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Stockman submits resignation from OMB

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WASHINGTON — David A. Stockman, the brash architect of President Reagan's campaign to shrink the size of the federal government, resigned as director of the Office of Management and Budget on Tuesday to pursue a career in private business.

"David Stockman has served with dedication and distinction," Reagan said in a statement accompanying the White House announcement of the resignation. "His tireless effort to bring fiscal discipline to the federal government and ensure economic stability for the country are deeply appreciated."

Officials said Stockman, 38, would remain as budget director until Aug. 1, allowing him time to lend his expertise as the president and congressional leaders try to untangle the current budget deadlock on Capitol Hill before Congress takes its annual August recess.

In New York, John H. Gutfreund, chairman and chief executive officer of Salomon Brothers, an investment banking firm, said Stockman would become a managing director Nov. 1 with responsibilities for corporate and governmental finance.

Stockman's salary as budget director was \$75,100 a year. Craig Lewis of Salmon Brothers' public relations firm, Adams and Rinehart, said Stockman's new salary would not be disclosed.

No successor for Stockman was immediately named.

A congressional source who spoke on condition that he not be quoted by name said the White House would announce later that Joe Wright, deputy budget director, would serve as acting director until a successor is named.

One of those mentioned as a possible replacement for Stockman is Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige. However, B. Jay Cooper, Baldrige's press secretary, said Baldrige had not had any discussions with the president about taking the post. John A. Svahn, the president's top domestic policy adviser also has been mentioned as a possible successor.

From the beginning of Reagan's first term in 1981, Stockman was the administration's whiz kid. He was the youngest man to hold Cabinet rank in 150 years when he was sworn in at the age of 34, after serving

from 1977 until 1981 as the Republican congressman from Michigan's Fourth District.

Stockman soon established himself as a workaholic who often worked around the clock in a single-minded quest to pare government spending. But just as important, he often functioned as the administration's lightning rod, taking the heat for the politically painful budget actions Reagan has urged on Congress.

Rep. Silvio O. Conte of Massachusetts, the senior Republican on the House Appropriations Committee,

dubbed Stockman "the young slasher," an example of the admiration, fury and exasperation with which members of Congress viewed him.

But admiration predominated after it was announced Stockman was leaving.

"He may be the most brilliant man in government," said Rep. Trent Lott of Mississippi, the assistant Republican leader in the House.

"There may have been a few bumps in the road over the past five years, but overall he's done an outstanding job," said Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole, R-Kan.

Fires still on rampage in California

Associated Press

LOS GATOS, Calif. — Thousands of firefighters, exhausted after days of trying to harness fires that have killed three people, leveled 150 homes and charred 1.1 million acres in the West, turned back sheets of flame that threatened even more homes Tuesday.

Crews formed fire lines in front of 2,000 homes threatened by a stampeding blaze which wasted 13,800 acres on its march Tuesday out of the California foothills toward the community of Los Gatos, 45 miles southeast of San Francisco.

As many as 4,500 people were evacuated as the fire destroyed two homes and edged toward the others. A fire advancing on a settlement near Oracle, Ariz., north of Tucson, had been contained as it burned Monday to within a mile of Rancho Linda Vista, an artists' community.

And only one home was damaged in San Luis Obispo, Calif., on Monday when a 64,000-acre blaze streaked down a hillside on the city's northern edge and forced up to 10,000 people to flee.

"If the worst possible scenario had occurred, we could have had 1,000 homes damaged or destroyed and lost about \$200 million in property," California Department of Forestry spokesman Mike Cole said Tuesday.

In the past few weeks, hundreds of fires, many of them lightning-caused, have scarred parts of California, Arizona, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Washington, Utah, New Mexico, Wyoming, Nebraska, Montana, South Dakota and the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta and Manitoba in Canada.

Many of them continued to burn out of control Tuesday.

The number of acres burned would stretch over 1,700 square miles, an area larger than the state of Rhode Island, 1,214 square miles.

In California, with more than a quarter of the burned acreage and damage expected to reach \$50 million, eight major fires still roared out of control Tuesday.

