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SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT

Friday, December 15, 1989

8:00 am (15 min)	<u>Intelligence Briefing</u> (Scowcroft/Sununu)	Oval Office
8:15 am (30 min)	<u>National Security Briefing</u> (Scowcroft/Sununu)	Oval Office
8:45 am (30 min)	<u>Meeting with Governor Sununu</u>	Oval Office
9:15 am (45 min)	<u>Administrative Time</u>	Oval Office
10:00 am (90 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
11:30 am (10 min)	<u>Photo Opportunities</u> 1. James Smith (Zamaria) (TAB A) 2. Manuel Salazar (Green) (TAB B)	Oval Office
11:40 am (20 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
12:00 pm (75 min)	<u>Lunch</u>	Oval Office
1:15 pm (75 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
2:30 pm (30 min)	<u>Meeting with Governor Sununu</u>	Oval Office
3:00 pm (45 min)	<u>Taping Session</u> (Demarest) (TAB C)	Map Room
3:45 pm (75 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
6:10 pm	<u>The President departs for New York City</u>	South Lawn
7:50 pm	<u>NAACP's 80th Anniversary Dinner (Black Tie)</u> (Demarest/Rogich)	Waldorf Astoria Hotel

UNP 12/14/89
4:00 pm



9:35 pm

Departs for Washington

Newark Airport

10:40 pm

Arrives White House

South Lawn

8:06 ~~Polus~~ to Oval 8:18 add Gates, Scowcroft, Sumner, (b)(3)
8:30 V.P. an Oval 8:42 (b)(3) ont 9:16 Gates + Scowcroft ont
9:28 V.P. + Sumner ont 9:53 add Demarest 9:59 Demarest ont
10:31 add Burt Lee 10:41 Burt Lee ont 11:32 add Jim Smith
11:34 all ont 11:34 add Salazar et al family et al
11:37 add Cicconi 11:40 Cicconi ont 11:36 Salazar et al ont
11:42 Scowcroft into Oval
11:46 Sumner in 11:53 Sumner ont 11:57 Sumner in
11:59 Sumner + Scowcroft ont

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UNP 12/14/89

4:00 pm

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WASHINGTON**

TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

PRESIDENT BUSH

DECEMBER 15th, 19 89

	TIME		DISC	NAME	ACTION
	PLACED				
OUT	7:19	AM	7:19	LINDA CASEY OFC: WASHINGTON, DC WHITE HOUSE ADMIN EXT. 500	TLKD-OK
XINC		XPM			
OUT		AM			
INC		PM			
XOUT	7:42	AM	7:44	LINDA CASEY OFC: WASHINGTON, DC WHITE HOUSE ADMIN EXT. 500	TLKD-OK 7:44AM
INC		XPM			
OUT		AM			
INC		PM			
OUT	7:45	AM	7:45	AY IN MEDICAL UNIT OFC: WASHINGTON, DC WHITE HOUSE ADMIN EXT. 797	SPOKE TO GLORIA TLKD-OK
AX		XPM			
OUT		AM			
INC		PM			
OUT	8:10	AM	8:18	DOCTOR PHIL KISSTLER (b)(6)	TLKD-OK
XINC		XPM			
OUT		AM			
INC		PM			
XOUT	8:54	AM		MRS. NANCY ELLIS (b)(6)	TLKD TO LINDA CASEY
INC		PM			
OUT		AM			
INC		PM			
XINC	12:14	PM	12:16	MRS. BARBARA BSUH RES:WASHINGTON, DC WHITE HOUSE ADMIN EXT. 551	TLKD-OK

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DECEMBER 15th

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PRESIDENT BUSH

	TIME		NAME	ACTION
	PLACED	DISC		
OUT	XAM		LINDA CASEY OFC: WASHINGTON, DC WHITE HOUSE ADMIN EXT. 500	TLKD-OK
INC	2:55 PM	2:56P		
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	XAM		LINDA CASEY OFC: WASHINGTON, DC WHITE HOUSE ADMIN EXT. 620	PRESUS HUNG UP CA-PER PRESUS
INC	3:11 PM			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	XAM		MR. ANDREW CARD OFC: WASHINGTON, DC WHITE HOUSE ADMIN EXT. 680	PRESUS IS RESTING PRESUS RETURNED CALL TLKD-OK 4:27PM
	4:23 PM	4:27P		
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	XAM		MR. ANDREW CARD OFC: WASHINGTON, DC WHITE HOUSE ADMIN EXT. 680	PRESUS ON GROUND FLOOR PRESUS SPOKE TO MR. CARD 5:20PM IN PERSON
INC	5:17 PM			
OUT	AM			PER PRESUS.
INC	PM			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	XAM		SECRETARY LOUIS SULLIVAN OFC: WASHINGTON, DC WHITE HOUSE ADMIN EXT. 439	TLKD-OK
INC	5:23 PM	5:25P		
	AM			
INC	PM			

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SIGNAL SWITCHBOARD

December 15, 1989

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	PLACED	DISC		
OUT	AM		Dr. Burton Lee Mrs. Hemmingway's Residence	Tlkd-ok 7:15 PM
INC	7:13 PM	7:17	(b)(6)	
OUT	AM		The National Association For The Advancement Of Colored People Waldorf Astoria Hotel	Tlkd-ok 8:30 PM PA System used.
INC	8:00 PM	8:44		
OUT	AM		New York City, New York New York Signal x264	
INC	PM			
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PRESIDENTIAL MOVEMENTS

LOCATION Washington, D.C.

DATE 15 December 1989

TIME

MOVEMENTS

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News Summary

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1989 -- 6 a.m. EST EDITION

TODAY'S HEADLINES

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Andrei Sakharov, Symbol Of Soviet Dissidence, Dead At 68 -- Andrei Sakharov, the physicist who helped develop the Soviet Union's hydrogen bomb and later won the Nobel Peace Prize as an international symbol of human rights, died at age 68, his relatives reported. (AP, Reuter)

U.S. Plans To Ground Air Fleet That Can Direct Nuclear War -- The Pentagon plans to halt the round-the-clock flights of an airborne command post that for three decades has been a grim symbol of America's constant preparation to wage nuclear war even if the President and other political leaders were killed in a surprise attack, Pentagon officials said Thursday. (New York Times)

NATIONAL NEWS

Congress To Host Meeting On Global Warming -- Getting a jump on the Bush Administration, Congress announced Thursday that a first-ever conference of legislators from 33 nations will be convened in Washington next spring to consider global warming and other environmental issues. (Los Angeles Times)

NETWORK NEWS (Thursday evening)

WAR ON DRUGS/PENTAGON -- The Pentagon has authorized military units to join the effort to capture drug lords and bring them to the U.S. to stand trial.

BULGARIA -- Reform leaders demanded the dissolution of the entire Communist Party.

NATO DEFENSE/CHENEY -- Secretary Cheney is prepared to reduce America's troop strength by another 25,000 from a total of just over two million.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

ANDREI SAKHAROV, SYMBOL OF SOVIET DISSIDENCE, DEAD AT 68

Andrei Sakharov, the physicist who helped develop the Soviet Union's hydrogen bomb and later won the Nobel Peace Prize as an international symbol of human rights, died at age 68, his relatives reported.

Sakharov, who was elected to the Soviet Parliament under President Gorbachev and became one of its leading voices, died in his sleep in Moscow, relatives said. (AP)

White House Calls Sakharov Historical Figure

The White House on Thursday called Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov a historical figure and praised his efforts for greater human rights.

The nuclear physicist and human rights campaigner died of a heart attack, a relative in Moscow said.

"Andrei Sakharov is a historical figure who will be long remembered for his human rights efforts in the Soviet Union. His voice was an important dimension in the contemporary changes under way in Soviet society," the White House said in a statement. (Reuter)

BUSH, MITTERRAND SET TO REVIEW EAST BLOC TUMULT AT SUMMIT

The political upheaval in Eastern Europe and Western steps to support the democracy drive shape up as the main topics for Saturday's summit between President Bush and French President Mitterrand on the Caribbean island of St. Martin.

Bush and Mitterrand, who have met four times in the past nine months, are scheduled to meet alone for an hour, continue discussions over lunch with aides and conclude their half-day summit with joint press conferences....

U.S. officials said Bush and Mitterrand would also discuss Western efforts to provide economic aid to struggling East European countries and to bolster Gorbachev's campaign to reshape the Soviet Union.

(Gene Gibbons, Reuter)

Tropics May Warm Bush-Mitterrand Link

President Bush leaves snowy Washington Friday for a one-day hop to sunny St. Martin in pursuit of even warmer relations with French President Mitterrand, who seeks tighter links between Europe and the U.S.

In meeting for the sixth time this year with Mr. Mitterrand...Mr. Bush further enhances the French president's role as chief spokesman for Europe....

White House officials say they hope Mr. Bush's close relations with Mr. Mitterrand will continue after he leaves the EC presidency next month, but they insist he is not displacing British Prime Minister Thatcher and the Bush-Thatcher "special relationship."

Both the White House and Elysee Palace call the Bush-Mitterrand friendship a good personal and working relationship, but the French add that it is "without passion." In private, the French say Mr. Bush listens, takes their opinions into account and consults on everything, a major change from Ronald Reagan.

(Frank Murray, Washington Times, A4)

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U.S. PLANS TO GROUND AIR FLEET THAT CAN DIRECT NUCLEAR WAR

The Pentagon plans to halt the round-the-clock flights of an airborne command post that for three decades has been a grim symbol of America's constant preparation to wage nuclear war even if the President and other political leaders were killed in a surprise attack, Pentagon officials said Thursday.

The plan, part of a Defense Department effort to adjust its forces in a changing world, reflects the improved relations between the U.S. and Soviet Union and the belief that the threat of a surprise nuclear attack is diminishing.

Since 1961 the Air Force has continuously kept aloft, on a rotating basis, a fleet of planes collectively referred to as "Looking Glass." Instead, Pentagon documents propose that the planes be shifted "to continuous ground alert with specified number of sorties per week."

A Defense Department official said the Pentagon recommendation needed the approval of President Bush. One official said the decision on "Looking Glass" has not drawn strong objections.

(Michael Gordon, New York Times, A1)

SCOWCROFT WARNED CHINA OF NEW HILL SANCTIONS U.S. Emissaries Stressed Need For Action By Beijing, Sources Say

National security adviser Scowcroft warned China's leaders last weekend that if they fail to take positive steps soon to repair relations with Washington, President Bush may be powerless to stop a new wave of nearly unanimous votes for sanctions after Congress returns Jan. 23, Administration sources said yesterday.

The Chinese promised to respond to Scowcroft's appeal through diplomatic channels, according to a U.S. account of the Beijing meetings, and some Administration officials are optimistic about the likelihood of important steps by the Chinese.

But there is agreement among senior Administration officials that no commitments were made by the Chinese leaders, and they said that none were made by Scowcroft on behalf of the U.S.

The Scowcroft mission, undertaken at the personal initiative of Bush, was intended to explore a way to stop the erosion of Sino-American relations.... But at the same time, Administration officials conceded in a series of interviews, the furor that the Scowcroft trip touched off in the U.S. this week could bring a new crisis for Bush's foreign policy.

Thus the mission that began in darkness at Andrews Air Force Base at 2:15 a.m. last Friday could be a precipitating event toward either substantial improvement or dramatic new deterioration in Sino-American relations. For this reason the Scowcroft trips ranks among the boldest -- and riskiest -- initiatives that Bush has taken in the first year of his presidency. (Don Oberdorfer & David Hoffman, Washington Post, A1)

BUSH CALMS CRITICS ON RIGHT

President Bush headed off criticism of his China initiative among conservative leaders Thursday by promising not to normalize relations and telling them there is more at stake than has been revealed.

"I recognize that without all the cards on the table it's hard for you to be able to see what we're up to," Mr. Bush said during a meeting with about two dozen leaders from conservative organizations.

"I know we have differences, and I want you to know that we're not going to normalize relations. We're not into normalizing things or anything like that," Mr. Bush told the leaders, according to a White House official who declined to be named....

Since [Scowcroft and Eagleburger] returned...the Chinese have promised not to sell M-9 missiles to Middle East nations and agreed to admit a new Voice of America correspondent to Beijing.

China thanked Mr. Bush Thursday for sending the envoys to Beijing and suggested a solution was possible for Fang Lizhi, the pro-democracy dissident taking refuge in the American Embassy.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Jin Guihua, in a weekly briefing devoid of the anti-American rhetoric common in recent months, also said he hoped U.S.-China ties...could be normalized soon.

But Mr. Jin declined to say whether China would make any concessions or change its policies as a result of the weekend visit by Mr. Scowcroft. (Frank Murray, Washington Times, A1)

U.S. CONCERNED BY REPORT OF IRAQ DEVELOPING NUCLEAR WEAPON

The U.S. is concerned by reports that Iraq may be developing a nuclear weapon, but has no confirmation that China may be helping in the process, a State Department spokesman said Thursday.

"We view with concern any reports on the proliferation of sensitive nuclear technologies," spokesman Richard Boucher said at a briefing in response to questions about a British newsletter's account of Iraq's alleged nuclear weapons program.

The British-based MidEast Markets newsletter said Iraq is trying to build a nuclear bomb with Chinese help and has established a network of companies in Europe to procure equipment and expertise.

Boucher said he had seen the report about the Iraqi weapons program, but added, "We do not have any information that China is helping Iraq to develop a nuclear weapon." (Reuters)

CHINA, SOVIET UNION TO HOLD HIGH-LEVEL TALKS NEXT WEEK

BEIJING -- China and the Soviet Union are planning high-level talks next week that are expected to address their shifting relations with the U.S. and a brewing ideological dispute over the demise of communism in Eastern Europe.

A Soviet Embassy spokesman said Thursday that Valentin Falin, head of the Communist Party Central Committee's foreign affairs department, would lead the Soviet delegation to Beijing.

Western diplomats say they view the visit as balancing a controversial mission to Beijing last weekend by President Bush's national security adviser, Brent Scowcroft, who in effect ended a U.S. ban on high-level contacts with China since it crushed student-led demonstrations for democracy last June. (Reuters, Washington Post A49)

ISRAEL PLANS BEIJING CENTER TO AID SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY

BEIJING -- Israel is seeking to establish its first formal foothold in China -- an academic center in the Chinese capital to promote scientific and technological contacts between the two countries, academic sources said Wednesday.

To avoid antagonizing Arab nations, the Chinese government has consistently rejected formal relations with Israel. But the two nations have developed informal trade and scientific ties. A breakthrough occurred three months ago, when China opened a permanent travel office in Tel Aviv. The academic center in Beijing is to be headed by members of Israel's National Academy of Sciences. The Israelis believe they can boost China's stagnating farm production. In the absence of diplomatic relations, the center is considered likely to pursue other Israeli interests in China.
(Daniel Southerland, Washington Post, A39)

SOVIET AIDE WILL VISIT NATO Shevardnadze Trip Illustrates Relaxation In East-West Tensions

BRUSSELS -- Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze next week will visit the headquarters here of NATO, founded 40 years ago to parry the Soviet military threat in Europe.

Announcement of Shevardnadze's impending visit -- the first by a Soviet foreign minister -- came as the 16 NATO foreign ministers began discussions on how the Western military alliance should evolve to deal with the changing situation in the Soviet Union and its six East European allies in the Warsaw Pact....

On Tuesday, Secretary Baker made detailed proposals in West Berlin for enhancing NATO's role as a political forum for dealing with its former adversaries. Much of the discussion among the ministers here Thursday involved Baker's suggestions, U.S. and other participants said.

"The crucial question will be to coordinate the future evolution of NATO and the future evolution of the Warsaw Pact," Italian Foreign Minister Gianni de Michelis declared.

In that context, Shevardnadze's expected visit, although played down by a senior U.S. officials as "no big deal," was interpreted here as an important signal that Soviet thinking coincides with Baker's on the need to shift the alliances from a military to a political track.

(John Goshko & Edward Cody, Washington Post, A1)

PRAGUE SEEKS TALKS ON SOVIET TROOPS Official Calls 1968 Accord 'Invalid'

PRAGUE -- Czechoslovakia's new foreign minister said today that a 1968 agreement allowing Soviet troops to be stationed here was "invalid" because it was made under pressure, and he called for talks with Moscow that could lead to their withdrawal.

"I believe we shall soon be able to arrive at common conclusions and common understandings," Foreign Minister Dienstbier said during the first press conference by a cabinet minister since the government was formed five days ago.

It was the clearest call yet by a Czechoslovak leader for removal of about 75,000 Soviet troops stationed here "temporarily" under the 1968 accord and a further indication of changes sweeping through Eastern Europe as the Soviets and the Western alliance redefine their security relationships.
(Stuart Auerbach, Washington Post, A45)

BONN BACKS OUT OF TREATY TO EASE BORDERS WITH WESTERN NEIGHBORS

BONN -- The government of Chancellor Kohl Thursday scrapped plans to sign a treaty that would have eliminated border controls with France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg because the accord failed to provide guarantees that East Germans would have the same rights to visa-free travel as West Germans.

On another border issue, the European Parliament meeting in Strasbourg, France, Thursday called on West Germany to commit itself to Poland's postwar western boundary, known as the Oder-Neisse line.

Despite efforts by foreign governments and his domestic opponents to get him to guarantee the border, Kohl has remained silent, seeking to appeal to conservative voters by leaving open the possibility of regaining former German territory that is now part of Poland.

(Marc Fisher, Washington Post, A52)

EAST GERMANY SCRAPPING ITS SECRET POLICE AGENCY Other Bureaus To Take Over Security Duties

EAST BERLIN -- East Germany's communist government sought to satisfy a major demand of the country's mass opposition movement Thursday by abolishing the state agency in charge of the huge and hated secret police apparatus.

Spokesmen for the Office of National Security told Western journalists Thursday morning that the institution is being shut down and its responsibilities distributed among other ministries....

No details of the reorganization of the security apparatus were available Thursday.

(Jackson Diehl, Washington Post, A45)

EAST GERMAN ASKS HELP OF U.S. IN KEEPING HIS COUNTRY SEPARATE New Communist Chief Says Americans Should Keep Role In Europe

EAST BERLIN -- The new leader of the Communist Party asked for help Thursday from the U.S. to keep his country from being absorbed by its powerful West German neighbor.

"I have never been in America in my life," the 41-year-old leader, Gregor Gysi said, "but I think it is a country that should not give up its responsibility for Europe." He spoke in an interview in German in his office at the clearly dispirited party headquarters.

"If the continued independence of the German Democratic Republic is in the interests of stability in Europe, then you should think about whether you want to leave help for the G.D.R. up to a single neighbor country, and thereby create dependency, or whether it wouldn't be better to share the responsibility, to prevent the re-emergence of Greater Germany," he said. "But if so, then it should happen quickly -- and simply."

(Craig Whitney, New York Times, A1)

BULGARIANS DISPUTE PARTY'S ROLE
Crowd Jeers Parliament For Delaying Repeal Of Its Supremacy

SOFIA -- Up to 50,000 of Bulgaria's newly vocal citizens jeered and whistled in the square outside when parliament decided Thursday it could not legally repeal the communist monopoly on power for another month.

New party chief Petar Mladenov, who has promised reform, tried to address the crowd later and was shouted down.

"We will do our best to meet the demands of the people for democracy!" he called out. The crowd responded, "We don't want you!"

(AP, Washington Post, A46)

SYRIA SEEKS 'FIRM EVIDENCE' IN PAN AM BOMBING INQUIRY

The State Department Thursday said it had obtained a commitment from Syrian President Assad to crack down on the Damascus-based Palestinian terrorist group that remains the prime suspect in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 if he is presented with "firm evidence" of its involvement.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said the U.S. has been told "at the highest levels" of the Syrian government that "if it is presented with firm evidence that any group or individuals within its purview are responsible for Pan Am 103, the Syrian government will take action against them." ...

"To date, we're not satisfied with the Syrian government's responses and we think [it] can do more. We have discussed Pan Am 103 with the Syrians on a number of occasions in diplomatic channels. We have urged their full cooperation in finding those responsible," he said.

Administration sources said Secretary Baker had personally approved Thursday's statement on Syrian responsibility for terrorist groups operating from Damascus.

The statement was the clearest public indication yet that the U.S. government is convinced that elements of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command led by Ahmed Jabril were behind the bombing.

(David Ottaway, Washington Post, A10)

RELEASED CHURCH WORKER DENIES ASSISTING REBELS
Casolo Calls Administration Remarks 'Shameful'

NEW YORK -- Jennifer Casolo, arriving here after being freed from a Salvadoran prison, said today that it was "shameful" and "disgraceful" that Bush Administration officials had suggested publicly that she might be guilty of conspiring with Salvadoran rebels.

At a news conference at La Guardia Airport, the 28-year-old church worker...said that she reminded Salvadoran police about their constitution's presumption of innocence in such cases but that "at that point, I didn't know my own government representatives, the highest officials, weren't carrying out that same [idea]."

(Howard Kurtz, Washington Post, A11)

Deported U.S. Churchworker Criticizes Bush

Jennifer Casolo, the U.S. church worker deported from El Salvador, said Thursday she was wrongly accused of stockpiling weapons for leftist rebels and accused President Bush of acting shamefully in the affair.

Speaking publicly for the first time since her deportation Wednesday, Casolo said the Bush Administration did not grant her the presumption of innocence during her imprisonment in El Salvador....

She said she was outraged that the American government had not acted in her interest. "It's shameful, it's disgraceful. How can the Bush Administration say they are working for justice in El Salvador when they can't even treat an American citizen with justice?"

Casolo said she tried to tell Salvadoran police that a person is presumed innocent until proven guilty, not realizing at the time that her own government was not giving her the same privilege. But she said U.S. congressmen had worked toward her release.

"There are members of the American government that wanted me free and there are members of the American government who wanted to bring about a complete prosecution."

The New York Times said the U.S. Embassy in El Salvador would not press for her release because her case would test whether the "notoriously ineffective Salvadoran judicial system could prosecute foreigners."

