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## Mexican officials look for Bush to modify 'keep it tough' policy

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexicans expressed hope Wednesday that George Bush in the White House will modify President Reagan's ''keep it tough'' policies toward Latin America and initiate more open U.S. relations with the region and their nation in particular.

Several newspapers said that under Bush, who has closer ties with and a better understanding of Mexico than Reagan, relations between the two countries could reach higher levels of mutual respect.

And Mexican novelist Carlos Fuentes, a professor of literature at Harvard University, said Secretary of State-designate James Baker understands the need for cooperation.

In a front-page essay in the leading Mexico City daily *Excelsior*, Fuentes said this could make for easier relations with Carlos Salinas de Gortari, who succeeds Miguel de la Madrid as President of Mexico on Dec. 1.

*El Universal* said in an editorial that propects are gloomy for Latin America in general because of Bush's tough stand on the foreign debt and his past support for the ''dirty'' Contra war against Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista regime, which Mexico strongly backs.

But *El Universal*, which like virtually all newspapers toe the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party's foreign policy line, expressed hope that ''Bush will maintain a respectful attitude toward Mexico, given his understanding of our problems, and knowing like few others their exacerbation would not be in his country's interest.''

Bush's daughter-in-law is Mexican, and he has many influential friends in this country.

His relations with Mexico date back to 1954 when he co-founded and was a director of Zapata Petroleum Co., an offshore drilling and service outfit, as director of the CIA, and chairman of the First International Bank of Houston from 1977 to 1979.

An editorial in the government newspaper *El Nacional* was pointedly entitled, ''A Respectful Leadership?'', but there was no immediate reaction from the Salinas transition team.

De la Madrid sent Bush a note Wednesday congratulating him on his victory.

''I'm certain that during your time as leader of our neighboring country, the rich relationship between our nations will be consolidated and reinforced on the basis of mutual respect and dignity and to the benefit of the peoples of the United States and Mexico,'' de la Madrid said.

The U.S. election was front-page news throughout Mexico, including the states of Nuevo Leon and Tabasco, where voters were going to the polls today in local and state elections.

Many newspapers commented prominently on the low U.S. voter turnout and the fact that the Democrats made gains in Congress, saying they undermined Bush's mandate and may make for a more balanced policy toward Latin America.

In his *Excelsior* article, Fuentes said Bush lacks ''Reagan's electronic charisma'' and his ability ''to make cat look like a rabbit; he lacks the charisma, the cat, and the rabbit'' and, consequently, will have to face reality and the need to soften U.S. relations with Latin America.

And Latin America, Fuentes says, includes Mexico and the problem of the repayment of the country's $104 billion foreign debt, Mexican illegal aliens and trade barriers to Mexican imports, which soured relations between the countries under Regan and de la Madrid.

Baker understands this and so does his aide Richard Darman, Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady and Attorney General Richard Thornburgh, who are said to be members of the Bush cabinet, Fuentes said.

## Dukakis commends Bush in speech; plans for future

BOSTON (AP) — Defeated Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis on Wednesday congratulated President-elect George Bush on a decisive victory and said, ''I gave it my best shot.''

At a valedictory campaign news conference in Boston, Dukakis repeated his charges that Republican media manipulators resorted to highly negative commercials to defeat him and said the ads took their toll.''(I) fear this will be a signal now at the national level that this kind of campaigning is effective,'' he said.

Dukakis sidestepped a question about whether he might run again for the White House, saying he was now ready to return to his duties as governor of Massachusetts.

''I will be digging into that vigorously and fully,'' he said.

Dukakis opened his news conference with a statement blending congratulations for Bush with a declaration that the Democratic Party is truly alive and well and strong.

He made it clear he intends to remain active in party affairs, saying he hoped to make his presence felt as the party picks a new chairman for the next four years.

Dukakis said he wasn't ready to offer a detailed analysis of the campaign, but noted that he lost several states by the relatively small margin of four percentage points or less.

''I wasn't successful in getting my message through in the South and some parts of the West,'' he said.

Dukakis quickly noted that voters in those regions continue to elect Democrats to local office, and said Democratic presidential candidates need to find a way to appeal to those regions.

''I gave it my best shot. We had our good days and our not-so-good days,'' he said.

Dukakis was asked several times about the negative commercials aired by Bush, and about the president-elect's decision to name the architect of his campaign, James A. Baker III, to be the new secretary of state.

Dukakis held his news conference after spending the morning in his statehouse office, calling successful congressional candidates to congratulate them.

## Congressman's decision to seek bank committee seat questioned

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez' decision to seek the chairmanship of the House banking committee could touch off a gut-wrenching fight in the opening moments of the 101st Congress, observers said Wednesday.

