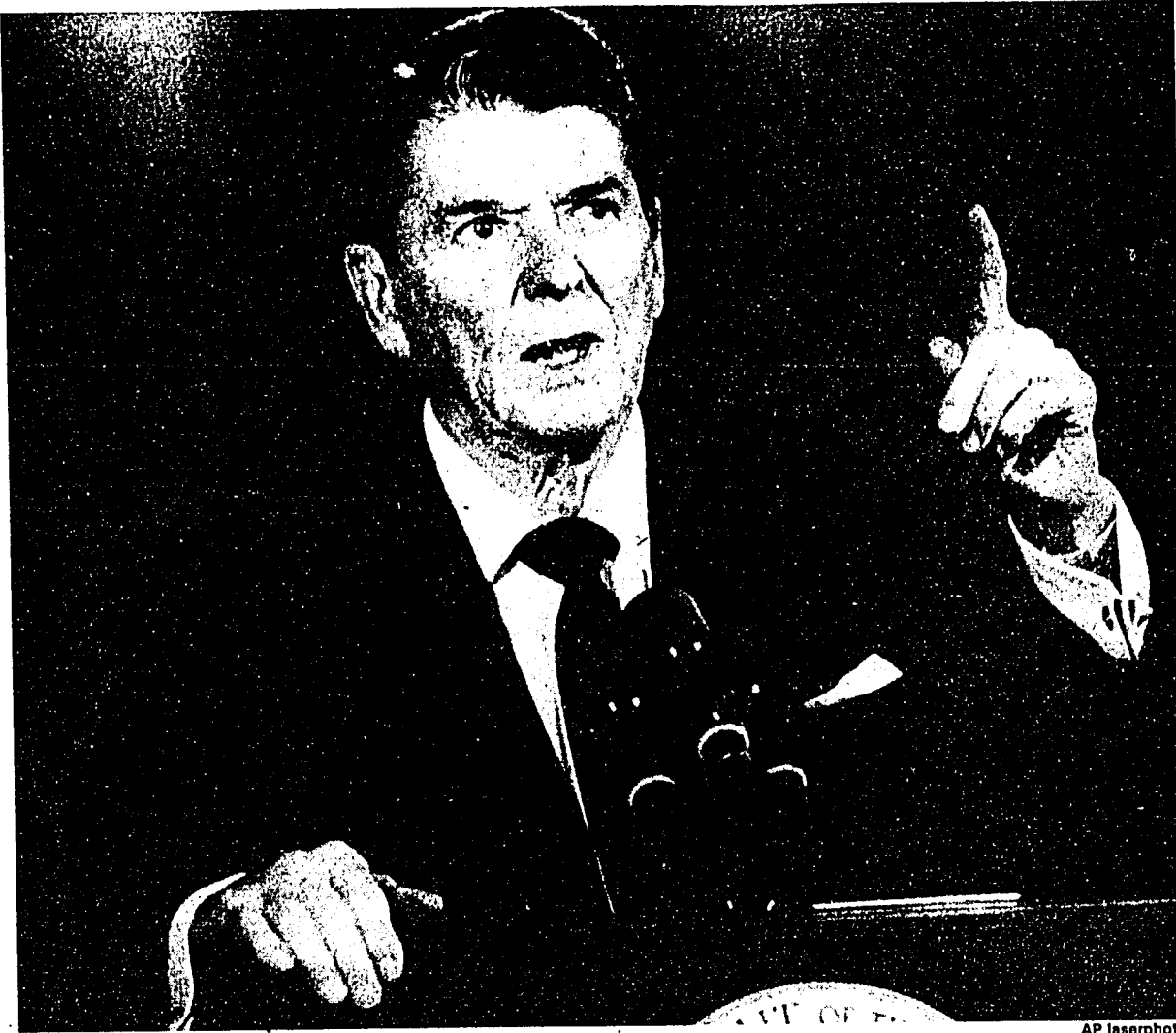


Reagan says Star Wars deployment negotiable



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WASHINGTON — President Reagan on Tuesday night ruled out any summit agreement with the Soviet Union that would block testing and development of his controversial "Star Wars" missile defense system.

