



I think I understand

photo by Athena Vourvoulis

Bill Lane, a sophomore environmental design major from San Marcos, studies the artwork in Rudder Exhibit Hall prepared by members of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design faculty. The artwork will remain on exhibit until Feb. 23.

Reagan on the road for "New Federalism"

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The "New Federalism" campaign is on the road Monday, with President Reagan set to drum up support for his sweeping proposal in visits to three Midwestern cities.

Reagan's proposal to relinquish federal control of many New Deal social programs will dominate the two-day trip to Minnesota, Iowa and Indiana and may make enough news to distract attention from the \$91.5 billion deficit he just announced.

Before leaving for the Midwest, Reagan scheduled meetings with the bipartisan congressional leadership and Republican congressional leaders. Reagan's introduction during the weekend of his 1983 fiscal budget with its whopping deficit was up for discussion.

For Reagan, today's trip was a key element in his selling of the "New Federalism" plan to turn control for some 43 social welfare programs from Washington over to the states. It is a nearly \$50 billion undertaking, and won't even get started until 1984 if passed by Congress.

That will give the president plenty of time to whip up support for the plan and to avoid discussing the economy in specific detail. Reagan, who turned 71 years old Saturday, was told by his top aides during the weekend that he faces a politically difficult task in the months ahead if the economy does not rebound.

The job of pushing for a Republican majority in the House to go with GOP dominance in the Senate will be that much tougher if the economy does not get into shape.

Reagan's tour was to begin Monday evening at a fundraiser for Sen. David Durenberger, R-Minn., just outside Minneapolis. Later, the president will address a GOP rally and then fly to Des Moines for the night.

Today, Reagan will attend a \$1,000-a-plate breakfast and later address the Iowa General Assembly.

Indianapolis is next on the itinerary. The president is scheduled to make brief remarks to the state legislature before returning to Washington.

While the president will be talking up the "New Federalism," some demonstrators are expected to remind him of his austere federal spending proposals and the reductions in social services he would have.

Radical flees shooting, suspected in slaying

United Press International
NORTH ATTLEBORO, Mass. — The man who fired at two Massachusetts troopers at a highway rest stop and fled into the woods is a member of a radical terrorist group believed to be involved in the slaying of a New Jersey state trooper, police say.

State police searched Monday for Jan Laaman, but said they were afraid he had escaped. "We just don't know what happened to him," a state police spokesman said. "It still amazes us how he managed to get out of the woods undetected."

About 150 officers, aided by dogs and helicopters, spent all day Sunday searching 3 square miles of woods for Laaman, identified as a member of the radical Melville-Jackson Unit, which is suspected of the slaying of a New Jersey state trooper Dec. 21.

Police said the shootout in North Attleboro began early Sunday when one man jumped out of a station wagon parked at a rest area on Route 95 and fired at two approaching troopers.

One of the two police cruisers was hit at least three times, but neither trooper was hurt. The man identified as Laaman escaped into the woods. Another man in the station wagon was arrested. Police confiscated a loaded shotgun, a .45-caliber semiautomatic rifle, and 30 hollow point bullets and an attack dog.

Detectives said they believed Laaman had escaped, but had no idea where he might have gone.

The second man in the station wagon was tentatively identified as Christopher King of Brooklyn, N.Y., who was wearing a bulletproof vest and had a 9mm pistol.

Both men are wanted for questioning in the slaying of New Jersey state trooper Philip Lamomaco, who was shot when he stopped a car on Interstate 80 in Knowlton Township, N.J.

The Melville-Jackson Unit is believed to be headed by Richard Williams, the prime suspect in the Lamomaco slaying.

The Melville-Jackson Unit is a left-wing revolutionary group named after Sam Melville, who died in the 1973 prison riot at Alcatraz, N.Y., and Jonathan Jackson, who died in an attempted escape from the county jail in Alameda County, Calif. The group formed in 1975, and thought at that time to kill 10 to 15 people.

The state police spokesman said members of the Melville-Jackson Unit "like to play a war movie." He said the police thought the rest area might have been waiting to contact someone.



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