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Reagan asks for support

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WASHINGTON — President Reagan said Tuesday the "enemies of freedom" are watching congressional debate over aid to El Salvador, and called on the lawmakers to provide enough support to do the job.

"If the Congress offers too little support, it would be worse than doing nothing at all," Reagan said as he opened his 24th nationally televised press conference.

The Reagan plea came as Salvadoran President-elect Jose Napoleon Duarte lobbied Congress for \$62 million in emergency military aid for his country.

"Our Congress faces some historic decisions this week," Reagan said.

"We must support the democratic aspirations of the people of Nicaragua and oppose the Sandinista aggressors against their neighbors," he said. "Peace can only be achieved in Central America if the forces of democracy are strong."

Duarte Tuesday made the rounds of Capitol Hill, apparently making headway in securing aid.

House Speaker Thomas O'Neill said that although he opposes further military aid for El Salvador, he is impressed by Duarte's "courage, honesty and decency" and he predicted the House will approve both further military and economic aid for San Salvador.

The House is expected to act later this week on Reagan's request for the \$2 million in military aid, which would be added on top of \$64.8 million that Congress earlier approved this fiscal year.

Reagan refused to say what the United States will do in the Persian Gulf if the Iran-Iraq war worsens, but he said he does not think American troops will become involved in a shoot-out war.

"I think it's very slight," he said of the possibility of U.S. troops becoming involved. "I can't foresee that happening. As things stand now, no I don't think so."

Reagan said that despite U.S.-Soviet tensions, he thinks the world is safer now than it has been.

"I don't think we're any closer or closer as we might have been in the past... to a nuclear conflagration," he said. "Yes, the Soviet Union is unhappy... We're building up our military and we're not unilaterally disarming while they continue their massive buildup. I think the world would be a little safer than it has been in the past."

Reagan also said:

"He is not worried about the increased presence of Soviet submarines off the U.S. coast. 'If I thought there was some reason to be concerned about them I wouldn't be sleeping in this house tonight,' he said. 'This isn't anything new.'"

He said the Soviets apparently are doing "something in return" for NATO deployment of intermediate-range missiles in Europe.



Photo by PETER ROCHA

Nice weather

Taking advantage of the calm after the storm, this bicyclist rides through the debris knocked from the trees by rain, hail and high winds Monday.

Sidewalks, such as this one in front of Leggett Hall, were covered with leaves and branches. Please see related story this page.

Rains flood area

By Kari Fluegel
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Bryan-College Station residents got more than they hoped for in the recent torrential storms, and more showers may fall today, but the National Weather Service is predicting a clear weekend.

Thunderstorms that swept through the area Monday, dumping up to three inches of rain in several parts of Brazos County, caused some minor damage and flooding on campus and in the area. Golf-ball-sized hail was reported in some areas.

Lightning struck a unit of Southside Apartments, the married students' apartments, on the Texas A&M campus.

The lightning hit the roof over apartments 7-C and 7-D leaving a hole about a foot in diameter and a small amount of smoke damage inside, Elmer Schneider, Texas A&M chief of police, said. The apartment residents were not home at the time.

The only other incidents on campus were false fire alarms set off by the weather and flooding on Lamar Street and near the Grove, Schneider said. The flooding cleared when the downpour stopped, he said.

In College Station, traffic lights at the intersections of University Drive at Texas Avenue and University at College Avenue went down for a short time due to the lightning activity in the area.

"The electronic equipment in susceptible to energy from a lightning burst," John Black, College Station traffic engineer, said. "The lightning doesn't have to strike the equipment."

Also in College Station, police dispatchers had to use flashlights in their work areas and manually check for incoming calls when the outage caused the switchboard to go dark during a 20-minute power outage at the Police Department.

In Bryan, lightning caused two feeders at a sub-station to go out and struck at tree at 901 Ruskin Drive leaving smoke damage inside the house. There were no injuries resulting from the incident.

The heavy rains caused flooding in the Wheeler Ridge area when cars driving by sent water into the living rooms of houses on Green Valley Road.

Bryan city officials expect pot holes to develop because of the heavy water flow on the streets. Also, broken branches will have to be cleaned out of the sewers.

College Station City Engineer David Pullen said the storms won't cause any delay in the road repair work on Southwest Parkway and FM 2818.

Regents approve runway plan

By ROBIN BLACK
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The Texas A&M Board of Regents Tuesday approved plans to extend one of the runways at Easternwood Airport and build additional prestige boxes at Kyle Field.

The plans for the airport would lengthen the runway to 7,000 feet and would allow larger planes to come and go from the airport. Present facilities at the airport make it almost impossible for large jets to take off from the too-short runways.

The Federal Aviation Administration must approve plans for the longer runway, and if they do the federal government will pay 90 percent of the building cost.

The FAA has already said it would approve the 90 percent subsidization for a 6,200-foot runway, and the regents are hoping the agency also will approve funding for the additional 800 feet.

The board has estimated the total cost for the runway extension at \$6.4 million.

