

Reagan praises 'democratic' Dominicans

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WASHINGTON — President Reagan praised the Dominican Republic Tuesday as "a nation of freedom-loving people everywhere" and contrasted recent experience under democracy to the communist "tyranny" imposed on Cuba.

Reagan said, "Such serfdom and bowing to the interests of far-away masters is not consistent with the legacy of the people of this hemisphere." Welcoming Dominican President Salvador Jorge Blanco to the White House, Reagan cited a record of economic, social and political failure under communism in Cuba. Jorge Blanco, the first Do-

minican leader to make a formal state visit to Washington, was treated to a 21-gun salute and a warm welcome from Reagan before a round of talks on economic concerns and turmoil in Central America. Standing before a full military honor guard, Reagan praised the course of democracy in the Dominican Republic since the turbulent days of the early 1960s, when Jorge Blanco

was among the leaders of a leftist rebellion. "It is fitting that the Dominican Republic, with its stability and political liberty, now shows others the way," he said. The country returned to a constitutional government with free elections in 1966, enforced by a multinational force that included 9,000 U.S. troops dispatched by President Lyndon Johnson.

Despite severe economic problems, including the strain of a \$2.5 billion foreign debt and a depressed global market for sugar, its chief export, Reagan said the Dominican Republic "today shines as a beacon of freedom-loving people everywhere."

Reagan set the tone for the talks by calling the Dominican Republic "a tremendous inspiration" to countries "battling to strengthen our democracy, while at the same time facing the dire effects of an international economic crisis which has dealt harsh blows to the weak economies and fragile political institutions of developing countries."

He denounced Cuba for denying economic freedom and democratic liberty to its people and exporting "violence and hatred." "This tyranny has brought little hope of economic progress," Reagan said, "providing its people only shortages and food lines."

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'Terms of Endearment' actors bask in glory of Oscar victory

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HOLLYWOOD — Shirley MacLaine, exhausted from a night of jubilant merrymaking, basked Tuesday in the glory of winning the first Oscar in her 26-year movie career. "It's nice waking up in the morning to see that you've got the Oscar for company," Miss MacLaine said sleepily. Miss MacLaine triumphed Monday night in winning the best actress Oscar for her performance as the over-protective mother in "Terms of Endearment," which won five major Oscars at the 56th annual Academy Awards presentations.

The actress danced the night away at the post-Oscar party at the Beverly Hilton Hotel where she received applause from some 3,000 celebrants when she made a belated appearance. Jack Nicholson, who won the award for best supporting actor as Miss MacLaine's amorous ex-astronaut neighbor, said he hoped to return to Colorado to ski, a past-time he interrupted Monday to attend the awards. James L. Brooks, who collected three awards for "Terms of Endearment" — best director, best picture and adapted screenplay — planned to spend Tuesday relaxing and enjoying his victory.

The two major Oscars not captured by "Terms of Endearment" went to Robert Duvall for best actor for his portrait of a broken down country singer in "Tender Mercies," and best supporting actress honors to Linda Hunt for her portrayal of a male photographer in "The Year of Living Dangerously." But Sweden's "Fanny and Alexander" romped off with four awards, including best foreign language picture, the most Oscars ever won by a foreign language film. "The Right Stuff," the saga of the American Mercury astronauts, won four technical awards.

"Flashdance ... What a Feeling" won the award for best song while "Yentl" won the Oscar for best adaptation of a musical score and "The Right Stuff" took the award for best original score. The three-hour, forty-five minute Los Angeles Music Center awards ceremony hosted by Johnny Carson was a winner in the overnight Arbitron ratings, although it did not attract as many viewers as last year's presentations. In 1983 the Oscars drew a 63 percent share of viewers. This year the average was only 54, with New York leading other cities with a 62 percent share.

Two prison escapees captured while two others remain at large

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FORT PILLOW, Tenn. — National Guardsmen and police with bloodhounds Tuesday stalked and captured two of four convicts who staged the second major break in two months from the escape-plagued Fort Pillow Prison. After capturing two of the fugitives, 500 civilian lawmen and military police stopped two trains and pressed the manhunt for the third missing convict, convicted killer Gary Sanders, 30. A prison dog handler and two National Guardsmen armed with M-16s tipped with

bayonets tracked down Danny Miller and Tony Wayne Sexton at Loveless Crossing near the Hatchie River. They were still on the property of the sprawling prison farm in west Tennessee. "They picked up footprints and the dog handler was called in. At 1:11 p.m. (CST) the handler reported the dogs had picked up a track. At 1:18 they were captured," said Correction spokeswoman Jeannette Birge. "The inmates are tired and dirty. It's pretty muddy up here now." Deputy Corrections Commissioner Ron Bishop said the convicts had no weapons and offered no resistance when they were captured on prison property. The convicts were returned to the massive, farm-like prison and locked up in "administrative segregation." Sexton, 32, was serving 75 years for murder and robbery with a deadly weapon and Miller, 28, was serving life for assault with intent to commit rape and burglary. Four inmates crept away from a work detail at the prison Monday. One surrendered a short time later after an unsuspecting housewife fed him fried chicken.


The Tennessee search was one of two conducted around the nation Tuesday. A nationwide alert was issued for four of six convicts who fled the Dauphin County prison at Harrisburg, Pa., Friday night. Two were retaken over the weekend but officials called the four still at large "extremely dangerous and very desperate." A one-legged diabetic convict who escaped from a prison at Hardwick, Ga., was recaptured Tuesday within 80 yards of the main gate. Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander called the second escape in two months from the Fort Pillow prison "inexcusable" and called out 250 National Guardsmen to join in the search. "I will do whatever else it takes to help capture them and to protect the lives of Tennesseans," the governor said. The four convicts crept away from a 40-man work detail, hid in a culvert and then fled on foot into the woods near Henning, Tenn. Two armed guards and a supervisor watching the detail apparently didn't notice they were missing for at least 90 minutes. Two of the guards were suspended pending an investigation. Corrections Commissioner Ernest Pellegrin said the guards have standing orders to shoot to prevent escapes and, "Why they were not shot, I don't know."

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