The Los Gatos fire, believed to be started by an arsonist, started Sunday in the brushy mountains of Lexington Reservoir.



Mash Bash

ANTHONY S. CASPER

Grove adviser Terry Marsaw, left, uses a megaphone to announce that there will be a M*A*S*H party at The Grove at 7 p.m. while (left to right) Ive Arias, Karen Hronek, Monique McCoy and Sharon Schulze all lend their support. The group drove through campus Tuesday to publicize the party.

'Facility not needed'

B-CS doctors oppose clinic

By JERRY OSLIN
Staff Writer

The addition of a new Scott and White Clinic to Bryan-College Station will not improve the quality of health care in the area, a local physician said Monday.

"The expertise of the Scott and White physicians is not any greater than that of the physicians who are already here, and Scott and White is not going to bring in any medical specialty that is not already here," said Dr. Fred Anderson, president of the Brazos-Robertson Counties Medical Society.

But a spokesman for Scott and White, Don Nelson, said the clinic will offer area residents a service unique to Bryan-College Station.

"With the clinic, people will be able to receive different kinds of treatment and services under one roof," he said. "They won't have to

drive all over town to get the treatment they need."

Scott and White announced recently that it plans to build a 46,900-square-foot clinic at 1600 University Drive, which will eventually house up to 30 physicians.

But Anderson said the Bryan-College Station area doesn't need more doctors.

"Right now, we have 100 physicians serving an area with a population of about 100,000," he said. "There has been a negative reaction from local physicians because adding 30 new physicians will affect the local physicians financially."

The clinic's president, Dr. Kermit B. Knudsen, said the clinic's goal is to provide personalized comprehensive high-quality health care to the Bryan-College Station area.

But Anderson said Scott and White's move to the area is based on

economic reasons.

"They are not on a mercy mission," he said. "It is my guess that they are trying to capture some of the patient load in the area."

The clinic, scheduled to open in the spring of 1986, will specialize in 13 medical areas including family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, OB/GYN, ophthalmology, general surgery, urology, orthopedics, otolaryngology (ear, nose and throat), dermatology, plastic surgery, psychiatry/psychology and radiology.

Knudsen said the College Station clinic will be Scott and White's first multispecialty clinic outside Temple.

Scott and White also operates clinics in Killeen, Belton, Moody and Hewitt and plans to open a new clinic in Waco this fall.

Some melons trashed, inspectors test others

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — State inspectors began random tests for pesticide contamination on 20 million watermelons waiting for harvest in Central Valley fields on Tuesday, while grocers and wholesalers were at work smashing an estimated 1 million suspect melons.

State Food and Agriculture Director Clare Berryhill said he hoped the field testing program would clear the way to resume the sale of certified safe California watermelons this week in more than 20,000 grocery stores statewide.

State health officials on Tuesday reported no new confirmed cases of poisoning from watermelons tainted with the pesticide aldicarb.

Since the first contaminated California watermelons were discovered a week ago in Oregon, 149 aldicarb poisoning cases have been confirmed in California and at least 117 cases in Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Idaho and British Columbia.

There have been no deaths, and most victims have been recovered with 24 hours from the nausea, diarrhea and tremors.

Aggie Band gets three female recruits

By BRIAN PEARSON
Staff Writer

Three women have joined the Aggie Band during freshman summer conferences and three or four more are expected to join, a Corps of Cadets representative said Monday.

Lt. Gen. Ormond Simpson, Texas A&M assistant vice president for student services, said he hopes 20 to 30 more will join the band.

A January court order forced the band to accept women into the previously all-male organization which has been in existence for 90 years. The order settled a 1979 suit filed by Melanie Zentgraf, who was in the Corps at the time.

Simpson said the three women did not realize when they joined that they were going to be the first women in the band.

"I told them and it didn't bother them," he said.

Simpson said the women met the qualifications of playing an instrument, having previous

marching experience and becoming a member of the Corps.

He said woman have been encouraged to join the band.

"They're encouraged in the sense that we tell everybody in the conferences that all the organizations in the Corps of Cadets are open to everybody . . ." he said.

