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## Reagan applauds arms offer

GLASSBORO, N.J. (AP) — President Reagan, in his first formal response to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's latest arms control offer, said Thursday "it appears that the Soviets have begun to make a serious effort" toward negotiating an agreement.

Reagan, in a speech delivered at a New Jersey high school near the site of a 1967 U.S.-Soviet summit, said the Soviet offer cannot be accepted without change, but could be the basis for serious negotiations.

Citing what he called "fresh developments" in several areas, the president said: "We believe that possibly an atmosphere does indeed exist that will allow for serious discussion."

Of the Soviet offer made in Geneva, Reagan said, "We cannot accept these particular proposals without change, but it appears that the Soviets have begun to make a serious effort."

In his speech to graduating seniors, Reagan noted that little had come of the 1967 summit between President Lyndon B. Johnson and Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin at nearby Glassboro State College.

"I have come here today to say that the Glassboro Summit was not enough, that indeed the Geneva Summit was not enough — that talk alone, in short, is not enough," he said. "I have come here to invite Mr. Gorbachev to join me in taking action — action in the name of peace."

The president noted that he recently wrote Gorbachev to press for high-level talks on summit preparations. No response has been received, White House officials said.

The school gymnasium was jammed to its capacity of 1,200 people and a crowd gathered outside listened to the president's speech over a public address system.

"The time has come to move forward," Reagan said during his speech. "The goal here is not complicated. I am suggesting that we agree not on how many new bigger, and more accurate missiles can be built, but on how to reduce and ultimately eliminate all nuclear missiles."

## House urges adherence to SALT II

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House voted approval Thursday of a resolution urging continued U.S. adherence to SALT II, the unratified nuclear arms control treaty that President Reagan says he will not use in the future to guide decisions on weapons deployment.

The Democratic-controlled House approved the non-binding resolution on a 256-145 vote after five hours of debate and following a 222-187 defeat of a Republican-backed proposal that would have basically endorsed Reagan's decision.

Before final passage, the House

voted 406-0 approval of another Republican-sponsored proposal saying the chamber supports the efforts of U.S. arms control negotiators in Geneva to reduce superpower nuclear arsenals.

On the final vote, 219 Democrats and 37 Republicans voted for the SALT resolution. It was opposed by 37 Democrats and 128 Republicans.

At about the same time, the Republican-controlled Senate Armed Services Committee voted 10-9 passage of a proposal by Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., which also urges continued compliance with SALT II.

The vote came in a closed session of the panel as it wrote its version of a Pentagon spending bill. Hart's proposal, which he announced later, was adopted as an amendment to the bill.

Reagan's May 27 announcement that he would not be bound in the future by the limits in the unratified SALT II has touched off widespread debate on Capitol Hill, along with several legislative proposals.

The House resolution was the first measure to reach the floor of either chamber, but a similar resolution

has been introduced in the Republican-controlled Senate.

Also pending in both chambers are bills that would ban the spending of any money to build nuclear weapons that would exceed the limits set by the 1979 treaty.

The resolution approved Thursday was chiefly sponsored by Rep. Dante Fascell, D-Fla., chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, which voted 29-11 passage last week.

Rep. William Broomfield of Michigan, ranking Republican on the panel, offered the Republican alternative that was voted down shortly

before the resolution passed. Broomfield's proposal would have Reagan adhere to the SALT limits as long as the Soviets do likewise. Since Reagan says the Soviets don't adhere to the pact, that would mean Reagan's new policy could go ahead.

House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., D-Mass., said Thursday that "the president's making a mistake" by proposing to discard the treaty. He argued that the move "gives tremendous advantage to the Russians" who can build up weapons more quickly than the United States.



Photo by Anthony S. Casper

### Cool Blues

Sisters Tina and Theresa Thomas and Jennifer Williams, right, listen to a blues performance at Thursday's Juneteenth celebration at Sadie Thomas Memorial Park in Bryan.

The concert kicked off three days of festivities which will include a free swim at the park on Friday, a parade in Bryan on Saturday and religious services on Sunday.

## Senate approves partial deduction for state sales tax

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate on Thursday approved a partial deduction for some state and local sales taxes and agreed to a final vote next week on a radical plan for overhauling the federal income tax.

To help pay for the sales tax amendment, the Senate agreed to require that every person age 5 or older who is claimed as a dependent have a Social Security card. They agreed to this mainly in an effort to slow tax cheating by falsely claiming exemptions.