Casolo attributed her release to mounting pressure on the Salvadoran government stemming from the murder of six Jesuit priests last month and to Sen. Dodd. (Andrea Privitere, Reuter)

OPPOSITION'S AYLWIN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CHILE

SANTIAGO -- Opposition candidate Patricio Aylwin swept aside 16 years of harsh military rule Thursday, winning the first open election since a 1973 coup and succeeding President Pinochet, South America's last dictator....

"We want unity for our fatherland to construct among everyone a future in liberty, in justice, in solidarity," Aylwin said. "I hope for the collaboration of everyone."

Aylwin praised the armed forces for carrying through with the election...

Thousands of flag-waving, chanting people streamed down the capital's main boulevard toward [Aylwin's] hotel. Fireworks erupted in neighborhoods as people left their homes to celebrate. (Tom Harvey, UPI)

NEW POLL SHOWS ORTEGA AHEAD IN NICARAGUAN ELECTIONS

MANAGUA -- President Ortega, the Sandinista leader seeking a new term of office in elections next February, has a strong lead over his main U.S.-backed challenger, according to a new poll made public here Thursday.

If the elections were held today Ortega would win 50 percent of the vote against 35 percent for opposition candidate Violeta Chamorro, the poll shows.

The public opinion survey, with a reported margin for error of plus or minus 3.7 percent, was conducted by Greenberg-Lake, a Washington-based firm commissioned by a private think tank in Boston, Mass. (Reuter)

OBSERVERS DESCRIBE VIOLENCE AT NICARAGUAN ELECTION RALLY

The White House says a bipartisan panel's report on bloody violence at a rally in Nicaragua raises the Bush Administration's concerns that the Sandinistas don't intend to hold a fair election.

Members of the panel on Thursday gave President Bush a firsthand account of the bloodletting last weekend that they said was caused by Sandinista supporters wielding machetes....

The group said Bush agreed to help arrange a meeting with the Contras in an effort to get a pledge that the rebels won't instigate violence during the election.

Members of the group said supporters of the leftist government violently disrupted a Sunday rally held by backers of opposition presidential candidate Violeta Chamorra in the town of Masatepe and that a Sandinista police chief refused entreaties to stop the fracas. (AP)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Bush Faces Tough Right, Wins Decision," by Frank Murray, appears in the Washington Times, A4.

"Trend By U.S. For Unilateral Pacts Is Noted," by Peter Truell, appears in the Wall Street Journal, A2.

"China Must Soon Show Some Good Intentions If Bush Is To Be Able To Defend Resuming Talks," by Gerald Seib, appears in the Wall Street Journal, A16.

"Cheney Decides To Go Ahead With Plans To Build 5 Stealth Bombers In Fiscal '91," by Andy Pasztor & Rick Wartzman, appears in the Wall Street Journal, A16.

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NATIONAL NEWS

CONGRESS TO HOST MEETING ON GLOBAL WARMING

Getting a jump on the Bush Administration, Congress announced Thursday that a first-ever conference of legislators from 33 nations will be convened in Washington next spring to consider global warming and other environmental issues.

While it will precede by six months an international meeting on global warming to be hosted by President Bush, Senate sponsors of the April 29-May 2 meeting said it is intended to spur international cooperation, not to upstage the President.

"We believe the time for action is now," said Sen. Gore, chairman of the Senate delegation to the conference, "We are ready to move."

Gore insisted that the conference was not an exercise in one-upsmanship. "This is in no way partisan," he said. "We are not taking an adversarial position against the Administration."

Others in the seven member Senate delegation said the meeting would give the U.S. a chance to assume leadership on worldwide environmental issues that had been lost during the Reagan Administration. A House delegation will be named later. (William Eaton, L.A. Times)

ADMINISTRATION DELAYS KEY WETLANDS PROTECTION PLANS

Official Cites Desire To Respond To 'Legitimate Concerns'
Of Oil Industry And Alaska Politicians

The White House, yielding to complaints from the oil industry and Alaska politicians, Thursday postponed plans to implement a key element of President Bush's "no net loss of wetlands" campaign pledge.

Administration officials suspended for at least 30 days a landmark agreement between the EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers that has been widely hailed by environmentalists as a critical first step toward preventing further loss of wetlands crucial to fish and wildlife....

"There isn't any intention to undo it. It's just a desire to be responsive," said an Administration official who asked not to be identified. "I don't think anyone would argue that there are some legitimate concerns and that those at least ought to be heard."

Environmentalists and their congressional allies characterized the delay as a retreat, citing repeated campaign pledges by Bush that wetlands protection would be a top priority of his "environmental" presidency. "My position on wetlands is straightforward," Bush was quoted as saying in Sports Afield magazine. "All existing wetlands, no matter how small, should be preserved."

(John Lancaster, Washington Post, A19)

DARMAN'S NO-NEW-TAXES BUDGET FACES HILL HOSTILITY

Budget Director Darman is preparing a no-new-taxes budget that faces a hostile Democratic Congress, which wants the President to make deeper cuts in defense as a price for any deficit-cutting compromise.

Administration officials say the fiscal 1991 budget Mr. Darman is crafting will hit the \$64 billion deficit target mandated by the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings balanced-budget law by employing a variety of revenue-raising and spending-limitation proposals that Congress rejected earlier this year.

"A lot of them don't stand a ghost of a chance with Congress, but this is an honest budget that reaches the target without resort to blue smoke and mirrors," said an aide to President Bush....

Some Democrats, such as Rep. Panetta, are openly demanding that if the President wants to negotiate a deal that would include his cherished capital gains tax cut, he must be willing to raise the top tax rates.

Others, including Sen. Sasser, pointedly avoid any mention of taxes and are calling instead for major cuts in the Pentagon budget as a way of achieving deeper deficit reduction....

If there is any consensus emerging among Democratic leaders, it is that they are in no mood to reach a budget agreement this year with Mr. Bush.

"There was a bitter aftertaste when Congress adjourned" in the wake of the yearlong fight with the Administration over budget policies," Mr. Sasser said. "The chances of an agreement with the Administration are exceedingly slim. I think we'll probably write our own budget."

(Donald Lambro, Washington Times, A3)

HUD REPORT QUESTIONS HOUSING PLAN

Tenant-Management Risks Outlines

An internal report at HUD has raised questions about one of Secretary Kemp's favorite initiatives -- a plan to turn public housing over to tenant management and ownership.

The 93-page report, prepared by the HUD inspector general's audit division, examined the operations of two resident management corporations being set up in St. Louis.

The investigators said that HUD's efforts to implement the Kemp plan have improved during the past six months but warned that more careful cost-benefit analyses should be worked out to guard against excess costs to the federal government....

The HUD investigators also suggested that the department ask Congress to repeal the portion of housing law that requires one-for-one replacement of public housing units that are taken off the government's rolls through sale or conversion. (Gwen Ifill, Washington Post, A15)

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FROM CAUSE CELEBRE TO COURTROOM FARCE
Crack Cocaine Buy For Bush Speech Did Not Go As DEA Planned

The first time, the alleged drug dealer never showed up. On the second try, the undercover DEA agent wore a body microphone that didn't work. Then the cameraman supposedly videotaping the deal missed the action because he was assaulted by a homeless person.

...Yesterday...the government presented its case against Keith Jackson, 18, the student charged with selling the bag of crack cocaine that President Bush used as a prop in his Sept. 5 speech to the nation about the war on drugs....

[This] otherwise ordinary drug case became something out of the ordinary because of the alleged Sept. 1 deal, a transaction DEA officials have said was specifically set up to give the President a dramatic chance to show the country just how easy it is to buy drugs, even across the street from the White House.

Not that easy, as it turns out. [DEA special agent Sam] Gaye's testimony yesterday, which was offered on the second day of the government's case against Jackson, described a drug deal that almost didn't happen and which was beset by logistical difficulties even when it did.
(Tracy Thompson, Washington Post, A1)

EDITOR'S NOTES: "SHORT TAKES -- Bush Mulls Taxing Health Benefits," appears in the Washington Post, A23.

"DEA Proposes To Train KGB To Combat Drugs," by Michael Isikoff, appears in the Washington Post, A23.

"'Points Of Light' Adorn National Tree," by Ruben Castaneda, appears in the Washington Post, C3.

"Health Insurance Program For Federal Workers In Crisis," by Albert Crenshaw, appears in the Washington Post, F1.

"Bush Bars Reduction In Social Security Staff," by Martin Tolchin, appears in the New York Times, A20.

"Poindexter Lawyers Accuse Bush And Reagan Of Deceptive Strategy," by David Johnston, appears in the New York Times, A30.

"New Incentives For Savings Is Slated To Be Proposed By White House," by David Wessel, appears in the Wall Street Journal, A3.

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NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY

(Thursday Evening, December 14)

WAR ON DRUGS/PENTAGON

CBS's Dan Rather: A CBS news exclusive report tonight, of a new and controversial role for the U.S. military in the fight against international drug and violence pushers. CBS News has learned that the Defense Department has plans to apprehend -- some would say kidnap -- drug criminals abroad who are fugitives from U.S. justice. It has not been revealed whether President Bush has given his personal go-ahead.

CBS's David Martin reports that the Pentagon has authorized military units to join the effort to capture drug lords and bring them to the U.S. to stand trial. Among the units to be used: the Delta hostage rescue team. Late last summer an informant reported that Pablo Escobar, one of the kingpins of the Colombian drug trade, was hiding out at a seaside villa in Panama. Defense Secretary Cheney ordered troops and helicopters moved to an American base in Puerto Rico in preparation for an attempt to seize Escobar over the Labor Day weekend. Officials warned Cheney that American soldiers could be killed. The operation was scrubbed because the informant's tip was given only a 70% chance of being correct. It turned out Escobar was not even in Panama. But officials say Cheney's eagerness to go after Escobar has spurred other government agencies to become more aggressive in attempting to capture fugitive drug lords. Earlier this week Luis Gomez, once known as Bolivia's Minister of Cocaine, was captured and brought to the U.S. by a team of Bolivian police and agents from the DEA. And Bush administration officials recently asserted the legal right to go beyond law enforcement and actually launch military strikes against the drug cartel.

(Abraham Sofaer, Legal Adviser to the State Dept.: "There have been recent statements by one drug syndicate which said that they would come over here and kill Americans systematically, including government officials. If someone makes that kind of an assertion, I'm going to have to tell my officials, 'Well, you know you can treat this as an attack. You might be able to exercise force in self-defense.'")

There's the obvious possibility that a military operation could result in killing a drug lord. But officials say that would not violate the ban against assassinations. It would just be a case of a fugitive resisting arrest.

Rather discusses the Pentagon and the war on drugs with David Martin:

Rather: Would or would not this sending troops into a likely combat operation trigger the War Powers Act?

Martin: Yes it would, and in the case of Escobar, administration officials were prepared to brief Congress under the terms of the War Powers Act.

(CBS-Lead)

EXTRADITION/BARCO

NBC's Tom Brokaw reports that President Barco and his efforts to extradite drug lords suffered a major defeat today when members of his own party voted with the majority of a Senate committee for a national referendum on extradition. Barco and others have warned that if such a referendum is held, the drug lords will try to sway the voters with bribery, intimidation and terror. (NBC-8)

COLOMBIA/CALI CARTEL

CBS's Richard Schlesinger reports that in the Colombian city of Cali a quiet band of drug dealers has made billions selling cocaine in lucrative markets like New York and staying out of the headlines until the Colombian government's crackdown made them wanted men. But security officials say they have to set priorities, and the government has concentrated its attention on the Medellin kings. (CBS-2)

COLOMBIA/FOREIGN MERCENARIES

NBC's Brain Ross reports that after pictures of former Israeli military officers hired by the Medellin cartel to train teams of assassins and terrorists were shown on NBC News and Colombian television, identifying some of the Israelis, Colombian police issued arrest warrants through Interpol, asking police worldwide to apprehend two of the Israelis. But now, almost three months later, there have been no arrests, even though the whereabouts of both men are known. One is back in Israel; the other in Miami. American authorities say they have been ready for almost a month to arrest the one in Miami and send him to Bogota, but they say for some reason the final paperwork has yet to clear the Colombian Embassy. In Washington, at the Colombian Embassy, a spokesperson would not talk about the case. And in Israel, also no arrests, even though the leader of the Israeli mercenaries in Colombia was brought in for questioning and police sources had predicted quick action. Now the same police sources have told NBC News that the prime minister's office has made a special request to keep the mercenary investigation low-profile, because it is already hurting Israeli interests and arms sales in South America. The prime minister's office has denied making any such request. (NBC-9)

CASOLO

Brokaw reports that Jennifer Casolo spoke out today about her arrest, charging that it was a political act aimed at discrediting church activities in El Salvador. She spoke at a New York news conference, and she blamed Salvadoran President Cristiani. (Casolo: "Morally I am innocent. And if President Cristiani wants to talk about morals with me, it is he who is morally, or immorally, bombing the popular neighborhoods of San Salvador. And it's I who am asking that there be peace there.") And today in El Salvador a judge ordered the release of a half a dozen Salvadorans arrested with Casolo. (NBC-15)

AIRLINES/JUSTICE DEPT.

NBC's Tom Brokaw: An investigation by the Justice Department tonight:
Are the airlines guilty of price fixing? This investigation comes during one of the busiest times for air travel.

NBC's Robert Hager reports that the most recent round of fare increases began late in September, just in time for the busy holiday flying season. There's a whole new round of increases scheduled for this coming Friday. That's the way it's always been in the airline business: instant follow-the-leader. What's different this time is that the Justice Department's anti-trust division announced today it's investigating whether the airlines engaged in illegal collusion in the price increases. It ordered the airlines to turn over all relevant internal documents and the names of executives involved. The Bush administration has been concerned about shrinking competition. A government finding of collusion could result in price rollbacks or big fines.
(NBC-Lead, CBS-5)

BULGARIA

ABC's Peter Jennings: We begin tonight with another communist state teetering on the edge.... Now, in southeastern Europe...it is Bulgaria's turn. Yesterday the Central Committee of the Communist Party in Bulgaria agreed it should no longer have all the power. Today the party said it would take about a month for that to take place. And in the capital, Sofia, the people said, "A month? No way."

ABC's Mike Lee reports that throughout most of the evening crowds surrounded the Bulgarian parliament building. Inside, the Communist-controlled National Assembly discussed new reform legislation, including a bill to eliminate the party's monopoly on power. But existing Bulgarian law requires a one-month waiting period. Many in the crowd called for constitutional change now. Others cried out for the entire parliament to resign now. It was the most intense and emotional protest in Bulgaria since free demonstrations were first permitted last month. Also for the first time, large numbers of police appeared. It is the kind of tension which leaders of the opposition had hoped to avoid; the prospect of violence on the streets is a disturbing one for those pushing for political change, because it could play into the hands of the Communist Party. Reform leaders moved quickly to urge non-violence. The head of state came out to warn against extremism. Members of parliament went home in peace -- but they chose to leave by the back door.
(ABC-Lead, NBC-6, CBS-7)

NBC's Arthur Kent reports that reform leaders demanded the dissolution of the entire Communist Party. Party members inside the parliament condemned the demonstrators as extremists and issued a veiled warning: Such demonstrations could lead to tragedy. Party officials asked the demonstrators to go home. But the protesters say they'll be back every day if they have to until they get what they want.

NATO DEFENSE/SHEVARDNADZE

NBC's John Dancy reports that NATO foreign ministers are meeting to talk about the changes in Eastern Europe, and perhaps nothing symbolized those changes more than the surprise announcement that Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze will visit NATO headquarters next week for talks. On his way to a formal NATO dinner tonight, Secretary Baker said he welcomed the Shevardnadze visit.

(Baker: "I think that he will be able to take the message back to the Soviet that the NATO alliance has been largely responsible for keeping the peace for 40 years. I think that he will see the strength of the alliance by coming here and visiting with the Secretary General.")

Both NATO and the Warsaw Pact today put forward detailed plans for reducing the size of their forces; the East bloc by more than 300,000, NATO by 30,000. The Soviets were the ones who suggested Shevardnadze's visit here, and it's been in the works for about three weeks. U.S. officials say when it was proposed at today's NATO meeting there was no dissent at all. (NBC-4, ABC-5, CBS-6)

Brokaw reports that Secretary Cheney is prepared to reduce America's troop strength by another 25,000 from a total of just over two million. He's doing that to meet the Pentagon's new budget requirements; however, Cheney is also determined to push hard for full production of the controversial B-2 Stealth bomber.

E. GERMAN SECRET POLICE

Jennings reports that in East Germany, in an effort to keep the peace, the government eliminated the agency that ran East Germany's once-feared secret police, the Stazi. Increasingly, members of the secret police have been victims of attacks by angry mobs. (ABC-2, CBS-8)

E. GERMAN PRISONERS

ABC's John Laurence reports from inside the most notorious prison in East Germany. When the amnesty for prisoners serving sentences under three years was announced earlier this month, prisoners here went on strike. The amnesty, they argued, wasn't fair. For example, some prisoners are serving long sentences for trying to escape from East Germany. But, they point out, that's not a crime anymore. There are more than 80 political prisoners here, and they are now trying to challenge the laws that sent them here. (ABC-3)

HONECKER

Jennings reports that former East German leader Erich Honecker and several other former top party officials will be evicted from their expensive homes outside Berlin, where they are under house arrest. Today government spokesmen said they would all be moved out by February and their compound turned into a treatment center for the physically handicapped. (ABC-4)

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Rather reports that in Czechoslovakia, six people, including top security officials, were indicted for ordering a violent crackdown on student demonstrators last month. (CBS-9)

SOVIET OPPOSITION

Brokaw reports that about 400 members of a new Soviet parliament today were considering whether to formally declare themselves a political opposition group. If they do so it would be a step toward forming an alternative party in that country. (NBC-7)

PHILIPPINES/GRENADE ATTACK

Jennings reports that in the Philippines today there were grenade attacks on the home of a U.S. diplomat and a housing complex at the U.S. Embassy; one Filipino carpenter was seriously hurt. (ABC-10)

PHILIPPINES/U.S. BASES

ABC's Mark Litke reports that Clark Field and Subic Bay may not survive the rest of this century if a growing number of Filipinos have their way. And it's no longer just the radicals on the left; amidst a new wave of nationalism, opposition to the American bases here now includes the clergy, mainstream politicians, and the media. Just how emotional this issue has become was apparent during the recent attempted coup, when American jets briefly provided protective air cover for the Philippine government. Those flights may have helped save President Aquino, but they also launched a barrage of criticism that Aquino had sold out to the U.S. Critics say she's now given Washington more leverage for pressuring the Philippines into keeping the bases. If put to a vote today, it's still believed the majority of Filipinos would support the U.S. bases here, especially those who depend on them for their livelihood. In fact, tens of thousands of Filipinos work on the bases, with millions of dollars a day pumped into the local economy. American officials here have recently intensified public relations efforts promoting the value of the bases for the Philippine economy and security, but nationalism has clearly become a powerful force in this country since its People Power revolution. (ABC-11)

CHILE ELECTION

Jennings reports that for the first time since Gen. Pinochet seized power 16 years ago there was an election in Chile. It appears that the opposition candidate, Patricio Aylwin, is headed for a comfortable victory in his bid to replace Pinochet as the president. (ABC-12)

S. AFRICAN POLICE

Jennings reports that a former South African police officer confessed today that he belonged to a police death squad, and he pleaded guilty to murdering an anti-apartheid activist, supposedly on orders from his superiors. Other policemen in South Africa have recently made public statements that they belonged to such death squads, but this is the first time that someone has actually pleaded guilty in a court of law.

