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## Reagan eases tariffs on trade with Japanese

VENICE, Italy (AP) — As summit leaders arrived to the blare of trumpets in the courtyard of the Doges' Palace, President Reagan made a goodwill trade gesture to Japan on Monday and warned Iran that he is not bluffing about possible retaliation against missiles in the Persian Gulf.

Even before leaders of the seven major industrial democracies sat down for the first time at their 13th annual summit, Reagan made clear he will seek allied support for a strong stand against Iran's threat to install missile batteries overlooking the gulf's vital oil shipping lanes.

The president told reporters that U.S. warnings of retaliatory moves against Iranian missiles are neither a bluff nor a mere threat, but are "a statement of fact."

Japanese officials showed little enthusiasm for Reagan's announcement of a 17-percent cutback in tariffs on their country's electronics products, and called for removal of all sanctions as soon as possible.

But the mood was optimistic as Reagan and the heads of state of Britain, West Germany, France, Italy, Canada and Japan began three days of political and economic talks with a formal banquet at the 12th century Doges' Palace in St. Mark's Square.

Reagan arrived 20 minutes late for dinner, for reasons that were not immediately explained, and smilingly brushed aside a television reporter's shouted comment that the allies were worried about his gulf policy.

"I don't think anybody is worried," he said, climbing a long flight of stairs past saluting Carabinieri police. Reagan took his seat in the ancient dining hall under a wood-beamed ceiling and began an intense conversation with Thatcher.

Discussions during the 3½-hour dinner focused primarily on arms control and U.S.-Soviet relations, according to the leaders' aides.

"The Persian Gulf did not come up because they simply ran out of time," said one U.S. official who spoke only on condition that he not be identified.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said, "President Reagan led a discussion of arms control that considered the options on the table at Geneva and the Soviet Union's position. The discussion was wide-ranging and informal, with all leaders participating."

Reagan, also the last to arrive for welcoming ceremonies at the Doges' Palace in St. Mark's Square as the senior head of state among the allied leaders, drew criticism from some Venetians for using a 100-foot-long white canopy erected by Secret Service agents to help safeguard his stroll from dockside to the palace.

Reagan, after a private meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, announced he was lifting \$51 million, or 17 percent, of the \$300 million in tariffs the United States imposed April 17 on Japanese electronics products in retaliation for Japan's dumping of unrealistically low-priced computer chips on the American market.

Calling Japan "a major economic partner as well as a staunch friend and ally," Reagan said his action reflected his commitment "to free competition in a fair market environment."

He said he was lifting only some of the sanctions because Japan has made only partial progress in complying with a 1986 agreement to stop selling computer chips at below-market prices.

Hajime Tamura, Japanese minister of international trade, said Reagan's move was insufficient. "The Japanese government strongly expects that the U.S. side would appreciate properly the efforts of the Japanese side under the agreement and realize an early and total lifting of the measures," Tamura said.



## Look, Ma! Clean Hands!

Lt. Dan Houdek, right, and firemen from Bryan's Cavitt Street Fire Station No. 2 visit children attending the Kiddie Castle Children's

Center summer camp. Every Monday in June is set aside as a Safety Day. The children attend kindergarten through fifth grade.

Photo by Robert Rizzo

## Fawn Hall testifies she shredded documents, hid others in clothes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fawn Hall, Oliver North's former White House secretary, told congressional committees Monday that she helped him shred a foot and a half stack of documents as the Iran-Contra affair began unraveling last fall, then walked out of the White House with other papers hidden in her clothing.

Hall said she took internal office notes past White House guards in her boots and in her clothes behind her back on Nov. 25, the day Presi-

dent Reagan fired North as a national security aide.

She also described altering documents at the direction of North and hurriedly shredding so many documents they jammed the shredding machine in North's office.

"I was just purely doing my job," Hall said.

