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Reagan seeks to increase aid o Contras despite skepticism

staking out a tough position on ve of the Iran-Contra hearings, Sunday that cutting off aid to els in Nicaragua would give the iet Union a free hand in Central erica and "one of their greatest ign policy victories since World

eagan said that when members Congress vote later this year on to the rebels, it may well be the important vote of 1987 and sibly one of the most important in their careers in public office.' e warned that "delays and indeon here at home can only cause ecessary suffering in Nicaragua, ke the confidence of the emergdemocracies in the region and sending money to the Contras. anger our own security

trying to oust the leftist Sandi-

le spoke in an address on Ellis Isr's Association annual conven-

oday, Nancy Reagan will ad-sthe annual luncheon of the As-ated Press, which is held in contion with the ANPA meeting.

his remarks, Reagan made no

Reagan opens

or publishers

of Demo NEW YORK (AP) — The nation's

wspaper publishers gathered inday for a four-day meeting

the future of their industry,

aring President Reagan say

at cutting off aid to Nicaragua's

ntra rebels would give the So-

et Union a major policy victory. Reagan's speech at Ellis Island cked off the 100th anniversary invention of the American ewspaper Publishers Associa-

Ellis Island, which sits just off

New Jersey shore in New

rk Harbor, was the first stop

12 million immigrants arriv-

on ships from Europe be-

discuss the future of the

vspaper and retail trades in-

stries, as well as such current

pics as drugs, minorities in the wsroom and the Tower com-

Reagan's remarks appeared to an effort to raise the stakes in e battle with Congress over aid

the Contras, who are trying to

oust the leftist Sandinista regime.

Cutting off aid to rebels in Ni-

Jaragua would give the Soviet Julion a free hand in Central America and "one of their greatist foreign policy victories since World War II," Reagan said.

Televised hearings open Tuesday in Washington on the secret

y in Washington on the secret le of the arms to Iran and the

ssible diversion of profits to the

ntras. Reagan did not mention

hearing and said nothing

out the purported transfer of nds—a subject about which he

as pleaded ignorance.
Other speakers at the four-day

onvention include Nancy Rea-

r Sen. Gary Hart

, former President Jimmy tter, Sen. Robert Dole and for-

The Associated Press meeting will include a seminar on the

on the Iran-Con-

en 1892 and 1954.

homegra arms scandal.

"Jeep va The theme of the convention is the was a The Blessings of Liberty: The a sum Next 100 Years." The publishers

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possible diversion of profits to Con- say 'democracy.

heat on Congress to approve aid to the rebels. After winning approval of \$100 million in aid last year, the administration is seeking \$105 million this year amid signs that Congress is increasingly skeptical about

Arguing that America has main-Instead, Reagan turned up the tained a bipartisan consensus on foreign policy for 40 years, Reagan de-clared: "This is no time for either party to turn its back on that tradi-tion or on the cause of freedom, especially when the threat to both is so close to home.

"If we cut off the freedom fighters, we will be giving the Soviets a free hand in Central America, handing them one of their greatest foreign policy victories since World War II."

— President Ronald Reagan

deagan's remarks appeared to be security adviser, said on Air Force effort to raise the stakes in the One en route to New York, he le over aid for the Contras, who hoped the Iran-Contra hearings would not undermine support for

"I would hope Congress would during the opening ceremonies weigh this issue on the merits," he he American Newspaper Pub- said, adding that the Contras were "innocent victims" of the whole affair. "They themselves were not accused of any wrongdoing.'

> He stressed that Reagan's theme was a diplomatic message.

Asked whether the goal — as once

"The survival of democracy in our Frank Carlucci, Reagan's national hemisphere requires a U.S. policy consistent with that bipartisan tradi-

> Congress who wants to see another honor those promises," he said. base for Soviet subversion, another Cuba established on American shores — yet that is what is happen-

ing right now. racy throughout Central "It is now an issue on which all without further bloodshed. Americans must unite; it is simply too important to become a partisan

firefight in the next election. "If we cut off the freedom fighters, we will be giving the Soviets a free hand in Central America, handntion of the televised hearings stated by Reagan — was still to make ing them one of their greatest for-ning on Capitol Hill Tuesday on the Sandanistas say "uncle," Carlucci eign policy victories since World secret sale of arms to Iran and replied, "the goal is to make them War II."

of the Central American democracies and the freedom fighters, the Soviets would soon solidify their base in Nicaragua, and the subversion in El Salvador would reignite."

