

Evans and Novak

Soviets to Blame For Lack of Pact

By ROWLAND EVANS
and ROBERT NOVAK

WASHINGTON — As the White House is well aware, President Reagan's "bitter" disappointment over probably going to Moscow without a ratified INF treaty stems from neither Senate Republican hardliners moved by ideology nor Senate Democratic leaders with political motives but by the performance of the Soviets and key administration officials.

That the treaty signed here with Mikhail Gorbachev in December has slithered away from quick ratification shows the new detente's fragility. It also exposes over-eagerness within the Reagan administration of officials who ignore glaring facts and see only what they want. Such malfunctioning exposes Reagan to political losses.

New Soviet roadblocks to verification were correctly identified by a handful of officials two weeks ago but scoffed at by others. The result is a ratification delay undermining Reagan's plan to make the summit the grand climax to his presidency.

If the treaty is not ratified by May 29, the two leaders will sign minor accords. That miniaturization would yield one benefit: slowing Reagan's pell-mell rush to a strategic arms accord on long-range missiles, regarded by a wide range of arms control critics as far more dangerous to U.S. security than the INF treaty.

The failure of Reagan's advisers to protect him from hidden arms control dangers, particularly on strategic missiles, was former White House spokesman Larry Speakes' most significant revelation in "Speaking Out," his recent kiss-and-tell memoir. Attacking Secretary of State George Shultz's handling of the Reykjavik summit, Speakes quotes then National Security Adviser John Poindexter. "George let the president down," Poindexter confided to Speakes, by sitting silently while Reagan committed the "tremendous blunder" of entertaining Gorbachev's proposed total ban on strategic nuclear arms.

Less momentous blunders have punctuated U.S.-Soviet deliberations on the INF treaty ever since the accord banning intermediate nuclear weapons in Europe was signed last December. "It's unfortunate that someone at State or Defense didn't look at this closely enough," a Reagan insider told us on Monday. "We can't point the finger at conservatives on the Hill, and we can't blame the Democrats. The trouble was downtown."

Clues that trouble was coming were strewn all over Washington late last month when a Russian expert spent several days here on Soviet plans to comply with unprecedented on-site verification features of the INF treaty. Major Gen. Vladimir Medvedev's interpretations of

Soviet treaty obligations were dramatically different from the American understanding. But they drew only indulgent smiles from the president's arms control advisers, who insisted any ratification problems were in the Senate — not Moscow.

"The general obviously has not read the INF treaty," one of the president's highest arms control officials told us privately when we asked about Medvedev.

But in the Senate, Medvedev's "little problems" with on-site inspection and other verification issues were taken very seriously, not just by the few hard-line anti-treaty conservatives but by powerful Democrats. Sens. David Boren, Intelligence Committee chairman, and Sam Nunn, Armed Services chairman, took only seconds after listening to arms control officials behind closed doors Monday to propose a delay of Senate ratification debate until these "little problems" were resolved.

Reagan almost allowed himself to be drawn into Democrat-bashing by accusing the Senate leaders of stalling. Thanks partly to advice from Republicans, the speech was changed.

Instead, the Chicago address took an entirely different attack, praising Gorbachev for Soviet human rights improvements in the wake of Armenian riots and for the first time substantiating the Kremlin's propaganda by acknowledging alleged shortcomings on rights within the U.S.

The president's bouquet to what he once called the evil empire seemed an effort to warm up his pal in the Kremlin to get cracking on INF verification so the two of them could make out in Moscow. Mikhail's immediate Soviet reaction was a brusque reprimand, telling Ron to keep his hands off internal Soviet affairs, another sign of the unreality with which the administration treats its fellow superpower in this lameduck year.

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The Almanac

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Today is Wednesday, May 11,
the 132nd day of 1988 with 234 to follow.

The moon is waning, moving toward its new phase.

The morning stars are Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.

The evening stars are Mercury and Venus.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Taurus. They include Ottmar Mergenthaler, inventor of the Linotype typesetting machine, in 1854; songwriter Irving Berlin in 1888 (age 100); dancer-choreographer Martha Graham in 1893 (age 95); Spanish surrealist painter Salvador Dali in 1904 (age 84); comic actor Phil Silvers in 1912; satirist Mort Sahl in 1927 (age 61); and actor Doug McClure in 1938 (age 50).

First Lady Will Set Record Straight Later

By HELEN THOMAS
UPI White House Reporter

WASHINGTON — First lady Nancy Reagan, stung by astrological allegations, intends to "set the record straight" about her role in the White House in her own book, but only after she leaves Washington, her spokeswoman said Tuesday.

At the same time, Elaine Crispin said the first lady will continue to confer with her astrologer, San Francisco socialite Joan Quigley, "on a need basis." But Mrs. Reagan, she added, has not spoken with Quigley for a couple of months.

The controversy over Mrs. Reagan's interest in astrology and its purported role in arranging the president's schedule was sparked by a new book by ex-chief of staff Donald Regan. Regan claims days were blocked off the presidential schedule as unpropitious for travel, speeches or public appearances.

Lengthy periods of presidential isolation were dictated by the stars, Regan asserted — a claim disputed by current White House officials.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater, who faced a barrage of questions Monday on the importance of astrology in the Oval Office, appeared happy to drop the subject Tuesday. He told reporters that "the president's schedule involves many people, many concerns."

Furthermore, he added that Mrs. Reagan, "as the wife of the president of the United States is always free" to offer her advice.

Reagan sternly denied Monday that astrology played a role in his scheduling, and Fitzwater said Tuesday the president has no plans to address the issue further.

Although Mrs. Reagan has not spoken personally in public on the Regan book, Crispin said "she sees it all as a very vengeful act." The president told columnist Carl Rowan on Monday, "I'll be damned if I'll just stand by and let them railroad my wife."

Mrs. Reagan's account of her White House years, commissioned by Random House, will be published about the middle of 1989, several months after she moves back to California. She has kept voluminous journals and is already working with an editor.

As for what the book will be like, Crispin said, "She's too classy a lady to write a 'kiss-and-tell' book." But she added, "I think she'll set the record straight."

The first lady is concerned about the effect Regan's book may have on the president's world image, Crispin said. She also reported that Mrs. Reagan has "gotten a lot of calls from spouses of world leaders" who tell her, "This too shall pass."