But the president, answering questions at his first formal news conference in three months, indicated he might be willing to negotiate with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev over the deployment of the multi-billion dollar system.

With the Reagan-Gorbachev summit set for Nov. 19-20 in Geneva, the president also defended the recent test of an American anti-satellite weapon as "catch-up." He said the Soviets have tested such a system, and added, "We couldn't stand by and allow them to have a monopoly on the ability to shoot down satellites."

Reagan said he was taking his prospective summit meeting seriously, but added he doesn't plan on giving the Soviet leader "a friendship ring or anything."

"It isn't necessary that we love or even like each other," he said, but that it is important for the two superpowers to negotiate. Even so, his comments on the Strategic Defense Initiative — termed Star Wars by its critics — appeared to repeat long-held presidential views and thus contradict published reports that a change in policy might be under consideration.

Making his first prime-time television appearance since undergoing cancer surgery July 13, the 74-year-old president sported his usual ruddy cheeks and walked gracefully, showing no sign of the stiffness that was

quite apparent in the days following the operation.

Although he spent less time than usual preparing for the session, which ran a few minutes longer than the scheduled half hour, Reagan was ready for most questions with facts and figures close at hand.

He said there was "re-evaluating" going on in the United States and other countries as a result of recent defections of intelligence officials in West Germany.

And asked if he would permit a school-aged child of his own to attend school with a victim of AIDS, the deadly disease of the immune system, he outlined arguments on both sides of the issue. "I'm glad I'm not faced with that problem," he said.

Reagan strode down a red carpet to his podium in the East Room of the White House and opened the session with a call for "free and fair trade for all." He cautioned that a "mindless stampede toward protectionism will be a one-way trip toward economic disaster."

With numerous bills pending in Congress to slap restrictions on American trading partners, the president said free trade can lead to a "decade of growth" and the creation of 10 million new jobs in this country. At the same time, he said that if other nations take advantage of the United States "we're going to take action on those items."

"Opportunity is our engine of progress," said Reagan, who called for enactment of his tax overhaul plan and claimed that his economic policies have produced "33 straight months of growth and more than eight million new jobs."

The U.S. trade deficit is expected to be in the \$150 billion range this year,

prompting calls for protection for numerous American industries.

Reagan said imposing restrictions against this country's trading partners could produce countermeasures against American industry and agriculture.

"Protectionist tariffs could invite retaliation," Reagan said, recalling the Smoot Hawley protectionist legislation that Congress enacted a half-century ago and the international trade wars that followed.

The president never used the word veto in an opening statement that asked Congress to work with him on the volatile trade issue. But with literally hundreds of protectionist bills pending in the House and Senate, his message was unmistakable.

Reagan also defended his policies toward South Africa's white-ruled government, saying, "I think that when you're standing up against a cellophane wall and you're getting shot at from both sides you must be doing something right. If it had all come from one direction, I would look again and said, 'Well, did I miss something here.'"

Reagan said he "must be pretty near the middle" if some critics say he should do more while others say he has done too much toward ending the apartheid system in South Africa. The president, in an abrupt reversal last week, imposed economic sanctions against Pretoria.

Asked if he would rule out in advance any negotiated agreement on testing and development of the Strategic Defense Initiative, Reagan said research is not in violation of any treaty, and added, "It's going to continue."

USG's divestiture poll delayed again

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An opinion poll to determine what University students think about the University's investments in South African-related companies has been delayed for a second time, but an Undergraduate Student Government official said the poll is set for next week.

The survey questioning students on divestiture of stocks and bonds from companies doing business in South Africa is now scheduled for Sept. 25-26. The poll had been scheduled to be taken today and Thursday, but USG Senate President David Rishel told the Senate last night that logistical problems interfered with the plans.

The poll will ask six questions concerning divestiture of 300 University Park students and 200 Commonwealth campus students, Rishel said.

The logistical stumbling block, Rishel said, is that phone numbers of the Commonwealth campus students are not easily accessible and that USG pollsters will have to look them up in telephone books.

Rishel also said that a main concern of USG and members of the Graduate Student Association is that a thorough job — not rushed — be done with the poll.

