



Caspar Weinberger

U.S. pushes 'hot line' improvements

Administration says changes could avert accidental nuclear war

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WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration yesterday proposed the bolting of "hot line" communications with the Soviet Union, including a new link between military centers, as a means for averting nuclear war through accident or miscalculation.

"These are very simple things. They would benefit everybody," said Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger as he outlined the proposals at a Pentagon news conference.

The proposals include upgrading the existing teleprinter "hot line" between U.S. and Soviet leaders to a high-speed system that could relay photos and charts, creation of separate lines between military commands and also between embassies, and provisions for consultation over nuclear terrorist incidents.

The proposals were announced a day before the House is scheduled to vote on a resolution calling for a freeze on nuclear weapons, a measure strongly opposed by President Reagan. One

worry of nuclear freeze advocates is the possibility of accidental nuclear war.

The announcement, effectively making formal ideas aired by Reagan himself months ago, also comes as the Senate nears a showdown vote on Kenneth L. Adelman as the nation's arms control director.

But "No, there's no relation to any other events involved," insisted Weinberger.

Weinberger said he talked over the proposals last Thursday during a meeting at the State Department with Anatoly Dobrynin, the Soviet ambassador to the United States.

Dobrynin was "noncommittal" and promised to transmit the proposals to his government, Weinberger said.

"The quickest, most effective way to do this would be to set up a small negotiation" between the two nations, Weinberger said. "I would think an agreement of this kind could be completed rapidly."

The United States has already proposed the confidence-building measures at the arms limitation talks now ongoing in Geneva, but the Soviets

wouldn't agree "to have these matters broken out" and negotiated separately, Weinberger said.

Weinberger noted that Reagan had called for such steps last fall. "The technology is here," Weinberger said, and could be installed "in a matter of weeks."

Weinberger also said more study is needed on "several possible new technical and procedural measures" that could be used to improve the verification of arms control agreements.

He declined to be specific, but said they would be in addition to the "national technical means" that now include spy satellites and radars.

"We need to look at a number of different ways in which we could improve verification measures," Weinberger said.

Verification of any arms control agreement between the two nations.

The so-called hot line was created in 1963 to give the two superpower leaders a way to quickly communicate in times of crisis. Contrary to popular belief, it is a teleprinter, not a red telephone.

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Congressman expects close vote on MX missile

By DON WATERS
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WASHINGTON — The congressman who led the successful fight to deny the Defense Department money to produce the MX missile predicted yesterday that the new intercontinental weapon will finally go to its grave this year.

But the MX critic, Rep. Joseph P. Addabbo, D-N.Y., also said he believes the margin of defeat for the missile will be far closer this time than the 215-176 vote last December by which the House defeated the \$988 million earmarked for building the first five missiles.

Addabbo, chairman of the House Appropriations subcommittee on defense, said part of the reason, besides the simple reluctance of some congressmen to kill the MX, is that a presidential advisory commission has linked its development to a proposal to build a small, single-warhead missile that would be more popular.

In what was seen as an effort to make the MX program more palatable, the panel recommended Monday that 100 of the 96-ton, 72-foot MX missiles be placed in underground sites now housing Minuteman III weapons in Wyoming and Nebraska, while an arsenal of 1,000 15-ton mobile missiles is developed and produced over the next decade.

Some congressional moderates, including Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, have long supported the concept of

the smaller, single-warhead missiles, dubbed "Midgetmen," instead of the MX "Peacekeeper" missile, which would carry 10 warheads each.

"We will not win by the majority that we did last December, but we still have enough of those members of the House who consider the MX a waste of money and will defeat it," Addabbo told reporters.

At a separate news conference yesterday, Paul Warnke, chief arms control negotiator for the Carter administration and an MX opponent, noted that the report of the presidential study commission says the "window of vulnerability" of U.S. nuclear forces to Soviet attack is not as serious as the Reagan administration has been contending.

Warnke said that so-called window "has never been anything other than a cross-hatch painted on a brick wall."

He said the MX "is not necessary for deterrence," but he did applaud the suggestion that a small, single-warhead missile be developed.

Warnke said that so-called window Soviet arms control specialist, said in an interview with The Associated Press that the latest U.S. MX missile plan represented a "rather sinister" approach was worthy of study as a separate issue.

While the panel's proposed compromise solution has prompted some MX critics, such as Reps. Les Aspin, D-Wis., and Albert Gore, D-Tenn., to

soften their opposition, Rep. Les Aspin, D-Ore., told reporters he thought the MX "Midgetman" linkage could be a trick.