Crispin said she did not want to get into the position of responding to various aspects of Regan's book, but firmly denied two specifics — that Mrs. Reagan pressed for the dismissal of CIA Director William Casey, a pivotal character in the emerging Iran-Contra scandal, while he was dying from brain cancer at Christmastime 1986, or that the first lady said, "I don't give a damn about the right-to-lifers."

Regan wrote that Mrs. Reagan made the comment when she ordered the deletion of an anti-abortion section from one of Reagan's State of the Union addresses, but Crispin said, "She absolutely did not say that."

Berry's World



Reagan Denies Being Influenced by Astrology

By PAUL HOUSTON, Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON — President Reagan said Tuesday that no policy or decision in his mind has ever been influenced by astrology, but a White House spokesman suggested that Mrs. Reagan's interest in the shifting alignment of heavenly bodies had played a role in his scheduling.

Particularly after the attempt on Reagan's life in March 1981, "astrology has been a part of her concern in terms of his activities," spokesman Martin Fitzwater said in a news briefing dominated by a cosmic issue entirely novel for White House reporters.

Fitzwater, suddenly forced to deal with a revelation contained in a forthcoming book by former White House Chief of Staff Donald E. Regan, spent much of the day fielding questions about which astrologers the President, an Aquarius, and the First Lady, a Cancer, might have consulted—and which presidential events might have felt the impact of astrological advice.

Fitzwater, who talked it over with the Reagans, supplied few specifics.

For example, he claimed to have no knowledge "in a detailed sense" about the truth of a report in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* that Mrs. Reagan, taking an astrologer's advice, had insisted that the signing of the U.S.-Soviet treaty eliminating medium-range nuclear missiles be held at 1:30 p.m. last Dec. 8.

Similar reports about Mrs. Reagan's use of astrologers for scheduling speeches and trips followed the disclosure by *Newsweek* mag-

azine Monday that Reagan would detail such incidents in a book to be excerpted by *Time* magazine next week.

A Reagan spokesman declined to discuss the matter.

Fitzwater acknowledged that Reagan has a thing about lucky numbers—his is 33—and the ghost of Abraham Lincoln in the White House, but said he knew nothing of the President's own interest in astrology.

Former presidential aide Lyn Nofziger said he believed it was confined to reading horoscopes in the newspaper.

"I guarantee you we never scheduled a speech or appearance because somebody said the stars were not right," Nofziger said. "If he's been consulting astrologers, he's been getting some bum advice. Who told him to make [the arms for hostages] deal with the Iranians?"

Massachusetts Gov. Michael S. Dukakis, the likely Democratic presidential nominee, told a news conference in Boston: "I hope the nation's destiny beginning in January, 1989, will be based on some thing other than horoscopes." When asked if he checked his own horoscope, Dukakis said: "No, I don't."

House Speaker Jim Wright (D-Tex.) said it was all right with him if the Reagans were receiving astrological guidance. "I'm glad he consults somebody," Wright said, smiling.

Reagan's own denial of astrolog-

ical influence came when he was questioned about the reports during a proclamation signing ceremony. When pressed about whether astrology had played a part in shaping his schedule, he quipped: "You know, I'm still looking for the fellow who tells me every day what I'm going to be doing."

In his 1965 autobiography, *"Where's the Rest of Me?"* Reagan referred to astrologer Carroll Righter, who died Sunday, as a good friend and said that "every morning Nancy and I turn to see what he has to say about people of our respective birth signs."

Thomas S. Pierson, Righter's business manager, acknowledged the Reagans' friendship with Righter but, when asked about details, said: "I never discuss any of his clients."

Pierson did confirm a report that Reagan never told anyone the exact time he was born on Feb. 6, 1911, a crucial element for astrologers in casting a person's chart.

related to testaments of the sun, moon and stars. "It was a pretty smart move," Pierson said, explaining that some people fear they will be controlled by others if such information becomes public.

Another Los Angeles-based astrologer, Joyce Jolson, asserted in a flurry of interviews Tuesday that she had assisted in the choice of George Bush as Reagan's running mate in 1980 and was at the White House after the assassination attempt. But Fitzwater said late in the afternoon: "The Reagans have never heard of nor met Ms. Jolson."

There has been speculation about the Reagans' interest in astrology for years. In 1967, when Reagan took office as governor of California, his habit of reading astrological columns provoked speculation that his post-midnight inauguration was timed to suit the stars. His first term officially began at 12:01 a.m. on Jan. 2, 1967, and Reagan's aides at the time said that he would take the oath of office at 12:10 a.m.

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Astrologer Tells Couple Where to Go on Vacation

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astrologer had predicted a romance.

"You don't have to do what they say. But I'm open to any little thing that will help us with this great life. I talk to God every day," she said.

When John Drum was considering going into the antique business after many years remodeling homes in the Bay Area, he talked to an astrologer first. She advised him on when to make the move and even where to locate his new shop. Drum has canceled business trips because an astrologer has told him it was not a good time to fly.

"I hate flying anyway, so if anyone gives me negative feedback, I don't go," he said.

Where to Be Happy

Arts administrator Lynn Upchurch and her husband, Gary Upchurch, a contract procurement officer for Alameda County, pick their vacations from a geographical chart done for them by an astrologer. It shows them where in the world they will be happy, based on the position of the planets when they were born.

"The last time, the astrologer told us to go to Southern Greece," Lynn Upchurch said. "We went and had an absolutely wonderful vacation. We even thought of buying a house on the Greek Isles."

She and her husband consulted the same astrologer when they were deciding whether to marry, and have continued to go several times a year for career and marital advice. Upchurch says she thinks of it as an "insurance policy." It's one more bit of information out there to help me make decisions."

S.F. writer may be seer for Reagans

The hot rumor is that Nancy Reagan's personal astrologer lives right here in San Francisco. A good guess is Joan Quigley, who is very rich and very Republican — the sort of woman with whom Mrs. Reagan would feel comfortable.

Quigley, a frequent guest on Merv Griffin, has been practicing astrology since the '60s and has written several books on the subject. Her specialty is politics.

Quigley is in Paris on vacation and was unaware of the revelations in Donald Reagan's new book about the first couple's use of astrology. Reached at her hotel, she acknowledged she has known the Reagans for years, but refused to comment on whether they had ever been her clients.



