

Reagan allows aides to keep silent

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Senate investigators quizzed the CIA's No. 2 man for four hours and subpoenaed documents around the country yesterday in an expanding probe into the secret sale of arms to Iran and transfer of profits to Nicaraguan rebels. President Reagan said Cabinet officers are free to decide whether to invoke the Fifth Amendment when their turn comes to testify.

A long-distance disagreement surfaced within the administration over the roots of the president's controversial Iranian arms policy. White House spokesman Larry Speakes said "we don't agree with" Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger's contention that Reagan acted on bad advice when he decided there were responsible officials to deal with in Iran other than the "lunatics" who run the country.

Both houses of Congress moved to establish special committees to conduct their own probes when lawmakers return to session in January.

Reagan, embroiled in the most serious crisis of his presidency, has defended his decision to sell arms to Iran as part of a secret diplomatic initiative to re-establish ties with the strategically-placed Persian Gulf nation. But he says he was unaware that money in connection with the sales was being funneled through a Swiss bank account to Contra rebels bat-



President Ronald Reagan walks past a flag on his way to the White House Rose Garden. AP Laserphoto

ting the Nicaraguan government.

The money was made available at a time when direct and indirect government military assistance to the Contras was prohibited by law. There was evidence that the Justice Department was looking into the operations of a privately financed support program for Contra rebels in Nicaragua.

The president announced Tuesday that his administration would seek appointment of an independent counsel to probe the issue, although the White House disclosed that Attorney

General Edwin Meese III is still at work on the formal application.

In Congress, House Democratic Leader Jim Wright of Texas and GOP Leader Bob Michel of Illinois announced they would oversee creation of a special, 15-member "blue ribbon panel" to coordinate the investigation.

Senate leaders agreed on a "super-committee" of their own to include 13 members, although a spokesman for GOP Leader Bob Dole said his boss and Democratic Leader Robert Byrd

of West Virginia had not yet concluded arrangements.

In the meantime, the Senate Intelligence Committee held the investigative spotlight.

With extraordinary security provisions in effect, the panel heard first from unnamed U.S. officials involved in covert operations, then questioned CIA Deputy Director Robert Gates for more than four hours.

Sen. David Durenberger, R-Minn., chairman of the committee, said the witnesses were providing a "very candid response to the questions and a lot of helpful information."

The information, he said, is "opening more doors that we have to send a subpoena through in order to (compile) accurate information."

"We have people flying around the country this morning serving subpoenas for documents."

Durenberger did not say what documents the committee was seeking. But in Moultrie, Ga., Maule Aircraft Corp. said it had received subpoenas for records on four aircraft from the U.S. attorney's office in Macon as well from the Senate committee. The four airplanes include one reportedly sold to rebels in Nicaragua by a firm headed by retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard V. Secord.

Secord has been identified by administration officials as an assistant to fired National Security Council aide Oliver North in arranging the Iranian arms sales.

Reagan press man leaves for Wall St.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Presidential spokesman Larry Speakes, who faced the daily gridiron of White House briefings longer than any of his recent predecessors, announced yesterday he is resigning to take an executive post with Merrill Lynch and Co., the Wall Street investment firm.

Speakes, 47, had been negotiating for the senior vice presidency, which sources have said pays about \$250,000 a year in salary and benefits, for two months. He plans to begin his new job Feb. 1.

President Reagan, when asked how he felt about his chief spokesman leaving in the midst of the furor over his secret arms sales to Iran and the diversion of profits to Nicaraguan rebels, smiled and told reporters: "Congratulations on getting a fine job."

Speakes, announcing his decision at his daily mid-day briefing, said the new job "comes as close to matching this as anything could."
"Nothing could ever match this,"



Larry Speakes

he said of the \$75,000-a-year job he has unabashedly adored, despite the constant grilling of the White House press corps, with which he has maintained a relationship marked both by rancor and rapport.

Administration sources, asking to remain anonymous, have said Interior Undersecretary Ann Dore McLaughlin is Speakes' most likely successor if White House chief of staff Donald T. Regan keeps his job in the face of congressional pressure for his resignation.

16 fraternities charged with liquor violations

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Sixteen University fraternities were charged yesterday with serving alcohol to minors following a two-month investigation, said State College Police Chief Elwood G. Williams at a meeting with executives from the Interfraternity Council.

Mary Pickens, Panhellenic Council president told members of the University Student Executive Council last night that Williams announced that plain clothes officers collected information at various fraternity parties.

A State College Bureau of Police Services press release stated that charges were filed yesterday afternoon in the office of District Magistrate Clifford Yorks against the 16 fraternities named in the investigation. Citations summons have also been sent to about 25 people for serving alcohol to minors.

"It's about 20 steps backwards in cooperation" between student government and the State College Borough, said Craig Millar, USEC advisor.

The fraternities charged are: Pi Lambda Phi, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Theta Delta Chi, Alpha Epsilon Pi, Sigma Nu, Alpha Chi Rho, Beta Sigma Beta, Kappa Sigma, Phi Mu Delta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Kappa Theta, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Pi, Acacia, Phi Kappa Tau.

The press release stated: "While in the fraternities, observations were made of the bar areas and, when persons who were believed to be under the age of 21 were served alcohol they were followed and identified by uniformed officers outside the building."

