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## President welcomes 30 hostages home, says U.S. won't forget

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ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. — Saying "there will be no forgetting," President Reagan on Tuesday welcomed home 30 of the men held hostage in Lebanon for 17 days and insisted the terrorists who murdered one of the captives "must be brought to justice."

In a brief, moving ceremony at this base in a Washington suburb, the president shook the hand of each of the former captives as they came off the plane that brought them back to American soil. He reminded them, however, that "the homecoming won't be complete" until seven other kidnapped Americans are returned home.

"There is only one thing to say," Reagan said, "and I say it from the bottom of my heart in the name of all the people of our country: Welcome home."

At the end of the ceremony, Reagan looked around and said, with a wide grin: "Go home!"

From Andrews Air Force Base, the newly reunited families returned separately to their homes across the land. Nine other former hostages made their own travel plans from West Germany, where they were flown after their release.

Reagan and his wife stopped at Arlington National Cemetery en route to the arrival ceremony and laid a wreath and other flowers at the grave of Robert Dean Stethem. He was the only fatality among the 153 people kidnapped aboard Trans World Airlines Flight 847 by Shiite Moslem hijackers on June 14.

"They beat Robby Stethem without mercy, then shot him to death," Reagan said a few minutes later at Andrews. "Our joy at your return is substantial, but so is our pain at what was done to that son of America."

"I know you care deeply about Robby Stethem and what was done to him. We will not forget what was done to him. There will be no forgetting. His murderers must be brought to justice."

The president also mentioned the seven Americans taken captive in Lebanon previously and still in terrorist hands. "They must be released," Reagan said. "The homecoming won't be complete until all have come home."

He said America was never distracted from the plight of the hostages.

"Whatever the presumed grievance or political motive that caused these actions, let there be no confusion," the president said. "A crime was committed against you. Hijacking is a crime, kidnapping is a crime, murder is a crime and holding our people prisoner is a crime."

By the time the president and Mrs. Reagan arrived at Andrews, some of the hostages' relatives were already aboard the TWA airliner. The Reagans also went aboard and the president told of having just come from Stethem's grave.

Presidential spokesman Larry Speakes said the president was introduced to the hostages and their families by John Testrake, the pilot of the hijacked TWA airliner and one of the 39 men held captive. "We would like to express our sincere respect and gratitude to President Reagan and the United States government for the continued efforts which resulted in the safe and peaceful end of our difficult situation," Testrake said later during the airport ceremony.

Earlier in the day, Speakes was asked if the United States would try to take action against the TWA hijackers, now that their identities are known. "We plan to take whatever steps are available to us, both legally and otherwise, to bring these people to justice," Speakes said.



Photo by Greg Bailey

## Concentration

Miss Texas A&M, Terry Fritz, spends some time Tuesday practicing for the Miss Texas Scholarship Pageant. Fritz, a 22-year old veterinary student from San Antonio, will perform a baton twirling routine in the talent portion of the competition. The pageant will be held on July 13 in Fort Worth after a week of preliminary competition.

## Inmates riot at 4 prisons in Tennessee

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Rampaging convicts set buildings ablaze and seized hostages in uprisings at four Tennessee prisons over new prison uniforms, including one that ended only when inmates aired their complaints on live television Tuesday.

At the Tennessee State Prison in Nashville, inmates first seized 20 nurses and held them briefly in the prison hospital, then held five guards. They freed the guards only after speaking about their grievances in a news conference televised live by the three network television stations in Nashville.

Earlier, inmates at the Turney Center prison in Only, about 60 miles west of Nashville, freed 20 inmate hostages they seized in an all-night siege that began Monday. Five prisoners were injured during the initial uprising, officials said.

Authorities, meanwhile, contained similar trouble at the Morgan County Regional Correctional Facility in Wartburg, and said convicts at the Bledsoe County Correctional Facility in Pikeville had gone back to their cells.

Corrections Department spokesman John Taylor said none of the hostages was harmed, but an inmate was stabbed at Turney Center. He said the man's name and condition were not known.

The new uniforms, which have stripes along the pants legs and are designed to make inmates immediately recognizable as such, were a factor in all four disturbances, state officials said.

The inmates also complained about bad food, the lack of rehabilitation programs and overcrowded conditions that a federal judge has ordered improved.

## Cisneros looking forward to serving on A&M Board

By KAREN BLOCH Staff Writer

Henry Cisneros, the newest member of the Texas A&M Board of Regents, said Tuesday he sees his role on the board as trying to relate the resources of A&M to the future of Texas.

Cisneros, who was attending a board orientation on the A&M campus, was named a regent in June following the resignation of H.R. "Bum" Bright.

Bright resigned in August after Houston attorney Joe Reynolds was elected the board's vice chairman. Bright said he objected to Reynolds serving as an officer because he is not a graduate of A&M.

A 1968 graduate of A&M, Cisneros said that he looks forward to serving on the board as his second highest priority after being mayor of San Antonio.

"That (serving as San Antonio's mayor) is what I am elected to do and that's my primary obligation. But," he said, "at the same time I feel a deep obligation to Texas A&M for all it's given me."

"My role on the board is like that of any other regent, to do the absolute best I can to make this institution the greatest University that it can possibly be."

