

## Bush signs treaty with Gorbachev

### Lithuanian conflict causes concern in Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush signed the trade treaty with Mikhail S. Gorbachev believing the Soviet leader wants to resolve tensions with Lithuania but without receiving concrete assurances, the White House said Tuesday.

Bush summoned congressional leaders to the White House for a post-summit briefing and told them that before putting his name on the agreement, he repeatedly expressed concern to Gorbachev about the economic blockade against Lithuania.

"I accept that," said Senate Democratic Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine.

The lawmakers did not fault Bush for approving the trade pact. Nevertheless, they emphasized that Gorbachev will have to ease up on the Baltic republic before Congress approves any of the benefits described by the agreement.

"Call it linkage or call it reality," said Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan.

"There will have to be some moderation of Soviet policy with respect to Lithuania before the agreement is approved and most-favored-nation status granted," said Mitchell. The most-favored status, a further step which Bush has not recommended, would give Moscow the lowest-possible tariffs on its exports to America.

Bush has acknowledged that the fate of Lithuania will be a big factor in the Senate's decision

on whether to ratify the trade treaty.

However, the only price he has set for sending the treaty to Capitol Hill is the passage of a law by the Soviet Legislature protecting Jewish emigration.

Moscow announced Tuesday a tentative postponement of any action on that until September, and the White House seemed to breathe a sigh of relief.

"That may not be bad in the sense of, it gives them a little time to work on the emigration issue ... and (take) action on Lithuania," said Bush's spokesman, Marlin Fitzwater.

The signing of the trade agreement was the biggest surprise of the four-day superpower summit. And Fitzwater said Bush's decision to sign came only a half hour before the two leaders put their names on the document.

The spokesman said Bush and Gorbachev had long discussions about Lithuania on at least three occasions during the summit, and "there were no private assurances or conditions."

Fitzwater said Bush's decision was the result of "the accumulation of conversation over the two days about understanding that they knew our position and knew our concern, a feeling that he was interested in solving this problem, a belief that there were commitments to deal with this."

The agreement was an important trophy for Gorbachev, seeking improved trade relations

with the West to help cope with a deepening economic crisis at home.

Bush and other administration leaders had hinted that the agreement would not be signed until Gorbachev ended his economic stranglehold on Lithuania, which is struggling for independence from the Kremlin.

However, after impassioned pleas by Gorbachev to Bush — and also to congressional leaders — the president decided to go ahead.

House Republican Leader Robert Michel of Illinois said Gorbachev made a remarkable presentation to the lawmakers.

"Here was the first time a Soviet leader (was) telling us, 'I've got real problems at home and we'd like to establish a market economy,' which ought to give us all a measure of hope," Michel said.

Gorbachev, flying back to the Soviet Union, sent a farewell message to Bush as his jetliner cleared U.S. airspace at 1:39 a.m. EDT Tuesday.

"Having completed my stay in your great country, once again I wish to express my deep satisfaction with the results of my visit," Gorbachev said. "The work we have done together during these days will bear good fruit. I would like to express to you and to all Americans my sincere gratitude for the respect shown to the Soviet people and for your hospitality and warm reception."

## American University in Cairo names president

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Dr. Donald McDonald, executive director of Texas A&M University in Koriyama, Japan, will become president of the American University in Cairo, Egypt, in August.

The executive director's position will not be filled, but instead Dr. Arthur Sullivan will take the reins as permanent director of the Japanese campus.

McDonald said he was excited about the venture.

"The academic programs are quite good," he said. "They have some specialties that are outstanding — for example, studies such as the Egyptian culture. It is the center that is world renowned for those studies."

American University has 3,600 academic students, the majority of whom are Egyptian.

McDonald said the university focuses primarily on undergraduate liberal arts, with programs in engineering, business, and communica-

tions.

The American University has one of the largest adult continuing programs in the East.

"It has sites in various places throughout Egypt where they teach the adult continuing program," McDonald said.

After going to Cairo and having several interviews with students and faculty, McDonald was chosen to replace Dr. Richard Pederson as president.

McDonald, a former A&M provost, has been a tenured professor in civil engineering since 1973. He was head of the Civil Engineering Department from 1979 to 1986. Prior to his work at A&M, he was on the faculty at North Carolina State University from 1962 to 1967.

McDonald said he will miss A&M, but he is excited about his new job.

"I regret leaving A&M," he said. "I'll miss a lot of things ... the Death Burger at the Chicken Oil. However, I'm looking forward to getting there and seeing what sort of impact I can have on continuing the development of the programs there."

## DWI brings heartache, thousands in fees, fines

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His fate was determined as he left the club, opened the door to his car and slid the key into the ignition.

He never knew such a simple act of negligence could cause him so much pain and sorrow.

He was not considered a hardened criminal, but instead was one who always helped others in need. Loved by his family and friends, he thought it would never happen to him, but this time he was wrong.