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(ABC-13)

ALASKAN VOLCANO

Brokaw reports that Mt. Redoubt volcano, 115 miles southwest of Anchorage, erupted at mid-morning Alaska time, sending up a cloud of ash several miles high. The eruption was preceded by hours of tremors. A huge cloud of volcanic ash obscured the 10,000-foot mountain and hovered over Anchorage, dusting it with grit. This is the fourth time in this century that the volcano has erupted, and although it is quiet at the moment, scientists say the eruption could resume at any time. (NBC-3, CBS-11)

BETHLEHEM/CHRISTMAS

Brokaw reports that Israeli-occupied Bethlehem decided today to cancel all non-religious festivities this Christmas; this is the third year that this has happened. Town officials say the reason is the Palestinian uprising. (NBC-10)

CHRISTMAS/PRESIDENT

Brokaw: In this country, Christmas shoppers at a Sears store in Washington were startled to discover President Bush was among the customers today. Surrounded by Secret Service agents, the President spent about 20 minutes, mostly in the children's clothing section. Aides say he bought holiday gifts for some of his 11 grandchildren -- gifts that he's hoping to keep a surprise. (TV Coverage: President Bush shopping, paying for gifts, talking to customers and employees.)
Later the President lit the national Christmas tree. (TV Coverage: Lighting of the Christmas tree.)
At the ceremony, the President spoke of the changes taking place in Europe, calling them a triumph for all mankind. (NBC-11)

Rather: In Washington, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. President Bush turned out for the national Christmas tree lighting, and he spoke of a season of hope in Europe. (President: "This is the Christmas that we've awaited for 50 years. And across Europe, East and West, 1989 is ending bright with the prospect of a far better Christmastime than Europe has ever known; a far better future than the world dared to imagine.")
Then Mr. Bush hit the switch to light up the national Christmas tree, the same living blue spruce that's been heralding the holiday season since being donated and transplanted from Pennsylvania in 1978. (TV Coverage: Lighting of the tree.) (CBS-12)

MASSACHUSETTS MIRACLE

Brokaw: Remember when Gov. Mike Dukakis was bragging about the Massachusetts economic miracle during last year's presidential campaign? Well, tonight Massachusetts has a disturbing new distinction: It's a credit risk. The state's long-term credit rating has been dropped to the lowest in the country. (NBC-13)

AIDS

Brokaw reports that in some cases it can take up to 3½ years for the body to produce AIDS antibodies that are detected by standard tests. In most people it takes just twelve weeks. What this means, according to the researchers, is that people with a high risk should avoid donating blood. (NBC-14)

FETAL PROTECTION/WORKPLACE

ABC's Kathleen deLaski reports on the problems that have occurred because several big companies began enforcing what they called fetal protection policies in the late 1970's when studies showed fetuses might suffer brain damage from low levels of lead and chemical exposure. Those companies removed all fertile women from jobs involving certain toxic substances. Just this fall a federal appeals court decided that a company which makes car batteries could continue its policies to bar all fertile women from most jobs in their plants. Some women's rights groups say they fear many more companies will follow suit, and use the policy to save the best-paying jobs for men. The court decision signals to all companies that they can use the policy to protect fetuses and to protect themselves from potential lawsuits, even though doctors who follow the issue say there is not one confirmed case of a female worker bearing children with problems. (ABC-14)

MILK PRICES

ABC's Chris Bury reports that at grocery stores across the country, milk prices are higher than they have ever been. In most places a gallon of milk now costs more than \$2.50, and prices of all dairy products have risen sharply since June. Dairy prices are soaring because American milk supplies are at their lowest level in a decade. The reason for that, experts say, is last year's drought. Milk prices are expected to peak early next year, and then fall in the spring when school lets out and demand normally drops. (ABC-7)

COCAINE TESTING

Jennings reports that doctors at the University of Toronto say they've found a new way to determine if somebody has used cocaine: by testing the person's hair. The report in the Journal of the American Medical Association says the new method is more reliable than urine tests and can tell if cocaine has been used even months before. (ABC-9)

EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

JUDGE SWEET

A Judge Goes Soft -- "Robert W. Sweet...has called for the legalization of drugs. All of them. Crack included. And he has done so in an irresponsible and trivializing way. Says Judge Sweet: 'If our society can learn to stop using butter, it should be able to cut down on cocaine.' Anyone capable of equating those two urges is, as Drug Czar Bill Bennett said [Wednesday], 'just not in the real world in terms of common sense.' Perhaps Sweet has succumbed to the numbing despair that afflicts many people on the front lines of the War on Drugs. That's understandable.... The White House continues to offer weak leadership.... But to accept the phony arguments of the legalizers is a mistake.... Since Sweet has obviously lost his faith in the rule of law, he should consider early retirement."
(New York Daily News, 12/14)

DRUG LEGALIZATION

Should We Legalize Drugs? -- "Legalizing drugs used to be something only far-out radicals talked about. No more. Former Secretary of State Shultz has joined conservative economist Milton Friedman, political commentator William F. Buckley, Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke, and other sober-minded people interested in making drugs legally available.... Supporters of legalization point to the legal sale of alcohol and tobacco. But there's really no comparison. People are far more likely to use alcohol or tobacco without the disastrous health or anti-social effects. Some advocates of legalization say it should be confined to milder drugs such as marijuana. But that doesn't help much. An illegal black market in crack and cocaine would continue to flourish. Secretary Shultz and his allies are right in arguing that the idea of legalizing drugs deserves debate.... Before turning to legislation, however, we need to be sure we won't be trading our present set of problems for an even worse solution."
(New Jersey Record, 11/15)

THE CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT

Stop Patronizing The Conservatives -- "The manner in which the Bush administration is 'handling' American conservatives -- on issues related to the U.S.S.R., the East bloc and communism's apparent demise -- has done more to foster the impression that conservative anti-communists are foolish simpletons than any attempt by liberals to promote this image.... Instead of inviting conservatives to lead the celebration of freedom's triumph in the East bloc, the administration behaves as though conservatives are indeed the retrograde Cold War nostalgics depicted by liberals and the mainstream media. Employing Vice President Quayle in an effort to 'reassure' the right that the administration realizes the Soviet Union hasn't changed is the chief illustration of this unhappy phenomenon.... In large measure, [conservatives] brought about this moment in history -- and they should be told simply that they've been proven right.... Conservatives have no reason to engage in parallel soul-searching. Both President Bush and Vice President Quayle know this.... Yet, ironically, it is the administration that's responsible for sending the bizarre message that the right is dwelling in a state of profound confusion and needs to be 'reassured.'"
(Eric Breindel, New York Post, 12/14)

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FOREIGN MEDIA REACTION

SECRETARY BAKER'S GERMAN TRIP

"New Role For NATO"

"...The speech [by Secretary Baker] was welcome in its reaffirmation of North American participation in the building of Mr. Gorbachev's common European home, and in its proposal for strengthened institutional and consultative links with the EC.... For NATO, Mr. Baker proposed a role transcending that of a flagging Alliance destined to become merely a disarmament agency.... His Berlin speech has given a significant and beneficial impetus to the surmounting of post-war divisions."

(Daily Telegraph, Britain)

"Period Of Adjustment For Western Alliance"

"...The real problem with the Baker plan is that he does not address at all the central dilemma for NATO's 'raison d'etre,' which is as a defensive military alliance. It is all very well stressing the political, but if the military aspects are out of kilter with reality, the Alliance will be in real trouble. This is the worm in the apple which risks turning the whole fruit rotten.... The important point...is that Europe will have new security needs, which will not be satisfied by pretending that NATO should do the work of the OECD, GATT or the International Chamber of Commerce."

(Financial Times, Britain)

"Two Significant Factors"

"With his 'stabilization visit' in Potsdam and some of his remarks in Berlin, Secretary Baker made clear that the United States supports the end of the European and German division and therefore, in principal, considers the right for self-determination to be unconditional.... Internally, Baker -- as Bush before him -- expressed the view that NATO and the Warsaw Pact will play a decisive role in securing disarmament and the changes of the political architecture in Europe. They are the basic foundations on which the...European security systems must be built."

(Die Welt, West Germany)

"Expand The Aid"

"It is only logical that Western economic aid is expanded also to the GDR, the CSSR and Bulgaria.... If the Western democracies actually want Europe to 'take on a new face,' they must do everything in their power to turn the democratic reforms into a success.... This may not be limited to the pace-making countries, such as Hungary and Poland. Furthermore, Western aid signals what the people need just as badly: Hope and the prospect for improvement."

(Hannoversche Allgemeine Zeitung, West Germany)

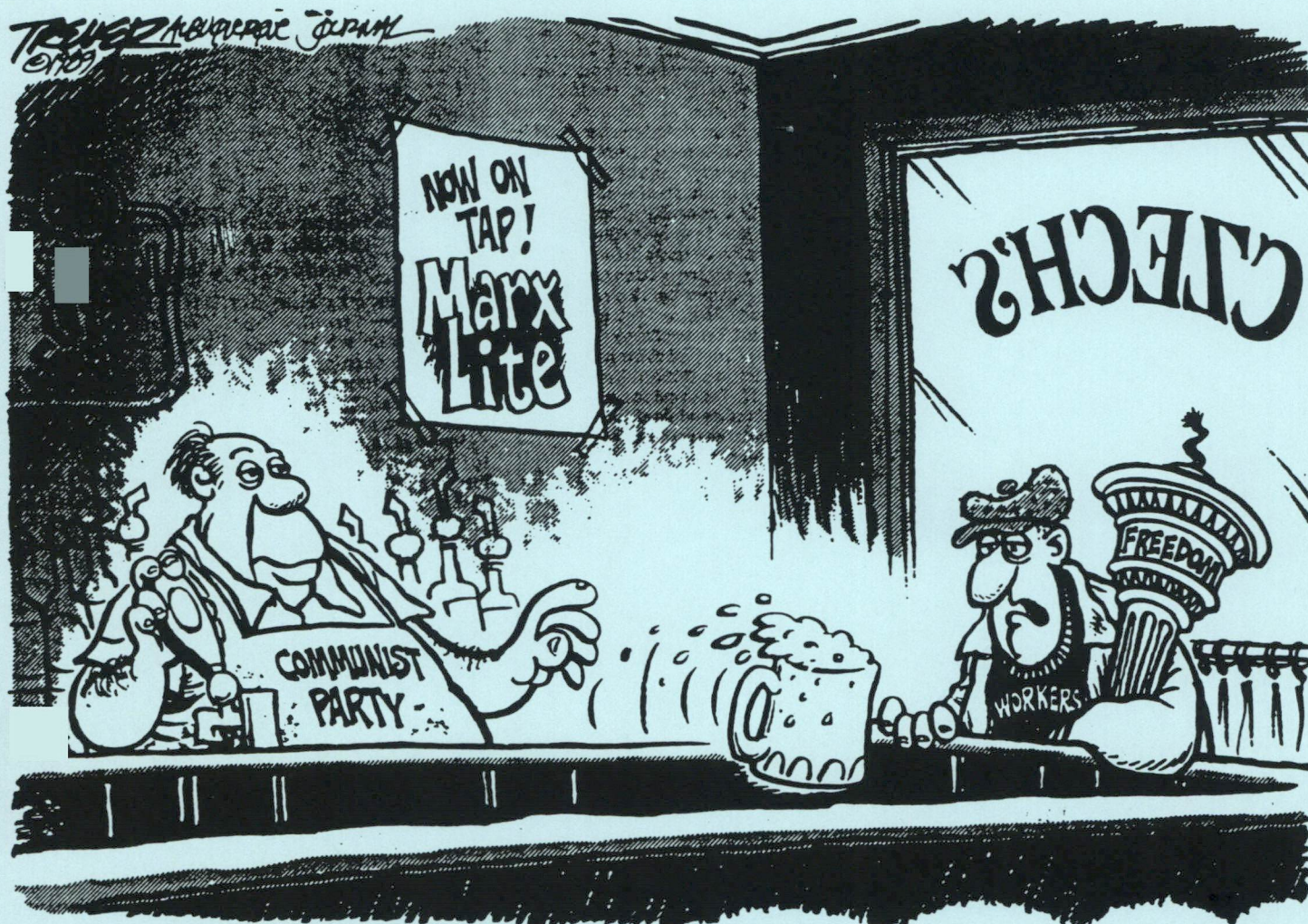
"The 13th European"

"We knew it was coming. Baker just confirmed that the United States is indeed the 13th hidden member of the EC.... Baker confirmed U.S. determination to increase the already considerable weight of the United States in the EC and use it as a forward base for U.S. economic offensives against European socialist countries."

(Humanite, France)

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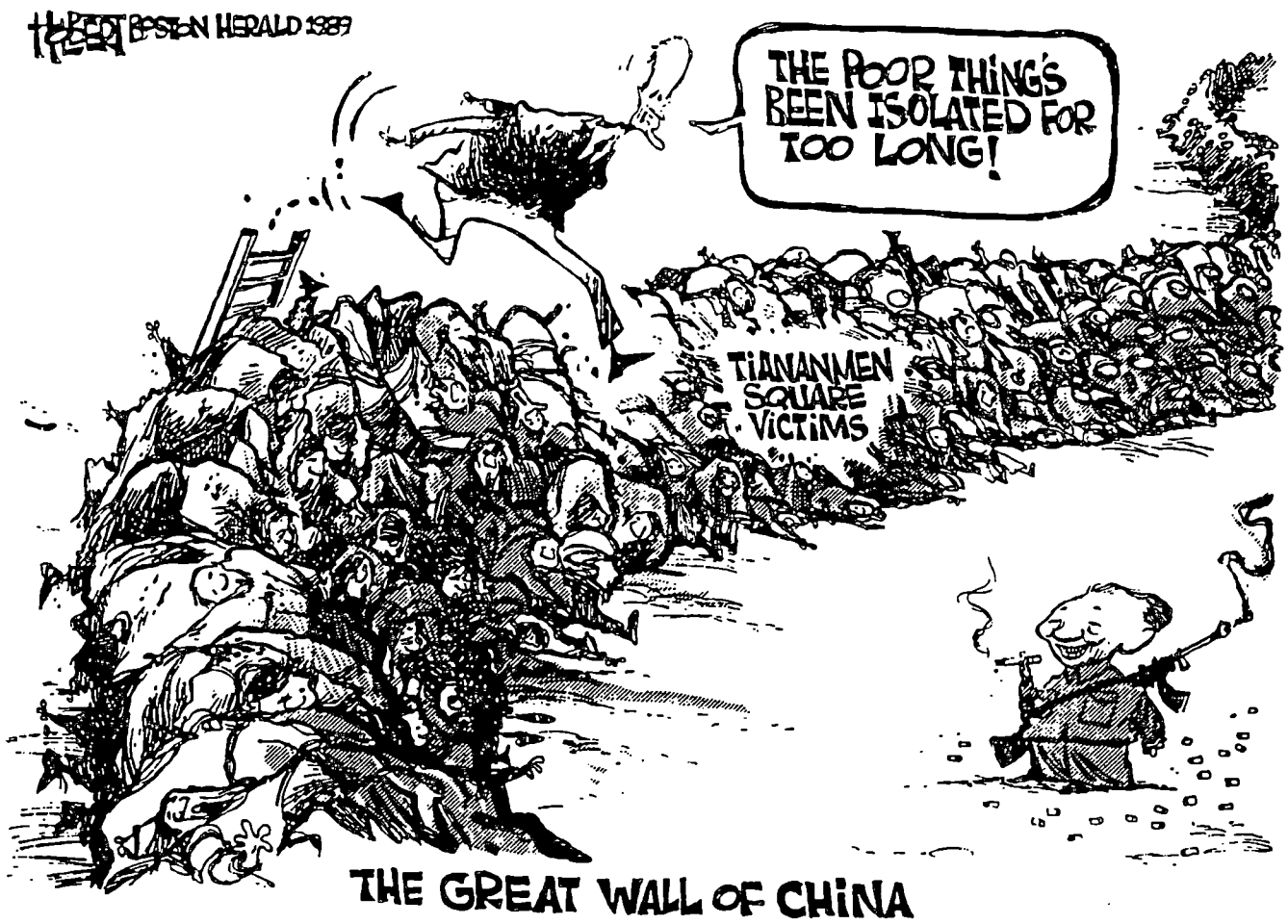


"THAT'S VERY NICE, BUT I WANTED A LIGHT LIGHT...."

- look at politics through the eyes of the political cartoonist -

"I don't care a straw for your newspaper articles. My constituents don't know how to read. But they can't help seeing them damned pictures."
(William Marcy Tweed speaking of Thomas Nast, 1871)

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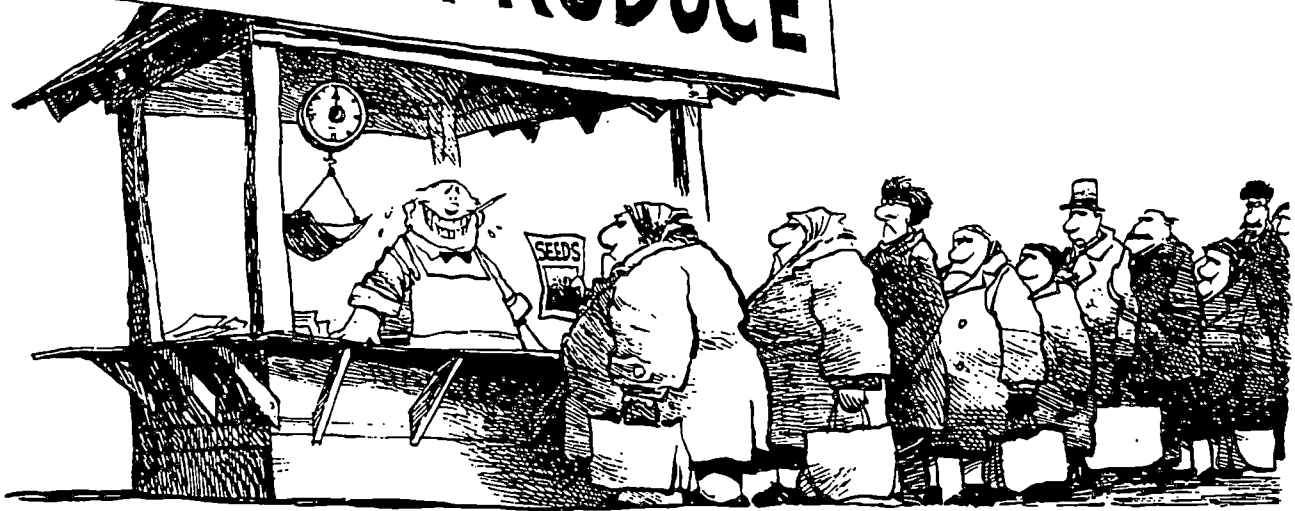


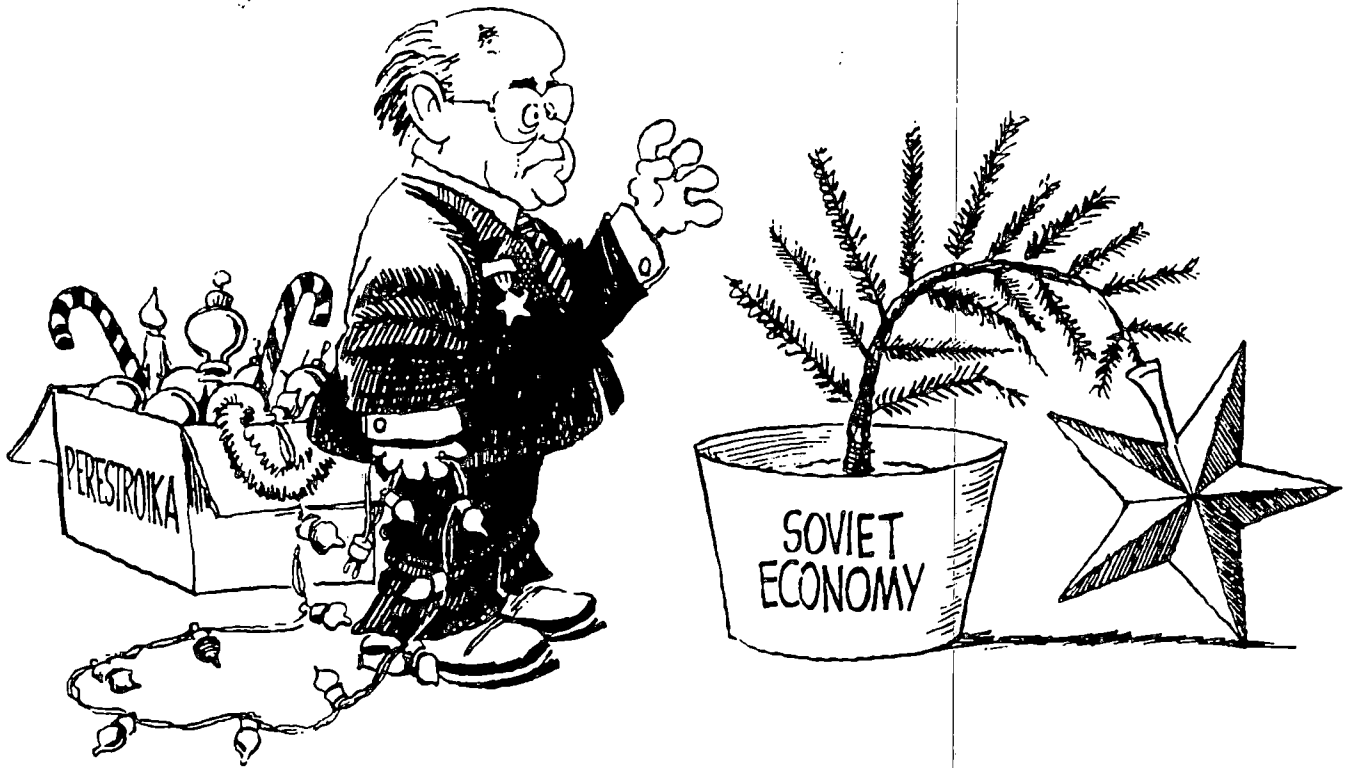
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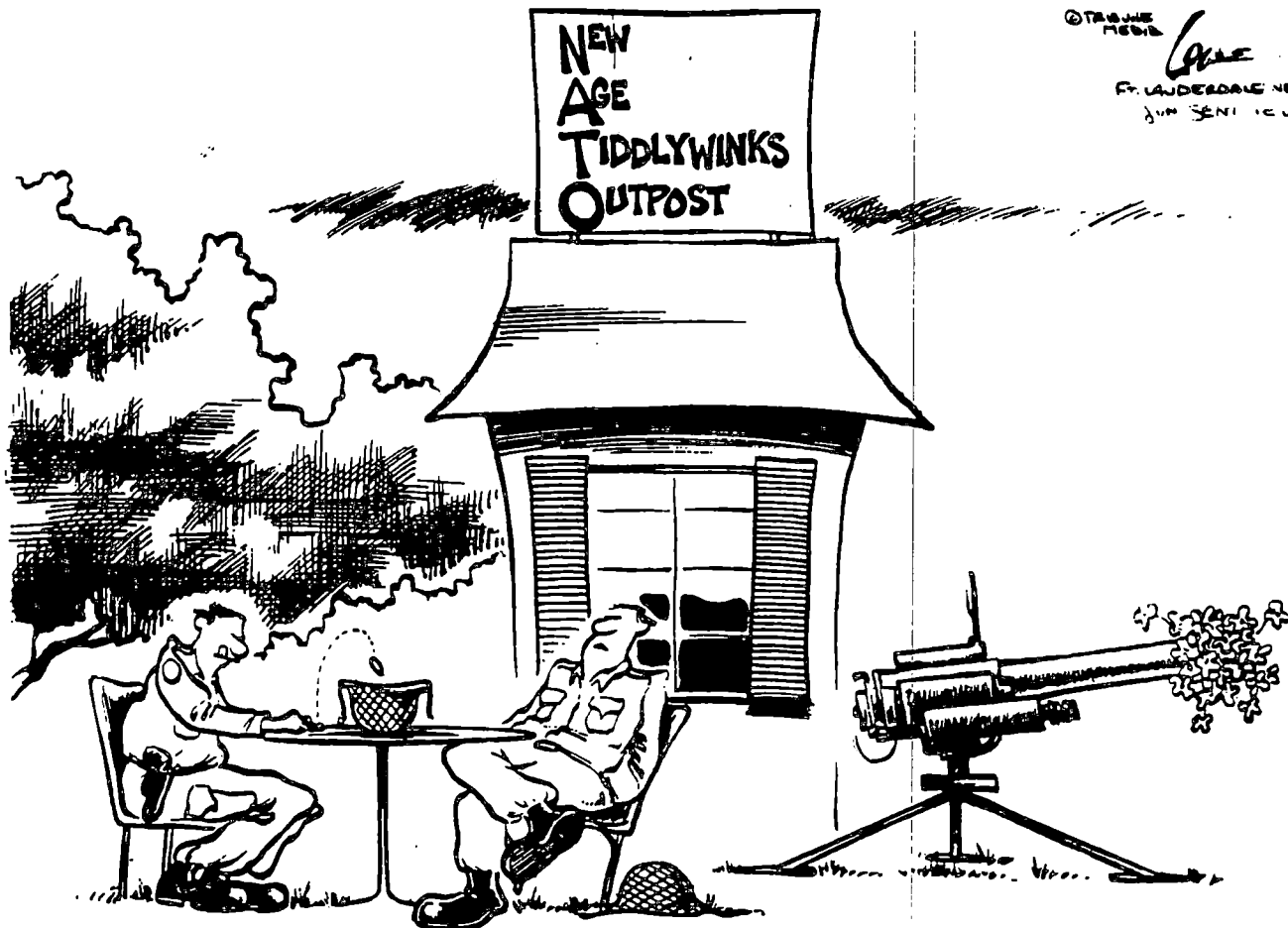
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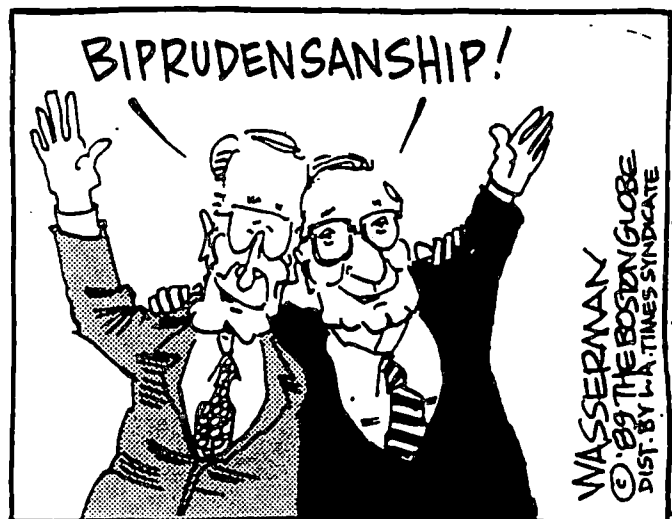
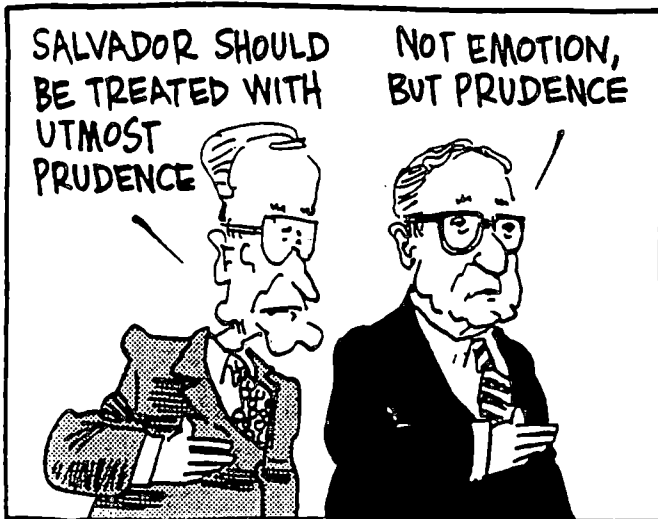
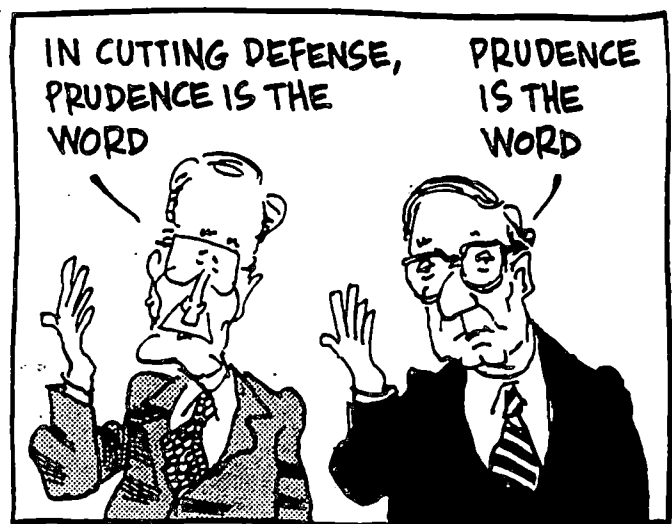
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"BRILLIANT. WE DIDN'T EVEN HAVE TO CHANGE THE INITIALS."



