...why now would the administration insist that the Supreme Court must proclaim itself absolutely wrong [by reversing the 1973 abortion decision in Roe vs. Wadel? Such a frontal assault on the court risks erosion of its authority and inflammatory division of the public to no good purpose. How could any administration disregard such concerns so cavalierly?...In these circumstances, for the administration to assail the court, undermine its authority and stir public passions anew is nothing more than irresponsible political posturing." (Philadelphia Inquirer, 7/18)

State Abortion Restrictions are Unlikely to Prevail Now -- "In making its strongest anti-abortion legal stand so far -- advancing the argument that Roe vs. Wade be overturned -- the Reagan administration argues that individual states be allowed to determine abortion restrictions. But viability does not vary from state to state. And besides, before Roe vs. Wade, only the residents of certain states and those able to travel there or to a foreign country could obtain a legal abortion. If the right of all women to examine their own conscience in seeking an abortion is to be preserved, the present national standard should be maintained."

(Atlanta Journal, 7/18)

SUPREME COURT AND ABORTION (continued)

Act of Desperation -- "We believe that women have a qualified right to have an abortion without state interference. We would hate to see the court reverse itself. But it is possible that the author of the 1983 decision, Lewis Powell, may retire this summer, or after one or two more terms at most....New justices nominated by Mr. Reagan on the advice of Attorney General Meese could prove decisive in overturning Roe vs. Wade. What today appears to be an act of desperation could in the future achieve the results sought by both the administration and its anti-abortion supporters."

FEDERAL BUDGET/CONGRESS

Time for the Whip -- "The budget battle has risen above partisan politics, spreading hatred across party lines, but the situation is tougher on the GOP, where it's hard to find two Republicans still talking....Nobody wants to freeze pension benefits. That risks the mythic wrath of the Social Security crowd, and it takes money away from private individuals, which is where money belongs. But the government has to show the world it can begin to control the deficit. The public will understand that Democratic intransigence has forced the Republicans to take this painful stand."

(Washington Times, 7/22)

Fiddling in Washington -- "Nothing, absolutely nothing at all, seems to motivate (Congress) to develop a responsible federal budget, one that would make a significant dent in the huge deficit without imperiling essential domestic and military programs. Yes, it is possible to prepare such a budget. But the House appears to be woefully deficient in at least one of the qualities the task will require: political courage. Fear of offending certain blocs of voters keeps many members from supporting budget measures that would benefit the nation as whole...Freezing COLAs would be a safe and sensible act. Safe because it would cause no serious economic damage to anyone; sensible because COLAs, in many instances, constitute a dubious expenditure of the taxpayers' money that ought to be curtailed...."

(Richmond Times-Dispatch, 7/19)

The Other COLA War -- "Conventional wisdom holds that it would be politically suicidal to tamper with COLAs, especially for Social Security. Officials from some ever-vigilant organizations of elderly persons vigorously foster this impression. Yet I doubt the conventional wisdom or even that these organizations really speak for the elderly as a whole....If enlightened political leadership brought the real fairness issues before the people, much of the supposed opposition to COLA reform as part of a program of shared sacrifice would melt. After all, when the national sweet tooth was involved, one set of cola warriors (Coca-Cola) did a difficult turnaround; when our economic future is at stake, can we do less?"

(Peter Peterson, Richmond Times-Dispatch, 7/19)

Moving the Money Targets -- "Still, for all its powers, the Fed cannot eliminate the long-term damage done by extravagant federal deficits. That is why it is imperative for the House of Representatives and the White House to stop their competition over where to continue spending and get serious about where to cut the budget and how to get federal revenues up."

(Chicago Tribune, 7/21)

FOREIGN MEDIA REACTION

PRESIDENT REAGAN RETURNS TO THE WHITE HOUSE

Problems Pile Up For Reagan... -- "(Reagan) returns to work to face a growing number of problems, both economic and political..."

(Daily Telegraph, Britain, 7/22)

Bush Pushed Out of Limelight by Regan -- "Throughout the week it was the forceful White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan who was the real 'acting President' after Mr. Reagan's operation for cancer..."

(Daily Telegraph, Britain, 7/22)

President Remained Active Leader While At Bethesda -- In short, America is now fully reassured....Our correspondent in Washington believes that the White House was very successful in giving the impression to the Americans that their President remained an active leader throughout his stay in Bethesda."

(Journal du Dimanche, France, 7/22)

Mr. Reagan's Authority Will Depend On Zoom Lens -- "Throughout the remainder of his presidential term, Mr. Reagan's authority will, so to speak, depend on the judgment of the zoom lens. Mercilessly, it will register every single drop of sweat and every single stumble."

(Sueddeutsche Zeitung, Munich, West Germany, 7/20)

Public Relations Strategy -- "If the crisis showed the increased power of Donald Regan it is right to note that it is a development which had already been underway for some months...."

(Corrière Della Sera, Milan, Italy, 7/22)

An Old Man's Robustness -- "Reagan's behavior is exemplary. Other cancer patients can see what a strong will can accomplish.... We Europeans can now understand why the Americans like this old man so much."

(Kronen-Zeitung, Vienna, Austria, 7/20)

Mind Over Matter -- "While paying tribute to the qualities of President Reagan as demonstrated last week, the concerned U.S. citizen, and others, must put a large question mark over his capacity to carry to the end of this term the burden of the Presidency...."

(Irish Times, Ireland, 7/22)

The Old Boy's Back -- "Reagan's return to the White House...was nothing if not joyous.... By any standards Reagan is a remarkable septuagenarian, and...he deserved all the hurrahs and hoorays he was given..."

(Sun, Melbourne, Australia, 7/22)

A Shadow Over Reagan's Second Term -- "Mr. Reagan's operation has cast a shadow over his second term. It also casts a shadow over the new White House staff, whose political judgment and internal chain of command has not been completely satisfactory....The last thing the United States needs is a repetition of the Woodrow Wilson precedent."

(Sydney Morning Herald, Australia, 7/20)

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