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Weather
 Today—Occasional showers or a thunderstorm, high 70-75, low tonight 44-48. Chance of rain is 70 percent today, 20 percent tonight. Tuesday: Partly cloudy, high 73-77. Yesterday — 10 a.m. AQI: 40; temp. range: 80-50. Details, Page C2.

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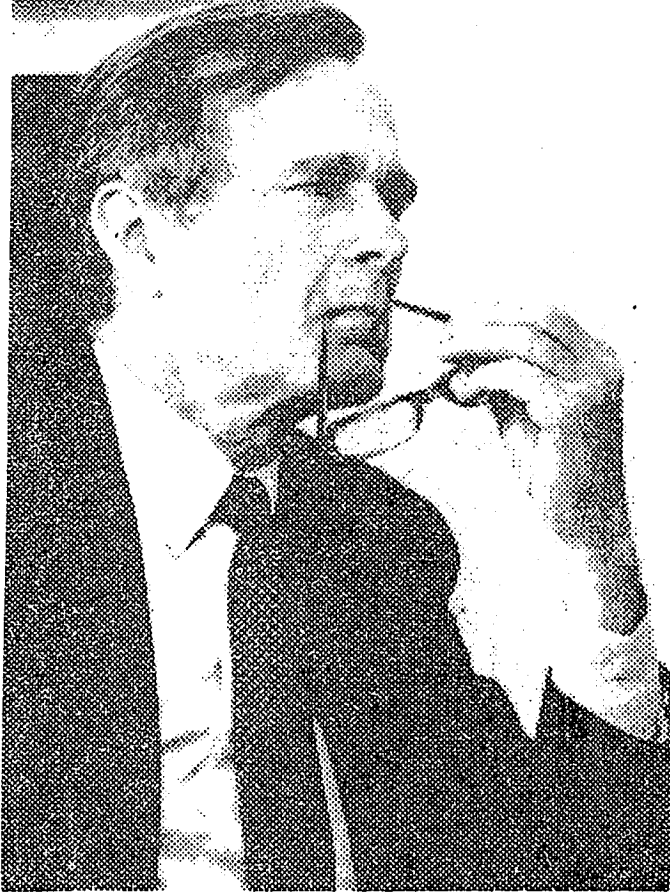


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Reagan and Bush flank baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn and Hall of Fame president Edward Stack on way to luncheon.

Outsider Quietly Moves to Inside Lane

By David S. Broder
 Washington Post Staff Writer



"... I have a good job and I want to be effective at it."

The public learned something about George Bush last week that he had hoped to keep secret for awhile: The vice president has become an influential insider in Ronald Reagan's administration.

The day after President Reagan had faced down an angry Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. and formally confirmed his choice of Bush as the administration's crisis manager, Bush sat in his White House office and said:

"What happened yesterday, with my name cropping up there, is an embarrassment to me. I'm not competing for something. I want to do what the president wants me to do and I want to do it well... but I'm not seeking assignments. I'm not saying, 'Let me do this or that.'"

Despite the disclaimer, an examination of Bush's activities over a 10-day period climaxing with the announcement of his role as the president's stand-in on domestic and foreign policy emergencies left no doubt that he is playing an increasing role in both the domestic and national security operations of this administration.

It was a span of days in which Bush:

- Announced the first substantive steps in the administration's drive to cut back cumbersome government regulations.
- Delivered federal financial help to Atlanta's child-murder task force and offered his sympathies to the bereaved families.

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Polish Party Leaders Endorsed In Stormy Meeting on Crisis

By Thomas W. Netter
 Associated Press

WARSAW, March 30 (Monday) — The Polish Communist Party Politburo, facing a nationwide strike called by the independent union federation Solidarity, won a vote of confidence early today from the party's Central Committee in a stormy, 18-hour session.

The Central Committee urged Polish workers to "put an end to strikes" and said central authority and party discipline should not be questioned, the Polish news agency PAP reported.

At the same time, the committee adopted a resolution calling for an explanation of the March 19 beating of unionists in Bydgoszcz, the incident that sparked the current labor unrest, and said party leaders should take de-

cisive action to strengthen the party, PAP reported.

The emergency meeting of the 140-member committee, which was marked by attacks on Solidarity as well as by criticism of party policy, had been called to deal with the threatened general strike set to start Tuesday.

At the end of the meeting, PAP issued a brief communiqué saying the committee had rejected the resignations offered by "some members of the party authorities."

It reported that the meeting ended at about 3:50 a.m. with an address by party leader Stanislaw Kania.