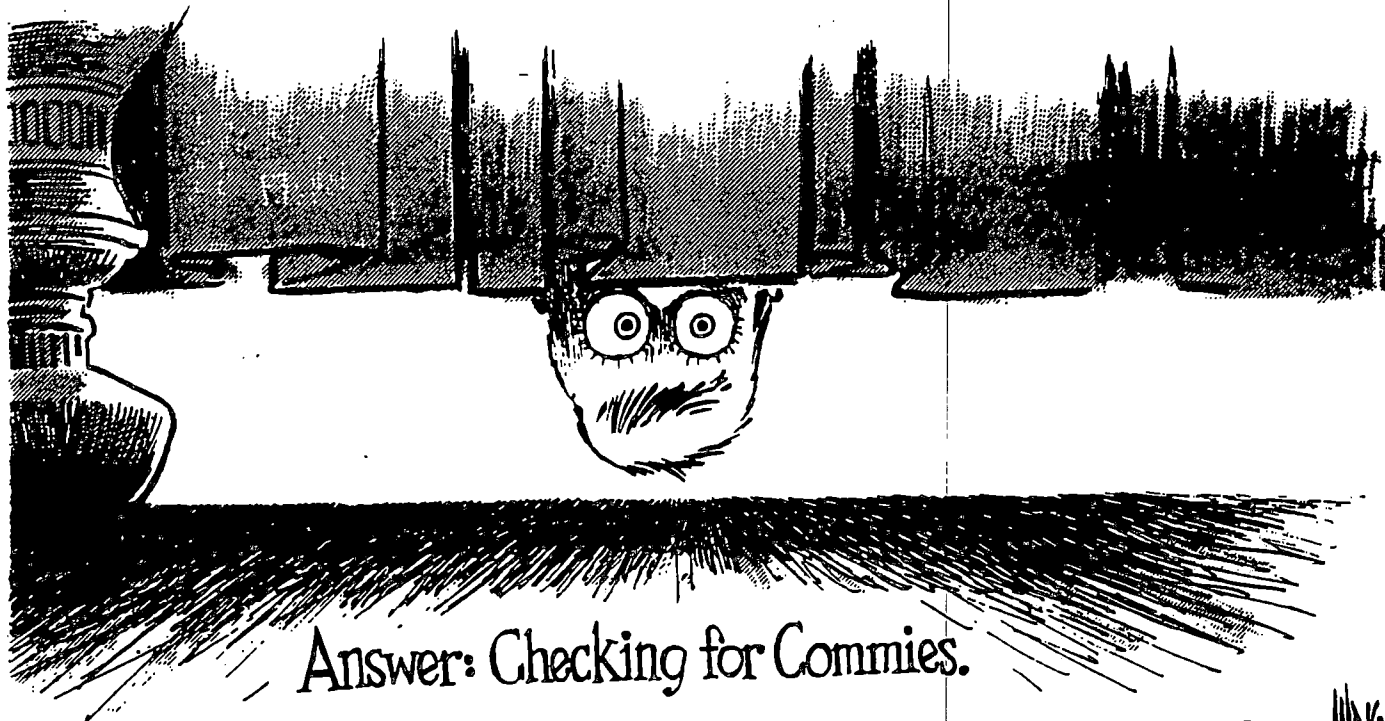
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"WHADDAYA MEAN 'IT'S EXTINCT!?!'"

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What is the Vice President doing?

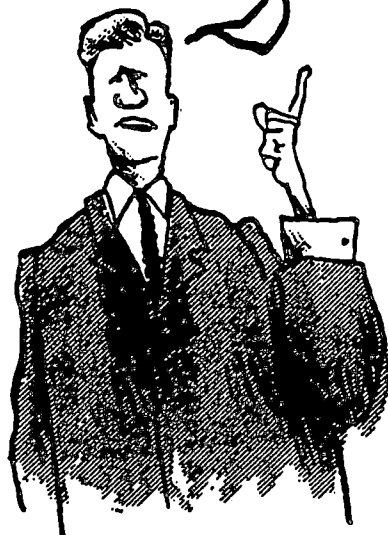


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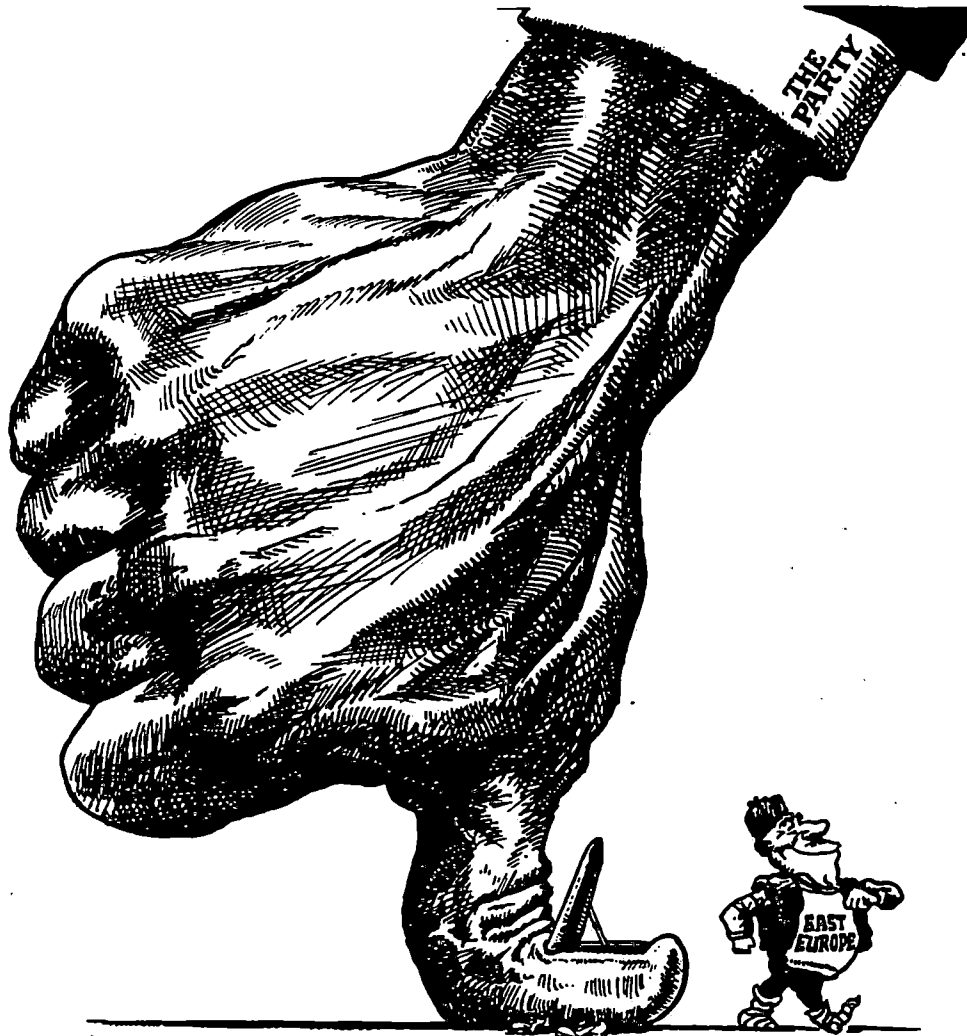
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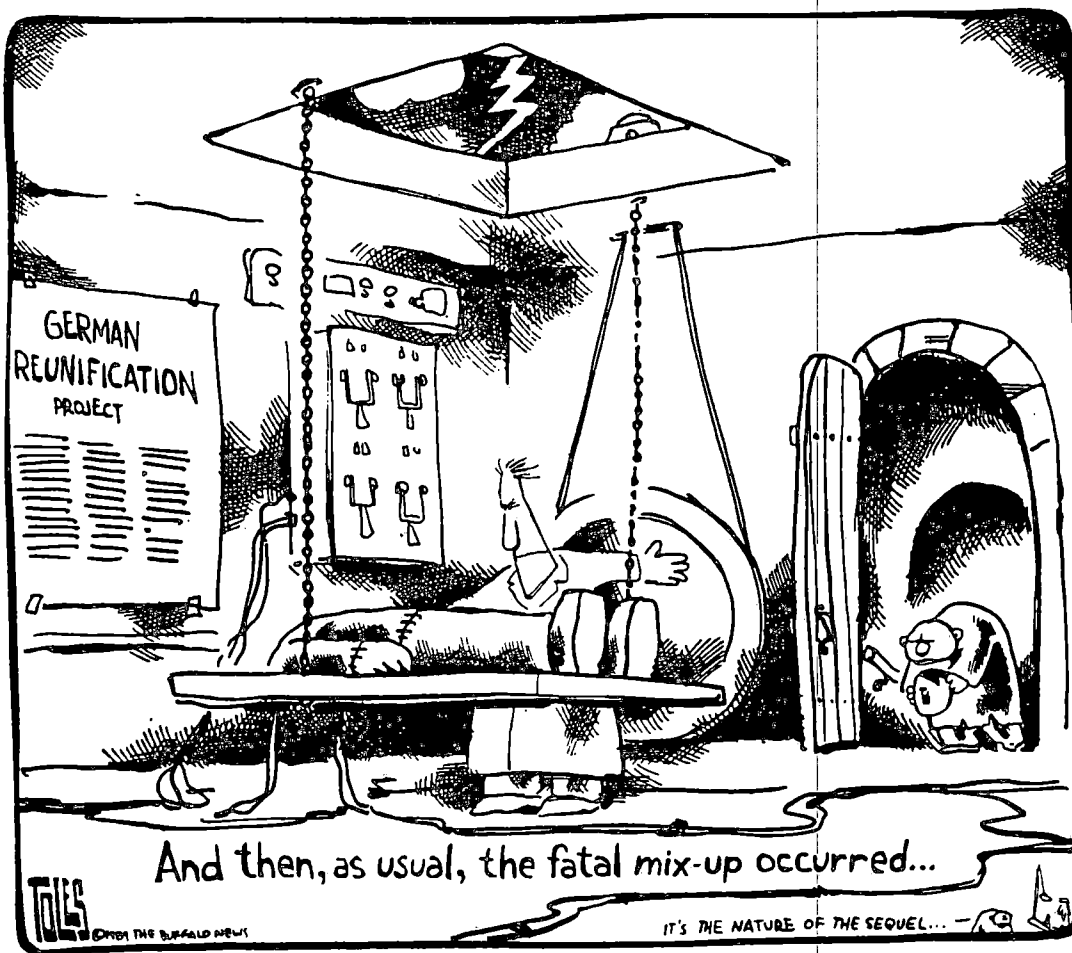
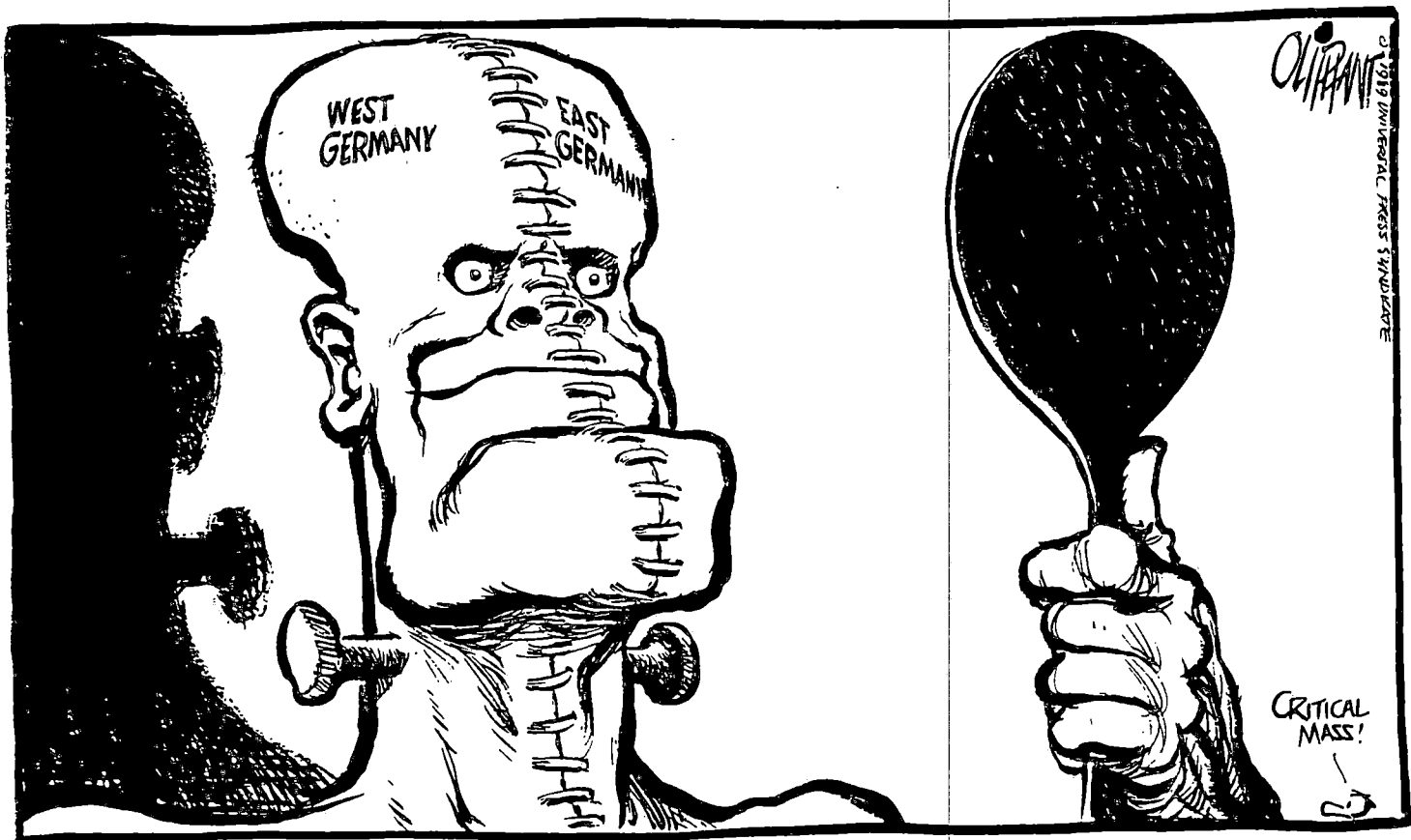
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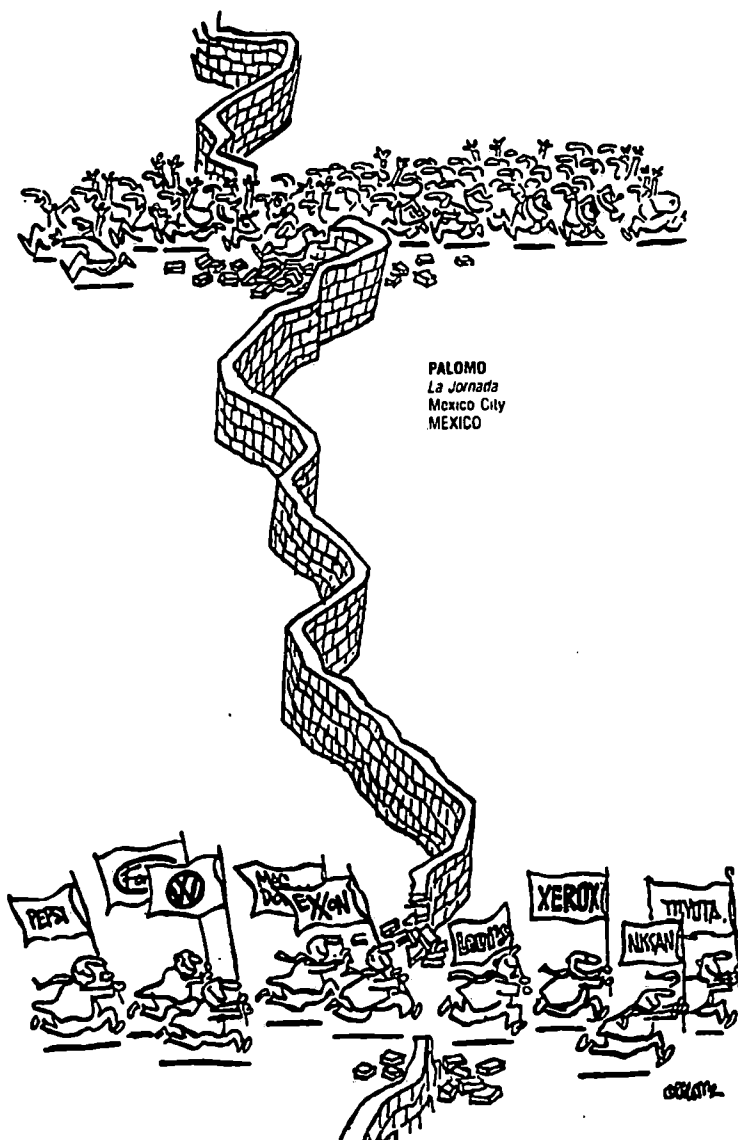