Gonzalez, ranking member of the House Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee, said Wednesday he would seek the chairmanship vacated by Rep. Fernand J. St Germain, a Rhode Island Democrat defeated in Tuesday's balloting.

But Capitol Hill officials on Wednesday questioned whether Gonzalez, 72, will find the support he needs to ascend into the key position, citing his reputation as a gadfly and the pressing issue of the savings and loan crisis.

Observers say House Speaker Jim Wright and Texas congressmen could be in a risky spot — whether to support the ambitions of another Texan seeking a leadership position that could give the delegation more clout, or whether to back someone with more experience in banking.

''It's going to put a lot of people in a real spot,'' one Democratic congressman said. ''There's a tremendous amount of loyalty in the Texas delegation. There are going to be some real heart-wrenching, gut-wrenching decisions that will have to be made. It's a problem. It's a real problem.''

But another Democrat said he believes Gonzalez will have the support of Speaker Wright and the rest of the delegation, along with backing from other Hispanic and black members.

Gonzalez, a San Antonio Democrat, has been a member of the banking committee since he came to Congress 27 years ago and has been chairman of the housing subcommittee since 1981. He is considered one of the most liberal members of the Texas delegation, and said Wednesday he is up to the challenge of the job.

Committee chairmanships traditionally go to the most senior member of the majority party, but not always.

''It looks as if everything is heading to my assuming that chairmanship and I am prepared,'' Gonzalez said. ''The single power of the chairman is to set the agenda and I'll have one. I'll keep it the busiest it's ever been.''

A banking industry official said it is currently believed Gonzalez will get the job, but with St Germain gone it's a whole new situation and some strong, aggressive members on that committee may challenge him.

The next ranking member of the committee, Rep. Frank Annunzio, D-Ill., said Wednesday he was very interested in becoming chairman.

''However, if Mr. Gonzalez is interested in the position, I will not oppose him,'' Annunzio said. ''If Mr. Gonzalez does not obtain the nomination for the chairmanship, then I will strongly campaign for the position.''

A spokesman for Rep. John LaFalce, D-N.Y., said the congressman is going to take a serious look at seeking the chairmanship.

And Rep. Stephen L. Neal, D-N.C., said he was interested in chairmanship. ''But I recognize that there are three members senior to me on the committee,'' he said.

''I have 14 years' experience with the important issues facing us and I am fully prepared should this responsibility come my way,'' Neal said. ''I also have a lot of respect for the seniority system and I will be in touch with my colleagues and the house leadership about the chairmanship.''

Gonzalez is known for frequently speaking to an empty House at the conclusion of legislative business. In 1984 Gonzalez slugged a man who called him a communist. He was also chairman of the committee that investigated the assassinations of President Kennedy and Martin Luther King.

Rep. Steve Bartlett, a Dallas Republican and member of the banking committee, said although he and Gonzalez have had numerous philosophical differences he finds the Democrat has always been fair, honest, works hard and listens.

## Accused man awaits tests that may prove innocence

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — An American teen-ager accused of killing a Juarez policeman expressed surprise when he learned favorable results of police tests haven't made it to court.

Police performed two gunpowder tests on Kelly Martin after the 18-year-old Dell City man was arrested May 7, just hours after Juarez police officer Pedro Vera Gallegos was shot to death and Lt. Jose Zuniga Acevedo was wounded.

Both those tests, designed to determine whether Martin had fired a gun, came out negative, Mexican authorities said. But a Chihuahua state criminologist said at a hearing Tuesday that the information was not forwarded to the state prosecutor's office.

Martin, who has accused Mexican officials of trying to make him a scapegoat, complained at Tuesday's hearing that the favorable test results should have been forwarded to 7th District Court.


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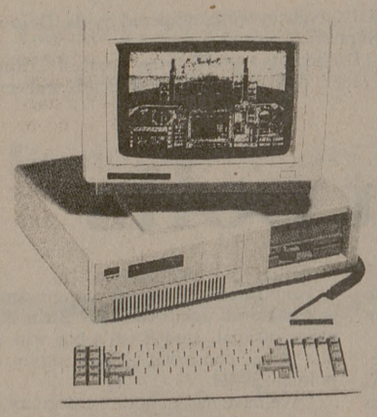

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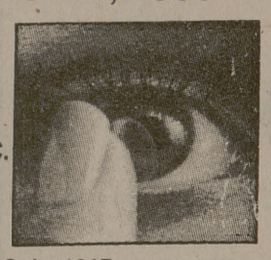

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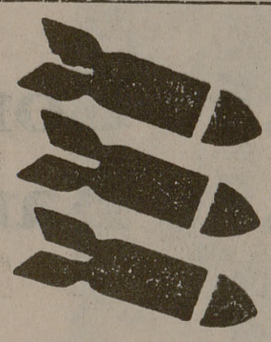

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