The PAP report gave no details of what decisions the committee may have reached for dealing with the strike threat by Solidarity, which is pressing the government to punish of-

ficials it considers responsible for the Bydgoszcz beatings.

Radio Warsaw named three Politburo members whose resignations it said the Central Committee rejected — Stefan Olszowski, Roman Ney and Tadeusz Grabski. The Politburo has 10 members.

The radio reported that Olszowski spoke at the end of the debate, saying Solidarity was aiming at a takeover of power, while Grabski charged that Solidarity was supporting anarchy and Ney called for renegotiation of the Gdansk agreements won by striking unionists last summer.

The PAP communiqué said the committee adopted resolutions and other documents and a vote of confidence for the Politburo, but it gave no details.

See POLAND, A24, Col. 1

Troop Moves Near Poland Cause Concern

By Don Oberdorfer
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The top rank of the Reagan administration watched with suspense and issued words of warning yesterday as the Soviet Union, according to reports reaching Washington, mounted a growing show of force in and near Poland.

Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. and Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger, on separate television interview programs, expressed concern about the Soviet military activities taking place under the aegis of a previously announced Warsaw Pact command-and-staff exercise.

The exercise, Soyuz-81, was to have been completed last Wednesday, according to U.S. officials. But the military activity was steadily stepped up as the Polish Communist Party, government and labor unions approached a crucial weekend of decision-making.

Soviet and Warsaw Pact forces around and inside Poland have been placed on a high state of alert and are standing by in case of an order to move, according to intelligence reports. As part of this program, newly deployed communications units have tied in all the military commands in a large area of the western U.S.S.R., Poland, Czechoslovakia and East Germany, the reports said.

The State Department had said as late as Friday that no "large-scale ground force movements" had been seen around Poland, but such movements have begun to show up since then, according to official sources.

Haig, on "Meet the Press" (NBC, WRC), said, "The situation is still very, very tense. There are some good and also some continuing worrisome signs."

The positive element, he went on to say, was "some indication that the moderate elements in the political structure of Poland seem to be surviv-



ALEXANDER M. HAIG JR.
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ing well at the moment and maybe will continue to prevail."

The worrisome signs he detailed included growing frictions within the Polish political leadership, economic troubles and food shortages as well as military indications associated with the Soviet bloc maneuvers.

The former NATO commander said, as in the past, that Soviet military intervention is "neither imminent nor inevitable." But he also said Soviet forces are "at a heightened state of readiness, with communications in place, and with some indications of

See RESPONSE, A22, Col. 1

U.S. Hostage Is Shot

Hijackers holding an Indonesian airliner at Bangkok airport shot an American hostage twice in the back yesterday. He either fell or was pushed to the tarmac, where a rescue team retrieved him and rushed him to the hospital.

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Soviets Charge Solidarity With Provocations

By Kevin Klose
 Washington Post Foreign Service

MOSCOW, March 29 — The Soviet Union, in the most menacing terms it has used so far, accused the Solidarity trade union federation today of launching an open struggle against Poland's communist government by preparing for a nationwide strike Tuesday.

The official Tass news agency, in a dispatch from Warsaw, claimed "anti-socialists, subversives, and extremists" had blocked a key provincial highway, assaulted post offices and a television transmitter, and seized food stores in a series of pre-strike provocations — accounts that were promptly denied by Poland's state-run television.

Hungarian television, meanwhile, called for "vigilance" against what it described as recent events in Poland leading to "deliberate disintegration of a whole nation and a whole society."

The Soviet dispatch portrayed mounting anarchy in its strategically located neighbor and singled out KOR, the Committee for Social Self-Defense, as ringleader of the alleged attempt to challenge the government.

Tass also accused President Reagan of attempted "gross interference" in Poland's internal affairs and of "instigation of forces opposed to the government." It said Reagan, in an interview with The Washington Post published today, "virtually demanded that the Polish government not take any resolute steps in connection with the dangerous situation in the country. By what right are such demands made of a sovereign state?"

It accused Reagan of "hypocrisy," and called on him to "cease interference in whatever form in Poland's internal affairs."

Soviet media broadcast the official view of conditions in Poland as the deeply divided Polish Communist Party Central Committee met in War-

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D.C. Moneymen Say Wolf Is Howling at City's Door

By Thomas W. Lippman
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The District government's top money managers have a message for those who think they have been crying wolf about the city's financial crisis for the past year: The wolf is at the door.

In compliance with a court ruling that repealed the city's tax on suburban professionals, the District government will send out more than \$33 million in tax refunds Wednesday.