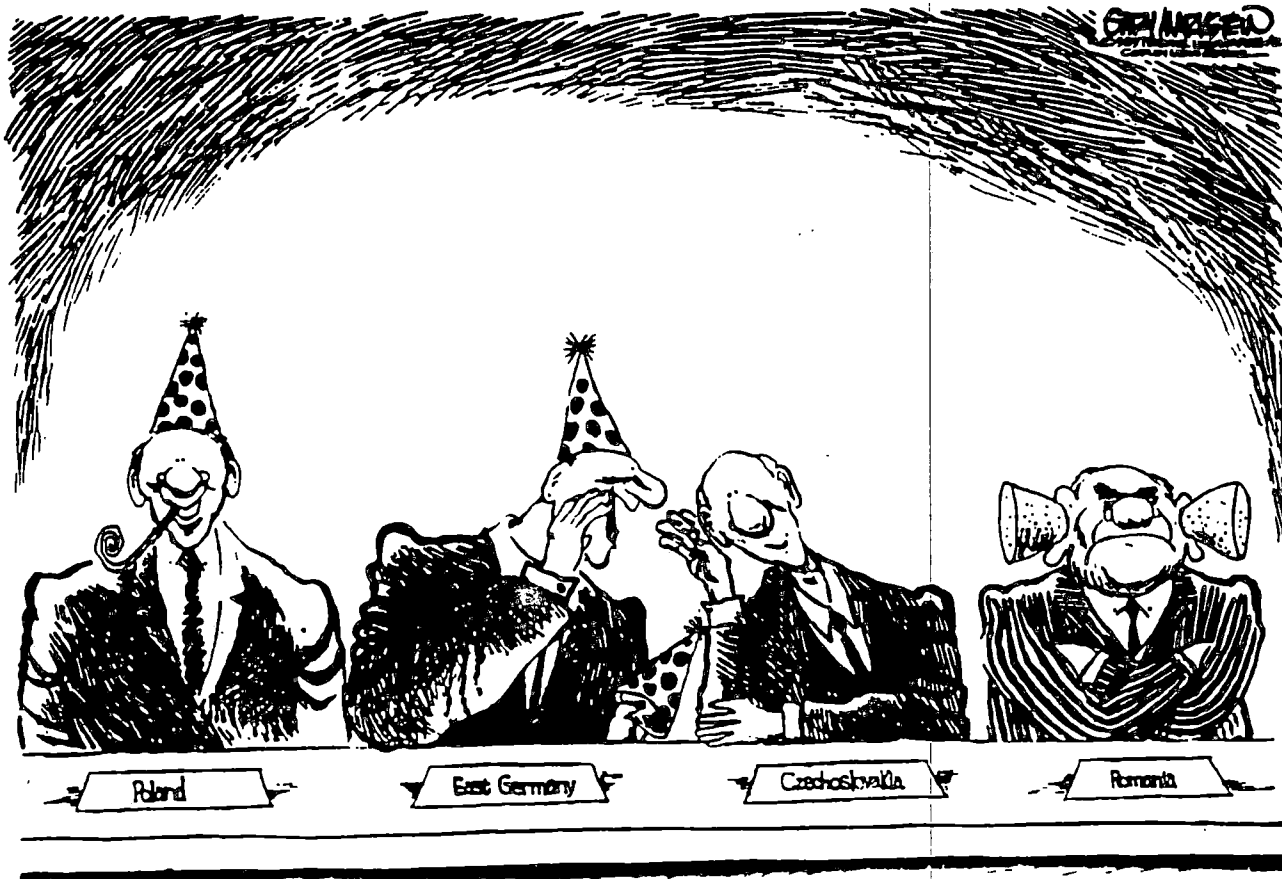
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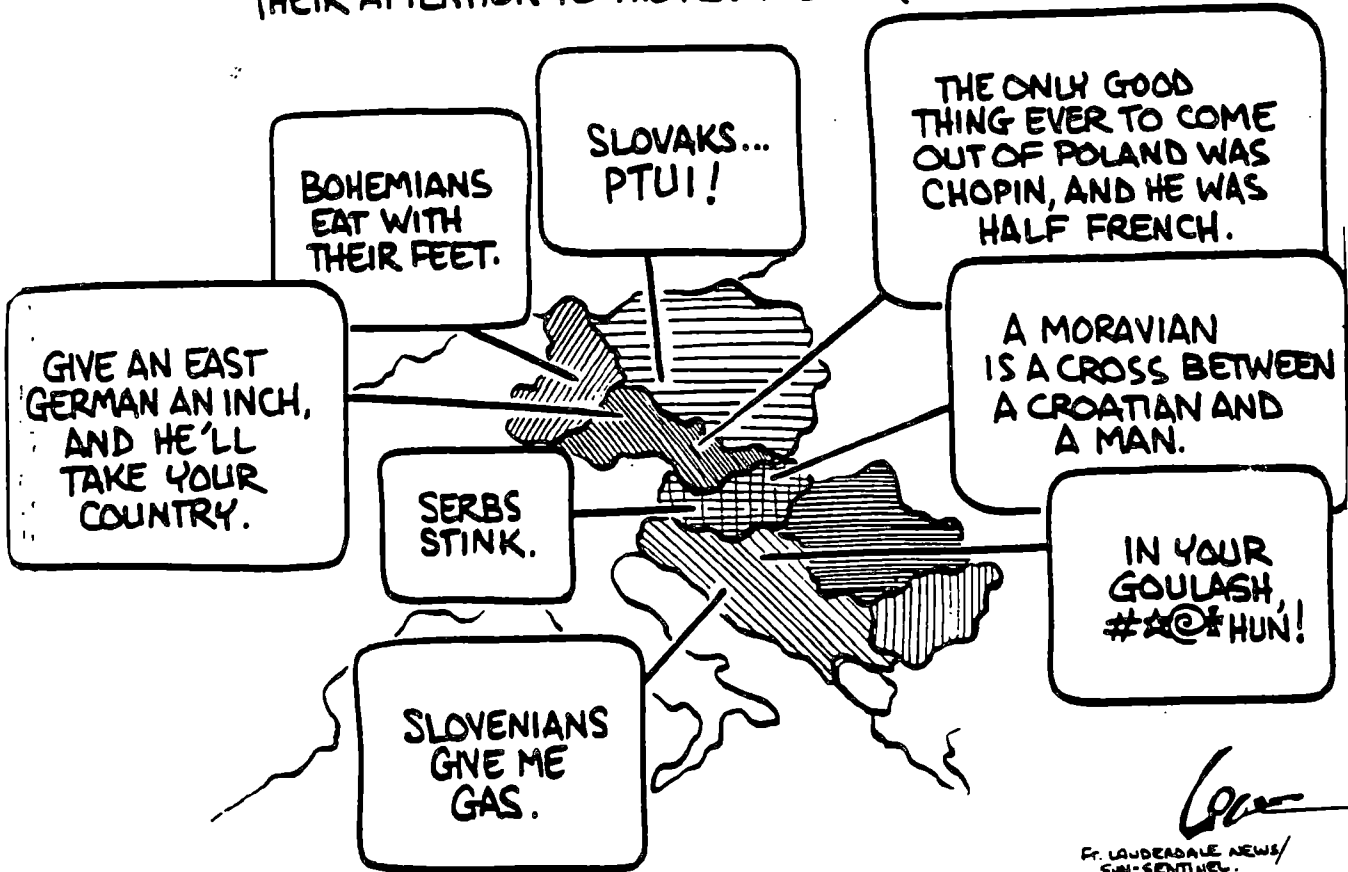




'Pssst... "DEMOCRACY"... Pass it down...'



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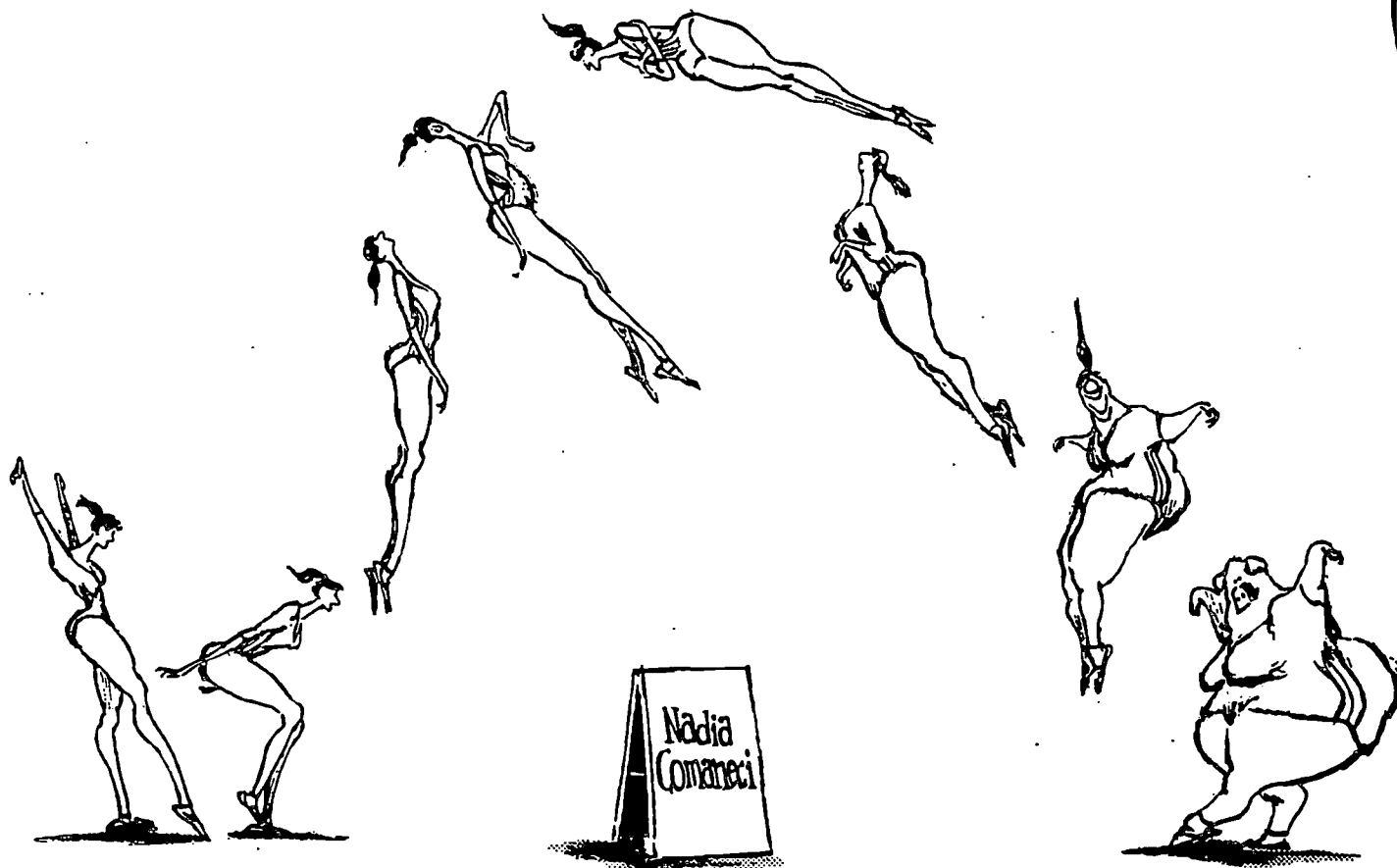
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NEWS FROM EUROPE



"THIS JUST IN! ... NO, HOLD IT ... THIS JUST IN ... FORGET THAT ...
THIS JUST IN ...!"

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♪ ... AND
PEACE ON EARTH
GOOD WILL
TO MEN ... ♪

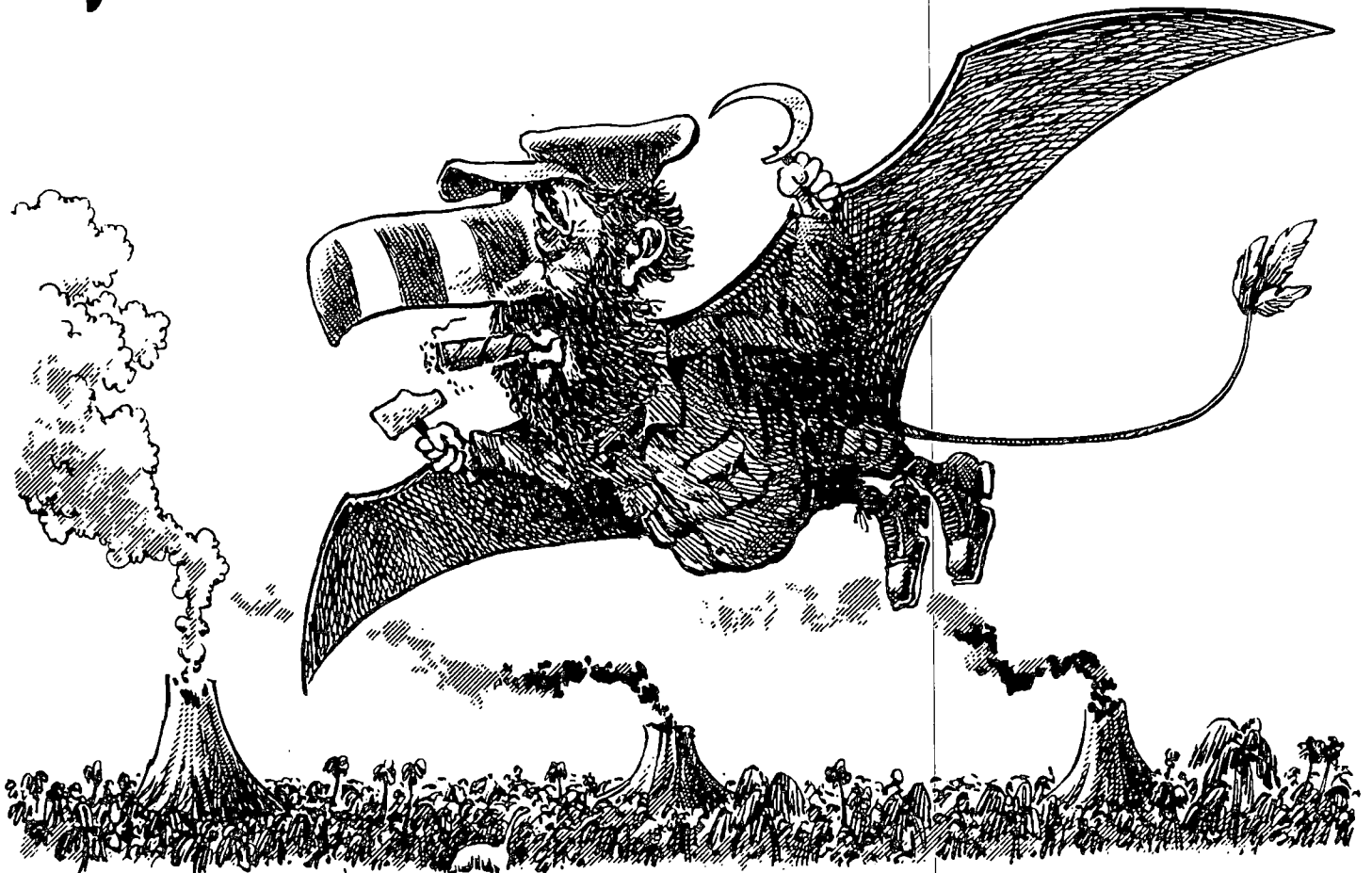
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BAH,
HUMBUG!!



Bill Day Detroit Free Press
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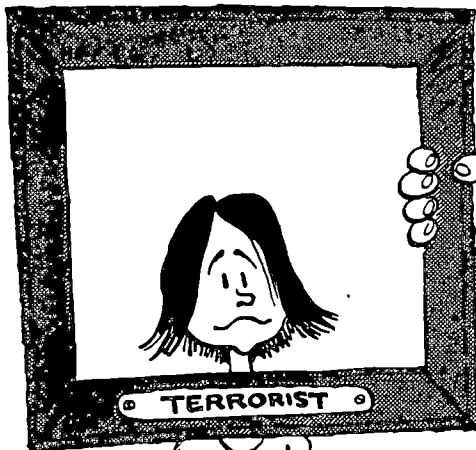
To whom it may Concern (in the Media):
We are surrounded by Vicious
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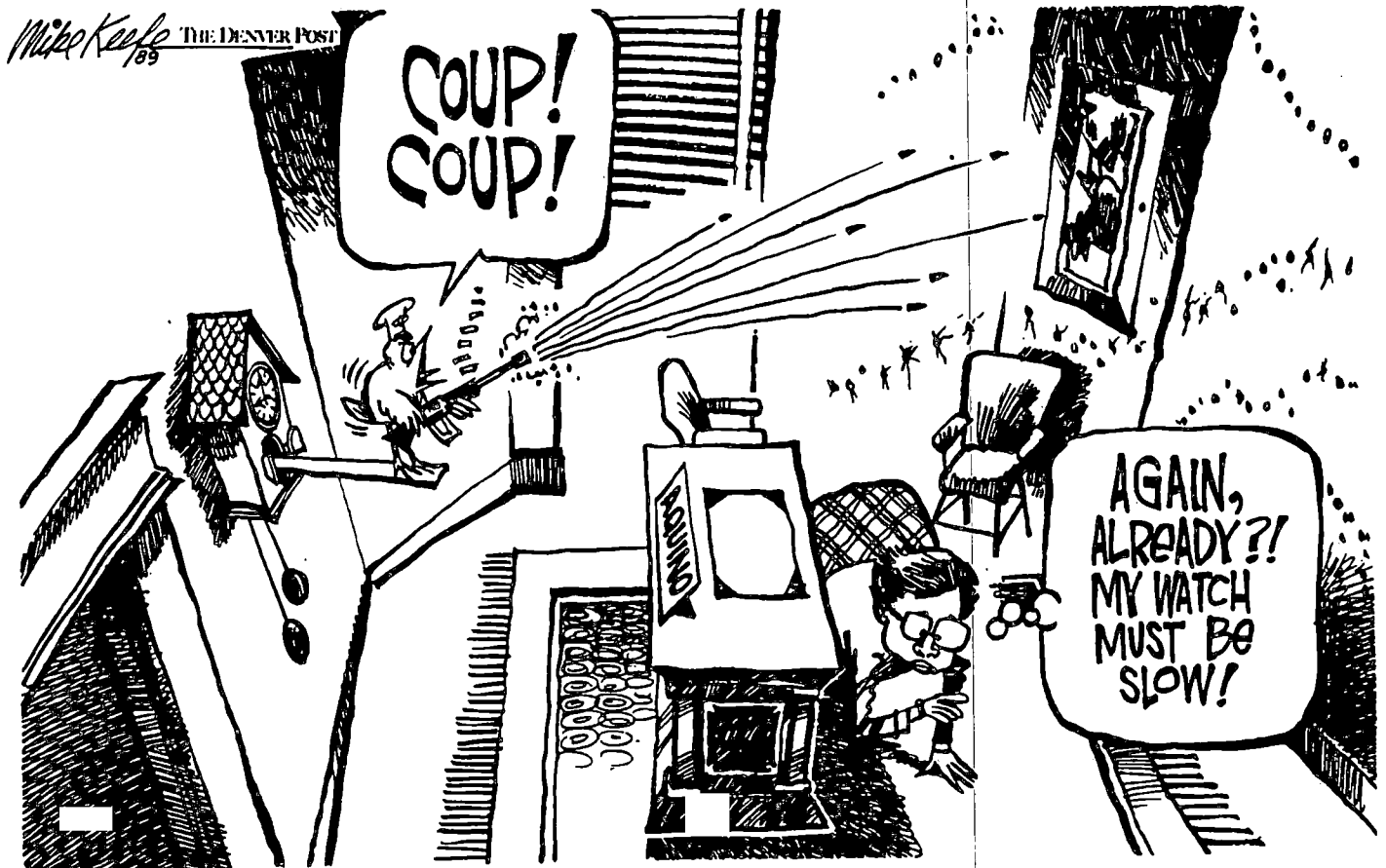
THIS IS JENNIFER CASOLO.
SHE WORKS FOR THE CHURCH.
IN MY COUNTRY, THAT'S
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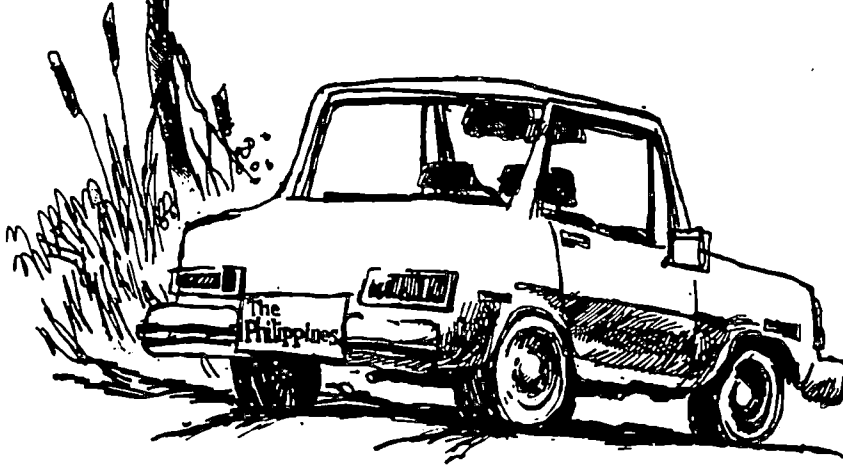




"JUST IN CASE... DID IMELDA MARCOS LEAVE BEHIND ANY RUNNING SHOES?!"



