

Turmoil of '89 colors Bush address

President proposes U.S., Soviet troop reductions for Europe

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, propelled by the political upheaval in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, proposed a dramatic cut in U.S. and Soviet combat troops Wednesday night, saying in his first State of the Union address "the time is right to move forward."

With ambassadors from across the world in attendance, Bush told a joint session of Congress, "We are in a period of great transition, great hope, yet great uncertainty..."

"The events of the year just ended — the revolution of '89 — have been a chain reaction, change so striking that it marks the beginning of a new era in the world's affairs."

Bush also announced plans to withdraw all of the nearly 13,000 troops sent to Panama in an invasion to oust Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega "well before the end of February."

Hours before he delivered his address to Congress and a national television audience, Bush telephoned Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev on Wednesday to advise him of his proposal to cut U.S. and Soviet forces in Central Europe to 195,000 on each side.

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His troop offer was the surprise centerpiece of a speech in which Bush also proposed lofty goals for American schools and prodded lawmakers to approve his plans for a capital gains tax cut and bills dealing with clean air, child care, crime,

drugs, education and other issues. "It's time to act together," Bush said in a speech intended to help set an election-year agenda for a Democratic-run Congress.

He condemned racially motivated mail bombings, saying the nation "must confront and condemn racism, anti-semitism, bigotry and hate."

by Sen. Daniel Moynihan, D-N.Y., to roll back a Social Security tax increase that took effect Jan. 1.

"The last thing we need to do is mess around with Social Security," Bush said.

Bush also expressed concern over the nation's health care, and directed Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan to lead a review of recommendation on the quality, cost and accessibility of the health care system.

"I am committed to bring the staggering costs of health care under control," Bush said.

The president said the challenge before America now is "to take this democratic system of ours, a system second to none, and make it better."

He spoke grandly of a nation where everyone could get a job, feel confident that their children are safe, where the environment is clean, the economy is strong and where "Made in the USA" is a symbol of quality and excellence.

"Ambitious aims? Of course. Easy to do? Far from it. But the future's at stake. This nation will not accept anything less than excellence in education."

"...And let me say that so long as we remember the American idea — so long as we live up to the American ideal — the state of the union will remain sound and strong," he said.

Confronting a sensitive issue, Bush pointedly rejected a proposal

What's Up

Thursday

DATA PROCESSING MGMT. ASSOCIATION: ICDP-VALIC will meet at 7 p.m. in the Ramada Inn.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: will have a general discussion at noon. Call C.D.P.E. at 845-0280 for more information.

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS: will have a general discussion at 6 p.m. Call C.D.P.E. at 845-0280 for more information.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS: will have a general discussion at 8:30 p.m. Call C.D.P.E. at 845-0280 for more information.

EXCEL: EXCELLENCE UNITING CULTURE, EDUCATION, AND LEADERSHIP: applications are available. Deadline is Monday at 5 p.m. Contact Cynthia at 845-4565 for more information.

PHI BETA LAMBDA: will have a smoker at 8:30 p.m. in 510 Rudder. Contact Kip at 847-1560 for more information.

RUSSIAN CLUB: will discuss plans for International Week at 3:30 p.m. in 321 Sterling C. Evans Library. Also, there will be a table in 127 Academic on career opportunities for Russian majors from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

TAMU HORTICULTURE SOCIETY: will have a work party at 5 p.m. in the Horticulture Club Greenhouses. Contact Marianna at 823-3414 for more information.

THE ACTOR: presents 'The Winter's Tale' at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder Theater. Call 845-2621 for more information.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: will have auditions for talent show and dress parade from 7-10 p.m. in 201 MSC. Contact Sandra at 846-5798 or Patricia at 693-6781 for more information.

WOMEN'S STUDIES SUPPORT GROUP: will vote on charter and plan February events at 7 p.m. in 140 MSC. Contact Melissa at 846-3487 for more information.

MANAGEMENT SOCIETY: will meet at 6:30 p.m. in Taco Cabana.

PI SIGMA EPSILON: will have orientation for new members at 8:30 p.m. in 302 Rudder. Business attire is suggested. Contact Heather at 693-5752 for more information.

RADIO TELEVISION NEWS DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION: will have a general meeting about their fund-raiser at 6:30 p.m. in Sneakers. Call 696-9694 for more information.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR INDUSTRIAL DISTRIBUTION: will have a luncheon at 11 a.m. in Duddley's Draw. Contact Tommy at 822-0005 for more information.

FOURTH DAY: will have staff reconciliation and final meetings for staff at 6:15 p.m. in St. Mary's Student Center. Call 846-5718 for more information.

MSC POLITICAL FORUM: The Invasion of Panama: Right or Wrong? featuring Dr. Jonathan Brown of the Institute for Latin American Studies at 7:30 p.m. in 301 Rudder. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. Call 847-3106 for more information.

FREE TAX SEMINAR: for Graduate Students (1 and 3 p.m.) and International Students (2 and 4 p.m.) in 301 Rudder. Call 845-9737 for more information.

RIO BRAZOS AUDUBON SOCIETY & BRAZOS VALLEY MUSEUM FIELD TRIP: Feb. 17 leaving at 7 a.m. and returning that evening. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and senior citizens, \$8 for children under 12. Contact Mike at 693-9548 or 845-5158 for more information. Open to the public.

THE RETAILING SOCIETY: will be planning their spring trip to San Antonio at 6 p.m. in Blocker. Call 846-3134 for more information.

STUDY ABROAD OFFICE: will have a table with information on Study Abroad Programs in Europe, Eastern Europe, Asia and South America from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the MSC. A meeting also will be held at 2 p.m. in 251 Bizzell West concerning the same programs. The deadline for TAMU Exchange Program Applications is 5 p.m. Call 845-0544 for more information.

S.W.A.P.: will have a discussion on campout and make club flag at 8 p.m. in 138 MSC. Call Bingo at 823-1451 for more information.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION: will host a free Wayne Watson concert at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium.

INSTITUTE FOR THE HEALING OF RACISM: will have a discussion at 8:30 p.m. in 504 Rudder. Call 846-1599 for more information.

MICROBIOLOGY SOCIETY: will have a meeting and introduction of officers at 7 p.m. in 231 MSC. Call Dakote Stein at 847-2579 for more information.

EXCEL: is taking applications for parent/student organization assistant; entertainment chairman; parent and student recruitment chairman and program assistant. They can be picked up in 148 MSC and are due Monday. Call 845-4551 for more information.

RHA CASINO: casino girl and dealer applications are accepted until Feb. 9 in 215 Pavilion. Call 845-0689 for more information.

Friday

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: will have a general discussion at noon. Call the C.D.P.E. for more information at 845-0280.

MEXICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will have a get-together at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Student Center. Call 693-2501 for more information.

JUNGIAN SOCIETY OF THE BRAZOS VALLEY: will have a poetry reading at 12:15 p.m. in 103 at the College Station Community Center. Call Mary Stone at 776-8655 for more information. At 7:30 p.m. there will be a lecture by Glenda Taylor in room 105.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST: will have a weekly FNA meeting at 7 p.m. in 108 Harrington. Call 696-8289 for more information.

MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT: will have former vice president of Exxon Weldon Kruger to speak at 10 a.m. in 114 Blocker. Call 696-7223 for more information.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: will have a gourmet club at 7 p.m. at the Lutheran Student Center. Call Miquel at 693-0692 for more information.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no later than three business days before the desired run date. We only publish the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are run on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3315.

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