Testifying under a grant of immunity from prosecution, Hall recounted the destruction and alteration of papers just before Attorney

General Edwin Meese III interviewed North during a weekend investigation he conducted at Reagan's request. North was fired the following Tuesday.

The 27-year-old part-time model, who was secretary to North for four years, spoke of unquestioning loyalty to him and said she didn't object or ask for an explanation when he ordered her to alter memos.

"I believe in Col. North and I know there must have been a good

reason why he was asking me to do this," Hall said. "I did as I was told."

Hall, who testified for 2½ hours and will return today, said she gave the documents she removed to North's attorney at the time, Thomas Green.

She said North had earlier emptied his office safe of documents while she put "maybe a foot and a half" of them into the shredding machine. She said when the machine jammed, she called the White House's crisis management center, and a repairman made a quick repair.

The shredded documents included copies of North's telephone logs and computerized interoffice memos that National Security Council officials used to communicate with one another.

She also said that at North's order she altered the texts of five sensitive documents in National Security Council files. She said she began making copies and destroying the originals but was interrupted to begin shredding.

One alteration she described concerned a 1985 memo from North that referred to the possible sinking or seizure of a ship carrying weapons to Nicaragua.

its own equipment or would have to rent from the television station.

Sondra Pickard, a senior journalism major, will be editor of *The Battalion* for the summer and fall semesters. Pickard has worked as staff writer, senior staff writer and assistant city editor during the past two years.

Joanie Pate, the 1988 Aggieldand editor, worked on the past two yearbooks. Pate, a junior accounting major, was assistant editor of the classes section of the 1986 Aggieldand and editor of the classes section of the 1987 yearbook, which will be available this fall.

## Provost OKs nominations for Battalion, Aggieldand editors

By Yvonne DeGraw  
Staff Writer

Dr. Donald McDonald, provost and vice president for academic affairs, has approved the nominees for editor of *The Battalion* for summer and fall and for the 1988 Aggieldand editor.

He said Monday that he will approve the 1987-88 video yearbook producer within a few days.

The Student Publications Board nominated Sondra Pickard to be editor of *The Battalion* for both the summer and fall on April

14. The board also chose Joanie Pate to edit the Aggieldand and Gregory W. Keith to produce the video yearbook.

Keith's approval was held up by discussions between the Student Publications Board and Educational Broadcasting Services.

Dr. Douglas Starr, chairman of the Student Publications Board and head of the journalism department, said the yearbook staff will operate under the same agreement that was used last year — renting equipment from KAMU-TV at an estimated cost of \$13,000 for the year.

The majority of the staff of the 1986-87 video yearbook resigned amid accusations that the equipment KAMU rented to them was consistently damaged and inappropriate for the yearbook's needs.

"I have been assured verbally that there is no reason that the equipment will not work this year," Starr said. "Both sides are operating in good faith."

Keith, a senior theater arts major and a cameraman for KBTX's morning news show, said he hasn't been able to hire any of his staff yet because he couldn't finalize his budget until he knew whether the yearbook could buy

## A&M Faculty Senate approves new philosophy master's plan

Final action on measure still could take two to three years

By Yvonne DeGraw  
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In rapid succession, A&M's Faculty Senate Monday approved a series of changes to the University's curriculum, including the addition of a new master's degree program in philosophy.

But the pace slowed when the senate discussed a resolution concerning implementation of the core curriculum.

No discussion or dissension accompanied senate approval of the new graduate program, which will concentrate on applied philosophy.

The program still faces a two-to-three-year approval process. President Frank E. Vandiver, the A&M Board of Regents and the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System must approve the program before the degree can be offered.

The program differs from most in that it offers an option other than the traditional thesis and non-thesis master's programs. The third course of study will include a professional internship in an area related to a student's career plans.

Specializations could include medical ethics, corporate responsibility, agriculture policy or wilderness preservation.

The philosophy department says the particular hue of this program will be complemented by A&M's strength in applied disciplines.