If only he had called his parents to pick him up or called a taxi, he wouldn't be in his present situation.

Now, Joe (not his real name) has something he would like to be rid of — a police record with a Driving While Intoxicated conviction.

"It all started over the Christmas holidays in my hometown when my friends and I decided to go out one night to a club," Joe said. "After I left the club I decided to go get a bite to eat around 1:30 a.m. While driving down one of the main streets, I noticed flashing lights behind me and suddenly fear overtook me."

He said all he could think about was what his parents and friends would think and the many times he had gotten away with drinking and driving.

"If I had been driving toward my house instead of away from it, I probably would have made it home, but I wonder how many other times I would have done it before I got caught or possibly injured someone," Joe said.

He said his life has not been the same since the night he experienced such humiliation and disbelief.

"The pain and sorrow I put my family through was so unnecessary and I don't think I can ever repay them for the time and money they have spent helping me during the time which I'm sure not all parents have with their children," he said.

Joe said being handcuffed, put into the back of a police car and car-

ted off to jail is not an ordeal he wants to relive.

"I think the hardest part was facing my father the minute I got out of jail because I knew I had hurt him," he said. "My father had always told me that alcohol would get me in trouble, but I never listened. Some of us have to learn the hard way with greater costs and I guess I was one of those people."

Joe said a lasting impression in his mind was when he heard his father crying the night after the arrest. His father seldom cries, and Joe said he can't help but think how unfair his negligence and stupidity has been to his parents.

"I have suffered a lot, but I think my parents have suffered many times more because it was very disappointing to them," he said. "I wish I could go back and change things, but it is too late and I am paying for my mistake. What people don't understand is that DWI is a crime."

Joe also said he does not wish what he went through to happen to anyone. But if someone chooses to drink and drive, he should be prepared to spend a lot of money and some time in jail.

The bright side to Joe's story is the ordeal made him better educated about alcohol. He also thanks God every night for protecting him.

Joe said the drinks cost him more than he thought they would. Overall, he figured it cost him \$2,500 to \$3,000 in court fees and fines.

The National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration said DWI remains a leading cause of death among drivers between ages 16 and 24.

An administration report stated the problem is a public health hazard second only to cancer in victims claimed and costs incurred.

According to the College Station Police Department Records Division,

## Police erect billboards to remind citizens about taping of suspected drunk drivers

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The Bryan Police Department recently erected billboards in the local area to remind residents about the videotaping of suspected drunk drivers.

Mobile video cameras were introduced to Brazos County in 1987 by Jim Kuboviak, Brazos County attorney.

Since then, the videocameras have proved to be powerful tools by increasing the conviction rate of drunk drivers to more than 97 percent.

The billboards are publicizing local efforts to encourage safe driving and to avoid involvement in alcohol-related tragedies.

A patrol car with a video camera mounted inside is shown on the billboards with the short warning, "We Videotape Intoxicated Drivers. Drive Sober."

Funding for the billboards comes from the Brazos County Anti-DWI Program in cooperation with the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

Billy Cooper of the Bryan Police Department said more signs will go up since advertising space has been donated by Action Outdoor Advertising of Bryan.

Cooper said the new compact video recorders are ideal for mobile units because they are inexpensive and can be used even if only one officer is present.

He said older models were bulkier and required two officers to operate.

The Bryan police presently have two mobile video units in use at all times, but it is planning to outfit every patrol car with cameras in the future.

The purpose of mobile video recordings is to have evidence to present at DWI trials which show the jury the accused person's loss of normal mental and physical functions resulting from alcohol or other drug consumption.

