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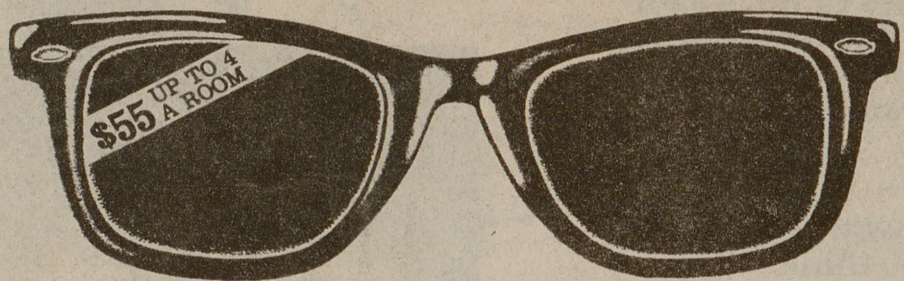
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## Bush decides against settling Eastern strike by intervention

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Tuesday virtually ruled out intervening in the Eastern Airlines strike, saying "man-to-man negotiation" is preferable to a government-imposed settlement.

While he didn't flatly rule out stepping in to end the walkout, Bush said his policy "will hold firm" despite pressure in some congressional quarters to force him to act.

Fielding questions for more than 40 minutes in the White House briefing room, he insisted that "there isn't malaise" in his administration because of the drawn-out fight over confirmation of Defense Secretary-designate John Tower.

"A lot is happening," the president said. "Not all of it good, but a lot is happening. . . . We're on track." Bush defended his chief of staff, saying John Sununu, the former New Hampshire governor, knows his way around Washington and is doing his job well. Bush said he has "total confidence" in Sununu.

Bush noted that Tower has pledged not to drink a drop of liquor if he gets the job and told his nationally televised news conference, "You'll have 25,000 people in the Pentagon making sure that's true."

The president said his backing of Tower against Democratic opposition in the Senate "isn't iron-willed stubbornness; it's a question of fundamental principle here."

The president had spare time in his schedule Tuesday because inclement weather forced him to cancel a planned trip to Lancaster, Pa., and Wilmington, Del., for speeches on his plans to attack drug abuse.

House Speaker Jim Wright responded that Bush's refusal to halt the strike by appointing an investigative panel "would be unprecedented," noting that over the last half-century 33 such boards have been named in transportation disputes.

Bush, however, used his opening

news conference statement to "restate my belief that free collective bargaining is the best means of resolving" the strike.

He exhorted Eastern management, the Machinists union and other unions to conduct "head-on, man-to-man negotiation" and said he thought that would be "better and more lasting . . . than an imposed government settlement, which could cause the airline to totally shut down."

On other subjects during the more than 40-minute question-and-

answer session, Bush said he would like to see Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat "speak out" against raids that have been carried out by Palestinian guerrillas against Israelis in southern Lebanon.

Bush said he hoped these incidents would not jeopardize U.S. talks with PLO representatives he said he thought that Arafat should "forthrightly condemn any terrorism that might be perpetrated by the Palestinians."

## President intends to replace immigration head, source says

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration will replace Alan C. Nelson as head of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, an administration source said Tuesday.

Attorney General Dick Thornburgh, who recently received a department audit that criticized management and operations of INS, is searching for someone to take over the agency, said the source, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The source confirmed a report in Tuesday's editions of the Los Angeles Times that Nelson would be not be kept as INS commissioner in the Bush administration.

It has been long presumed by department watchers that Nelson, along with most other political officeholders in the Justice Department, would be replaced.

Nelson, a San Francisco lawyer close to former Attorney General Edwin Meese III, became INS commissioner in 1982.

He was criticized by immigrant rights advocates for being slow to implement the provisions of the

1986 immigration reform law, which provided for massive amnesty for legal aliens.

INS became embroiled in a number of lawsuits charging that it was improperly making it difficult for legal aliens to obtain legal status under the new law.

The Justice Department audit completed two weeks ago, cited INS for its failure to conduct background checks on many applicants for citizenship and found that 23,000 valuable naturalization certificates had been lost by the agency's Miami regional office.

The special audit, conducted at Thornburgh's request by the Justice Department's management division, raised "serious questions which are being reviewed now at the highest levels of the department," spokesman David Runkel said last week.

Besides losing naturalization certificates, which had a street value up to \$115 million, INS was cited in the audit for failing to take action two years after investigators had discovered that 61,500 naturalized citizens had not surrendered their permanent resident alien cards.

## Premier: Soviet economic reform started 2 years before Gorbachev

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet reformers began planning their economic program two years before Mikhail S. Gorbachev came to power in 1985, Premier Nikolai I. Ryzhkov said Tuesday, and he implied that they molded communist ideology to fit.

"We had to find theoretical foundations for all the actions that we wanted to pursue afterward," Ryzhkov said.

"We have to have a lot of patience to implement what we have decided, because the scale of the country is so vast," he told 33 women journalists gathered in ornate St. Catherine's Hall of the Grand Kremlin Palace on the eve of International Women's Day.

Ryzhkov said planning for perestroika — Gorbachev's program of economic and social reforms — began two years before Gorbachev was elected head of the Communist Party. That would be in 1983, about the time former KGB chief Yuri Andropov came to power.

"Even at that time, we had forces who understood that everything was not healthy in our economy," Ryzhkov said.

For the first two years after Gorbachev took over in 1985, they worked on theory that would support their ideas, he said.

Gorbachev has rejected many long-standing Soviet principles in his effort to revive a sickly economy. He is trying to do away with a system in which Moscow bureaucrats decide what is produced throughout the country, and trying to transform the word "profit"

from the height of capitalist evil to a measurement of socialist success.

Ryzhkov also promised to reveal the long-secret Soviet defense budget in 12 to 18 months, after accountants have arranged it in a form comparable to U.S. figures, apparently for use in arms negotiations.

As part of the plan to shift Soviet spending "from swords to plowshares," defense factories that produce 60 percent military hardware and 40 percent consumer goods will move to a 50-50 ratio by 1991 and 40-60 by 1995, he said. For example, the Moscow Aviation Factory soon will produce pasta, he said.

Ryzhkov, whose popularity soared in December when he was seen nightly on Soviet TV commiserating with Armenian earthquake victims, said he found the slow pace of economic reform the most upsetting part of his job.

"I like to see how the decisions we are taking in state bodies are implemented in the level of real life," he said. That's why he enjoys visiting factories that mind him of the Ural Machine-Building Plant in Sverdlovsk where his career began, "to feel the smell of Chinese parts being manufactured, the smell of work," he said.

Ryzhkov blamed part of the country's problems on corrupt bureaucrats, and he made no promises of quarterly dividends from perestroika, saying 40 percent of military equipment must be replaced.

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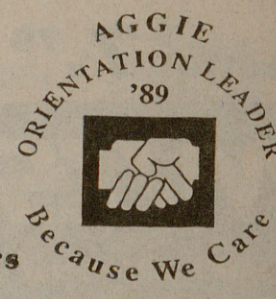


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