Reagan admits mistake; lawmakers want more

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Lawmakers from both parties yesterday welcomed President Reagan's concession that mistakes were made in carrying out his policy of arms sales to Iran, but they urged him to move further and faster in disclosing details of the transactions

"The right strategy is, No. 1, to come up front," said Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C. "The president is moving in that direction. He said vesterday that he thought some mistakes had been made. That's quite a concession. Other prominent Democratic law-

makers, as well as members of the president's own party, echoed the sentiments voiced by Hollings, who has been one of Reagan's harshest critics in the weeks since the series of transactions, including up to \$30 million in clandestine payments to Nicaraguan rebels, began to come to light. Reagan, in his weekly radio address Saturday, said that "while we're still seeking all the facts, it is obvious that the execution of these policies was flawed and mistakes NO were made."

However, he did not specify who made the mistakes, what they were, or when they were made. He also did not address when he approved the shipment of arms to Iran, what weapons were sent and what his intentions

Hollings, a member of the Senate a week before. intelligence committee, which is investigating the matter, said on ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley." that 12 arms shipments were made to Iran, totaling 5,000 tons,

tration estimates. Reagan said last right direction" and predicted "a month that the contents of the ship- turn-around" in the political mood. ments could have fit into one cargo Dole, appearing on CBS' "Face the

More information may come to light this week as the Senate intelli- as saying that panel's probe "may gence committee continues its inves- have a dry hole there." The panel, he tigation and other panels begin their 'said, "may have gone about as far as own. Secretary of State George Shultz they are going to go. And maybe this is scheduled to testify today before isn't such a big, big thing." the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and tomorrow the House intelli- Senate GOP leader, former Sen. How- have these disclosures," said Laxalt, gence committee opens hearings. ard Baker of Tennessee, said discrep- appearing on NBC's "Meet the

President Reagan buffs reporters as he heads to a waiting helicopter of South Lawn of the White House, enroute to Camp David, Md.

next year. Despite the lingering questions and the continuing investigation, the

Senate Republican leader Bob Dole, who last week urged Reagan to summon a special session of Congress to appoint a Watergate-style investigating committee, called the That would be higher than adminis- president's speech "a big step in the

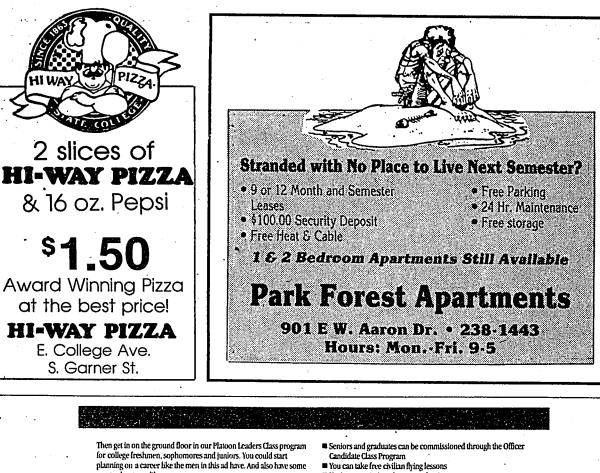
However. Dole's predecessor as

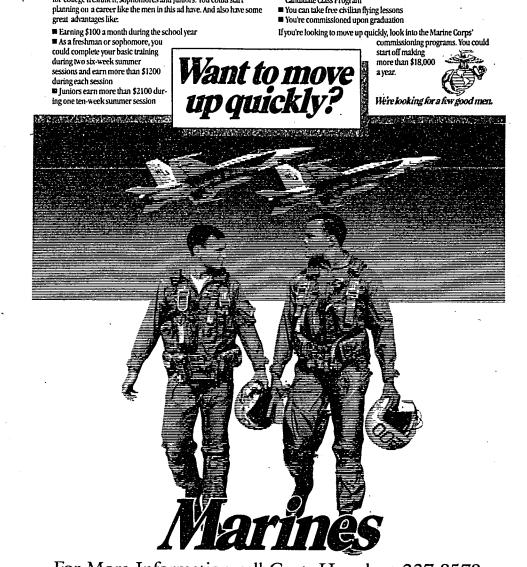
administration officials suggested the president still was not getting the full story from his aides. Reagan, Baker said, "simply must

get the facts out and do it promptly and be ahead of the committee and ahead of the special prosecutor." House Republican leader Robert R-III., also urged further steps by the president, saying, "it is up to him at this particular juncture to say, 'Yes, I made mistakes. And

(my aides) have made mistakes." Sen. Paul Laxalt, R-Nev., a confi-Nation," cited unidentified sources dant of Reagan, advised the president on the Senate intelligence committee to "marshall all the forces in the federal government, the FBI and everything else, and get ahead of the

> "You shouldn't sit idly by in the weeks and months ahead on a Chinese water treatment basis and





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