The opinion poll is the closing portion of USG's South African Education Drive that brought a number of speakers to address the wide range of issues on apartheid and divestiture. It had been originally slated for Sept. 9 and 10 in a USG press release.

The results of the poll are expected to be taken to the Board of Trustees who will decide in January whether to divest \$6.1 million

Wilson said if the committee finds wrong-doing by Rosenblatt, it could recommend to the full Senate that McDonald and Barnes be reinstated. The Senate would need a two-thirds vote to do so, but Rosenblatt would still be able to veto the action.

An override of a veto would require the agreement of 75 percent of the senators, Wilson said, in stocks and bonds from companies operating in South Africa.

The University currently follows a policy of partial divestment by refusing to invest in any company that does not sign the Sullivan Principles — a set of guidelines that promotes racial equality in the workplace.

In other business, a special Senate committee investigating USG President David Rosenblatt's dismissal of two senators from USG department positions delayed its findings because more testimony is needed.

Sue Wilson, chairwoman of the Senate Appointment Review Board, said after five and one-half hours of testimony at a hearing Monday night the committee could not reach a decision on whether Rosenblatt acted properly in firing Andrew Barnes and Michael McDonald from the USG Business Department.

The committee will recall several people who testified at the closed hearing, as well as several others, to another session which has not yet been scheduled.

Rosenblatt said he fired McDonald, head of the Business Department, and Barnes, head of Perceptions magazine, this summer because a carpet business the pair operated caused them to neglect their USG positions.

Interest house relocation discussed

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University residence hall staff met last night with a concerned group of interest house and independent residents of the North Hall residence complex about the conversion of Beam Hall to administrative purposes.

Beam Hall will be converted to offices for the College of Business Administration for Fall 1986 and as a result several interest houses will be forced to relocate.

Stan Latta, director of Residence Hall life programs, said the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possibilities for relocation of interest house students displaced because of the conversion.

"The purpose is to look at as many possibilities and accommodate what we can," Latta said. "We want to make the best options available for everyone involved."

"Beam is no longer an option. Somebody has to move," Latta said.

Michelle Armstrong, president of North Halls Association of Students, said "the committee wanted to formulate concrete options" before bringing it to students for their input.

Many interest house residents expressed a desire to make all of North Halls into interest houses, denying access to independents. However, University officials expressed a concern about that possibility.

"We need to look at it from an independent's perspective," William Mullburger, manager of the assignment office, said.

"In each area there is an independent area but still specialized interest areas," Armstrong said.

"By making all of North Halls interest houses, we've lost the individuality of living as independents," she said.

An outline of options was distributed to everyone who attended the

meeting. Options listed as "What's Out?" were:

- Atherton: cannot be used for interest housing because of its very limited handicap accessibility and structural limitations for interest house uses.

- Centre Halls: is inadequate because of its extremely poor handicap accessibility and its structural limitations, which are not conducive to co-ed housing; also, because of its popularity, reassignment is high.

- West Halls: is unsuitable because of its high reassignment, limited handicap accessibility, and the large number of "athletic rooms" involved.

The committee established a list of feasible possibilities for the relocation of interest houses including:

- Beaver (in Pollock): because it is suitable for co-ed housing, and lounges are available and are of suitable capacity.

- East Halls: because it can ac-

commodate interest houses with the fewest amount of displacements and it would offer a new living option in the East Halls area.

Under particular consideration are Brumbaugh, Tener, Pinchot and Sproul, which would be best suited for interest houses because their facilities are most comparable to those in North Halls.

Interest house residents at the meeting expressed a concern for safety factors in those residence halls, the loss of studios in the North Halls areas, and damages to interest house property.

"Many people are terrified of moving to another area," Cory Wagner (junior-English) said. "Here (in North Halls) people are accepted."

Barry Kur, faculty associate for the Arts and Architecture interest house, said their biggest concern is the loss of their studio.

"We have strong reasons to stay in North Halls," Kur said.



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Jubilation

Field Hockey Coach Gillian Rattray hugs Lady Lion Lisa Schroeder after the last 30 seconds of the game to defeat the visiting Duchesses and to boost their record to 4 — 2. Please see related story on page 8.

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