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Reagan urges military aid

WASHINGTON — President

Reagan's urgent appeal for more military aid to El Salvador got a cordial reception, but early indications are it failed to bridge the deep divisions over the administration's policy in Central America.

Reagan, addressing a joint session of Congress Wednesday night, urged America to "hold the line" against Soviet-Cuban backed subversion in the region.

He reminded his audience El Salvador is closer to Texas than Texas is to Massachusetts.

"I say to you tonight there can be no question: the national security of all the Americas is at stake in Central America. If we cannot defend ourselves there, we cannot expect to prevail elsewhere," he said.

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Reagan argued, not only is the security of all the Americas at stake, but United States' credibility and commitment in Europe and Asia as well.

'Central America's problems directly affect the security and well-being of our own people," he said

He cited as goals support of democracy, reform and human freedom, economic develop-ment, security for the threatened nations and negotiations among the nations in the region.

The president sparked a standing ovation when he said, "I do not believe there is a majority in the Congress or in the country that counsels passivity, resignation, defeatism in the face of this challenge to freedom and security in our hemisphere.

Reagan said El Salvador still

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has major problems regarding human rights, the criminal jus-tice system and violence against civilians, but he blamed guerrillas for the country's turmoil.

Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Charles Percy, R-III., called the speech "logical. I think it appealed to the American people." Assistant House Republican leader Trent Lott of Mississippi

predicted "Congress will now move expeditiously" to approve aid.

But Rep. Clarence Long, D-Md., chairman of the House Appropriations subcommittee that cut Reagan's \$60 million aid request in half this week, disagreed with Lott.

An hour after Reagan spoke, the White House recorded 1,200 telephone calls, an aboveaverage volume with 789 regis-tering a favorable response and 390 on the negative side.

The president's remarks were interrupted 10 times by ap-

plause, with the greatest sustained ovation, particularly from the Democratic side, greeting his declaration the struggle in Central America would not become another Vietnam.

'Let me say, to those who invoke the memory of Vietnam: There is no thought of sending American combat troops to Cen-tral America. They are not needed," Reagan vowed. He expressed the view that

"with better training and mate-rial help, our neighbors can hold off the guerrillas and give democratic reform time to take root.'

There was no applause, however, when Reagan said he is standing firm in his request for nearly \$200 million in military aid for El Salvador this year.

Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., a presidential candidate, said, "Unless the government of El Salvador shapes up" by impro-ving its human rights record, "there is no way to prop up that government. We are pouring money down a rat hole.

Feminist out on bond after plea of innocent

United Press International GRETNA, La. — California feminist leader Ginny Foat, beaming after posting \$125,000 bond and out of jail for the first time in four months, wants to go back to

California before standing trial for a 1965 murder. Foat (of California) is free on a property bond for the first time since she was arrested four months ago on a

1965 murder charge. Bond was posted Wednes-day by Dr. Norma Kerbey of New Orleans and approved by a judge about six hours after Foat pleaded innocent to the tire-iron slaying of an Argentine businessman in a New Orleans suburb. An official in the Jefferson

Parish district attorney's office said Foat must stay in Jefferson Parish or nearby New Orleans until she receives permission because a request to leave had not yet been filed.

Foat, on leave as president of the California chapter of the National Organization for Women, emerged from jail beaming but refused to talk to reporters. Defense attorneys said she probably would spend a few days in the New

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