"Whereas other graduate philosophy programs only hint at the practical applications of their courses of study, the program we will offer arises out of the need to address practical philosophical questions," the program proposal says.

The philosophy department says that no additional faculty members will be needed to teach the graduate students.

In addition to attracting students whose career opportunities would be enhanced by the internship plan, the graduate program also will serve philosophy teachers at community colleges, graduate students in other departments, and those who teach military ethics at the Army and Air Force academies.

The Senate also approved a plan for a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology. Currently, the

sociology department offers only a Bachelor of Science degree.

A survey of 29 leading research universities showed that Texas A&M was the only one offering a B.S. alone.

The B.A. degree plan requires 14 hours of foreign language credit and reduces the number of science hours needed.

Other approved course changes include the addition of an electrical engineering course, a geography course, two undergraduate philosophy courses and several graduate courses.

After the curriculum modifications were approved, Dr. J. Benton Storey, horticulture sciences professor, introduced a resolution to clarify part of the core curriculum plan.

Individual departments and colleges are currently working on "individual program audits" — documents designed to assess changes that will be needed to bring degree plans in line with the core curriculum.

Storey said some department heads and curriculum committees do not know they can propose other courses to fulfill re-

quirements in parts of the core curriculum that allow broad categories.

His resolution would have asked the Core Curriculum Implementation Committee, appointed by Provost Donald McDonald, to evaluate and recommend courses in these broad categories before departments finish the program audits.

After several amendments, the resolution would have asked the speaker of the Senate, Dr. Richard Shumway, to inform academic departments that courses other than the ones the core curriculum lists may be proposed to satisfy science requirements. Science is the only area in which the requirements are not either very general or very specific.

Because the senate requires a three-quarters majority to pass such a resolution, the 37-18 vote was not enough for it to pass.

But Dr. Manuel Davenport, professor of philosophy, said the resolution's defeat did not mean departments could not propose other science courses to satisfy the requirements.

## Professor protests Secord's invitation to address lawyers

AUSTIN (AP) — A University of Texas law professor said Monday the invitation for retired Maj. Gen. Richard Secord to appear before the State Bar of Texas convention violates decency and common sense.

Roberto Soto spoke Monday at a demonstration protesting Secord's scheduled appearance Friday in Corpus Christi. Approximately 25-30 persons, some of whom identified themselves as attorneys or law students, held placards outside State Bar headquarters.

Soto, who also said he is a vice president of the National Lawyers Guild, stated that the purpose of the demonstration was to urge State Bar leaders to withdraw their invitation and \$7,500 fee for Secord to appear.

State Bar president Bill Whitehurst said there were no plans to withdraw the invitation.

Secord testified at an ongoing congressional hearing into the secret sale of United States arms to Iran and a private supply network for the Contras in Nicaragua.

"He (Secord) may be able to draw some people to the meeting, but we think Willie Nelson would have done a much better job and we wouldn't have to be embarrassed by associating with someone of Secord's character," Soto said.

"He really is a symbol of how crime does pay," the professor said. "I think it's outrageous for us to pay him to come tell us and to wrap himself around the flag — claiming to be a patriot when all indications are otherwise."

Whitehurst said he did not think the protest represented a major problem, but he added, "I think they have a legitimate question as to whether anyone like Secord ought to be given any kind of platform."

"He's being portrayed as a speaker — what we're doing is we're having a forum on national affairs, international affairs," Whitehurst said. "I've invited Secord to come because he is clearly the one who is in the spotlight right now on international affairs."

"By doing this, we by no means sanction anything he's done. We're not bringing (him) here to honor Richard Secord in any way, that's not our purpose. Our purpose is simply to bring him and let him answer questions by the Texas lawyers."

"It's obvious from looking at the congressional hearings that Congress missed a few things when they questioned him. I'm hopeful that some of our Texas lawyers can maybe fill in the gaps."