Since there is no provision for the repayment in this year's budget, the funds are being diverted from tax revenues earmarked for other purposes which according to District officials makes a serious cash crisis almost inevitable this summer.

City administrator Elijah Rogers and controller Alphonse G. Hill, in a joint interview, stressed in the strongest terms they have yet used that unless the city receives a major new infusion of cash by July, the city treasury will be empty.

They said emergency measures, as well as what Hill called "fiscal calisthenics," may enable the city to keep meeting its payrolls and sending out welfare checks, but only at the expense of other obligations.

The District, like any other city, always has periods of cash shortages because its obligations, mostly salaries, are constant, but its revenues are sporadic.

The city usually is in a strong cash position in late March because the semiannual real estate tax collections that come in then tide the government over until the next collection in September.

This year, however, with \$33 million of the March taxes diverted into the professionals' refunds, the city's cash obligations for the rest of the fiscal year are more than can be met either through tax revenues or through borrowing, Hill and Rogers said.

The two officials declined to make their cash-flow projection sheets public, on the grounds that no municipality or corporation does so, but Rogers produced a chart that he said illustrated the city's precarious position.

Measuring "demand liabilities," or bills currently due, against "cash and other assets," it shows that assets were twice as much as liabilities three years ago but now are less than liabilities.

If the creditors who hold those bills

See CASH, A12, Col. 1

Hunt Family Acts To Halt U.S. Probe Of Business Deals

By Jerry Knight
 Washington Post Staff Writer

In a last-ditch effort to avoid answering questions from federal investigators, the billionaire Hunts of Texas plan to go to court today to try to stop a wide-ranging government probe of their business dealings.

Facing an unprecedented federal inquiry into their jealously guarded family finances, the Hunts have asked a U.S. judge in Dallas to take the unusual step of halting an investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Today the judge will hold a hearing on the Hunts' action.

The wealthy Texans are trying to head off what could be the most significant federal case brought against them, an investigation involving at least six members of the family. Prior federal investigations have accused various Hunts of trying to corner the market in soybeans and illegally buying government securities.

The latest federal investigation began last March, shortly after the price of silver collapsed when members of the Hunt family allegedly tried to corner the market.

A showdown in the year-long inquiry was originally expected this Wed-

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Democrats Facing Another Upstaging

By Helen Dewar
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Just days after they were outfoxed by conservative Sen. Jesse A. Helms (R-N.C.) in restoring money for school lunch programs, Senate Democrats are facing the prospect of being upstaged by a low-profile Republican moderate on more of their pet budget issues — from education to fuel assistance for the poor.

As the Senate moves today into its third day of action on President Reagan's proposed budget cuts, the outnumbered Democrats fear they

have little if any chance of restoring money for Democratic-initiated social programs that the Budget Committee wants to cut in accord with Reagan's wishes.

The best chance for a general salvage operation appears to be a plan by Sen. John H. Chafee (R-R.I.) and other GOP moderates, mostly from the Northeast and Midwest, to restore about \$1 billion for programs such as elementary and secondary education, fuel assistance, weatherization, urban development projects, mass transit and community and mental health.

If Chafee proceeds as planned, it could mean a split in the ranks of the Republican majority, which has been remarkably united on most issues in the budget debate — foreign aid being the conspicuous exception.

But Chafee's plan has the countervailing political advantage of beating the Democrats at their own game, with credit going to Republicans from the region Democrats contend the budget cuts will do the most harm, primarily the older industrialized states.

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Colleges Find U.S. Regulations 'Strangling'

By Lawrence Feinberg
 Washington Post Staff Writer

Amid plain, utilitarian buildings and heavily traveled streets, the Foggy Bottom campus of George Washington University has two unlikely monuments to federal regulation — two new elevators that cost \$1.3 million.

The elevators, equipped with wide doors and raised Braille panels, are set between two pairs of ad-

acent four-story classroom buildings. For decades the buildings functioned with just stairs or small elevators. Now, as federal rules require, the structures are fully accessible to students in wheelchairs.

How many of the 17,613 students at George Washington are confined to wheelchairs? Seven that they know about, university officials say, plus 15 others who walk with braces, crutches or canes. GW also

has nine students who are blind or partially blind.

"It's not just the numbers that matter," said Linda Donnels, the university's director of services for disabled students. "It's a matter of principle and legal requirements."

The rules on handicapped students are only a small part of a long catalogue of federal regulations that have profoundly affected

See REGULATIONS, A2, Col. 1