Astrologer Joan Quigley specializes in politics.

"I never say who my clients are. Never. It is very confidential," she said.

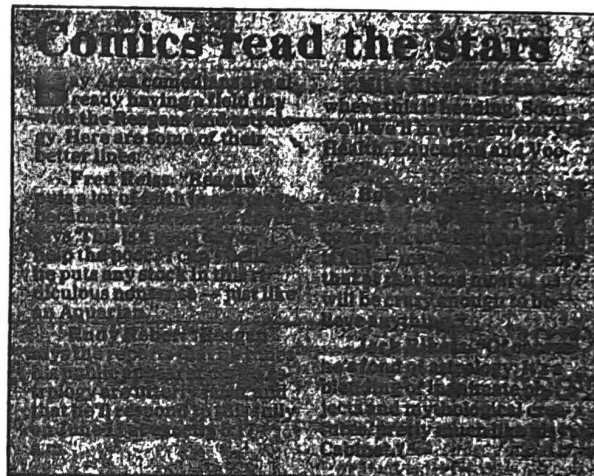
Asked if The Chronicle would be wrong in saying she was, indeed, the Reagans' astrologer, she said: "I won't comment on that. I can't comment."

trology would help them stay in power. And, before its downfall, many top officials in the South Vietnamese government sought the counsel of astrologers.

How many American leaders are secretly going off to have their birth charts read is impossible to determine. Astrologers would lead you to believe the answer is lots; however, elected officials would be unlikely to admit it for fear of being branded a flake.

Strange Times

Those who practice astrology suspected Reagan was a follower years ago — and not just because of the unusual hour of 12:10 a.m. when he chose to be sworn in as governor of California. They have noticed that he has either refused to give the exact time he was born or has given out conflicting times. People who believe in astrology are secretive about their time of birth be-



cause they fear it could be used against them.

San Francisco astrologer Nicki Michaels wonders whether that, and not vanity, is the reason Nancy Reagan has knocked two years off her age.

When word of the Reagans' use of astrology hit Sacramento, legislators went out of their way to say they were not now nor had they ever been believers.

"I'm very down to earth, and the heavens are not part of my domain," said Assemblyman John Vasconcellos, who has already raised enough eyebrows as founder of the state's self-esteem movement.

Assembly Speaker Willie Brown said he has never consulted nor does he ever intend to consult

with astrologers. However, he did say that in 1968, when he was chairman of a committee deciding whether astrologers should be licensed by the state of California, several of them sent him "unsolicited projections as to my future." He said he kept all of them and not one turned out to be accurate. (The proposal to license astrologers, which was made when Reagan was governor, was eventually killed by Brown's committee.)

Campaign consultants Clinton Reilly and Richard Schlackman said they cannot recall any politician for whom they have worked having consulted an astrologer, though Schlackman said he knows a cam-

paign manager who would go to one before making decisions. "He used to joke about it," Schlackman said.

D.C.'s Little Secret

John Dean once acknowledged that he had been to a Washington, D.C., astrologer named Svetlana Godillo, who, it was rumored in the late '70s, was also consulted by White House officials, cabinet aides and embassy attaches. Dean told the New York Times she was the "best-kept secret in Washington. She is frighteningly accurate."

Walden Welch, an astrologer in Sonoma, said he did astrological charts for several people on Jerry Brown's staff when he was governor of California. Welch said they came to him for pretty much the same reasons as everyone else — "to know more about their personal lives and their careers" — but that they also asked his advice on political matters.

"That was during the period of the gas shortage. I predicted that the situation would let up, which was what happened," he said.

Welch said one of his current clients is the mayor of a large city in Northern California and that he continues to "do a lot of charts for people in Sacramento." Like most astrologers, however, he will not divulge their names.

"They ask me if they should or shouldn't run for office and what their chances are of being elected. Usually it works out perfectly if I say they are going to win," he said.

Presidential candidate: Take note.

Astrologer Charts Trends, Not Events

The Bay Area, a hotbed of alternative thinking, has more than its share of astrologers. For \$40 to \$150 an hour, they will tell you, too, how the heavenly bodies affect your life. Most of them now use computers, which make it possible to cast a birth chart in record time.

These charts, known as hor-

with his or her place of birth, to the astrologer. This first session is usually the most in-depth, with the astrologer telling you detailed things about your life and whether you are in a positive or negative cycle. People with personal astrologers rarely see them more than a few times a year for something like checkups.

be able to see death. You see trends. You might see a period of time when risk was higher and advise them to drive carefully."

There is no licensing or accreditation program for astrologers, though the laws about fraud apply to them. It is against the law, for ex-

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Landslides for Dukakis In Ohio and Indiana

*Jackson
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By Mark Z. Barabak
Chronicle Staff Writer

Cincinnati

Michael Dukakis romped to easy victories yesterday in the Ohio and Indiana Democratic presidential primaries, building momentum as the campaign heads to a June 7 finale in California.

Jesse Jackson ended a five-week winless streak with a decisive triumph in the District of Columbia primary.

Although Dukakis' Midwest victories were expected, they still gave him a big boost, as well as scores of delegates to pad his widening lead over Jackson.

"California voters are just starting to form their impressions of Dukakis," said pollster Mervin Field. "With victories in New York, Pennsylvania and now Ohio and Indiana, he comes here looking like a winner and like the inevitable nominee."

Dukakis won in Ohio with 63 percent of the vote to 27 percent for Jackson. In Indiana, Dukakis won 70 percent to 22 percent. But in the District of Columbia, Jackson had 80 percent of the vote to Dukakis' 18

President Denies He Obeys the Stars

Chronicle Wire Services

Washington

President Reagan said yesterday he has never based any policy or decision on astrological forecasts, but the White House acknowledged that Nancy Reagan checks the positions of the sun, the moon and the stars to help schedule the president's activities.

The president did not deny consulting the writings of astrologers, who believe the alignment of stars and planets influences human affairs.

Asked whether astrology played a part in shaping his schedule, Reagan told reporters with a smile, "You know I'm still looking for the fellas that tell me every day what I'm going to be doing."

The White House said it expected the nation's astrologers to make extraordinary claims about their influence on the Reagans, and one — Joyce Kilson of Los Angeles — immediately spoke up. She claimed she had spent a lot of time at the



BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

Reagan said he has not based policy decisions on astrology

Reagan Denies Report on Astrology

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White House and had played a role earlier in the selection of George Bush as vice president.