Mike Luckovich
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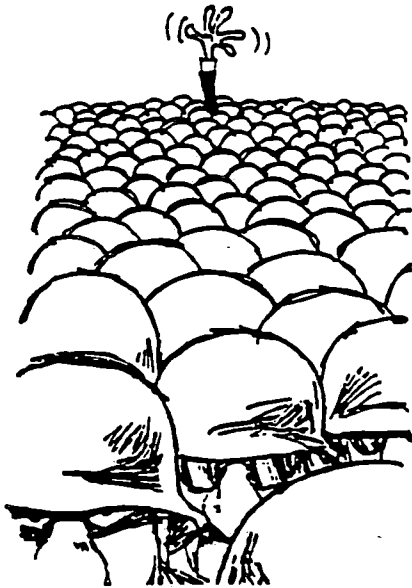


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WHAT'S THE BEST WAY FOR THE NEW PRESIDENT OF LEBANON TO AVOID ASSASSINATION ?...

Bill Schorr
Kansas City Star



GET MORE SECURITY



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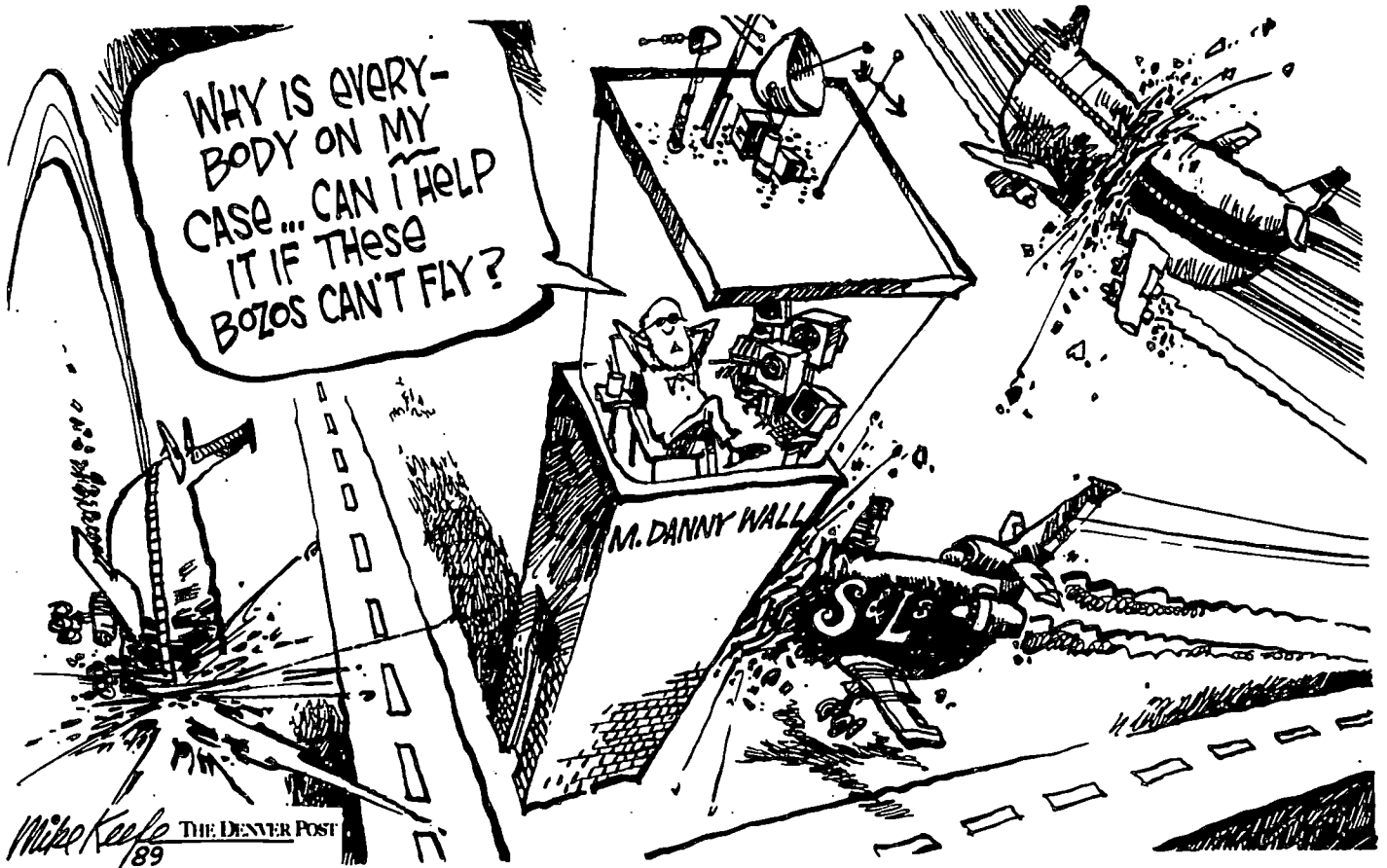
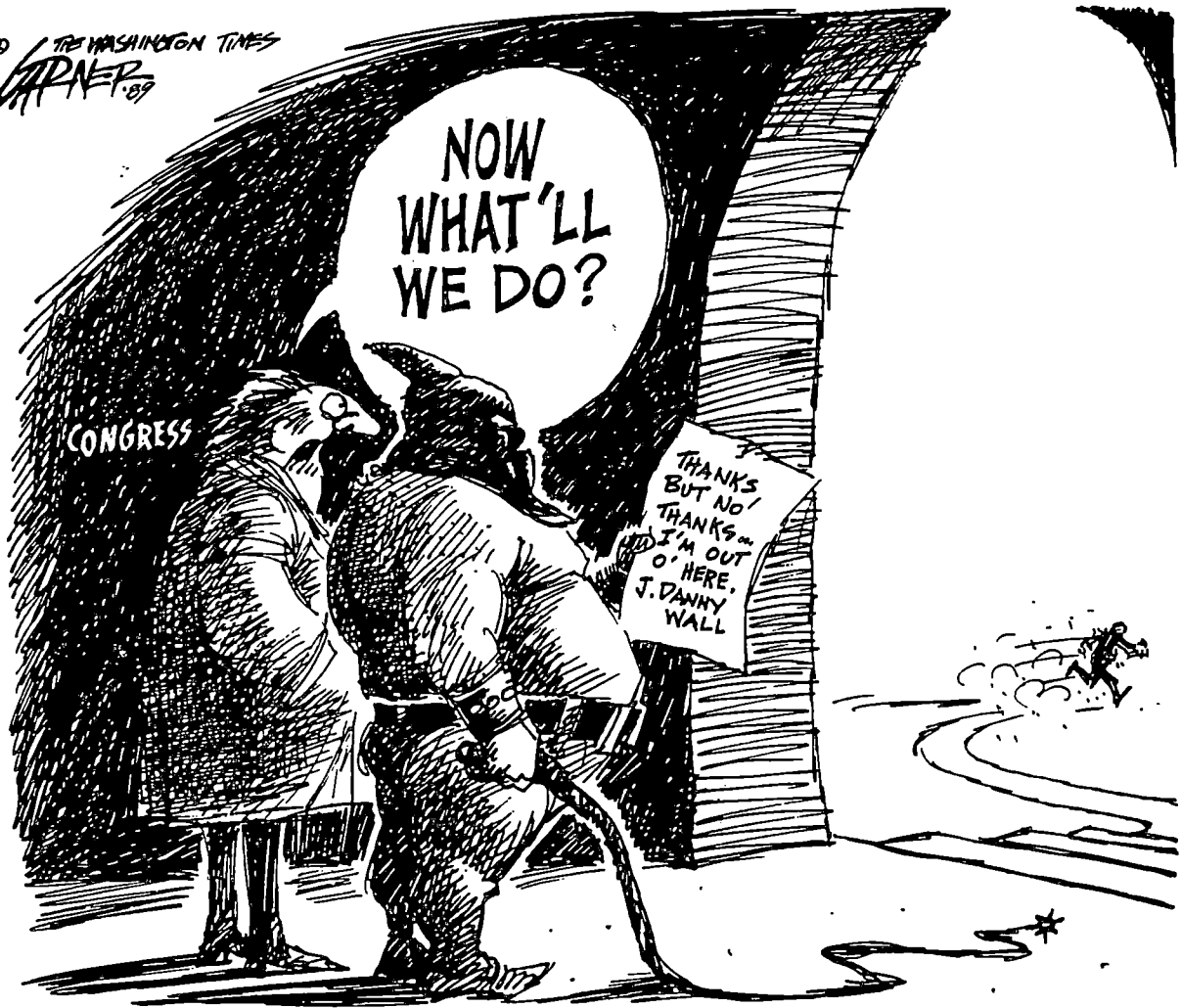
'They were needed for the country's major industry.'

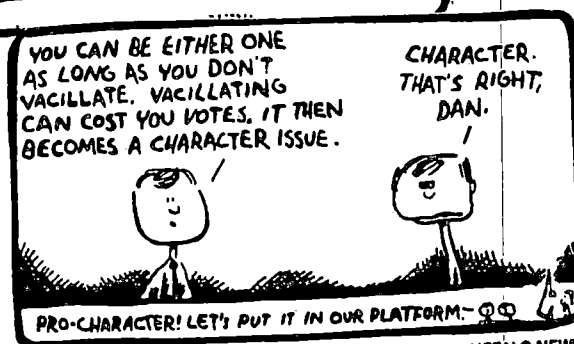
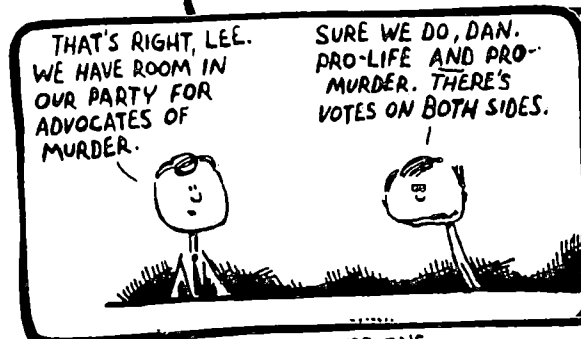
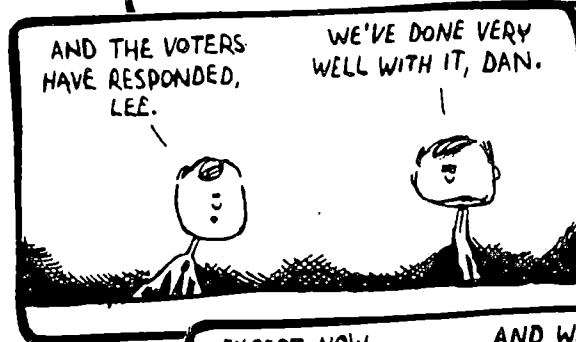
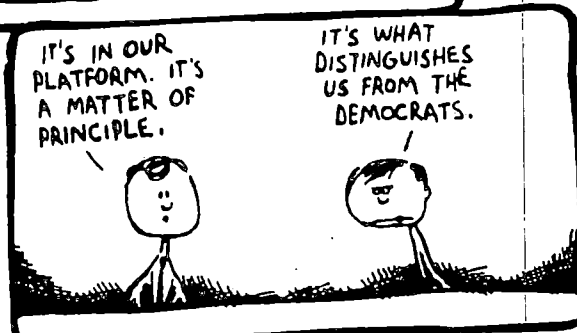
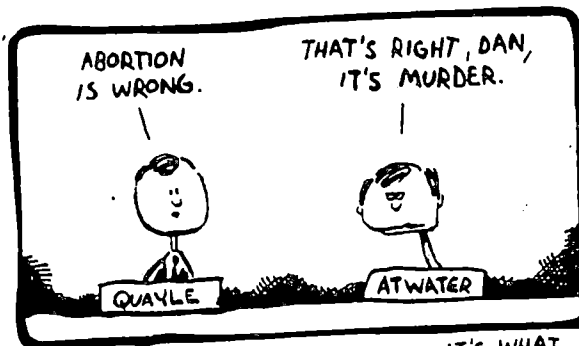


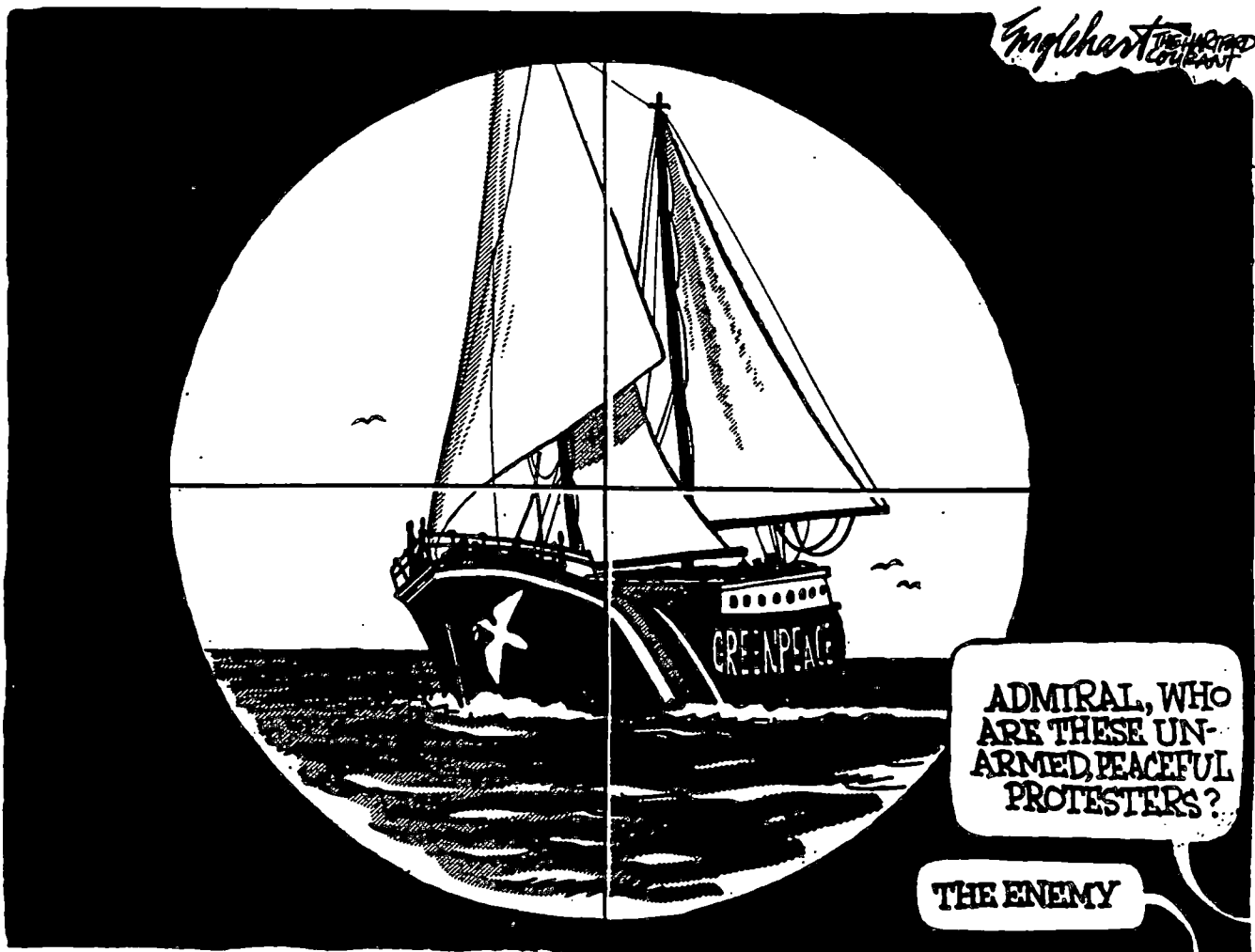
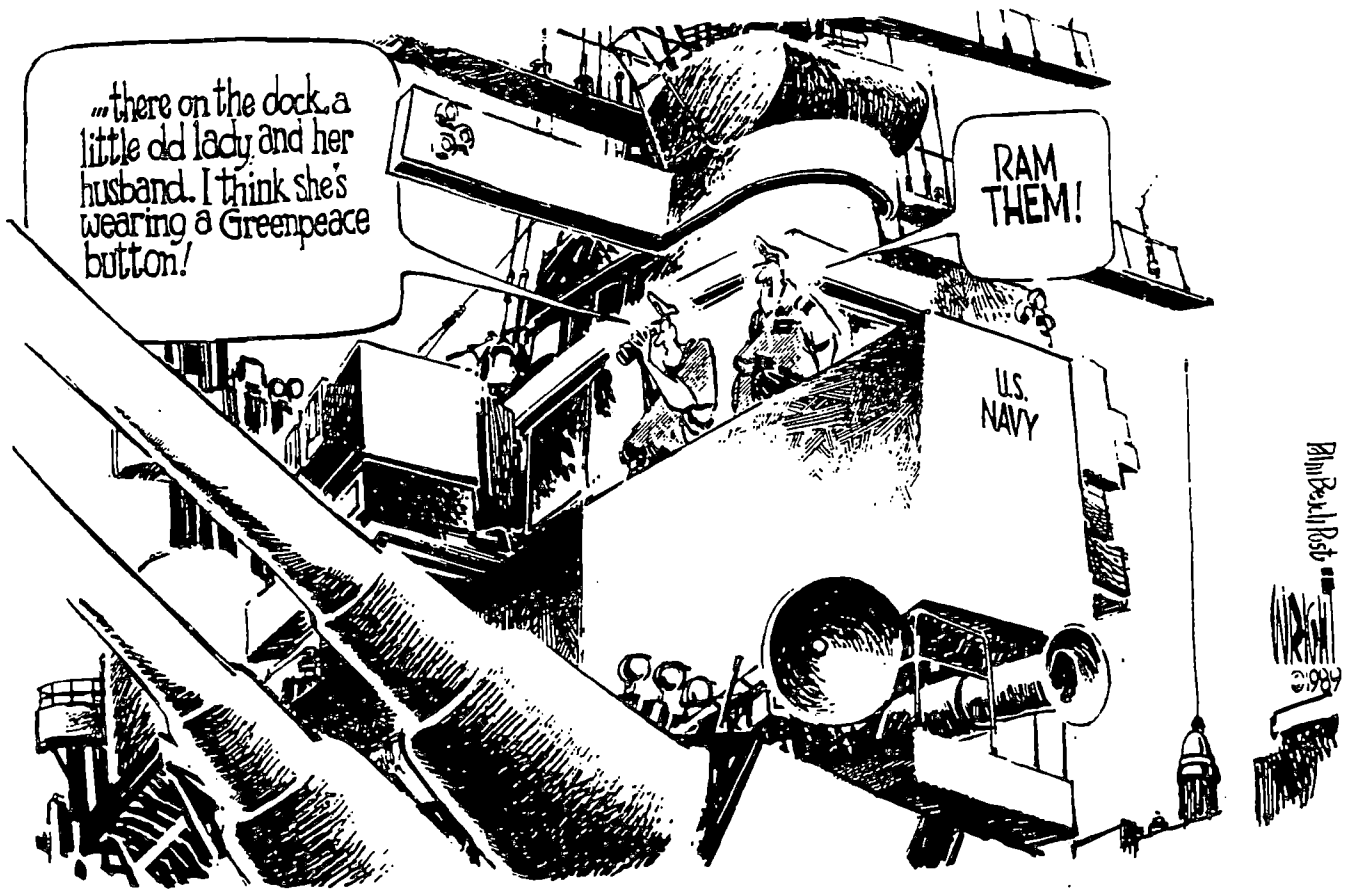
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A MODEST PROPOSAL







THE U.S. HAS SPENT YEARS AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO FIND A DUMP SITE FOR NUCLEAR WASTE.



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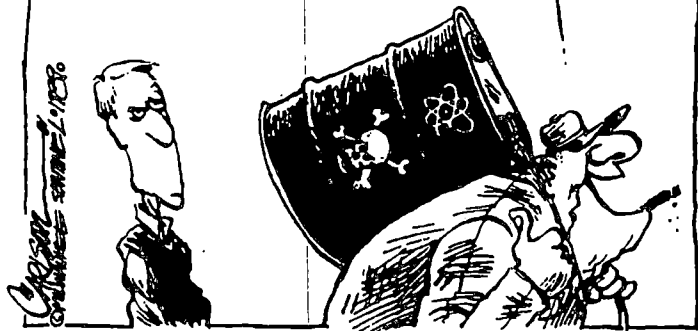


WE'RE BACK TO SQUARE ONE. FINDING A NEW DUMP WILL TAKE MORE MONEY AND TIME!

DON'T SWEAT IT, PAL, WE GOT LOTSA TIME.