Simpson said he would not release the names of the three women until "two or three" games into the football season.

"I would hope that the press would leave them alone and let them find their own way because there's a lot of adjustment everybody has got to make," he said.

He said the women band members will live in Dorm 5 with the regular female cadets. The female band members will be expected to attend band activities such as marches and drills with the men, he said.

Along with the regular uniforms issued to female cadets — skirts and shirts — the band

women will be given slacks similar to the men's to wear when marching, he said.

He said the band women are not required to shave their heads like the men, but they will have to conform to certain hair regulations.

"We do not set the length of the girls' hair, except we say that it can't touch the collar," Simpson said.

Simpson said the band women will be commanded by men like they were when they were first allowed into the Corps.

"I would think it would be a long time before we had a female commander of the band," he said. "It might happen, but it's going to be a long way down the pipe."

Simpson said the presence of women in the band will not have a significant effect on the attitudes of male band members.

"There's going to be a period of adjustment just like there was when females came into the Corps in the first place," Simpson said.

Reagan, O'Neill debate budget, Social Security

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Reagan and House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. were beginning discussions Tuesday aimed at ending the budget stalemate on Capitol Hill, but neither was yielding ground on Social Security.

Social Security is the main issue that has deadlocked talks for weeks between the House and Senate on a compromise version of a 1986 spending blueprint passed by each chamber.

Reagan, O'Neill, Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole, House Majority Leader Jim Wright, House Republican Leader Robert Michel and Senate Democratic Leader Robert Byrd gathered for a private meeting at the White House early Tuesday evening to try to get the budget talks moving.

Reagan also called for budget negotiators to meet at the White House today.

Earlier Tuesday, Reagan told GOP congressional leaders that they all "must get down to serious business" this week and come up with a budget agreement.

Before meeting with Reagan, O'Neill said he would tell the president he would "like to work out a compromise" on the budget. But O'Neill added he accepts the fact that Reagan was "set in cement" against any plan that would include increased taxes.

For his part, O'Neill said, "I'm in cement" against any plan that would limit Social Security cost-of-living adjustments, as called for in the Senate-passed version.

House Majority Leader Jim Wright, D-Texas, said the unexpected agreements reached during a two-hour reception for House and Senate leaders open the way for a budget compromise that has eluded congressional leaders and the administration all year.

He said the two sides now are "very substantially closer because two of the really big stumbling blocks have been removed."

Senate Majority Leader Robert J. Dole, R-Kan., expressed similar optimism.

"I think we all left there . . . saying that we ought to be able to work this

out . . . I think we have a good chance to work it out, maybe next week," Dole said. "If we don't do it in the next couple of weeks, we probably won't do it at all."

Wright said, "I don't want to set a deadline . . . but I see no reason why we cannot find some agreement mutually agreeable to a majority in the House and in the Senate by which we will make substantial reductions below the figures of spending that were projected by the president in his February budget message."

"My clear understanding of the sense of the meeting (is) that the president and the representatives of the Senate agreed that there will be no tampering with Social Security COLAs (cost-of-living adjustments). And we agreed on behalf of the House that we would move a substantial direction toward the Senate figure on budget authority for military and they would embrace our figure on outlays for fiscal 1986."

The effect of that agreement would be that actual defense spending during the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 would increase by only about \$15 billion — far less than Reagan had wanted — but that on paper Congress would authorize higher spending during each of the following two years.

Senate Democratic Leader Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia gave a more cautious view of the results of the meeting.

Asked if he believed the two sides were closer to a final agreement, Byrd said, "No, I don't think so."

"We are all of a mind to meet again," he said. "The only thing I think we accomplished was that we made it very clear Social Security was off the table."

Byrd said the Democratic leaders made their point that no tampering with cost-of-living increases and no increase in present taxes on benefits would be considered.

The developments came after Reagan declared in remarks to a group of regional editors and broadcasters that he planned to "be rather firm" and tell the congressional leaders "that this is a time to forget the 1986 election and partisan differences."