"We're in the home stretch," Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said near the end of the 10th day of debate on the bill. A few hours earlier, facing a stack of 200 or more amendments that had stalled final action on the bill, Dole had threatened a weekend session — even the pending holiday recess — unless senators got moving.

As the day wore on, amendments began disappearing: 200 dropped to fewer than 30. Then, 30 became 60-plus. Then, Dole and Minority Leader Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., put together the agreement that imposed a 4 p.m. deadline for a final vote on the bill.

Most of the amendments would benefit only one industry or project. And those provisions were heading for approval as one big amendment whose fate would be left to the Senate-House conference that will write the final version of the bill.

The bill came out of the Finance Committee with 175 such amendments included, and well over 200 more have been suggested since debate on the measure began June 4. With its passage in sight, several senators were chafing at the leaders' resistance to amendments and some accused managers of the bill of playing favorites.

For the second day in a row, the Senate defeated an attempt to deliver more of the bill's tax cuts to middle-income people. A 92-7 vote killed an amendment by Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., that would have given larger tax cuts to those with incomes between \$30,000 and \$40,000 and shifted the burden to U.S. businesses operating abroad.

But on a 94-1 vote, with Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., in opposi-

tion, the Senate adopted a non-binding resolution saying negotiators should place a high priority on helping the middle class when the final bill is written.

Meantime, Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said Democratic tax-writers in the House are "concerned with how the middle-income family will be treated" in the final tax bill. The plan passed by the House would give more relief to those taxpayers than would the Senate bill.

Adopted by voice vote was an amendment by Sen. James McClure, R-Idaho, allowing Individual Retirement Account investments in gold and silver coins.

The amendment allowing a deduction for some state and local sales taxes was accepted by voice vote with the concurrence of the bill's manager, Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore.

Under the amendment, a person whose state and local sales taxes were higher than state and local income taxes could deduct 60 percent of the excess.

The amendment would benefit any taxpayer in any state who pays more sales tax than state and local income tax, including residents of Texas and 13 other states.

## Guilty as charged

FBI agent Miller convicted of espionage, bribery

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Richard W. Miller, the only FBI agent ever accused of spying, was convicted of espionage and bribery Thursday by a jury that rejected his claim that he was trying to infiltrate the Soviet KGB as a double agent to save his flagging career.

Miller, the pudgy agent who worked in the counterintelligence section of the FBI's Los Angeles office, sat motionless and stared at the jurors as the verdict was announced in the case that rocked the FBI when it broke nearly two years ago.

Miller, 49, could be sentenced to life in prison.

Miller was found guilty of conspiring to pass classified documents to the Soviet Union, of copying classified documents and of delivering them to a foreign government with knowledge that they would be used to the advantage of a foreign power, the Soviet Union, and to the disadvantage of the United States.

He also was found guilty of communicating the documents to a known representative of the Soviets

and of soliciting \$50,000 in gold and \$15,000 in cash.

The panel had told the judge they were deadlocked on one count only, whether or not Miller had accepted an expensive trench coat from his girlfriend as a bribe. The government moved to drop the seventh count, and U.S. District Judge David Kenyon granted the motion.

As Miller was being led out of the courtroom in handcuffs, he was asked for comment by reporters. He smiled and said: "Let's say thank God for the court of appeals."

Miller's attorneys, Joel Levine and Stanley Greenberg, said they were confident the verdict would be reversed on appeal.

The jury, which deliberated 21 hours over four days, was the second panel to consider the complicated case. The first jury to hear the case said it could not reach a unanimous verdict.

In the second trial, the government presented essentially the same case against Miller, portraying him

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## Provost to use 'open door' to improve communication

By Tom Ownbey  
Reporter

When Donald McDonald moves into the Coke Building the first of July, he is taking with him an open door policy to facilitate better communication between Texas A&M students, faculty and administration.

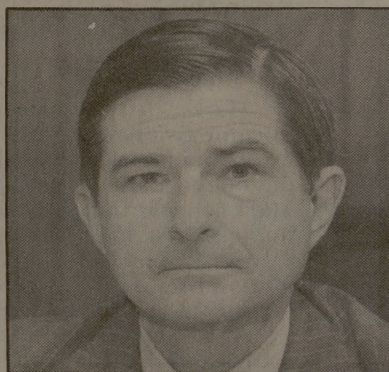
"In my ideal world, all the academic administrators should have some involvement with the students," said McDonald, A&M's new provost and vice president for academic affairs.

As head of the civil engineering department, McDonald said, he enjoyed a close working relationship with students and faculty.