The White House said the Reagans do not know her. And Bush's office said, "We're not aware of anyone hiring this woman."

President Reagan was born under the sign of Aquarius, and Mrs. Reagan is a Cancer.

To the dismay of the White House, the Reagans' interest in astrology was put in the spotlight by advance word of the contents of a forthcoming book by former chief of staff Donald Regan, who frequently was at odds with the first lady before being forced out of his job early last year.

Regan reportedly wrote that Mrs. Reagan consulted astrologers to determine the timing of presidential speeches and announcements. Thomas Dawson, a spokesman for Regan, refused to discuss the book yesterday, saying, "We don't comment on what is or isn't in the book" until it comes out, probably early next week.

"We are dismayed by reports that the White House has consulted astrologists," said an organization of scientists called the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal.

"We are concerned by the apparent return to medieval superstition," the group said. "Dozens of tests in recent years by scientists can find little, if any, evidence for astrological claims. Horoscopes have been shown under the most rigorous scientific analysis to fall completely in predicting future events."

The Philadelphia Inquirer said Mrs. Reagan, after consulting an astrologer, insisted that the signing of the U.S.-Soviet treaty eliminating short- and medium-range nuclear missiles be held at 1:30 p.m. on December 8.

"I don't know in any detailed sense" if that is true, White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said.

Another former official said that the president decided on timing of his announcement that he would run for re-election after he and his wife consulted astrological

signs.

The president was questioned about the reports during a signing ceremony for a proclamation designating May 7-14 as Asian Pacific American Heritage Week.

He said he did not want to comment on the spate of books by former White House aides, but added, "No policy or decision in my mind has ever been influenced by astrology."

The question of Reagan and astrology surfaced more than 20 years ago in California, when Reagan chose to be sworn in as governor for his first term shortly after midnight on Jan. 5, 1967, in Sacramento.

Outgoing Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown said Reagan picked the time because he relied on astrology. Reagan's aides denied that, and said the unusual time was picked because of constitutional questions regarding the transfer of power.

Mrs. Reagan's interest in astrology was heightened by the March 30, 1981, assassination attempt against her husband, Fitzwater said.

"She was very concerned for her husband's welfare, and astrology has been a part of her concern in terms of his activities," the spokesman said. He said a friend of Mrs. Reagan who is involved in astrology "was helpful to her" after the attempt on the president's life.

Elaine Crispin, Mrs. Reagan's press secretary, also said the first lady has consulted a friend who had studied astrology, but she refused to reveal the person's identity.

Crispin said the first lady "has talked to this person about his (Reagan's) safety and travel, but I don't know of any particular incident or example of schedule change made because of this."

But Fitzwater suggested that

astrology plays a part in the Reagans' travel plans. "She often travels with him. Travel is a part of astrology and what you're doing those days and so forth."

Asked to explain, he said, "I don't know... I have no idea."

He said that as far as he knows, Reagan's interest in astrology is limited to reading his horoscope. However, Fitzwater noted that the president has mentioned "lucky numbers" in speeches and jokingly has referred to the ghost of Abraham Lincoln residing in the White House family quarters.

Michael K. Deaver, a close associate of the Reagans for two decades, wrote last year that the president was "incurably superstitious. If he emptied his pants pocket you would always find about five good luck charms that people had sent him."

How the Art of Astrology Began

New York Times

New York

The belief that human lives are shaped by the positions of the planets probably dates from the third millennium B.C., but, despite its great antiquity, astrology remains as entrenched in folklore as ever.

In Mesopotamia, where astrology was born, soothsayers originally served their kings by scrutinizing the livers of sacrificed sheep for omens. Fortune-telling from patterns perceived in animals' entrails had several disadvantages, however.

The early Mesopotamians eventually noticed that certain heavenly bodies moved independently of the fixed stars. Because they believed that celestial objects were powerful gods, it was logical to infer that the respective positions and movements of planets must affect events on Earth.

As belief in astrology became institutionalized, practitioners devised complicated charts in which the relative positions of planets, the sun, the moon and constellations

supposedly shaped the destinies, actions and moods of mortals.

But forecasting was never easy. Vital to the process was the assumption that the exact arrangement of heavenly bodies at the moment of one's birth determines all. This means that astrological fortune-telling — the "casting of horoscopes" — must be worked out separately for each person, generally at considerable expense.

Such leaders as Julius Caesar and Adolf Hitler availed themselves of such forecasts in planning battles and political strategy.

In modern astrology, many standard texts purport to explain the significance of planetary configurations, but in casting a horoscope an individual astrologer customarily relies heavily on his or her own imagination.

Scientists have long sought to convince people that the movement of planets cannot have the slightest effect on human destiny.

James Randi, a well-known magician who specializes in debunking the supernatural, described one of his tests of astrology: "Denmark produced a mountebank who tried

to fiddle me with a glowing horoscope describing a paragon of virtue and steadfastness; the chart was, unknown to him, drawn from the birthdate, birth hour and birthplace of a convicted and hanged rapist."

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STARS IN THEIR EYES

Astrology no joke to worried White House

By Charlotte Saikowski

Staff writer of The Christian Science Monitor

Washington

The White House is trying to smile its way through the flap created by the disclosures that the President and Nancy Reagan are interested in astrology.

But behind the posture of humor there is evidence of discomfiture and concern about the political damage that could be done to the President if the publicity persists.

"If this stays in the ha-ha area, that's one thing," a Reagan administration official says. "But if the questions do not stop and this gets wrapped around the President's neck, it will hurt him."

"If it's found that he talked to an astrologer, that would not be helpful," this official says. "The fact that Nancy did is not the end of the world, but if it gets to him it would hurt."

Washington is atwitter in jokes.

The Democrats are having a field day with one-liners, cartoonists are poking fun, and television talk shows are interviewing astrologers.

Reagan supporters hope the story quickly blows over. But, because it is so unusual, they do not rule out that it will continue to pop up in the campaign.

Even the Soviet news agency Tass has picked up on the story,

wondering what the stars are telling the leader of the West.

"It is difficult to say what the May night sky, studded with stars, predicted to the President, but it hardly predicted that he would have to speak about the role of astrology in the politics of the USA," the Associated Press quoted Tass as saying in a dispatch yesterday.

