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American capitalism loses its voice

Ron Brown was a key player in building American businesses abroad

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Ron Brown died in a plane crash, American capitalism lost its staunchest ally in the Clinton administration. Now business executives wonder who will champion their cause the next time commercial interests clash with other priorities.

On a whole range of diverse issues, from fighting Japanese trade barriers to supporting high-tech research to pushing sales of U.S. products around the world, Brown was a forceful advocate.

"Ron Brown was the first commerce secretary to operate in the post-Cold War global economy. He understood it," said Willard Workman, head of international affairs at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. "He knew you can't sit at home and wait for business to come to you. You have to go out and get the contracts."

It was on one such effort — his 15th overseas trade mission — that Brown and a group of U.S. executives lost their lives in Croatia on Wednesday.

While Brown was not the first commerce secretary to carry commerce missions, none did it more aggressively, bringing to bear the trademark intensity he honed as chairman of the Democratic Party in the hunt for multimillion-dollar foreign contracts.

Kantor to overcome objections from officials at the State and Treasury departments to a hard-nosed bargaining stance that forced the Japanese, Chinese

will not begin the process of choosing a successor for Brown until mourning is over. Clinton on Friday formally designated Commerce Undersecretary Mary L. Good to head the agency as acting secretary until a replacement is named.

The two names mentioned most prominently as possible successors are Thomas "Mack" McLarty, Clinton's first chief of staff and now a presidential adviser, and Stuart Eizenstat, former President Carter's top domestic policy adviser who was just confirmed as the Commerce Department's undersecretary for international affairs.

But with the GOP-controlled Congress still intent on abolishing the department and the presidential election only seven months away, the administration may not succeed in getting a permanent successor confirmed this year.

And even if the administration does make the effort, business leaders said whoever is chosen will have to embark on some intensive on-the-job training to fill Brown's strong advocacy role.

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Brown's skills in this area will not be easily replaced, business executives said.

"No other commerce secretary has been as active in promoting American products and services in the global marketplace," said Jerry Jasinowski, president of the National Association of Manufacturers.

With the Cold War over, Brown believed the United States no longer should sacrifice economic interests to other foreign policy goals and he used his close friendship with Clinton to push a business agenda inside the administration.

He forged alliances with U.S. Trade Representative Mickey

and Europeans to accept market-opening deals under the threat of U.S. sanctions.

He succeeded in battles with the Defense Department in loosening Cold War-era export controls that American companies had long complained severely limited their ability to sell high-technology products such as computers and telecommunications equipment.

And he prevailed in getting Clinton to switch U.S. policy toward China, breaking the link between human rights and trade in the annual debate over whether to renew China's most-favored-nation status.

The administration insists it

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McQuay to be released to a 'halfway house'

The convicted child molester will be moved to a correctional facility away from neighborhoods

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Although child molester Larry Don McQuay is expected to be released from prison Monday, he'll still be under close watch in his hometown of San Antonio, officials said.

McQuay, 32, is scheduled to be placed in a privately contracted Wackenhut Corrections facility that qualifies as a halfway house.

McQuay's placement will be "much more secure than a conventional halfway house, not in a neighborhood," said Allan Pol-

unsky, chairman of the State Board of Criminal Justice.

McQuay's release is causing concern primarily because of his admission that he has abused an estimated 240 children and feels sure that he will molest children again once he is out of prison.

With his mandatory release from Skyview psychiatric prison at Rusk, McQuay will join about 300 sex offenders under parole officers' active supervision in San Antonio.

Officer tries new ways to better young offenders

BRYAN, Texas (AP) — A probation officer working to reform juvenile offenders in Brazos County is winning admirers to his way of doing things.

Fear may linger a few days, but education lasts a lifetime, he says, summing up his philosophy.

"You can scare these kids for a day or two, but that never lasts," says probation officer Oscar Davenport.

"We try to educate them — to make them better people."

His reform tactics seem to be working. In Texas, juvenile apprehensions are up 44 percent; in Bryan, they're down 15 percent.

Juvenile apprehensions decreased from 572 in 1994 to 488

in 1995, Bryan Sgt. Choya Walling said. There have been only 84 apprehensions so far in 1996, he said.