'Make no mistake: the Soviets are challenging the United States to a test of wills over the future of this

hemisphere," he said. Reagan said the choice before Congress is "between democracy and communism in Nicaragua, between freedom and Soviet-backed

The president said that since the leftist Sandinistas took control seven years ago, the United States has tried repeatedly to negotiate with them.

But since those first negotiations back in 1979, in which the Sandinistas promised a democratic, pluralis-tic society, we've seen that these "I do not think there is anyone in Marxists-Leninists never intended to

But Reagan promised that he would lend his "full support to any negotiations that can build democracy throughout Central America

Expressing qualified support for a Costa Rican plan for a peaceful set-tlement in Nicaragua, Reagan said, "For as long as I am president, I have no intention of withdrawing our support of these efforts by the Nicaraguan people to gain their freedom and the right to choose

China news agency reports former Afghan leader in jail

BEIJING (AP) — Former Afghan leader Babrak Karmal has been arrested in Afghanistan and is in jail, China's government-run Xinhua News Agency reported Sunday.

The agency quoted diplomatic sources in Islamabad, Pakistan, say-ing Karmal was sent to Pul-e-chark-hai Jail in the Afghan capital of Ka-

Xinhua said the order to arrest Karmal, the former Afghan president and secretary-general of the People's Democratic Party of Af-ghanistan, came from the ruling Revolutionary Council of Afghani-

Karmal, 58, headed the council during the nearly seven years he was in power.

Xinhua said the reason for Kar-

Afghan Embassy was asked about

Speaking on condition of anonymity, he replied: "I haven't heard about that. As far as I know, I think it's not correct.

The official said the Xinhua report might be "propaganda from imperialists. China has aided Moslem guerril-

las who are battling Afghan govern-ment troops and an estimated 115,000 Soviet soldiers in Afghani-

Monitors of Radio Kabul, the official Afghan radio, did not report hearing any announcement that might indicate Karmal was impris-

Karmal was established as Afghan party leader on Dec. 27, 1979, when have about 12 members.

In Moscow, an official with the his predecessor, Hafizullah Amin, killed in a coup reportedly backed by the Soviet Union.

The Soviets at the same time sent 80,000 troops into the country. Amin had succeeded Nur Mo-

hammed Taraki. The Communists came to power in Afghanistan in April 1979, when President Mohammed Daoud was

Karmal's disappearance from the political scene in Afghanistan has been a gradual one that some Western analysts said was orchestrated by the Kremlin in an effort to contain

unrest among his supporters. On May 4, 1986, Karmal was re moved as party leader but kept the titular presidency and membership on the ruling Politburo, believed to

Senator: Reagan knew about aid sent to provide arms for Contras

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Reagan was aware that money was being raised to provide arms for the Nicaragua rebels, Sen. Daniel Inouye said Sunday, but Reagan insisted his knowledge of private aid efforts was limited to a television campaign to garner support for the

Inouye, D-Hawaii, the chairman of the Senate committee investigating the Iran-Contra affair, said the resident "knew much more" than the White House has admitted, but Reagan said in an impromptu en-

Inouye heads the Senate committee that, along with a companion House committee, will open public hearings Tuesday into the secret sale of U.S. arms to Iran and diversion of payments to Nicaraguan rebels.

led him to believe the president was aware of the effort to raise money to

arms for the Contras," Inouye re-

Inouye added that he believed the president knew about the fund-raising effort at a time when Congress "had expressed its intention that funds should not be spent for arms for the Contras.

Reagan said in an imprompted counter with reporters Sunday he had "no detailed information" about N.H., vice chairman of the Senate panel, said, "There's a difference beparel, said, "There's a dif tween public and private funds. and that's, of course, the one issue that we have yet to hone in on.'

Reagan has said he knew nothing about the diversion of arms sales profits to the Contras during a time when Congress had banned U.S.

Inouye was asked whether his re-iew of excerpts of Reagan's diaries said he met with donors to a private foundation set up to raise money for the Contras, but said he thought the supply arms to the Contras.

"The president was aware that Channell was only seeking the monies were being raised to provide money to pay for pro-Contra tele-

> On Sunday, Reagan said he was aware of the private aid network, "but there was nothing in the nature of a solicitation by the administration, to my knowledge, of anyone, to

The president said he listened to Inouye's remarks on television. "As the program went on, I listened to him very carefully and made it plain what he was actually saying that, no, I did not have knowledge of things of that kind," Reagan said. "What he had said in the first place was that I was not off someplace on an island, not paying any attention.

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