The White House acknowledges that Mrs. Reagan has had an interest in astrology "for some time" and that astrological advice sometimes affected scheduling of presidential travel or speeches. This interest was heightened by the assassination attempt against the President in March 1981, aides say.

One former White House official says he was present when Mrs. Reagan consulted a horoscope before scheduling a flight to San Francisco.

But the President said this week that "no policy or decision in my mind has ever been influenced by astrology." One former Reagan campaign official says that, despite Reagan's interest in horoscopes, the President never let this influence decisions.

"I was as close to him as anybody and made countless campaign decisions," says the

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Reagan friend. "Not one time were we ever asked to adjust or change a date. Not once did Ronald Reagan give any indication that astrology had any bearing on anything."

Mrs. Reagan is a person with a "lot of fear," adds the friend, and may have felt after the assassination attempt that she had to be more attentive to the President's activities.

The reports about Mrs. Reagan's interest in astrology come in a book by former White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan which is due to be published later this month. Mr. Regan, who was forced out of his job last year in the wake of the Iran-contra affair and after repeated tiffs with Mrs. Reagan over the President's schedule, reportedly writes that the first lady consulted astrologers to help arrange Reagan's activities.

The White House has been peppered with questions about the story and sought to deal with it in a jocular vein. White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater started his briefing Tuesday by saying he would take the first question "at exactly 12:33 and a half." He acknowledged Mrs. Reagan's heightened interest in astrology after the March 30, 1981 shooting.

"She was very concerned for her husband's welfare, and astrology has been part of her concern in terms of his activities," he said.

After fielding some 70 questions from reporters, Mr. Fitzwater ended the briefing by reading Regan's horoscope the day he was replaced in February 1987.

Elaine Crispin, Mrs. Reagan's press secretary, also confirmed the story but indicated the first lady would not drop her interest in astrology.

"She doesn't think that there's anything wrong with it," she was quoted as saying. "It doesn't control policy and it doesn't control their lives."

In the eyes of Reagan loyalists, the Regan book is a way of getting back at the first lady.

Mentioning her interest in astrology is seen to be more damning than simply saying that she was difficult to work with.

"Regan paid her back in spades," says a former White House aide.

The President has long read horoscopes and, according to press accounts, on occasion has adjusted the scheduling of events to "favorable" times.

White House spokesmen yesterday denied claims by one California astrologer that she had been summoned to Washington after the 1981 attack on Reagan.

White House spokesman Fitzwater suggested the astrologer was a publicity seeker and said she "is crazy for trying to fabricate a White House relationship that doesn't exist."

"No one ever heard of her," Fitzwater told reporters aboard Air Force One as Reagan flew to Chicago on Wednesday morning to deliver a foreign policy speech.

second offense within two years and a mandatory court appearance for a third offense.

Poor victimized?

The get-tough proposal triggered a debate on whether the poor would be the beneficiaries or the victims of the bill. It was passed on an 18 to 14 vote.

Sen. Steve Durham, who led the opposition, said even middle-income people have a hard time making their insurance payments.

Many drivers lack insurance because they cannot afford it — not because they're irresponsible, Durham said.

"It's really the crime of being poor," said Durham, a Colorado Springs Republican.

Sen. Bob Schaffer, R-Fort Collins, the bill's co-sponsor, said he

have the financial means to cover the liability.

Drivers who fail to comply would be subject to a mandatory license suspension until they provide proof of insurance.

Schaffer said he has been considering a bill that would require all vehicle owners to show proof of insurance as a condition of registration. Several other states have such a requirement.

"If the number of uninsured motorists goes down and this bill is successful, I'll change my mind," he said. "But if this bill doesn't work, I'll try something tougher."

The bill returns to the House of Representatives, which must decide whether to accept a Senate amendment giving a break to workers ticketed for driving an employer's uninsured vehicle.

Reagan tells Regan: Don't pick on Nancy

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WASHINGTON — President Reagan publicly blasted his former top aide and buddy Donald Regan Friday, saying, "He's chosen to attack my wife and I don't look kindly upon that at all."

The president criticized the forthcoming Regan "kiss-and-tell" book, saying it had become a kiss-and-sell attack on the first lady.

Asked at a Cabinet meeting whether Regan had sent him a copy of the book, which will retail for \$21.95, Reagan said, "No, and I don't think he's going to send one unless I'm prepared to send a

check in return."

One revelation in the Regan book, that Nancy Reagan used astrology to set the timing of presidential travel, speeches and some important events, has already created an international stir. Reagan was forced to deny that he makes decisions based on the location of the moon and stars.

"I would have preferred if he decided to attack me and apparently, from what we hear, he's chosen to attack my wife and I don't look kindly upon that at all," the president said, responding to reporters' questions.

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Press secretary in orbit over astrology queries

First lady Nancy Reagan's spokeswoman declared Thursday that this astrology business was "getting out of hand" and that she no longer would entertain questions on the subject.

"Please, I'm out of the astrology business," said **Elaine Crispen**. "I'm cutting off the calls. I can't make a career out of this."

Crispen said she was swamped with calls from people wanting to know things like what kind of crystal the first lady uses and "whether she wears a turban."

As if to soften the revelation that the Reagans have more than a passing interest in astrology, Crispen noted that the Reagans have "a great faith in God" and have in the past sought spiritual strength from the late Cardinal **Terrence Cooke** and the Rev. **Donn Moomaw** of the Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles.

Cash and McCartney team up for record

Johnny Cash and Paul McCartney will team up next week in London to cut a new disc, "Man We Was Lonely."



They will be joined by their wives, **June Carter Cash** and **Linda McCartney**, to record the song written by ex-Beatle McCartney.

McCartney has made several records in recent years with other artists, including **Stevie Wonder** and **Michael Jackson**.

Writer's auction plans upset literary scholars

Saul Bellow has upset literary scholars with the announcement that he'll put up for auction all the notes and original materials for his 1970 novel,

"Mr. Sammler's Planet," June 7 at Sotheby's in New York.

Such papers have generally been given to college archives. But tax rules in effect since 1970



Saul Bellow

Property hunting.

Barbra Streisand, Suzy of the New York Post reports, is looking to buy an entire Caribbean island for herself and boyfriend and rumored fiancé **Don Johnson**.

