

# National

## Reagan returns from hospital

WASHINGTON — With a wave and a smile, President Reagan walked out of the hospital Saturday and was whisked back to the White House a dozen days after a gunman tried to kill him.

Reagan, wearing a bright red cardigan and in high spirits, shunned the normal wheelchair exit of a hospital patient.

"I walked in here and I'm going to walk out," he jokingly told some 75 doctors, nurses and orderlies massed in the lobby before stepping into a waiting limousine. He was flanked by first lady Nancy Reagan and daughter Patti Davis.

The president, shot in the chest March 30 in an assassination attempt, looked thin and moved stiffly Saturday, but was obviously happy to return to the White House to finish recuperating.

"This looks like a nice place," the president said as he arrived home in a light spring rain.

Vice President George Bush led a crowd of staff members gathered beneath umbrellas at the White House portico to welcome him. One aide said Reagan "looked tremendous."

Doctors at the George Washington Medical Center discharged the president when a final series of chest X-rays showed that a spot on his left lung was clearing up. They said it probably

was dried blood or tissue.

"Things should move along very quickly now," said Dr. Dennis O'Leary, chief of clinical affairs.

O'Leary estimated it would take four to eight months, perhaps longer, before Reagan was "totally back to normal." But he said the president could start working half days in the Oval Office next week and might make a helicopter trip to Camp David, the presidential retreat, in a week or 10 days.

Doctors told the president at 7:25 a.m. that they were discharging him. That was just as well, because according to White House deputy chief of staff Michael Deaver, Reagan informed the doctors, "I've already made up my mind on that."

The president followed the hospital rules of a wheelchair ride only as far as the elevator when he quit his third-floor hospital suite at midmorning. He emerged from the elevator into the lobby, then out the door, on his feet.

Reflecting increased concern over the president's safety, some 100 Secret Service agents and police were delayed in the hospital lobby and around the entrance when Reagan emerged into a light spring rain.

Standing expressionless just behind the

president was Secret Service agent Jerry Parr, the man who shoved Reagan into his waiting limousine when the shots rang out at the Washington Hilton 12 days earlier.

The presidential motorcade passed several hundred waving passers-by as it wound its way a half-mile downtown.

The shots that wounded Reagan and three others were fired from a crowd of reporters and bystanders which gathered to watch the president leave a Washington hotel after giving a speech.

White House press secretary James Brady, wounded in the head, was the only one of Reagan's fellow victims who remained hospitalized.

Police officer Thomas Delahanty was discharged from the Washington Hospital Center about the same time the president left George Washington hospital. Secret Service agent Timothy McCarthy went home at midweek.

Brady is "making excellent progress," O'Leary said. "Mentally he is virtually almost 100 percent of what he was before all this happened. The return of personality is evolving steadily; it is very far along."

"He is a little subdued now, but we think it is a pretty good sign because it means he is in touch with reality."

## Hinckley may have stalked Carter: FBI

WASHINGTON — The FBI believes John W. Hinckley Jr., charged with trying to assassinate President Reagan, stalked President Carter last fall, the New York Times reported Sunday.

An FBI spokesman refused to comment on the report.

The Times said the agency's extensive background check on

Hinckley since the March 30 wounding of the president outside a Washington hotel has led agents to the conclusion the drifter, 25, also tracked Carter.

The newspaper said there was no conclusive evidence linking Hinckley to Carter, though records of the suspect's travels and eyewitness accounts suggest to the FBI he may have considered attacking the former

president.

Hinckley reportedly followed Carter to Nashville and Chicago during last fall's campaign and also may have stalked him in Washington in September, December and January.

Hinckley was arrested Oct. 9 at the Nashville Metropolitan Airport for carrying three concealed weapons just before he was to board a flight to New York.

## Bush stays low key while in charge

WASHINGTON — For nearly two weeks while he filled in at the White House, Vice President George Bush has used the Cabinet room, the Rose Garden, the Roosevelt Room — everything but President Reagan's Oval Office.

While assuming many of the crushing burdens of the presidency, Bush has taken extraordinary caution not to try to assume any of the pomp of the office. Described as firm, diplomatic, low key, and unflamboyant, Bush brought along a smooth and unanticipated flow of power during the time of crisis.