Regents also approved plans to have preliminary designs drawn up for 48 more suites to be built around the horseshoe area in Kyle Field.

The complex, which will include facilities to accommodate 1,200 people for meetings and social events, will be funded by donations from the Aggie Club.

Although no definite price for the suites has been determined at this time, people have already committed to leasing 22 of the suites. The lease revenues will be the source of funds for the project, and the overall lease prices will be set higher than actual construction costs.

The board also approved the Student Center Complex fee hike that was approved in a student body referendum during student elections in March.

The fee, which has not increased since 1973, will be raised from the current rate of \$10 to \$20 over the next three years.

The fee will be raised to \$14 a semester during the 1984-85 school year, then to \$18 during the 1985-86 school year and will level off at \$20 a

semester during the 1986-87 school year.

The fee increase was originally authorized by the State Legislature in 1983, with the stipulations that it increase to no more than \$20 per semester and that the increase must be approved by a vote of the student body.

The student referendum recommends that a portion of the fee increase collected be set aside in a separate reserve fund to provide for planning and construction of additions to existing facilities to increase space available for general student usage.

In other business, the board heard a presentation of the goals of the total engineering program at Texas A&M as provided for under the Target 2000 project.

In the presentation, it was pointed out that the University ranks fourth in the nation in the number of National Merit Scholars it has enrolled, and more than half of those at Texas A&M are enrolled in the College of Engineering.

The schools ranking above Texas

A&M in the race for brains are Harvard, Princeton and the University of Texas.

In the recruiting war to acquire the scholars, Texas A&M claims a total of 545 National Merit Scholars, while rival UT has 541 National Merit scholars on its rolls.

The run to recruit the high school scholars is fast rivaling the recruiting war for high school athletes, and is equally expensive for institutions.

Texas A&M is ahead of UT in one other respect — it has more money to offer the scholars.

Every year the University offers between 70 and 90 four-year, \$10,000 scholarships to outstanding freshmen. Other scholarships ranging in value from \$750 to \$2,000 per school year are available to about 180 other students.

UT spends about \$150,000 each year to bring 1,200 outstanding students to Austin for a three-day visit to the campus during the summer. That does not include the minimum \$1,000 scholarship offered to each student invited.

Britain expels Soviet diplomat

United Press International

LONDON — The British government announced Tuesday it had expelled a top Soviet diplomat who reportedly was the KGB's London station chief in the latest of six recent expulsions of alleged East bloc spies from Britain and Belgium.

In Moscow, the Kremlin retaliated for London's action by ordering the expulsion of Britain's top security official in Moscow, the Foreign Office said.

The Soviet diplomat, Arkadi Guk, was expelled after being declared "persona non grata" on May 14, a Foreign Office spokesman said. It was immediately clear when he left the country.

Guk worked as first secretary at the Soviet Embassy, but he has been

described as head of Soviet spy operations in Britain.

The Foreign Office said the British Embassy's first secretary in Moscow, John Burnett, had been ordered out of the Soviet Union by May 28 in what they called a "totally unjustified" reprisal over Guk's case.

Burnett was responsible for security in Britain's Embassy in Moscow.

Last week, Burnett gave evidence at a British inquest into the suspicious 1983 death of British banker Dennis Skinner, who was a suspected double agent and had contacts within the KGB.

Guk's alleged role in the KGB was revealed in the London press during last month's trial of British security agent Michael Bettany, who was convicted of trying to sell secrets to the Soviets and sentenced to 23 years imprisonment.

Guk was the first Soviet expelled from Britain this year. Six Soviets were thrown out of the country in 1983.

Britain also said it has expelled two Czech diplomats who were incompatible with their status as diplomats — the usual euphemism for spying. They were named as Bohumir Seda, a vice consul, and Jan Malasek, a clerk.

In Belgium, the government announced that a Soviet and two East Germans had been thrown out of the country in recent weeks for spying.

A Justice Ministry official said one of the East Germans was a second secretary at the East German Embassy while the other was an engineer working for a Belgian-East German company identified as Rupert Kraus.

Kraus had tried to take pictures of

installations at a Belgian army barracks during an alert exercise, police sources said. He was expelled April 30.

The second secretary, who had tried to make contact with NATO officials, left the country of his own free will April 27.

The Soviet, identified only as Lacheff working for Moscow's trade mission, was arrested during the weekend and was put aboard an Aeroflot airlines flight for Moscow Tuesday with his wife and two children, the Justice Ministry said.

Lacheff, along with another unidentified member of the mission, had approached a national from a neighboring country working at NATO headquarters to obtain classified information, the ministry said.

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• The colleges of Geosciences and Engineering are sponsoring special summer programs to aid minority students. See story page 3.

• The new "Raiders" movie, Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom, opens today at area theaters. See story page 6.

World

• Walter Mondale stepped up pressure Tuesday on rival Gary Hart for a debate among the Democratic presidential candidates in New Jersey this weekend — and offered to hold another one in West Virginia. See story page 3.

• The Supreme Court ruled that women cannot be barred from business partnerships on the basis of their sex. See story page 6.