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Reagan says he'll seek second term

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WASHINGTON — President Reagan, declaring "our work is not finished," Sunday night made his long expected announcement that he will seek a second term.

In a five-minute speech televised live from the Oval Office, Reagan said: "We have made a new beginning. Vice President Bush and I would like to have your continued support and cooperation in completing what we began three years ago."

"I am therefore announcing that I am a candidate and will seek reelection to the office I presently hold."

Although Reagan aides said the president told no one of his decision early, the announcement came as no surprise. The campaign organization, which paid \$400,000 to have the announcement broadcast on ABC, CBS and NBC, has been in place for months with more than 100 paid staffers.

About 1,000 staunch Reaganites

began celebrating in a downtown hotel ballroom about three hours before the speech was given and 400 party leaders dropped by the White House for a reception five hours before the address.

"I support him fully," said First Lady Nancy Reagan, who has expressed fears about his safety since an assassination attempt three years ago. "I'm very proud of him and all he has accomplished in a very short space of time."

Mrs. Reagan, his daughter, Maureen, and her husband, Dennis Ravell, were with the president in the Oval Office as he made the announcement.

With the flair of the Hollywood actor he used to be, Reagan teased his viewers in the third sentence of his address, saying: "I've come to a difficult personal decision as to whether or not I should seek re-election."

He did not reveal that decision until the end of the speech, about four minutes later.

Sounding the theme that is likely to become the centerpiece of his campaign, Reagan, who celebrates his 73rd birthday next week, told how things have improved since he described the nation as being "in the worst economic mess since the great depression."

"Well, things have changed," he said. "This past year inflation dropped down to 3.2 percent. Interest rates — cut nearly in half. Retail sales are surging. Homes are being built and sold. Auto assembly lines are opening up. And in just the last year 4 million people have found jobs."

"But our work is not finished," said Reagan. "We have more to do in creating jobs, achieving control over government spending, returning more autonomy to the states, keeping peace in a more settled world, and seeing if we can't find room in our schools for God."

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Man's best friend

Photo by KATHERINE HURT

Bob and Bobby Beals of Bryan admire an abandoned dog at the Brazos Animal Shelter. The shelter celebrated its first

birthday Sunday with cat and dog-shaped cakes for the two-legged guests and milk bones for the rest.

Found in Texas wildlife

Fresh DDT discovered

United Press International

DALLAS — Fresh concentrations of the powerful insecticide DDT, banned 12 years ago by the federal government, now have been discovered in animal tissue in Texas, California and other western states, UPI has learned.

The toxin, believed to be smuggled or drained in from Mexico, also threatens extensive wildlife breeding grounds.

"We're probably all loaded with it," said John Youngerman, chief of surveillance for California's water resource control board. "It (DDT) is just endemic. We keep finding DDT and DDE (a breakdown product) almost everywhere."

DDT has long been detected in Texas' Rio Grande Valley, but recent accumulations make contaminated fish potential "packets of poison," according to biologists, and endanger

vital Laguna Madre breeding grounds.

In California, data compiled last week reveal heavy contamination in stickleback fish and mussels in the Salinas River valley, a lettuce-growing region south of San Francisco. Previously, DDT contamination was believed limited to southern California.

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Coordinating Board endorses PUF amendment

By RONNIE CROCKER
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The Texas College and University System Coordinating Board Friday unanimously endorsed a proposed amendment to the Texas constitution that would allow components of the Texas A&M and University of Texas systems to share in the Permanent University Fund.

The PUF is a constitutionally dedicated fund that provides money for Texas A&M and UT with certain legislative restrictions. The interest earned by the fund is known as the available University Fund and is presently set up to allow only UT at Austin and Texas A&M to share in the income.

Under the terms of the amend-

ment, Prairie View A&M University and the rest of the Texas A&M system would be allowed to share in the AUF. Newly created colleges and universities would be allowed to share in whichever of the two funds would be appropriate.

The amendment, which will go before the voters Nov. 6, also would provide \$100 million in annual funding for the acquisition of land, construction of new facilities, repair and rehabilitation of existing facilities, and the purchase of equipment, library books and other materials by the universities and colleges that do not share in the PUF.

The new special higher education assistance fund would get its money from general state revenue and would

replace the state ad valorem tax fund which provided money to 17 public universities prior to 1979.

Although the tax wasn't repealed until 1982, the legislature, in 1979, reduced the assessment ratio to a point so low that it became impractical to collect the tax.

This was done because of a 1978 suit that questioned the constitutionality of the tax. Since then, the 17 schools haven't received funds for new construction because of constitutional restrictions on using general funds for such things.