"Either the commission has given a face-saving device to the president or on the other hand it's a bait-and-switch operation in which... once the (MX) production lines are created they may not end up being closed," AuCoin said.

Other opponents, including Reps. Bill Green, R-N.Y., and Nicholas Marwood, D-Mass., noted that Congress in 1981 had scuttled a plan to base 40 MX missiles temporarily in Minuteman sites because of their presumed vulnerability to Soviet attack.

The silo basing plan, they said, would force the MX to be used as a first-strike weapon and destabilize the nuclear standoff with the Soviets.

The administration's proposed budget for fiscal 1984, which starts Oct. 1, includes nearly \$2.9 billion in MX production funds, \$3.4 billion in development money and \$380 million in related construction.

Soviet calls MX plan 'sinister'

By CHARLES J. HANLEY
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MOSCOW — The new U.S. proposal for an MX missile system is a "rather sinister" step forward in an increasingly dangerous arms race, a leading Soviet arms control specialist said yesterday.

But the specialist, Oleg Bykov, acknowledged at the same time that the Soviets are reading their own new missile that would in effect match the U.S. deployment of the MX.

"Of course, it takes two to make an arms race. And the Soviet leadership has put it in so many words: 'We will respond,'" said Bykov, acting director of the World Economy and International Relations.

Bykov was interviewed by The Associated Press in his 17th-floor offices at the institute's headquarters in southern Moscow. He stressed he was not speaking in any official capacity. But his views have generally reflected those of the Kremlin leadership.

On Monday, a special U.S. commission recommended to President Reagan that the United States build and deploy 100 MX missiles in existing Minuteman missile sites in the American Midwest.

The MX, which could be deployed in the mid-1980s, is

a highly accurate and powerful new weapon that will carry up to 10 nuclear warheads.

The commission also called for development of a smaller, single-warhead missile for deployment in the 1990s.

The MX report, which Reagan is expected to endorse next week, comes at a time when U.S.-Soviet negotiations on limiting or reducing long- and medium-range missiles appear deadlocked.

Bykov said this "system" — the MX paired with development of still another missile — "is in excess of what has been the framework of strategic parity attained on both sides."

"The military-political constellation of this system is rather sinister because it is stepping up an already destabilizing arms race," he said.

The Soviet academic said the "urgent necessity" now is that the United States and Soviet Union "desist" from stopping the arms race and then reducing "... strategic levels, rather than heading more and more to these things," meaning new weapons systems.

"... We have already reached the stage where additional and more sophisticated weaponry on both sides leads only to further saturation, rather than achieving some stage where a kind of strategic breakthrough might be in sight. It's a stalemate."

Senate begins debate on nominee Adelman

By W. DALE NELSON
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WASHINGTON — The Senate yesterday launched its long-delayed debate on nuclear arms control nominee Kenneth L. Adelman, with both sides still uncertain of the outcome. But a key opponent conceded the swing votes of a few undecided Republicans were turning Adelman's way under a lot of pressure from the White House.

"Nobody has the votes" yet, said Sen. Paul Tsongas, D-Mass., a chief critic of the nomination.

"Neither side has 50."

Assistant Republican Leader Ted Stevens of Alaska agreed "It's too close to call" and said the best he and other Adelman backers could hope for was a one or two-vote victory.

Tsongas conceded that Adelman had picked up strength since last weekend, when his count was 46-46. He said his latest count was 47-43 in Adelman's favor.

"There are some on the Republican side who we thought were going to be with us, who have now turned to be neutral or even on the other side and are very candid about saying, 'I've gotten a lot of pressure from the White House,'" Tsongas said.

He said Vice President George Bush was telephoning senators about the nomination.

Tsongas said, "We have been able to raise the issue of arms control, using the nominee as a fair test and has failed that test."

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on the Senate floor exactly three months after his nomination by President Reagan to be director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. While the administration held out for that battle, it seemed broad for defeat on a related vote in the House today — whether to endorse a nuclear weapons freeze. Reagan tried some last-minute lobbying, there, too, but spokesman Larry Speakes said it would be "very tough" to defeat the freeze on the House side.

Sen. Charles H. Percy, R-Ill., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, called upon senators to "render judgment if the arms control process will be speeded up or slowed down by voting for Mr. Adelman or against him."

"If we confirm Ambassador Adelman, he will take office with the administration having taken strong commitments," Percy said.

By rejecting the nomination, he said, the Senate would "undercut these commitments and allow the arms control agency to founder."