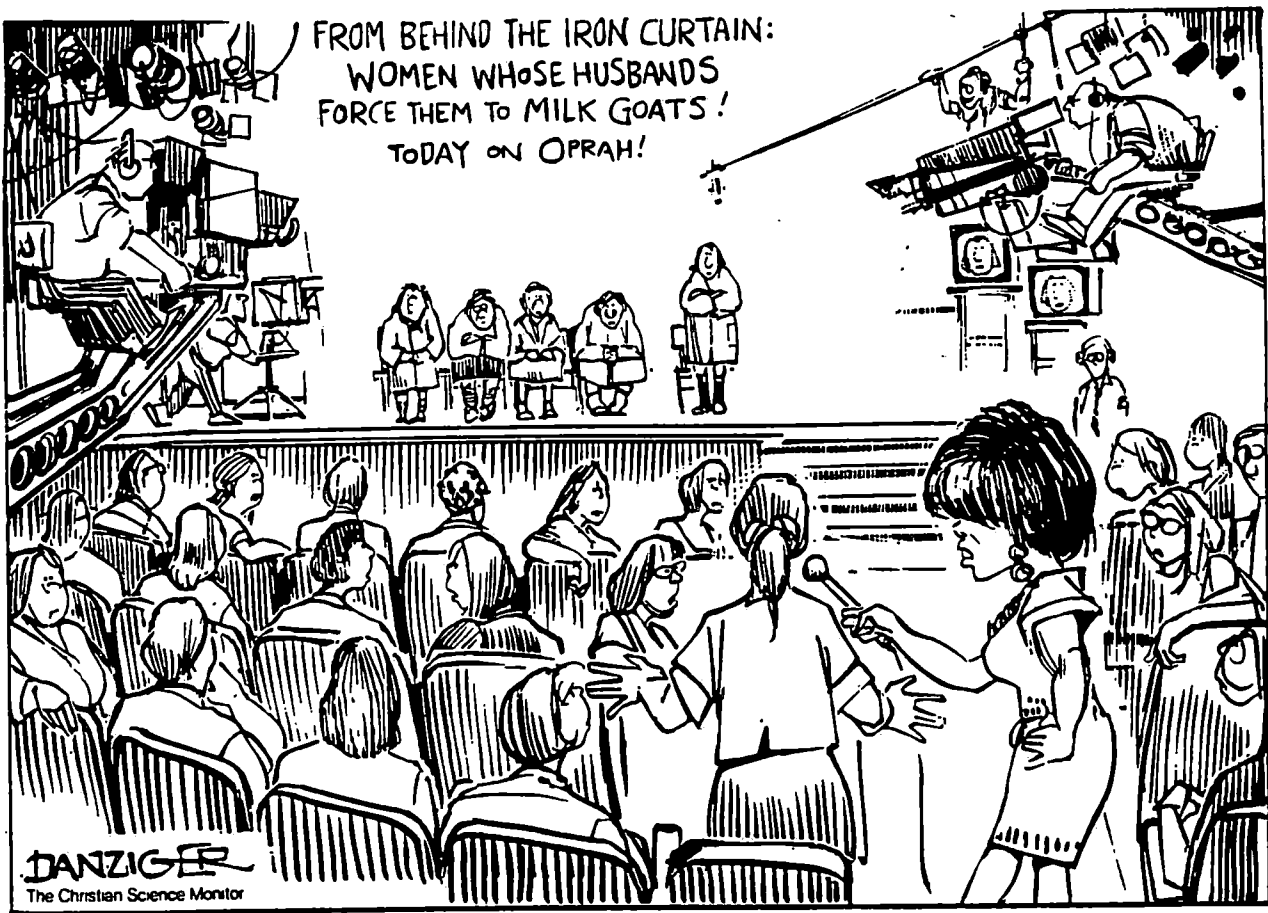


THIS STUFF STAYS RADIOACTIVE FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS!



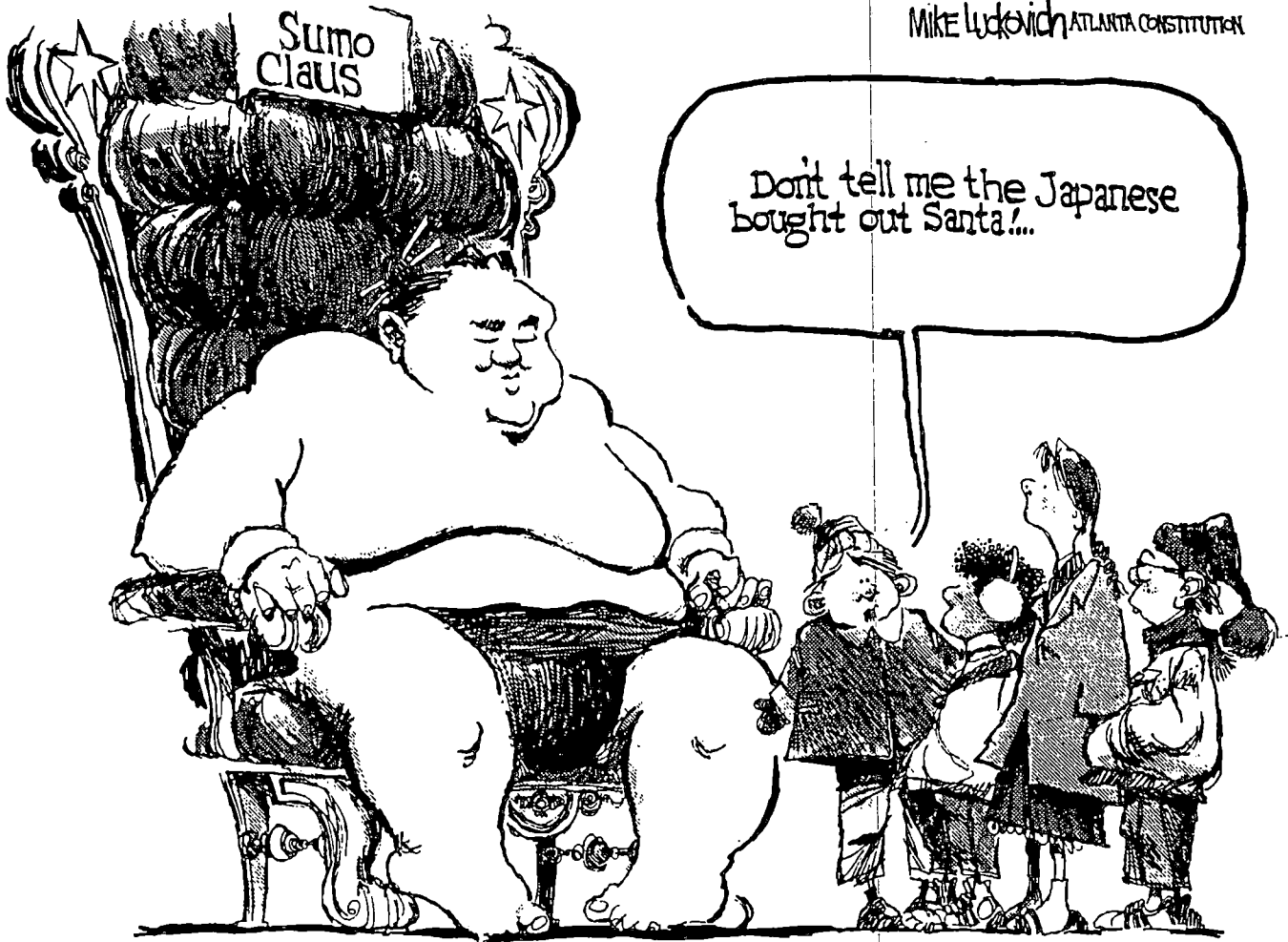
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BY WRIGHT FOR THE PALM BEACH



THE PLAIN DEALER

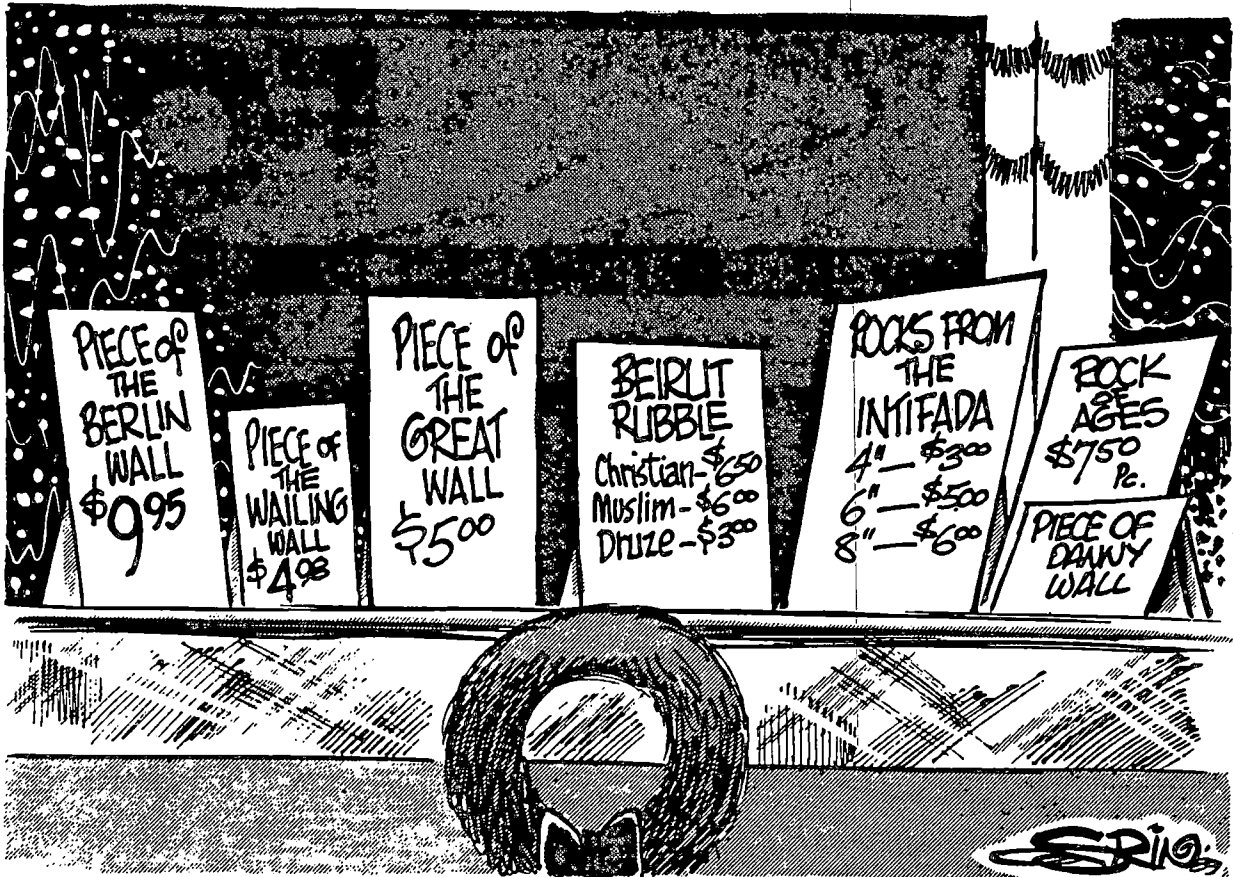






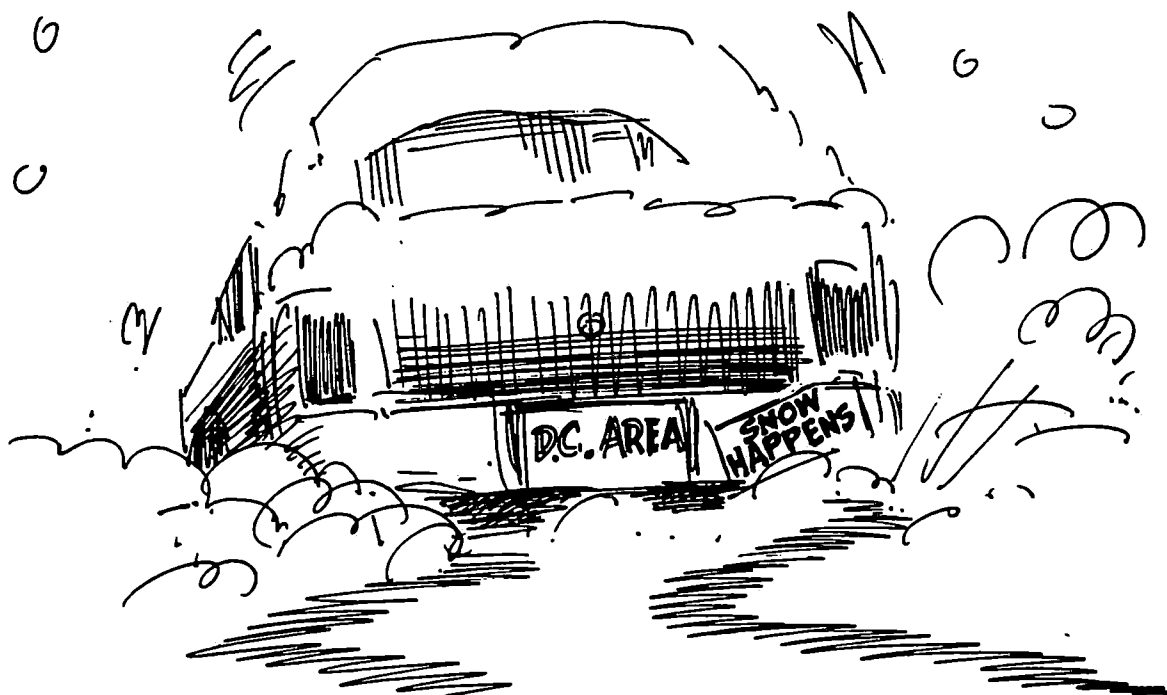
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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December 15, 1989

Dear Nan,

I sit here typing, not looking at the keys, though.
I'm looking at the blue of Wooded Island right here
in my inner sanctum office.

To be "ruthlessly honest" I love it- so does Bar.
My suggestion if feasible, get the gallery to loan
it. I'd love to leave it right here on a 3 year
loan. If agreeable, I will get Rex Scouten to handle
the details with the gallery people. He is our
able curator.

I'm typing this pre-today's operation, prayer shawl
on, beads at the ready, hands folded.

Love,

Devotedly
CB

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE:

12-15-89

FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO:

Rex Scouten

An "HEADS UP!"

JUST F.Y.I.

CC: Nan Ellis letter attached + mine to her.

GB

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mrs. Alexander E. Ellis, Jr.
Post Office Box 327
Lincoln Center, Massachusetts 01773

POWERS FRAMING

517 Main Street • Acton Center, MA 01720
(508) 263-7245

POWERS GALLERY

342 Great Road • Acton, MA 01720
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Dec. 9th

Dear Bro':

This reminded me so much of the
beaded Island (now called George Bush Island?)

Here's the thing:

- ①. This gallery will gladly loan this to you.
- ②. If you really like it, I would give it to
you as an Xmas present - and a proud-
you present.
- ③. If you don't like it, can't fit it in anywhere
back it comes to this gallery. Absolutely
no problem. Be truthlessly honest.

When I saw it, I thought of the blue
of great August days - Bear love. Mr. Prez
Hawes.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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December 15, 1989

Dear Mr. Cicippio:

Barbara and I send you our warmest greetings for the holiday season.

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We also hope that the timeless spirit of the holiday season brings comfort to you, to each of the hostages, and to all those who have suffered as a result of the tragic conflict in the Middle East. May God reward your faith and courage with peace and happiness in the new year.

With best wishes from the Bush family to yours,

Sincerely,

*May God bless
your brother*

George Bush

Mr. Thomas Cicippio
514 East Roberts Street
Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401

cc: J. Burmeister

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GEORGE BUSH
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514 East Roberts Street
Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401

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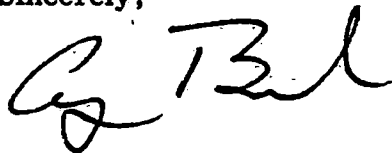
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Mrs. Estelle Ronneburg
502 Avenue East
Boise, Idaho 83712

God Bless you son.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Boise, Idaho 83712

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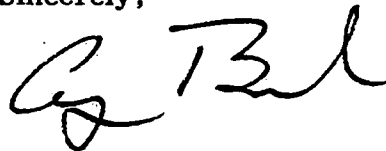
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502 Avenue East
Boise, Idaho 83712

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 8, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Shirley M. Green *smg*
SUBJECT: Letter to Mrs. Ronneburg

This is a retype of the Christmas letter you signed for Mrs. Ronneburg on December 15. Mrs. Ronneburg is in contact with the other families and knows that they received letters from you. She contacted her State Department Representative to say that she has not received a letter from the President.

Since it appears that the original letter was lost in the mail, this duplicate has been prepared for your signature.

**THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON**

MEMO TO: Shirley GRC

FROM: _____

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Room 72 Ext. 2242

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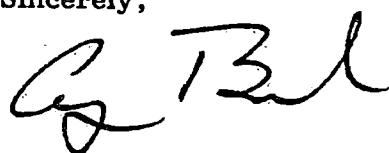
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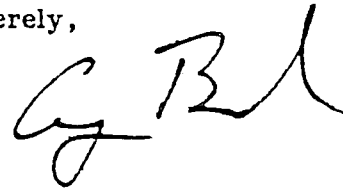
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Sincerely,



Major Robin Higgins, USMC
6519 Gretna Green Way
Alexandria, Virginia 22312

*You are one
great strong lady
and I am very proud
of you - G*

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With best wishes from the Bush family to yours,

Sincerely,

GEORGE BUSH

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Major Robin Higgins, USMC
6519 Greatna Green Way
Alexandria, Virginia 22312

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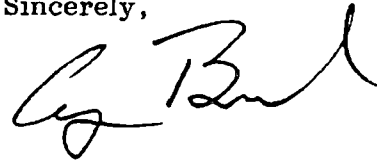
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Mrs. Ruth Polhill
34A Rosilia Lane
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*May God Bless
your Son.*

cc. Jan Burmeister

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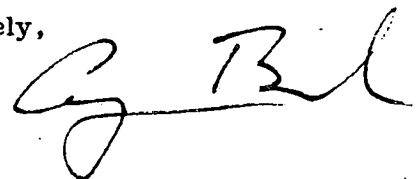
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Sincerely,



Mrs. Famiyeh Reed
Apartment 21
525 Highland Avenue
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*God Bless you
husband*

cc: J. Burmeister

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Sincerely,

Peggy -

My respects to you

for your determination and faith

Mr. and Mrs. David Say
438 Lake Shore Drive
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Cadiz, Kentucky 42211

cc: J. Barmeister

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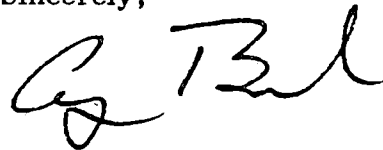
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Sincerely,



Mrs. Estelle Ronneburg
502 Avenue East
Boise, Idaho 83712

God Bless you Son.

cc: J. Burmeister

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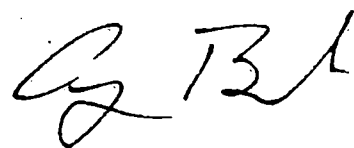
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Sincerely,



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Husband*

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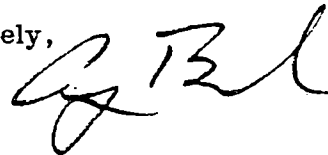
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Sincerely,

*God Bless
Your Wonderful Dad.*



Miss Katherine Sutherland
Miss Joan Sutherland
3103 Gatlin Street
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Sincerely,

*God Bless you
fine son -*

AB

Mrs. Doris Tracy
238 Spear Street
South Burlington, Vermont 05403

cc: J. Burmeister

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Robin
TO MAJOR HIGGINS, *USMC*

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TO: George Van Eron *Beers*

NSC

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DATE DUE: ASAP - Red Tag

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

☐ Multiple Mailing

☐ Form Reply

☒ One-Time Reply

SUBJECT:

letter to families of hostages in Lebanon

REQUESTED BY/ADDRESSED TO:

Paul John Liberty / 94 OEOB / x7610

BACKGROUND:

-see attached

-your timely review of this matter is greatly appreciated.

*Thanks
PJL*

SIGNATURE:

Paul John Liberty

DATE:

12/11/89

Presidential Messages
Old Executive Office Building
Room 94
(202) 456-7610

Your Recommendation/Comments:

The NSC staff concurs as written.

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CHAS NEEDLES

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

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TO THE FAMILIES OF HOSTAGES IN LEBANON

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Sincerely,

GB

TERRY ANDERSON

Mr. and Mrs. David Say
438 Lake Shore Drive
Cumberland Shores
Cadiz, Kentucky 42211

1989 DEC 15 AM 11:12

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Say:
(sister)

THOMAS SUTHERLAND

Miss Katherine Sutherland
Miss Joan Sutherland
3103 Gatlin Street
Ft. Collins, Colorado 80525

Dear Katherine and Joan:
(wife in Beirut)

FRANK H. REED

Mrs. Famiyeh Reed
525 Highland Avenue, #21
Malden, Massachusetts 02148

Dear Mrs. Reed:
(wife)

JOSEPH CICIPPPIO

Mr. Thomas Cicippio
514 East Roberts Street
Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401

Dear Mr. Cicippio:
(brother)

EDWARD TRACY

Mrs. Doris Tracy
238 Spear Street
South Burlington, Vermont 05403

Dear Mrs. Tracy:
(mother. lives w/Edward's
sister)

JESSE TURNER

Mrs. Estelle Ronneburg
502 Avenue East
Boise, Idaho 83712

Dear Mrs. Ronneburg:
(mother. wife in Dubai)

ROBERT POLHILL

Mrs. Ruth Polhill
34A Rosilia Lane
Fishkill, New York 12524

Dear Mrs. Polhill:
(mother. wife somewhere in
France. sons live w/1st
wife)

ALANN B. STEEN

Mrs. Virginia Steen
3978 Utopia
Clark Lake, Michigan 49234

Dear Mrs. Steen:
(wife. daughters w/1st
wife)

MA5 Robin Higgins, USMC

FF

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

1989 DEC 13 AM 9:23
December 12, 1989

TO: JIM C

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10 → FROM: SI

SUBJECT: Holiday greeting from POTUS
to the families of hostages in
Lebanon.

APPROVED BY: *NSC*

APPROVE _____

DISAPPROVE _____

COMMENTS:

*Discussed
w/ Shirley*



SECRETARIAT STAFF

DATE: 11/27

TO: Charlie HorvathSUBJECT: Hostage family contacts

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| ☐ FOR ACTION | ☐ FOR YOUR INFORMATION |
| ☐ COMMENTS PLEASE | ☐ FOR YOUR FILES |
| ☐ FOLLOW UP | ☐ PER CONVERSATION |
| ☐ PLEASE SEE/CALL ME | ☐ |

REMARKS:

Attached is the list you requested. First name listed for each hostage is primary contact. In the past messages have not been sent — for background/info you may want to contact Katherine Shirley in Combatting Terrorism Office here at State on: 647-8541 —

Vicki Fotsche
647-5292

DIR
x7559

Mike Mahoney
DEPDIR
x7559

IA
x8348

S/S-C
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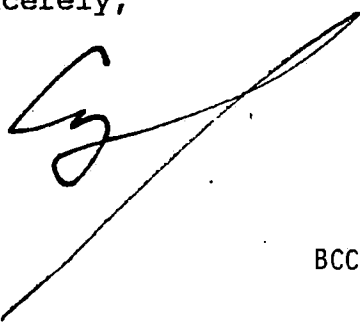
Thanks for your of December 11th.