The press release stated that three of the fraternities charged came as a result of people who were served alcohol and later became involved in other violations that included driving under the influence of alcohol.

President of the University Veterans Organization and USEC member, J.D. Higginbotham, said Williams announced that the original intent of the surveillance was to investigate accusations that high school girls were being served at the fraternities. Higginbotham met with IFC executives after the announcement.

He said Williams stated that during the two-month period, no fraternities were observed serving alcohol to high school students.

Higginbotham said the investigation was prompted by complaints from the community that the IFC has not adequately handled the underage drinking problem.

Pat Conway, IFC president was not available for comment. IFC has not made an official statement, Pickens said.

"There's going to be a lot of bitter feelings," she said.

After making great strides to ease the drinking problem, Pickens said, the IFC has reacted with a lot of frustration.

IFC's Alcohol Policy Research Committee, formed early this semester, recommended in November that IFC require fraternities to keep a record of guests' attendance and their time of their arrival, serve no alcohol at any function whose primary purpose is to recruit; and require each fraternity to have an annual alcohol-liability program.

If approved at the Dec. 8 IFC meeting, the recommendations will become part of its bylaws.

Earl Good, president of Acacia fraternity, 234 Locust Lane, said police had not spoken with him yet, though they had visited the house yesterday.

Good said he is still unsure what the ramifications will be, but added, "I think it's going to force the fraternities to do something."

Because of the charges, Acacia began stamping 21-year-old students who wished to drink at a party last night, Good said. He said Acacia will be forced to follow this policy indefinitely.

USEC Chairwoman Sue Sturgis said she thought the borough was attempting to publicly embarrass the fraternities.

Pickens and Good expressed concern that the fraternity system may be used as a scapegoat for the underage drinking problem. Good added that the report of fish swallowing at the fraternities that was reported by police investigators is "ridiculous."

"I think (the police) are making us out to be a bunch of animals," he said.

President of Beta Sigma Beta fraternity Simon Viff said IFC asked him not to comment on the charges. Marjorie Utt, president of the Organization of Town & Independent Students and USEC member, said the actions of the police will not alleviate the problem of underage drinking.

"It's going to shift the problem to the apartments and houses."

She said she was especially angered because the borough has "totally disregarded" the actions taken by student leaders during the past few months to curb alcohol abuses.

Additional information compiled from the investigation includes:

- Some of the officers were turned away from seven fraternities due to not being on the guest list.
- Officers were not allowed into two fraternities and apparent violations "were observed but no action was taken due to the officer being assigned to surveillance only.
- Three fraternities were entered, two of them twice, where bars were closed and no violations were observed.



Top dog

Murphy, a four-year-old Airedale/Poodle mix, strikes a regal pose after being named the 1986 Purina Dog Chow Great American Dog in New York. AP Laserphoto

CHUCK attacking hazing

This is last of a two-part stories on hazing practices by fraternities. Today's article deals with the problem of hazing at colleges and universities nationwide.

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Chuck Stenzel, a fraternity pledge at Alfred University in New York, was locked in a car trunk with a six pack of beer, a fifth of wine, and a pint of bourbon in 9-degree weather in February 1978.

Stenzel died that night from alcohol poisoning.

Since her son's death, for which no one was prosecuted, Stenzel's mother, Eileen Stevens of Long Island, N.Y., has been lobbying for anti-hazing laws.

In response to her son's death and her dissatisfaction with the university's handling of the case she started the Committee to Halt Useless College Killings and has since monitored hazing cases around the country.

"This fall there has already been dozens of reported hazing incidents on campuses," she said. "Hazing instances always start out as harmless but when peer pressure and secrecy is added — something is bound to go wrong."

According to the Nov. 10 Newsweek, "pledges have been burned alive, branded, poisoned" nationwide, and, in addition, "some have fallen from buildings and off cliffs."

At least 39 students have been killed and hundreds injured since 1978 when CHUCK began, Stevens said.

Alcohol poisoning, excessive exercise and sleep deprivation are the most common hazing practices, Stevens said.

The number of reported hazing incidents has almost doubled in the last five years, she said.

Eighteen of the 22 states that now have anti-hazing laws have passed them within the last 10 years. Some anti-hazing laws have been considered weak. In Texas, for example, hazing is a misdemeanor and carries a \$250 maximum fine.

Six other states have hazing legislation pending, including Pennsylvania.

The state's anti-hazing bill, pending the governor's signature, will charge fraternities and sororities with a third-degree misdemeanor punishable by a \$2,500 fine and one year in prison if they are caught hazing.

Under the proposals, Pennsylvania's colleges would be required to adopt a written anti-hazing policy and a method for enforcing it.

At the University of Texas last fall, fraternity members forced a pledge to drink a bottle of rum, then left the freshman in his dorm room, where he died in his sleep.

Doctors listed the cause of death as alcohol poisoning.

University of Texas President William H. Cunningham is forming a special panel to examine fraternity

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This afternoon we will see sunshine but it is going to remain cold and breezy, high 34. Tonight, clear and quite chilly, low 19. Tomorrow, a mix of sun and clouds and a bit warmer. High 37. Heidi Sonen

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