"These voting against will have a heavy burden of responsibility," Percy said. "I feel we have an nominee now, and we should confirm him."

Sen. Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island, the top Democrat on the committee, said on the other hand, "Mr. Adelman has been given a fair test and has failed that test."

"His background is shallow," Pell said. "His approach is political, rather than substantive. It gives no indication that he has the necessary burning commitment to achievement in arms control."

Washington wins Chicago mayor race

By SHARON COHEN
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CHICAGO — Rep. Harold Washington won the city's first black mayor early this morning, riding a huge black turnout and strong Hispanic support to thwart Bernard Epton's bid to become the city's first Republican mayor in half a century.

The 60-year-old two-term Democratic congressman's victory margin was less than 5 percent of the nearly 1.5 million votes cast in the city's biggest election turnout since the 1944 presidential race.

With 2,793 of 2,914 precincts reported, Washington had 636,136 votes or 51.5 percent, to 595,694 or 48.2 percent for Epton. Socialist Ed Warren had 4,390 votes.

Board of Elections Commissioners spokesman Tom Leach said the outstanding votes were concentrated in three lakefront wards,

where Washington could be expected to do well, and four predominantly black wards of the city.

Epton refused to concede late last night, claiming he would emerge the victor from a "neck-and-neck" finish.

Hoarse and appearing weary, Epton refused either to concede or claim victory in a late-evening appearance, but told cheering backers at a downtown hotel: "I think that when we finally leave this hotel you will have the next mayor of Chicago."

The Chicago Board of Election Commissioners said 85 percent of the 1.6 million voters had cast ballots, surpassing the record 77 percent who turned out in the Feb. 22 primary in which Washington narrowly captured the Democratic nomination in a three-way race.

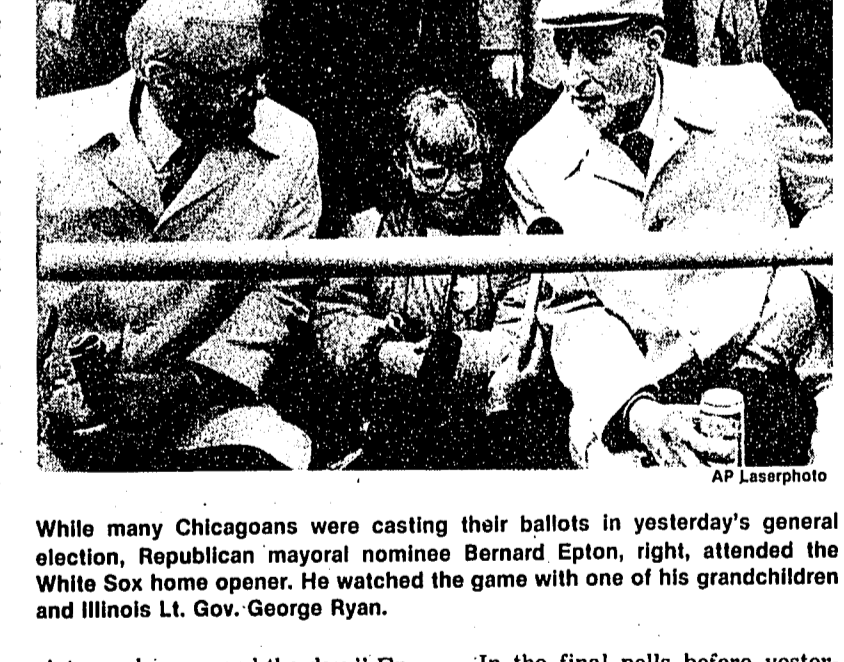
Washington was helped yesterday by an exceptional black turnout, and his campaign manager Al Raby said he was running better than 50 percent among the swing Hispanic voters.

Massive numbers of whites who voted Democratic in the primary switched to Epton. But Washington ran much better among whites than he had in the February primary — up from 6 percent to about 20 percent, according to an Associated Press-WMAQ-TV sampling.

"We feel good. It looks solid," Washington, 60, said after a dawn breakfast in his Hyde Park neighborhood where he voted. "We've been ahead since day one."

Washington campaigned throughout the day, while Epton — who had been a quiet candidate in the final days — attended the Chicago White Sox home opener against the Baltimore Orioles.

"Hopefully we'll start off with a victory there, and if we're lucky and the Lord is willing we'll have a



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state news briefs

Ex-steelworker will probably be hired

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Ron Bricker, the ex-steelworker who promoted White House job search when he handed his resume to President Reagan, took two tests for Radio Shack yesterday and said he's "99 percent hopeful" of getting a job.