A nine-story ultra-luxury apartment house that **Regalian Property Ltd.** wanted to build overlooking Kensington Palace will not materialize. A complaint from a neighbor seems to have killed it.

The neighbor is **Prince Charles**, heir to the throne and arch-enemy of modern British architecture.

Yoko Ono is trying to buy a four-story building on the Upper West Side to turn into a museum that will open in time for her late husband **John Lennon's** 50th birthday in 1990, sources told **New York** magazine.

The thrill of suspense: big bucks from books

"The Devil in the White House" provoked the Battle of the Publishing Houses, and suspense novelist **Lawrence Sanders** is richer for it.



Sanders

His latest book sold at auction Wednesday for \$2.85 million in a tug-of-war among eight publishing houses. The

Putnam Publishing Group bought the hardback and paperback rights.

On Monday, Simon & Schuster and Pocket Books agreed to pay mystery-suspense writer **Mary Higgins Clark** a minimum of \$10.1 million for four books and a collec-

tion of short stories.

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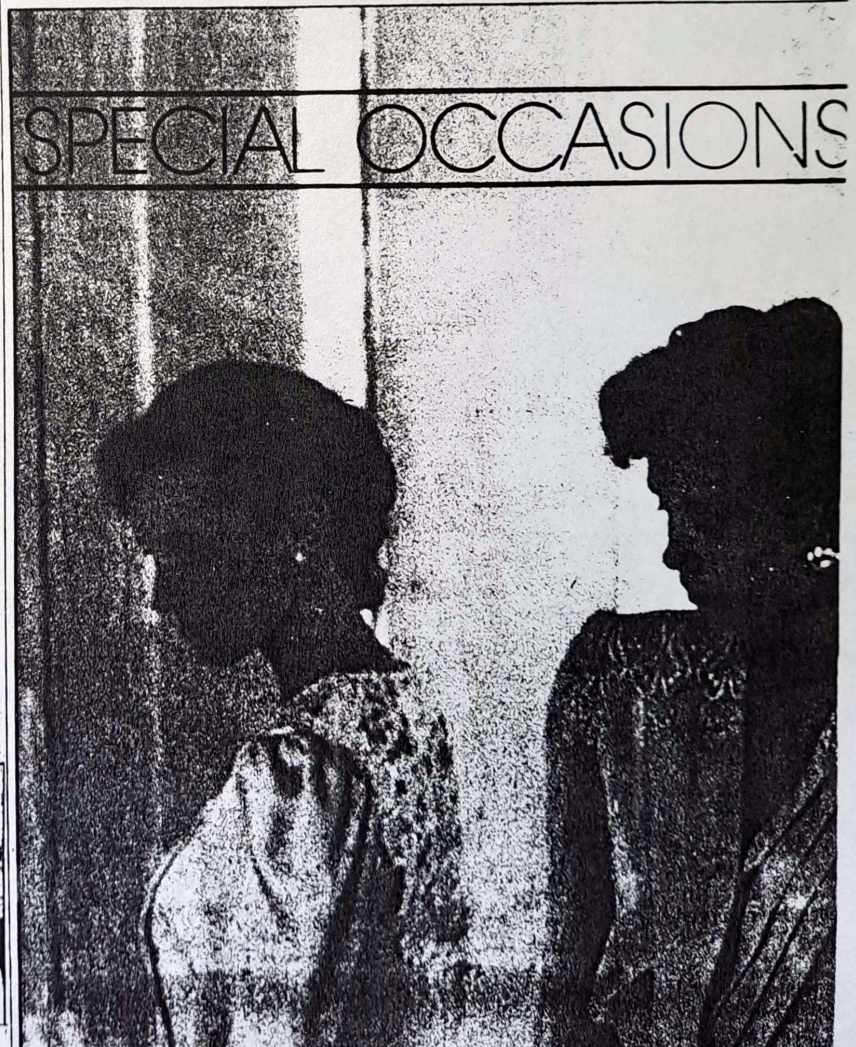
Michael Jackson's graphical "Moonwalk" to the top of The New non-fiction best seller a month after it reach stores.

The \$15.95 hard-cover debut at No. 2 on the list hit No. 1 on the May 15 day announced. The T its placings 10 days in recorded telephone m

The book will debut The Los Angeles Time list Sunday and was N Sunday Times of Lond 1.

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Popcorn king Orv bacher, 80, will receive doctor of agricul from Purdue Univers for his more than 40



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Shroyer, who argues that Adams County didn't give enough. As happens in any negotiation, Denver and Adams County both engaged in some spirited give-and-take to guard their own vital interests.

Denver needs a partner to build a new regional airport because the Poundstone Amendment restricts it from annexing the land unilaterally. But while Adams County is obviously the best possible partner, it's not the only possible partner. Aurora, which is not restricted by Poundstone, could annex the site and build in cooperation with Denver. Alternatively, as state legislators from Arapahoe and Jefferson counties and the Western Slope have suggested, the legislature could create a state airport authority similar to RTD to join with Denver in developing the new airport.

But the Adams County commissioners obviously were better equipped to protect the interests of their own citizens than any of these possible third parties. Their determination at the negotiating table turned the May 17 proposal into a much better deal for Adams County voters than any of the likely alternatives.

Shroyer and other opposition leaders have scoffed at the notion that the metropolitan area needs a new airport site at all. But while it is possible to expand the existing Stapleton facility onto the adjacent Rocky Mountain Arsenal, this option borders on civic suicide for Adams County. Expanding Stapleton would bombard neighboring Adams County cities with even more jet noise than they now endure. But Denver would reap virtually all the addi-

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tional economic benefits, since the expansion would be isolated from Adams County.

The second option — letting a state agency or some other entity build the new airport — also is bad for Adams County. Such a third party would not be bound to observe the guarantees on noise abatement, economic development and other concessions that the Adams County commissioners extracted from Denver.

No wonder some airport opponents fantasize about yet another site still farther east, near Watkins. But that site was studied thoroughly and rejected by the Denver Regional Council of Governments in its 1983 reports. Its added distance, while not appreciably quieter for most Adams County residents, would add about 40 minutes per round trip to each of the tens of thousands of vehicles traveling to the new airport daily. That sharply increases problems of traffic congestion, air pollution and millions of hours of wasted travel time each year.