College Station apprehensions are also down, Lt. Scott McCollum said, with police reporting 104 in 1994 and 90 in 1995. Only 33 have been reported thus far this year.

"These kids experience what it's like to be a prisoner in the Ferguson Unit for one day," said Davenport, who recently led a group of juvenile offenders to an Operation Outreach Program in Midway.

"They eat what the prisoners eat, work in the field like the prisoners do ... experience the whole atmosphere and attitude of life in prison."

Loose Diamonds

Marquise Cut

Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
.31	I	SI1	\$475 ⁰⁰
.31	H	VS2	675 ⁰⁰
.49	F	SI1	1,579 ⁰⁰
.49	J	SI2	1,050 ⁰⁰
.57	K	SI1	1,150 ⁰⁰
.68	J	VS2	1,900 ⁰⁰
.69	K	VVS2	1,750 ⁰⁰
.71	H	VS2	3,100 ⁰⁰ UGA CERT.
.71	G	VS2	2,900 ⁰⁰
.83	H	SI1	3,150 ⁰⁰
.84	K/L	SI1	2,150 ⁰⁰
.94	K	SI1	2,650 ⁰⁰
1.01	I	SI1	4,500 ⁰⁰ EGL CERT.
1.21	K	SI3	3,750 ⁰⁰

Emerald Cut

Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
.43	L	VVS2	\$750 ⁰⁰
.71	H	SI2	1,675 ⁰⁰
.74	H	SI3	1,500 ⁰⁰
.83	H	SI3	1,575 ⁰⁰
.88	G	SI2	1,750 ⁰⁰
.93	G	SI3	1,950 ⁰⁰
1.28	I	VS2	4,650 ⁰⁰

Round Diamond

Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
.23	H	VVS1	\$400 ⁰⁰
.27	H	VVS1	475 ⁰⁰
.31	H	VVS2	745 ⁰⁰ IGL CERT.
.33	H	VVS2	790 ⁰⁰
.34	G	VVS2	895 ⁰⁰
.37	G	I1	350 ⁰⁰
.52	F	I1	595 ⁰⁰ Arc. Old Mine Cut
.52	H	VVS2	1,875 ⁰⁰ IGL Cert.
.64	H	VVS2	1,990 ⁰⁰
.70	I	SI1	2,100 ⁰⁰
.71	H	SI1	2,200 ⁰⁰
.71	H	VVS2	2,985 ⁰⁰ IGL Cert.

Round Diamond

Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
.77	G	SI1	\$1,800 ⁰⁰
.95	I	I1	2,275 ⁰⁰
.90	H	VS1	4,250 ⁰⁰ EGL CERT.
1.00	G	I1	2,600 ⁰⁰
1.04	G	VS1	6,000 ⁰⁰ GIA CERT.
1.16	J	SI1	3,950 ⁰⁰ GIA CERT.
1.19	I	SI2	4,750 ⁰⁰ GIA CERT.
1.33	J	SI1	3,500 ⁰⁰
2.00	I	SI1/SI2	6,975 ⁰⁰
9.51	L/M	I1/I2	29,000 ⁰⁰

Pear Shape

Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
.49	H	SI1	\$1,253 ⁰⁰
.59	E	I1	995 ⁰⁰
.79	K	SI1	1,675 ⁰⁰
.92	K	VS2	2,300 ⁰⁰
1.02	J	SI1	3,250 ⁰⁰

Princess

Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
.49	K	SI1	\$ 875 ⁰⁰
.53	K	VS1	975 ⁰⁰
.80	J	I1	1,375 ⁰⁰
.92	H	VVS2	3,500 ⁰⁰
.93	H	VS2	3,200 ⁰⁰
1.42	H	SI3	3,900 ⁰⁰

Oval

Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
.32	H	SI1	\$ 550 ⁰⁰
.40	J	VS1	675 ⁰⁰
.56	K	V	1,075 ⁰⁰
.66	K	VVS2	1,252 ⁰⁰
.81	I	VS2	3,225 ⁰⁰ UGA CERT.
.93	I	SI2	2,860 ⁰⁰
1.00	G	I1	2,700 ⁰⁰
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