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Yes, Malta was fine. I have not detected any serious griping. Some on the right are somewhat upset, but some don't see that the world is changing fast - hopefully for good, too. I will be prudent, but I want to see Gorbachev succeed. It is in our priority national interest.

Merry Christmas to all.

Sincerely,



Mr. James C. Oberwetter
Vice President
Government and Public Affairs
Hunt
1401 Elm Street
Dallas, Texas 75202-2970

BCC: Mrs. Bush
Laurie Firestone

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE:

12-13-89

FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO:

Laurie

Re: State Dinner for North Yemen.

Attached a good list of suggestions.

Oberwetter, Ray Hunt and Mrs
Hunt are MUSTS

I suggest you call Jim Oberwetter,
very close friend and get him to
prioritize the other names
for you. Doubt we should
have more from Hunt Oil.

GB



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Dallas, Texas 75202-2970
(214) 744-7980
Telex: 730239

December 11, 1989

The President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20050

Dear Mr. President:

Your meeting with Chairman Gorbachev was an outstanding success. The leadership and the confidence you are showing in dealing with the changing world situation gives great reassurance to those Americans who have just realized how significant the changes are.

The conservatives in Texas are quiet about all this. They do not seem angry, but they do seem to be lost. ~~to lead them and all Americans in the new direction.~~ As I mentioned when you were in Dallas, during the course of your Presidency, I believe you will get to make the reverse of the Winston Churchill speech about the Iron Curtain. This is, at last and hopefully, a peaceful victory over a failed philosophy. Did you ever expect to see it in your lifetime?

After talking with Rose Zamaria, I have sent along a list of individuals who you might wish to consider as prospective guests to the State Dinner for President Saleh. Each of the persons on the list or their organizations are in some way involved with the Yemen Arab Republic. (I argued to have my name removed from the list, but I was overruled.) These are provided in the order received from Ray.

After reviewing some previous State Dinner guest lists, we do realize how very few places there are for non-official guests, but any consideration you could give to including some of these individuals would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

James C. Oberwetter

JCO/le

Enclosure

P.S. Eleanor and I got to see Barbara when she opened the Saudi Arabia exhibit here the other night. She was in great form. Be sure to tell her that on Sunday, Mayor Strauss fell down and broke her nose. She blamed her fall on a sidewalk crack and a pair of old tennis shoes.

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Dear Danny:

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Barbara joins me in sending our best wishes.

Sincerely,

GEORGE BUSH

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Mr. Danny Thomas
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
Post Office Box 318
Memphis, Tennessee 38101-0318

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✓cc: Beth Thompson

FOR THE PRESIDENT TO SEE AND SIGN

✓cc: Jan Burmeister

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THANK YOU LETTERS/CONTACT LIST

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THE PRESIDENT

Dec. 15, 1989

Dear Jeanne -

I was so sorry
to hear about your
brother. I know it must
hurt. My love and con-
dolences to all your
family - In spite of

this sadness. I hope
you can have a
Merry Christmas

Love from the
Bush family - all of us -

Ag Bush

bcc: Mrs. Bush
Jan Burmeister

Mrs. Jeanne Mozley
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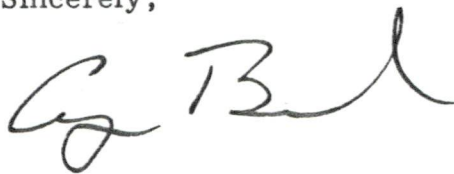
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Barbara and I are pleased to accept your invitation to serve as Honorary Chairmen of Up With People's 25th anniversary celebration.

We believe in your goals, and we are proud to give our enthusiastic support to your organization's initiatives. Thank you for extending this opportunity to us.

With appreciation and best wishes,

Sincerely,



Mr. J. Blanton Belk
Chairman of the Board
and President
Up With People
3103 North Campbell Street
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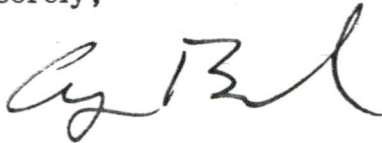
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I believe in your goals, and I am proud to give my enthusiastic support to your organization's initiatives. Thank you for extending this opportunity to me.

With appreciation and best wishes,

Sincerely,



Mr. Michael W. Manzer
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United States Organization
for Disabled Athletes
37 Hamilton Place
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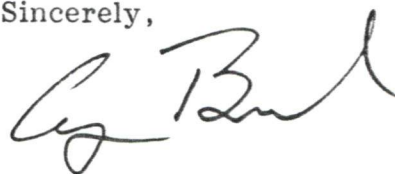
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With best wishes from the Bush family to yours,

Sincerely,



Mrs. Ruth Polhill
34A Rosilia Lane
Fishkill, New York 12524

May God Bless
your Son.

cc: J. Burmeister

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With best wishes from the Bush family to yours,

Sincerely,

Peggy -

My respects to you

for your determination and faith

Cy Bush

Mr. and Mrs. David Say
438 Lake Shore Drive
Cumberland Shores
Cadiz, Kentucky 42211

cc: J. Burmeister

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Sincerely,

*May God bless
your brother*

George Bush

Mr. Thomas Cicippio
514 East Roberts Street
Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401

cc: J. Burmeister

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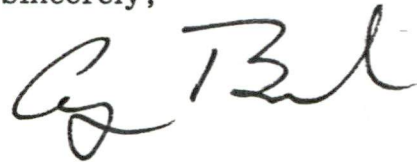
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With best wishes from the Bush family to yours,

Sincerely,



Mrs. Estelle Ronneburg
502 Avenue East
Boise, Idaho 83712

God Bless you Son.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 15, 1989

Dear Bill:

Many thanks for your good letter. Your kind offer of a fishing trip sounds great, but I don't know when my schedule will allow it. I do appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing.

Barbara joins me in sending best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season.

Sincerely,



Mr. William **Busch**
Busch Contracting Corporation
139 Little York Road
Warwick, New York 10990

cc: Jan Burmeister

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

PRESS BRIEFING
BY
MARLIN FITZWATER

Bridget Montagne
West Wing

December 15, 1989

The Briefing Room

10:12 A.M. EST

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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PRESS BRIEFING
BY
MARLIN FITZWATER

December 15, 1989

The Briefing Room

10:12 A.M. EST

MR. FITZWATER: Let's see. A couple of things. First of all, the President sent a message to Mrs. Yelena Bonner on the death of Dr. Sakharov last night. And the text reads as follows:

On behalf of all the American people, I would like to extend to you and your family our dearest condolences on the death of your husband, Dr. Sakharov. All of us that knew him will never forget his courage and devotion to freedom. During the darkest hours of his struggle for human rights in the Soviet Union, he embodied all that is good and decent in the human spirit. He died as he lived, struggling in the Supreme Soviet to codify in law the ideals for which he always stood.

Just as he truly enriched all of us with his life, all of us are diminished by his untimely death. Barbara joins me in sending you our personal sympathy and prayers for this sad hour.

And the funeral I don't believe has been scheduled, although the preliminary indications are not until Monday. Do you have a later date -- later information than I do?

Q Marlin, did you read that right? You said, "dearest condolences?"

MR. FITZWATER: Where are we? I don't --

Q Top.

Q First line.

Q Deepest or dearest? (Laughter.)

Q Are you going to put that out, Marlin?

MR. FITZWATER: I'm sure it's deepest. If I said dearest, I'm wrong.

Q Something else on your mind? (Laughter.)

Q Is the President going to the funeral, Marlin?

Q Well, given the sudden nature of Dr. Sakharov's death, only three days after he had called for a general strike in the Soviet Union, is there any basis at all -- I know that this has got to be on people's minds that -- suspecting at the timeliness of this --

Q Foul play. (Laughter.)

Q Spit it out there, Nick. (Laughter.)

Q Did Gorby do it? (Laughter.)

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Q Where is Mark Lane when you need him? (Laughter.)

Q I'm trying to find language that --

MR. FITZWATER: You know this is on people's minds, Nick? (Laughter.)

Q Enquiring minds want to know.

Q Trade deficit disaster.

Q Who is going to the funeral? Anybody? You mentioned funeral.

MR. FITZWATER: We will have a delegation, but have not been selected yet and we don't have details of the funeral.

Q Quayle?

Q Vice President?

MR. FITZWATER: I don't know. Depends on when it is.

Q General Scowcroft?

Q The President is going to go.

Q Probably make it a day trip. (Laughter.)

Q In and out.

MR. FITZWATER: The night traveler?

Q Don't give him the idea.

Q Will he take a pool?

MR. FITZWATER: Scowcroft gives new meaning to Amal and the Night Visitors.

Where are we here? Let's see. St. Martin's -- I am to remind you all that bring passports with you on the trip to St. Martin. And we'll have the schedule out soon. Generally speaking, check-in is 5:40 a.m. for the press. The President leaves here at 7:10 a.m. There's a one-hour time difference. The press conference is at 3:51 p.m. St. Martin's time, which is 2:51 p.m. here. And the President arrives back at the White House at 7:55 p.m. Press charter at Andrews at 9:45 p.m. for Saturday.

Tonight's trip is all set. We'll try to have an advance text for you, but I don't have a time yet. We don't have it yet, but hopefully we'll get that.

Also, check-in is 3:15 p.m. for the trip this evening.

Q Travel pool?

MR. FITZWATER: What do you mean?

Q What time is the check-in for the travel pool?

MR. FITZWATER: For the travel pool?

Q Tonight. He doesn't leave here until real late, so we're all pitching for a break here.

MR. FITZWATER: The President leaves tonight at -- leaves here at 6:10 p.m. So the travel pool will be just before that, but check with John for the exact time.

And we'll try and put a lid on -- let's put a lid on at noon today for the rest of the day. The President's schedule is open

so -- and you leave at 3:15 p.m., so we'll just put a lid on.

Q Is he going shopping or anything?

Q What is he going to do this afternoon?

MR. FITZWATER: He promised me no movements today.

Q Attention K-Mart shoppers. (Laughter.)

MR. FITZWATER: We have here the President of the United States marked down to \$79.99. (Laughter.)

Q You're thinking of Reagan. (Laughter.)

MR. FITZWATER: Probably shouldn't have started this line of questioning. (Laughter.)

Does anybody else have anything?

Q Wait a minute. I haven't even asked my question yet.

MR. FITZWATER: Oh, I'm sorry. (Laughter.) Go for it.

Q Is it possible that tonight in New York at the NAACP dinner he will talk about the Civil Rights Commission?

MR. FITZWATER: About the Civil Rights Commission?

Q I think there's a vacancy that's expires tonight and this make's it --

MR. FITZWATER: I haven't seen the text. Although the status of the Civil Rights Commission is that there are three vacancies -- one by resignation and two by virtue of the end of their terms. So we will be replacing those or appointing replacements as soon as possible. We don't have them ready -- I don't believe he's announcing anyone tonight.

Q Well, can you give us any sort of sense of what he will be talking about tonight?

MR. FITZWATER: I just haven't seen it. I mean, obviously, he's going to be discussing civil rights issues and equal opportunity, progress for minorities, and so forth. But I don't have specifics. But we'll have an advance text for you, so you'll have it all.

Q Two things about Chile. Did he send a message to the winner of the elections, first? And secondly, are you confident that Pinochet will ensure a smooth transition to democracy?

MR. FITZWATER: I have a statement which I'll be glad to read at this time. Yesterday's election in Chile marked an important threshold in Chile's movement towards democratic rule. We congratulate the people of Chile and their exercise of the cherished rights of freedom of speech and elections. The elections were carried out in a successful manner, and all Chileans should be proud of this process.

We congratulate Mr. Aylwin, who has won the presidency. The United States looks forward to continue strengthening the bilateral relationship for the mutual benefit of both peoples and to working with the new President.

I don't have any idea about Pinochet's activities.

Q How about a phone call? Message?

MR. FITZWATER: Nothing at this point. We'll let you know if there is anything.

Q CNN reported last night that when former President Reagan used to push the button every year for the Christmas tree here at the White House that it was, in fact, a fake button and that he was not actually lighting the tree and that some person from the Park Service did it down on the Ellipse. Is that correct? (Laughter.)

Q That's first-rate journalism. (Laughter.)

Q Question? What was the question?

MR. FITZWATER: Well, I think that's a question for Mark Weinberg at -- (laughter) -- area code 202 -- I don't know.

Q Trade deficit, Marlin?

MR. FITZWATER: I defer to -- I'd better let that go.

Q Is your non-answer -- shall we take that as an answer?

MR. FITZWATER: Well, sort of. (Laughter.)

Q Were all the other buttons disconnected, too? (Laughter.)

Q What about last night?

MR. FITZWATER: Last night was the real thing.

Q What's the agenda in St. Martin's?

MR. FITZWATER: The agenda in St. Martin's is as follows: I do have a draft here.

Q In the trade, you call that a softball. (Laughter.)

Q Slow ball.

Q I call it a grope. (Laughter.)

Q I'm desperate, Marlin. Make my story, will you?

Q Sort of a grovel, right? (Laughter.)

Q Just eliminate the 3-2-1. All right? (Laughter.)

MR. FITZWATER: I was looking for the logistical agenda, first of all. The meetings are all at one location, the hotel, where we'll be, and the press conference is right there also, near the filing center and in that location. So logistically, it's all a fairly compact day.

Agenda -- I don't have a specific agenda other than the purpose is President Mitterrand wants to describe the results of the Strasbourg meeting to the President and discuss those actions. Unquestionably, out of that will flow a discussion of the larger issues of the changes going on in Eastern Europe, the future of the NATO Alliance, probably German reunification -- all those questions related to the reforms in the Soviet Union.

Both President Bush and President Mitterrand have had recent discussions with Chairman Gorbachev, so undoubtedly they'll have some mutual reflections on those meetings as well.

Q Marlin, the U.S. trade deficit shot up last month, and the U.S. also incurred a record deficit with both Western Europe and Japan. Is this a sign that we really have some problems here in the way it's persisting for so many years and that some new approach is needed?

MR. FITZWATER: David, David, David. (Laughter.) The

Merchandise Trade deficit rose in October. The seasonably-adjusted October deficit on a customs-value basis was \$10.2 billion, up \$1.7 billion from the September deficit. The deficit for January through October was \$91.2 billion, down \$6 billion from the trade deficit for the first 10 months of 1988. So it's still moving in the right direction and, no, we're doing exactly the right thing and no changes are necessary at this time, David.

Now, let me just add to that, since you asked, that Producer Prices fell .1 percent in November. Another example that inflation is low and under control. Inflation for all finished goods was less than one percent at an annual rate over the last six months.

I guess that's enough of that.

Q There was a report last night on CBS that the Pentagon has approved the use of troops to snatch drug lords. Is that true, and has the President signed off on that?

MR. FITZWATER: We won't have any comment on that, Terry, because we don't comment on military actions or these kinds of -- any comment on these kinds of activities would only hurt the overall cause.

Q But if you don't comment on it then you just leave it out there and we should -- by not denying it, you make it appear as if it is true.

MR. FITZWATER: We have no comment on this.

Q Does this come under the category that is covered by "keeping our options open"?

MR. FITZWATER: Well, I don't want to put it in any special category. I think I'd better just leave it at a no-comment and you all can judge it as --

Q Let's talk about it for a while. (Laughter.)

MR. FITZWATER: No, no, let's don't.

Let's go on to something far more interesting here. I have a letter here from Jeri Robison Turner of the Office of Tourism and Economic Development in Goliad, Texas. (Laughter.)

Q No, not that party. (Laughter.)

MR. FITZWATER: Yes. (Laughter.)

Q No.

MR. FITZWATER: No, actually this is different. Jeri is concerned that often when stories are written about the President's quail hunting in Beeville that it is attributed to hunting that occurs in Beeville and Bee County. And, in fact this hunting occurs in Goliad County. And for the sake of accuracy, I just want to point that out. It says Goliad County is small, but very big in historical significance. So I am sure you are well aware. (Laughter.)

Q Marlin, will you save that and give it to us -- (laughter.)

Q To segue, what are your briefing plans in Goliad County, or whatever? For the whole Texas trip.

MR. FITZWATER: Well, tentatively, and I say tentatively because it hasn't been locked in yet, but what the trip looks like is that we go to Corpus Christi on the 27th. The President has a fishing expedition of some kind in Corpus Christi, there in the Gulf presumably. And then we go to Beeville that evening. And there's a barbeque sponsored by the city or someone that evening, to which the press is invited. And then he goes out to the ranch later on that

evening and will remain there for three days. Historically, he has gone to this ranch and has done -- has gone quail hunting and has not left the ranch, and he indicates to me that's his plan again this year.

Q Three days?

MR. FITZWATER: In which case, I think it's 27th, 28th and 29.

Q Yes, but that's two days.

Q Two days there.

MR. FITZWATER: Well, count it however you like.

Q Actually, I think, aren't we going to Houston on the 30th? That's three nights.

MR. FITZWATER: That's it. I don't have exact dates. I think it's the 30th and 31st in Houston, and maybe the 1st.

Q And what about your briefings?

MR. FITZWATER: So, anyway, the press corps will go back to Corpus Christi on that night and we will be housed in Corpus Christi. And if there's any way I can get out of briefing at all, I'll do it. (Laughter.) If I can't get out of it -- if I can't get out of it, I'll brief there. But we intend to keep news to a minimum. I'm not encouraging coverage. For all you editors, producers, managers and business executives, please save your money. And et cetera.

Q What about the slobs who have to go there?

MR. FITZWATER: For those of you who have to go, we're going to have a great time there. But none of it is related to legitimate news.

Q Marlin, what is the President doing in Houston? Does he have any activities scheduled in Houston?

MR. FITZWATER: I don't know. I've not seen any schedule in Houston. And I don't know the exact time of return, either. I thought it was going to be New Year's Day, but there's some talk that it might be the night before. So we just have to wait and see.

Q In Houston over that weekend, is it your plan not to brief, barring the unforeseen?

MR. FITZWATER: Yes, I don't plan to brief in Houston.

Q Is he going to skip Alabama?

MR. FITZWATER: No. There's some talk about doing Alabama on the way down now, instead of the way back.

Q And fishing in Corpus?

Q We're going to fish in Alabama and then saddle up and fish in Corpus?

MR. FITZWATER: But it may well stay at the end.

Q He should just keep his gear on.

MR. FITZWATER: I would anticipate -- I would anticipate fishing in both locations.

Q On the same day?

MR. FITZWATER: That's right. (Laughter.)

Q He's going to troll from the helicopter.
(Laughter.)

MR. FITZWATER: The President is not a particularly patient fisherman. (Laughter.)

Q Tell them about dynamite and -- (laughter.)

MR. FITZWATER: Let's talk about our wetlands policy here. (Laughter.)

Q Does the President plan to sign budget reconciliation today?

MR. FITZWATER: I'll have to check. I don't think it's ready to be signed today. We got it the day before yesterday, but I don't think it's been reviewed yet.

Q In all the statements the President has made in support of perestroika, in saying he wants to see perestroika succeed, does he have any reaction to the fact that yesterday at the Congress of Peoples Deputies a new five-year plan was substituted for perestroika -- continuing the policy of centralized planning and none of the reforms that Gorbachev had advocated?

MR. FITZWATER: Well, we're disappointed that they appear to be on a centralized planning course. As you know, the President outlined a number of economic opportunities for the Soviet Union when he was in Malta -- but a good deal of the progress under those initiatives requires that they move towards market pricing, that they institute some reforms towards market economies. As you know, our policy towards their participation in the World Bank and IMF and others for some time has always been that they don't have the kind of economic structure that allows them to be a participant. So this is not particularly encouraging for their participation in world economic bodies, and so we are disappointed.

Q Thank you.

MR. FITZWATER: All right. See you in New York, or St. Martin's, or both.

Q Or neither.

THE PRESS: Thank you.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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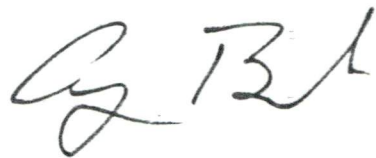
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Sincerely,



*May God Bless You
Husband*

Mrs. Virginia Steen
3978 Utopia
Clark Lake, Michigan 49234

cc: J. Burmeister



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We also hope that the timeless spirit of the holiday season brings comfort to you, to each of the hostages, and to all those who have suffered as a result of the tragic conflict in the Middle East. May God reward your faith and courage with peace and happiness in the new year.

With best wishes from the Bush family to yours,

Sincerely,

God Bless
Your Wonderful Dad.

Miss Katherine Sutherland
Miss Joan Sutherland
3103 Gatlin Street
Fort Collins, Colorado 80525

cc: J. Burmeister

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 15, 1989

Dear Mrs. Tracy:

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With best wishes from the Bush family to yours,

Sincerely,

God Bless your
fine son -

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Mrs. Doris Tracy
238 Spear Street
South Burlington, Vermont 05403

cc: J. Burmeister

December 15, 1989

Dear Richard:

I'm glad you enjoyed my letter; it was my pleasure to send it. You deserve our thanks for your many years of service.

Barbara joins me in sending you our best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

GEORGE BUSH ^A

The Honorable Richard C. Van Dusen
Dickinson, Wright, Moon,
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Detroit, Michigan 48226-3555

✓ cc: Tom Valega
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WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 15, 1989

Dear Ana:

Just a note of thanks for your warm welcome during my visit to Pickard Elementary School and, again, for your insightful letter describing the drug problem in your neighborhood. Your school has established a great anti-drug program and is setting a fine example for other schools in Chicago and around the country. With the kind of enthusiasm and concern displayed by students and teachers at your school, we can and will win the war on drugs. I was delighted to meet you -- keep up the good work.

Mrs. Bush joins me in sending our best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,



Miss Ana Zamora
Pickard Elementary School
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