These facts underscore the simple realism underlying the growing support for the Adams County airport proposal. No plan is perfect for everyone. But the May 17 proposal is the best alternative for the vast majority of voters concerned with quieter neighborhoods, more jobs and more tax revenue for Adams County.

Celestial seasonings

ASTROLOGY was an early attempt to understand the forces of nature. Today it is entertainment, or ought to be.

The belief that an individual's life is determined by the patterned movement of the stars and planets is hooahaw, but it's largely harmless hooahaw. No one would be paying it that much attention if it hadn't been for gossip leaked from former Chief of Staff Donald Regan's new book that first lady Nancy Reagan sought an astrologer's advice about the president's schedule.

Given the president's attraction to the simpler past — he's still not convinced about evolution — and the quality of some of the other advice he's been getting, such celestial silliness is no surprise.

But the silliness gurgles up on all sides. A follow-up news story Thursday tried to draw a connec-

tion between the astrology flap and a presidential reference to "a power from outer space."

The "outer space" remark came in a question-and-answer session following a Chicago speech. It had to do with how quickly the differences dividing earthly political powers would disappear "if all of us in the world discovered that we were threatened by . . . a power from outer space." Hardly occult.

While astrology has outlived its credibility, the possibility of intelligent life elsewhere in the universe is far from a settled question. It's absurd to suggest that the possibility of life elsewhere is as foolish as astrology.

The disturbing similarity in both episodes is that the search for and acquisition of knowledge still bewilders people who ought to be more enlightened.

Mike Kops



Ollie North has



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OLLIE NORTH said the only regrets he has about his behavior at the White House is that "We didn't get Moammar Khadafy when we tried. I'm sorry we didn't capture all of the terrorists who killed the Marines in El Salvador and blew up the Marine barracks in Beirut, and I'm sorry that for 5½ years I virtually abandoned my family, considering the outcome we got in Nicaragua."

Does he have any regrets over laws he is alleged to have broken? "No."

In his first interview with a journalist since his indictment by a federal grand jury a month and a half ago on charges of conspiracy to defraud the United States and theft of government property, North told me Monday he could not discuss his case. But he talked about Nicaragua.

Given the behavior of the communist government in Managua, he does not feel "particularly sanguine about the outcome" of the peace talks or of freedom in the region. "That does not mean you cannot have hope, and I do have hope. I think the most important thing is that the Sandinistas were forced to the negotiating table when they said they would never go."

North believes pressure by the freedom fighters forced the Sandinistas to negotiate. He is equally clear about who is to blame for the collapse of the contras: "We did not leave the Nicaraguan resistance in a position of strength, because of our Congress."

North, who became a civilian on May 1 for the first time in 20 years, was in Lynchburg, Va., to speak at commencement exercises at Jerry Falwell's Liberty University. He said it is up to those gradu-

ating from colleges such believe in patriotism and values, to enter politics. He is about his generation's early those in the majority resist totalitarianism in the

He is uncomfortable with bel, deflecting it by reminding that he has served Vietnam and in government self only as one who tried

Were it in their power who filled Liberty's bar appeared ready to grant North conditional pardon on greeted him enthusiastically his speech with applaudations. Falwell, apparently to some criticism that a dictment would set a precedent, said, "We were indicted, convicted and

In his address, North the book of his liberal compared Nicaragua to said the two are alike, Nicaragua was sucked into a no one and is in danger of

North case sull

THE AMERICAN flag behind Ollie North was so huge that when the TV camera closed in on him for a head-and-shoulders shot all you could see of it was one fat red stripe and one fat white stripe. That is to say that his backdrop was unrecognizable.

Not so North, familiar folk hero to millions of Americans, speaking to the graduating class at the Rev. Jerry Falwell's Liberty University with that odd, boyish, husky squeak in his voice.

"I've been accused," North said, "of helping the brave young men and women of the Nicaraguan resistance in their struggle for the very liberties that we claim as birthright. I have been accused of trying to rescue American hostages held captive, and of trying to prevent other terrorist attacks."

"Those accusations are not a brand. They are a badge of honor."

Not exactly. North is under indictment on 16 charges, including lying to Congress, obstructing a congressional investigation, obstructing a presidential investigation, falsifying and destroying government documents, conspiracy to defraud the Internal Revenue Service and accepting an illegal gratuity.

Mere technicalities. North said he had been "caught in the middle of a bitter dispute between the Congress and the president over the control of foreign policy, the



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power of the president in Central America.

Again, not exactly. He didn't authorize the \$100 million in money to the Nicaraguan Congress. He has opposed the scheme brought it to his attention constitutional clash of Congress outlawed arming the president, though that decision, was controversial. North was not.

North appears to have about the Constitution he praises it because "the people, by the people." On the old governance of the people and for the people got to hell with it and did v

To be sure, he had a

With the economy strong, Democrats have in

WHEN IT COMES time for presidential elections, it's generally

enough and people will come to believe it. One of their favorite themes goes some-

million new jobs are been in the service sector, and the economy is

NBC News Reported the May 89 Reagan
astrology - story broke on May 3

Reagan said "no policy or decision in my
mind has ever been influenced by astrology."

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Fitzwater spent most day fielding questions



Melvin Maddocks column on former White House aide Larry Speakes' fabrication of quotes for Pres. Reagan and much larger issue of double-speak in politics; cartoon (L) **Ap 22 - 19:1**

Pres. Reagan will review proposed natl. drug strategy which would focus crackdown on efforts on cartels, big drug cases instead of smaller interstate and local trafficking; program is called "Natl. Narcotics Prosecution Strategy", would greatly affect allocation of manpower; chart, photo (L) **Ap 26 - 1:1**

Analysis of impact of acid-rain issue on U.S.-Canadian relations and upcoming summit between Pres. Reagan and Prime Minister Brian Mulroney; photo (M) **Ap 27 - 3:1**

Joseph C. Harsch commentary on Pres. Reagan's harsh words that have irritated USSR leader Gorbachev and may sour summit (M) **Ap 28 - 14:1**

News in Brief - Canadian Prime Minister Mulroney presents acid rain proposals to Pres. Reagan, which will be studied by U.S. (S) **Ap 28 - 2:2**