Bush's transition to a higher level of power was eased because the president was totally out of commission only a few hours, while under the effect of anesthesia during the operation to remove the would-be assassin's bullet from his lung.

For the remainder of the time in George Washington University Hospital, Reagan was able to make any major decisions.

But interviews with top Reagan and Bush aides show that while chaos and draining emotion surrounded the shooting of the president, Bush moved calmly and effi-

ciently into the center of government.

Summoned home from Texas where he was on a speaking tour when Reagan was shot, Bush ordered his helicopter to land on the grounds of the vice presidential mansion rather than the White House lawn, which he felt was reserved for the president. It immediately set the symbolic tone.

For the next 12 days, Bush assumed the president's position, but not necessarily his powers. There was never any question that the trio that runs the Reagan White House — chief counselor Edwin Meese, chief of staff James Baker and deputy chief of staff Michael Deaver — was still in charge.

Bush took care to do what was correct. He presided at a Cabinet meeting, but not from the president's chair. He greeted the deputy prime minister of Poland in the ceremonial Roosevelt Room; a poster child in the Rose Garden and held other meetings in his own White House office — never using the Oval Office.

The Bush staff said they didn't

look it up in the history books, but there were probably some who remembered the resentment an eager Vice President Richard Nixon triggered when he all but moved into the Oval Office when President Eisenhower suffered a heart attack. Eisenhower's press secretary and close confidant Jim Haggerty is said to have bluntly told Nixon he was overstepping his powers.

And no one had to remind Bush of the tense feeling Secretary of State Alexander Haig sparked on television shortly after Reagan was shot, saying "I am in charge" until Bush returned.

Bush's work day may have been an hour or two longer than usual, but he found the crowded schedule and added chaos after the assassination attempt tiring. By the time he addressed 3,000 people, while standing in for Reagan at the Republican congressional campaign dinner a week after the shooting, he looked pale and thinner.

"This is one guy who will be glad when he (Reagan) gets back in the Oval Office," Bush said.

## Man dies in crash in high speed race

TULSA, Okla. — A spectacular crash at the Tulsa Speedway on the Tulsa Fairgrounds killed a 47-year-old race car driver, the Highway Patrol said.

Acel H. Taft was dead at the scene from a skull fracture and a broken neck.

Officials said Taft's car was following two cars during the race late Saturday, when the rear-end mechanism of the first vehicle failed, causing the second car to bump into the rear of the front car.

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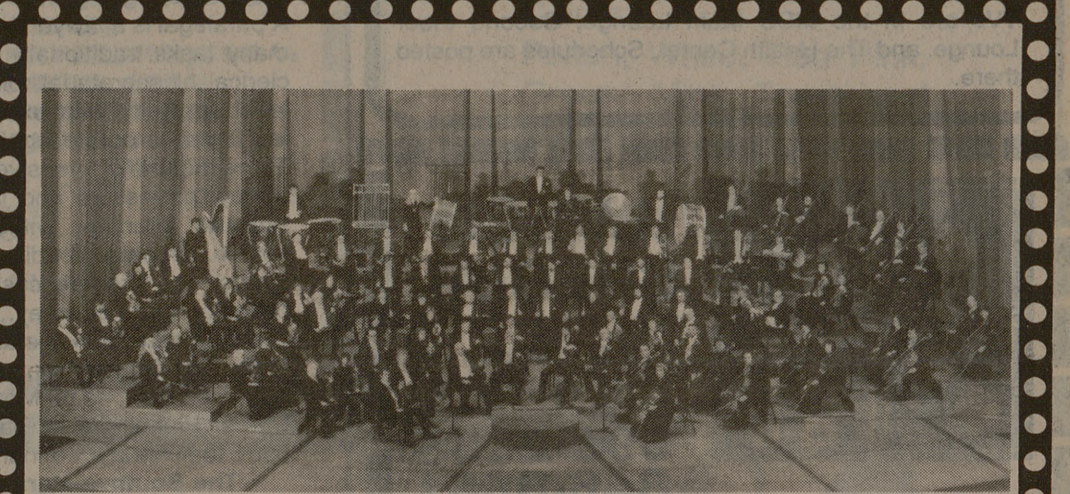
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