The computer company will evaluate Bricker's scores on a computer test and a personality exam, and "we'll announce (today) where we stand," said Radio Shack district manager Steve Nowhel. "The employment decision will be made at that time."

Nowhel had said Friday he was "95 percent certain" Bricker would be hired.

House rejects emission amendments

HARRISBURG (AP) — The House yesterday rejected Senate amendments to a controversial auto emissions bill, setting the stage for a legislative impasse and the loss of millions of dollars in federal highway funds for Pennsylvania this summer.

The House voted 29-116 to reject the Senate amendments approved by the upper chamber earlier yesterday. The bill now appears headed for a conference committee, where it could be stuck for months.

The bill was amended by the Senate to eliminate repair reimbursement added by the House.

The bill, passed 28-21 in the Senate, would replace the repair reimbursement with a credit for the \$5 emissions inspection fee on a \$24 annual car registration.

nation news briefs

Volcker: interest rates still too high

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Paul A. Volcker said yesterday that interest rates are still too high to foster lasting economic recovery, but should head down except for the "huge qualification" of continued price stability.

The administration, meanwhile, issued a revised budget forecast that shows the record deficits already projected for fiscal 1983 and 1984 will be a combined \$4 billion higher, but the red ink in later years will be less than expected.

Volcker, the nation's central banker, told the House Banking Committee that if he were a private banker, he'd take the lead in cutting long-term loan rates, given the current low rate of inflation and the prospect of continued price stability.

But jawboning by the head of the Federal Reserve for lower interest rates is not going to have much of an impact on bankers, he added.

Weather slows search for lost B-52

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Snow in the mountains and clouds in the valleys yesterday hampered Air Force pilots searching for a B-52 and its crew of seven that disappeared on a practice bombing mission in southern Nevada.

Planes began scouring the rugged terrain at dawn, but some had to turn back because of the bad weather that was expected to continue through late today.

"It's snowing in the upper elevations of the mountains and we've got clouds into the valleys," said Lt. Col. Mike Wallace, a spokesman at Nellis Air Force Base. "A lot of the mountain tops are covered with snow, it's cloudy and the pilots can't see very much."

The missing B-52 took off Monday morning from Robins Air Force Base in Georgia.

Reps consider mortgage bailout plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House yesterday considered whether the government should offer emergency loans to thousands of unemployed Americans facing loss of their homes because they can't keep up with their mortgages.

The measure, strongly opposed by the administration, would establish a \$760 million loan fund to be parceled out by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Although it is aimed primarily at laid-off workers who have a good prospect of regaining their old jobs, any homeowner who "has incurred a substantial reduction in income" through no fault of his or her own would be eligible for a loan.

Officials push for peace initiative

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) — The foreign ministers of Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia and Panama shuttled among Central American capitals yesterday, proposing high-level talks to end escalating violence and threats of a regional war.

The four were proposing immediate bilateral meetings of the foreign ministers of Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala and Costa Rica, followed by a meeting of all five, diplomatic sources in the area said.

The ministers — who call themselves the "Contadora Group" after the Panamanian island where they first met and drafted a document on Jan. 5 — held a 14-hour meeting in Panama City before setting out on a quick, two-day visit to the capitals of the five countries involved.

The Contadora document calls for an end to foreign intervention in Central America affairs, suspension of all military aid to the region, a negotiated settlement of El Salvador's civil war and talks to end fighting in Nicaragua between government troops and Honduran-based exiles.

Walesa meets with Solidarity leaders

GDANSK, Poland (AP) — Lech Walesa, chief of the outlawed Solidarity labor movement, said yesterday he had a three-day meeting with underground leaders of the union and that a communique on the session would be issued shortly.

It was Walesa's first known meeting with fugitive Solidarity leaders since he was released from an 11-month martial law internment last November. There was speculation that authorities might detain or question him about the session.

Government spokesman Jerzy Urban, however, said at a news conference that Walesa would be considered in violation of the law only if something illegal came out of the meeting.

stock report

Industry average continues climb

NEW YORK (AP) — Stock prices gained ground for the fourth straight session yesterday, leaving the Dow Jones industrial average just short of a record high.

Nearly all other indicators of market trends did reach new peaks, amid hopes that the recovery from the recession would gather momentum in the months ahead.

Sales rose only 0.3 percent in March, after a downward-revised 1.2 percent decline the month before.

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