As provost McDonald expects to spend more time on managerial tasks. But, he said, he doesn't want to lose contact with the students and faculty.

The student body and the undergraduate program are of vital interest to him, McDonald added.

"The undergraduate program is the source of our strength and is a very important part of the University," he said.



Donald McDonald

He said while he agrees with the administration's increased emphasis on research and graduate programs, he remains aware of undergraduate needs.

McDonald said one of these needs is a well-rounded core curriculum. For this reason, he said, he supports the Faculty Senate's proposed core curriculum.

The proposed core curriculum increases the emphasis on liberal arts and modern languages.

"I've been on the side of the core curriculum since it was first devised," he said. "I'm delighted that I heard the president say he was going to accept it — at least in its general shape."

"The foundation of this University was the agricultural and engineering sciences. That was 110 years ago . . . Getting to be a major university requires a balance. We are achieving a balance."

"We have a good college of science, a good college of geoscience but an important part is to have a good college of liberal arts. I think we are achieving that and I'm delighted to see it."

McDonald said there has been a lot of discussion in the engineering department about the core curriculum.

A major argument against the core curriculum is that it can prevent an engineering student from graduating in four years, McDonald said.

But he said the engineering department may have to re-evaluate

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## Police clamp curfews on black townships

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Police used their emergency powers Thursday to impose curfews on dozens of black townships, as strikes spread among black workers who demand that their union leaders be released from jail.

Bishop Desmond Tutu took the archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, Terry Waite, to the courtroom wedding of a black activist who is on trial for treason.

White voters in Port Elizabeth, an auto manufacturing center on the Indian Ocean, voted 6,104 to 4,957 against integrating their beaches.

Government spokesman Leon Mellet said in Pretoria that three more people were killed in unrest, including a white man missing since last weekend, bringing the total to 48 in the week-old state of emergency.

Two of the victims were blacks slain by other blacks in a tribal homeland, while the third, a badly burned body found in a black township near Uitenhage, was identified by Mellet as that of Lodewyk Vlooh. No details on Vlooh's death were disclosed.

Foreign Minister R.F. Botha said a U.S. House of Representatives vote to impose a total trade embargo and order all American companies out of

this country showed a disregard for the welfare of South Africa's blacks.

In London, the human rights organization Amnesty International issued a statement saying five whites were arrested last Saturday in Port Elizabeth by security police while attending a briefing with a lawyer on the terms of the state of emergency. Those taken into custody included a mother of two, Amnesty said.

The new curfews in dozens of townships around Port Elizabeth, Uitenhage and other south-central industrial centers run from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. Police also prohibit possession of T-shirts or other articles bearing the names of any of 47 anti-apartheid and civic organizations.

Authorities had said Port Elizabeth townships produced the worst violence in the country Monday, when blacks mounted a general strike to commemorate the 10th anniversary of bloody riots in Soweto.

Several thousand black workers in the Johannesburg area held sit-down strikes in at least 50 outlets of six retail chains. White businessmen, worried by the difficulty of negotiating with leaderless union members, arranged a meeting Friday with

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## Farm crisis workers gather

ARLINGTON (AP) — Farmers and ranchers attending a "farm crisis" meeting complained Thursday that farmers are being put out of business by an unsympathetic federal government, an unmerciful Farmers Home Administration, and a useless 1985 farm bill.

Necie Gresham said she paid \$290 per acre for her 640-acre Lubbock farm when she bought it 12 years ago. When it was foreclosed, a lien holder sold it for \$52 an acre.

"He stole it, and the FmHA said idly by and let him do that," Gresham said. "It left us nothing to pay our debt. It's cruelty. It's unfairness."

Gresham was one of about 200 people, most of them farmers and ranchers, attending the National Farm Crisis Workers Conference at the University of Texas at Arlington.

The event, sponsored jointly by the Texas Department of Agriculture and FarmAid, brought together farm crisis hotline workers and members of farm advocacy groups from various states who have tried to help farmers during agriculture's tough times.

"In Texas, this is the only thing farmers can do in their defense against the bureaucratic terrorism — fight back," Gresham said.

State Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower told the conference, "Agriculture overall is in a disaster situation."

Hightower took pokes at the Reagan administration, saying 125 years ago the national government took interest in farmers with legislation such as the Homestead Act.

"Today our government is doing all that it can to take back the land," Hightower said. "It's not just a matter of losing a number of farmers, but we're losing our best farmers. These are people who are efficient, productive, innovative and broke."