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Bush begs children to refuse drugs

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, in a televised appeal to millions of schoolchildren, said Tuesday that refusing drugs "won't make you a nerd" and urged youngsters to help others stay away from narcotics.

"I'm asking you not to look the other way," Bush said in an address beamed live from the White House to thousands of schools across the country.

Saying everyone knows someone who has a problem, Bush added, "I'm asking you to find someone who needs you. And offer to help. I'll say it again: If you're not in trouble, help someone who is."

On another front, as Bush made

his speech, the White House uncorked a toughly worded, partisan attack against congressional Democrats who are criticizing the administration's anti-drug efforts as inadequate and underfunded.

White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater said Democrats were trying "to play price-tag politics" with the administration's plan, which calls for more prisons, more prosecutors, tougher sentences and aid to Latin American nations to help combat drug cartels.

"Their first answer was to tax more," Fitzwater said of the Democrats. "Then they had a daylong conference to decide why they can't win a presidential election. And now

their new answer is to spend more."

On Capitol Hill, Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, proposed legislation to boost anti-drug spending to \$10.1 billion, or \$2.2 billion more than Bush's program, in fiscal 1990 which begins Oct. 1.

Byrd proposed across-the-board cuts in many domestic and Pentagon programs of 0.575 percent. Bush had suggested taking money away from a handful of domestic programs to pay for his program.

Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., indicated that despite the White House opposition, he liked elements of Byrd's plan.

"He may have the best solution on the funding side of the equation," Dole said of Byrd's proposal. "I'm not certain of the amount, but perhaps that's something we can work out."

White House spokesman Fitzwater said Byrd's proposal "throws money at the problem rather than providing a plan." The White House said Bush's advisers would recom-

mend he veto the Democratic version.

While the White House argued with Democrats, the administration offered a new price tag for the long-term cost of the drug war.

William J. Bennett, the national drug control policy director, told the House Foreign Affairs Committee, "I don't think it's unreasonable to say that we are talking about a \$50 billion program over five years."

At the White House, Bush spoke for 15 minutes to schoolchildren in an address carried live by the four major television networks as well as educational cable systems.

The Education Department had alerted 15,000 superintendents and 55,000 principals of the broadcast, and some schools arranged to hold assemblies where students could watch the speech and discuss the drug problem.

"Presidents don't often get the chance to talk directly to students. So today, for each of you sitting in a classroom or assembly hall — this message goes straight to you," Bush said, speaking from the presidential library.

Texas Air investors meet to decide future of Lorenzo air empire

NEW YORK (AP) — The future of Frank Lorenzo's airline empire may well be on the line when the Texas Air Corp. chairman faces shareholders Wednesday at a long-delayed annual meeting.

Eastern Airlines, one of its two main subsidiaries, is in its seventh month of a bitter strike and tortuous bankruptcy proceeding. The Miami-based carrier recently disclosed to creditors that it will have about \$370 million less in cash by year-end than first projected, having abandoned a plan to sell its Latin American routes.

As a result, Texas Air may underwrite some of Eastern's operations — a prospect unlikely to cheer Texas Air shareholders. A hearing is scheduled for Wednesday

in U.S. Bankruptcy Court on a proposal for Texas Air to pay part of Eastern's \$100 million pension payment due on Friday.

While Eastern has been buffeted since early March by the strike by Machinists, pilots and flight attendants, its sister carrier Continental Airlines appeared to enjoy stability and even turned a modest profit. But in a surprise move, Lorenzo announced on Aug. 24 that he was considering selling all or part of Houston-based Continental.

The "noise" at strike-torn Eastern was hurting non-union Continental's business, Lorenzo recently explained. "We have to be responsible to our shareholders," he said. "We have an obligation to look for alternatives."

House continues work on flag desecration bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House moved Tuesday toward approval of legislation to restore criminal penalties for flag burning, seeking to overcome an unpopular Supreme Court decision.

House action in the form of a statute appeared likely after Speaker Thomas S. Foley promised a vote later on a constitutional amendment, the remedy demanded by President Bush and many congressional Republicans to undo the court's ruling that flag burning could be a protected form of free speech.

"I remain opposed ... and I think the leadership is opposed to a constitutional amendment," said Foley, D-Wash., calling such action unnecessary.

However, he said he had assured those seeking an amendment they would get their vote, and he denied that that marked a political setback. He suggested he would work to keep

the amendment from getting the two-thirds vote needed for passage.

Some seeking an amendment softened their opposition to the statute, once assured that the Democratic leadership would not use it to block their alternative.

Rep. Sonny Montgomery, D-Miss., chairman of the House Veterans Committee and co-sponsor of Bush's amendment, stood up in the House and announced he would vote for the statute.

"I still have doubts that we can do the job by statute, but this is a step in the right direction," he said.

At the White House, spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said, "We believe that this bill is insufficient to provide the protections that we seek, and therefore continue to press for a constitutional amendment."

But he stopped short of any veto threats.

East Germans fill refugee camps in West

PASSAU, West Germany (AP) — Thousands of East Germans crowded refugee camps Tuesday to begin building new lives in the West after crossing the border from Hungary, and officials said the historic emigre flood could exceed 15,000.

Communist East Germany issued a formal protest to Hungary's reform-minded government for permitting the exodus that will deprive the East of thousands of young, skilled citizens. It demanded the movement be halted.

East Germans who had camped outside the West German Embassy in Prague, Czechoslovakia, also hoping to go West, gave up after promises they would not be punished, but thousands more flowed out of Hungary into West Germany.

Officials in Hungary said thousands more East

Germans were arriving in the Warsaw Pact country, which opened its doors to the West at midnight Sunday. It was unclear how many would follow their countrymen to the West.

Residents in the border city of Passau greeted new arrivals with cheers, hugs and offers of jobs and shelter. Several tent camps and a reception area in the city's convention center were set up for the emigres, mostly young people fed up with Communism.

"This reception is really amazing," Ute Kindl, a refugee, said. "I'm really speechless over the warmth and kindness here."

A large banner outside the center bore the words "Herzlich Willkommen" (heartfelt greet-

ings). Red and silver helium balloons with the same message bobbed in the welcoming crowd. Bulletin boards listed jobs and apartments.

Labor Minister Gebhard Glueck in the West German state of Bavaria predicted that the total number of East Germans taking advantage of the chance to emigrate "could top 15,000."

Bavarian border police said the number that had arrived in the past two days was "over 10,000."

East Germany's state-run ADN news agency released a government statement calling for the "immediate rescinding" of Hungary's decision to "unilaterally suspend" bilateral agreements on border controls.

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