A record of the suspect's loss of motor skills by the recording of dan-

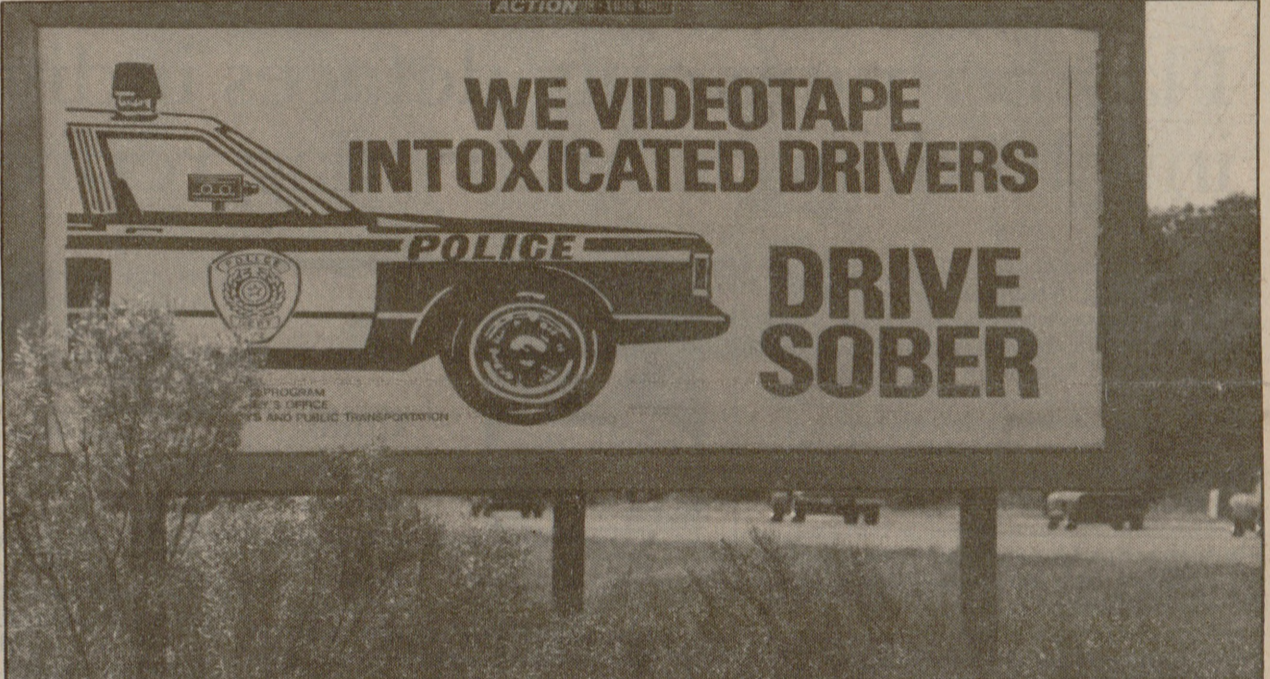


Photo by Eric Roalson

gerous driving behavior and his performance during the field sobriety testing also is provided.

"Before the recordings we used to have to take the suspects to the station and then video their state of intoxication," Cooper said. "Now, we save a lot of time and energy with the mobile cameras by making on-site accounts that stand as hard evidence in court."

He said the recordings also cut down on problems resulting from conflicting statements between the officer and the suspect.

"Many cases would not have had a conviction if it were not for the actual footage presented by the video," Cooper said. "In one case, we re-

ceived permission from the driver to search his car and found narcotics. Since his consent was recorded, he could not claim an illegal search."

Police officers also have gained greater respect from both juries and the judges, he said.

With a combination of testimony and videotape, juries actually can watch a defendant's driving and behavior during sobriety testing.

Videotaping at the scene saves time when officers don't have to return to the station to tape a defendant after the arrest. This allows officers to return to patrol sooner.

Recordings mean less time in court since fewer cases are contested.

The Bryan Police Department is one of many cities in Texas to implement mobile video units and have great success, Cooper said.

"We have a higher conviction rate, but are actually finding fewer drunks on the road," he said.

He said the cameras have proved to be strong deterrents for drunk drivers.

"With a 97 percent conviction rate, people are understanding the power of video recordings and appear to be taking heed of all the warnings from MADD and the media.

"We are hoping the billboards will get the message even further across," Cooper said.

## Summer skiing



Seniors Matt Seymour and Candice Freeman pass out fliers for the Aggie Water Ski Club Tuesday afternoon by the Academic Building. They passed out the fliers from the back of a ski boat.

## Officers suspended

### Policemen charged with ignoring plea for help during robbery while on break

HOUSTON (AP) — Two police officers have been suspended with pay pending an investigation into charges that they ignored a plea for help during a bank robbery while on a lunch break, authorities said Tuesday.

Patrolmen Ernest Gonzales and Kelly Hallford were relieved of duty last Thursday, a day after the alleged incident occurred, Houston police spokesman Al Baker said.

An investigation by the Houston Police Department's internal affairs division probably will take several weeks, Baker added.

The two officers reportedly were at a fast-food restaurant last Wednesday at the same time a nearby Texas Commerce Bank-Southwest was being robbed.

A bank employee who managed to flee while the suspect was still inside the bank approached the offi-

cers and asked them to help. The policemen allegedly said it was not their patrol beat and took no action, Baker said.

Baker said if a police officer is on duty and something occurs requiring

his assistance "you're obligated to get involved." Baker said the officer should act even if the crime occurs outside his patrol area.

An armed man had taken a taxi to the bank, but the taxi driver didn't realize what was happening until the robber got back in the car with a bag. A bank official was trailing him.

After forcing the cabbie to drive a short distance, the robber got out but left the bag behind. When he realized what he had done, he started shooting, wounding the driver in the arm. A suspect was arrested later that night.

But Houston Police Patrolmen's Union President Mike Howard said Monday that if the incident is true, he does not condone it, but understands the officers' reluctance to intervene in a crime while off their beat. Some officers have been disciplined for interfering, he said.

—Al Baker, police spokesman