A clause in the resolution cites a study of repair needs at 25 public senior colleges. According to the study, more than \$300 million is needed to sufficiently upgrade existing facilities.

In other business, the Board, on recommendation from its committee on Campus Planning and Physical Facilities Development, approved the purchase by Texas A&M of five acres of land between the campus and Farm Road 2818. The AUF will cover the \$82,500 cost of the land.

UT got permission from the Board to spend more than \$11.5 million on two construction projects.

One of the projects is to build a football facility south of Memorial Stadium that includes modern dressing and training facilities and a fenced rooftop practice field covered with artificial turf.

The Board approved it with the understanding that none of the funding would come from state funds. The

facility will be funded through men's intercollegiate and gift funds.

The other project is a \$4.7 million parking garage that will accommodate 1,000 cars. The money will come from revenue bonds, unallocated designated funds and unexpended plant fund balances.

The Board also approved 13 formulas to be used by the governor and Legislative Budget Board on which to base their budget recommendations. The formulas also are to be used by the public colleges and universities in preparing their budget requests for 1985-87.

The faculty salaries formula, as voted on by the Board, calls for a 9 percent increase in 1986 and a 6 percent increase in 1987.

In another action, the Board authorized its staff to publish its revised fall enrollment forecasts for Texas institutes of higher education through 1995. The Board has been publishing the forecasts every two years since 1978.

The predictions say that statewide more than 850,000 people will be enrolled in 1995 as compared to 765,265 in 1983. At Texas A&M, the prediction is for 39,860 in 1995 as compared to 36,846 in 1983.

The enrollment at Prairie View A&M, according to the forecasts, will grow to 4,798 in 1995 from its 1983 enrollment of 4,425. At UT, the prediction is for an increase from 47,573 to 49,100 in the same time period.

U.S., Soviets playing game of one-upmanship, pros say

By SARAH OATES
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"Soviet-American relations are in really bad shape right now. In fact, they're in the worst shape since the Cuban Missile Crisis," said Dr. John Robertson, an assistant professor of political science at Texas A&M University.

Last week Secretary of State George Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko met in Stockholm to try to warm up the chilly current of communications between the superpowers.

The meeting was disappointing for both sides, Gromyko flatly stating that, "Nuclear war is the key of the United States." Asked to describe the status of Soviet-American relations, Shultz' oblique reply that, "There are some positive things. There are some negative things. It's kind of a mixed picture," neatly skirted the issue.

Soviet leader Yuri Andropov has said there is a need for dialogue between the Soviet Union and the U.S., but that it will not occur if Washington continues to approach the issue from a standpoint of threats and pressure.

Andropov also touched on a key problem in current U.S.-Soviet relations when he said Tuesday at discussions on nuclear arms limitations must be directed at reaching "concrete accords."

"Reagan is an ardent anti-communist," Robertson said. So far as Reagan is concerned, America won't play second fiddle to the Soviets, he said.

Robertson said the superpowers currently are engaged in a game of one-upmanship that is in part responsible for floundering Soviet-American relations.

"Neither power can admit that it has anxieties, or afford to admit them," Robertson said. "They're playing tit-for-tat. Who has the greatest arsenal, who doesn't, who has the greatest technology and so on. Because of this game, the prospects are more difficult for a dialogue."

"They're not even talking specifics right now," he said. "That's how badly things have regressed. It's a game of 'Well, let's see your proposal. No, let's see yours first.' Reagan can't offer Russia anything tangible right now because he has to answer to his right-wing Republican constituency."

Robertson said that because this is an election year, the Reagan administration and the Soviets "may try to cut a deal soon," concerning arms reductions or limitations.

"I can see incentives on both sides as the election approaches," he said. "Reagan needs something to go to the American people with. I think it's possible something will be worked out before the election."

"If something isn't worked out before the election, it will be hard next year for the U.S. and the Soviets to get back together."

Asked what sort of arms limitations agreement might be reached, Robertson said he thinks the superpowers might in principal "agree to agree" on something such as the exact wording of a proposal.

"In principal, it would be good to have issues folded in together," he said. For example, the START talks and the intermediate-range missile talks could be folded in together.

"I can see levels set to establish baselines for negotiations," Robertson said.

Texas A&M assistant history professor Terry Anderson said that Reagan is the first president since Truman to discontinue talks with the Soviet Union.

"This could have terrible repercussions," he said. "I do not support Russia, but I basically agree with Andropov on this issue."

Anderson said that the Reagan administration has reversed a historical trend of superpower communication that has been supported by both Republicans and Democrats, calling it "a very bad move on Reagan's part."

Reagan will probably make arms concessions before the election, Anderson said, but added that right now "our demands are so preposterous ... They're in the stratosphere."

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