Cisneros said he wants to reach this goal in such a way that it meets the needs of all Texans geographically, economically, ethnically, and in other ways that are "true to the tradition of the land grant institutions that were intended to serve the public good."

However, he said "I think I do enter into my service with some particular interests."

"I have a great interest in assuring that A&M stays in the forefront of research so that it can lead Texas in the new economy and . . . it can lead Texas in restoring the strength of its older industry, such as agriculture."

"I think I have a special interest in training related to the technology sector. That means, not only in sophisticated research, but in extension."

Also, Cisneros said he felt there was a need to try to solve the problems of the rapid urbanization of Texas.

"Texas is becoming a more urbanized state," he said. "We are the only



New Texas A&M regent Henry Cisneros

state in the country to have as many as 28 metropolitan areas within the state. We have, within our boundaries, three of the top-ten most populous cities in America.

"We must stress urban-related education — the building of the water systems and the transportation systems and the energy systems that are needed for the future of an urbanizing Texas."

Cisneros said that since A&M is land grant institution the University has an obligation to serve all Texans and that this principle also can be applied to the issue of women joining the Aggie Band.

A former commander of the band, Cisneros said women should be allowed to enjoy the same opportunities offered men.

"For a long time," he said, "in our society, women have not been allowed the full range of opportunities that have been allowed to some of us."

"If restrictions had been placed in

my way that would have prevented me from serving in the Corps or in the A&M Band, then clearly, my life would have been different. That was one of the formative experiences in my life.

"In this day and time, recognizing the role that women play in our society and the way we have structured our society — quite appropriately, in terms of laws and protections for people irrespective of race or gender — such a thing (membership in the band) is an important opportunity to extend to women."

Cisneros said he feels that there is no justification for denying the opportunity of band membership.

"There are important opportunities in life that women have not had a full chance at in the years past and," he said, "I see no damage done to the institution by allowing women to participate in the A&M Band."

Cisneros' term on the board expires Jan. 1, 1987.

## Plan awaits congressional OK

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department announced plans Tuesday to spread 29 of the nation's warships among nine homeports on the Gulf Coast, sending the battleship Wisconsin to Corpus Christi.

Corpus Christi also would get three smaller warships under the plan, making it the clear winner in the competition among Gulf cities for the Wisconsin and the job bonanza that often results from homeport status.

The plan, which would spread the vessels among nine Gulf ports, now goes to Capitol Hill. If approved, it would wrap up a massive planning operation to find homeports for the largest warships in the Reagan administration's buildup to a 600-ship Navy.

The plans, announced by Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger and Navy Secretary John F. Lehman will be implemented late in this decade at the earliest, the Navy said.

Weinberger said Tuesday the Wisconsin — the last of the four battleships coming out of mothballs — would call Corpus Christi home.

And the Lexington would move from Pensacola to Corpus Christi, probably in 1992, Weinberger said.

Houston-Galveston, which submitted a joint application, was among the other winners in Tuesday's homeport sweepstakes.

Weinberger announced the assignment of:

A cruiser, destroyer and minesweeper to Corpus Christi.

Two frigates and three minesweepers to the Houston-Galveston area.

Gulf states and cities wooed the Navy with offers of millions of dollars' worth of improvements in order to get the Wisconsin, and Corpus Christi led the list, offering \$50 million in "funding offsets" to cut construction costs.

As a result of the offers, the Navy estimated it could construct all facilities needed for about \$164 million.

Weinberger's statement stressed the plans were contingent on environmental impact findings and other factors. But he said he had approved the overall Navy plan and

endorsed the idea of dispersing the ships around the Gulf coast area.

When President Reagan came into office in 1981, the Navy had 479 deployable ships. The Navy expects to hit the 600-ship goal in fiscal 1989, and top officials have long argued the extra ships should not be concentrated at existing ports such as Norfolk, Va., and Charleston, S.C.

Navy sources have also said Lehman and Weinberger were determined to locate some major combat ships in the Gulf region where they could more quickly be deployed to Central America.

The Navy said Corpus Christi can expect to gain 5,200 naval and civilian personnel and an annual Pentagon payroll of \$95 million to \$100 million from the decision. The figures exclude dependents or private-sector jobs generated by homeport status but include shipboard personnel.

The Houston-Galveston area can expect roughly 500 military and civilian personnel and an annual payroll of \$8 million to \$9 million.

## U.S., U.S.S.R. set summit date

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev have set their long-anticipated summit meeting for late November in Geneva with an agenda ranging from nuclear weapons curbs to turmoil in the Middle East and Latin America, administration officials said Tuesday.

It will be the first U.S.-Soviet summit meeting in six years and Reagan's first encounter with the new Soviet leader.

A formal announcement was expected shortly, but White House and State Department officials said the meeting would be held Nov. 19-21.

"We believe we can and should resolve outstanding problems in all areas of the agenda before us," the State Department said in a statement.

"The United States is always ready to make its contribution."

A senior State Department official told reporters while no agreements were ready to be

signed at the summit, there would be "substantive exchanges" between Reagan and Gorbachev.

Secretary of State George P. Shultz is expected to discuss preparations for the Geneva meeting at a news conference Wednesday.

Reagan, returning to the White House after going to Andrews Air Force Base to greet freed U.S. citizens who were held hostage in Lebanon, was asked, "Are you going to have a summit?" and nodded his head, apparently in the affirmative.