News in Brief - Pres. Reagan says he is not being pressured by advisers to fire Atty. Gen. Meese, who is under investigation for possible misconduct (S) **Ap 28 - 2:4**

Congress splits over what to do regarding omnibus trade bill and Pres. Reagan's threat to veto bill if plant closings provision is not removed; many aspects of bill are needed to give U.S. the edge in upcoming trade negotiations; includes list of bill highlights (L) **Ap 29 - 1:3**

Danziger editorial cartoon chastizes Pres. Reagan and admin. for saying acid rain proposals need more study; effects of acid rain are too clear to be denied (M) **Ap 29 - 22:2**

Editorial on Pres. Reagan's lack of true leadership in battle against acid rain; White House assertion that more study is needed is not excuse for non-action (M) **Ap 29 - 23:1**

Editorial argues that despite Senate's failure to cast enough votes to override Pres. Reagan's veto of trade bill, American people want fair trade issue dealt with sooner or later (M) **Ap 29 - 23:1**

Danziger cartoon depicts Pres. Reagan's threatened veto of intl. trade bill as orchestrated overreaction to plant-closing provision (S) **My 3 - 15:3**

Pat M. Holt commentary asserts that Pres. Reagan is wrong to brag that his policies forced favorable action from Soviets on arms control and Afghanistan (L) **My 4 - 14:2**

News in Brief - Pres. Reagan says he is not influenced by astrology despite published reports that Nancy Reagan consults astrologer (S) **My 4 - 2:2**

Danziger cartoon on Pres. Reagan's concern with astrology purports to be astrological excuse for not completing cartoon (S) **My 5 - 15:3**

News in Brief - Pres. Reagan voices hope for changed Soviet human rights policies; speech is less confrontational than other recent speeches about USSR (S) **My 5 - 2:4**

White House worries about political impact of accusations by former White House aide Donald Regan that Pres. and Nancy Reagan consult horoscopes (L) **My 5 - 3:1**

Pres. Reagan's plans to campaign for George Bush and other Republican candidates; photo (M) **My 6 - 1:3**

John Hughes column looks at Pres. Reagan's apparent belief in astrology, noting that he might have made some wiser decisions had his horoscope warned him of people like Oliver North (M) **My 6 - 14:2**

Editorial expresses concern over reports that Pres. and Nancy Reagan follow horoscopes and urges that superstition be kept out of govt. (M) **My 9 - 15:1**

Political analysis on controversy surrounding former White House chief of staff Donald Regan's book "For the Record: From Wall Street to Washington"; book is seen as damaging to reputation of Pres. and Nancy Reagan and to presidential hopes of Vice Pres. Bush; photo (L) **My 10 - 1:3**

Excerpts from former White House chief of staff Donald Regan's book "For the Record: From Wall Street to Washington"; excerpts concern Pres. and Nancy Reagan (L) **My 10 - 32:1**

Joseph C. Harsch column on double standard employed by Pres. Reagan, who protests Poland's treatment of workers but ignores plight of Palestinians (M) **My 12 - 13:1**

John Hughes column on former White House aide Donald Regan's book that reveals unflattering things about Pres. and Nancy Reagan; Nancy Reagan is writing her own memoirs that may serve as rebuttal to the many books written by former White House aides (M) **My 13 - 14:1**

News in Brief - Superpowers act to settle troublesome points holding up INF treaty; Pres. Reagan will push for Senate ratification before summit meeting (S) **My 13 - 2:2**

Danziger editorial cartoon comments on Pres. Reagan's opposition to proposed plant-closing notification law and his consultations with astrologers (M) **My 16 - 15:3**

Poll of American citizens shows they view Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev nearly as favorably as they do Ronald Reagan; among college-educated Americans, Gorbachev out-polls Reagan (M) **My 16 - 8:3**

Godfrey Sperling Jr. commentary takes seriously Donald Regan's charges that Ronald and Nancy Reagan routinely consult astrologer for scheduling; Sperling also comments on spate of "kiss and tell" books written by former Reagan aides; illus. (M) **My 17 - 11:1**

Melvin Maddocks commentary notes unfulfilled hopes of Ronald Reagan's presidency and warns presidential candidates about dangers of hopes without substance (M) **My 18 - 19:1**

Analysis of Ronald Reagan's presidency based on former White House aide Martin Anderson's new book "Revolution" and other books (L) **My 18 - 3:1**

News in Brief - Pres. Reagan calls for Congress to join special executive-legislative task force aimed at coordinating U.S. antidrug efforts (S) **My 19 - 2:3**

News in Brief - Soviet leader Gorbachev says he thinks START agreement for 50% reduction in strategic weapons could be reached before Pres. Reagan leaves office; photo (S) **My 23 - 2:2**

Both Pres. Reagan and Soviet leader Gorbachev will receive needed boosts if summit meeting goes well; chronology of past superpower summits; photo, chart (L) **My 23 - 3:1**

Pres. Reagan vetoes trade bill, citing provisions to require firms to give workers 60 days notice before plant closings and to restrict Alaskan oil production; House overrides veto within hours but Senate override is unlikely (L) **My 25 - 1:4**

Danziger cartoon depicts legacy of Pres. Reagan as hindrance to Vice Pres. Bush in presidential race against Democratic front-runner Michael Dukakis (S) **My 25 - 14:2**

Danziger editorial cartoon depicts Pres. Reagan at superpower summit meeting with Sen. Jesse Helms on his head (M) **My 26 - 15:3**

Both Pres. Reagan and Soviet leader Gorbachev are optimistic regarding possibility of completing START treaty by the end of 1988, but U.S. negotiators say remaining obstacles are daunting; one in series "Moscow summit"; photo (L) **My 26 - 3:1**

Pres. Reagan will take virtually all of his top foreign policy aides to summit meeting to address broader range of issues than at previous summits; human rights issues will figure prominently; photo (L) **My 27 - 1:2**

News in Brief - USSR cancels one of the meetings between Soviet leader Gorbachev and Pres. Reagan, but U.S. officials claim cancellation was mutual (S) **My 27 - 2:2**

Presidential hopeful George Bush attempts to differentiate his ideas from Pres. Reagan's; Bush would conduct war on drugs in drug-producing countries rather than at U.S. borders, place greater emphasis on education, ethics in govt. (L) **My 31 - 1:2**

Modest or no progress is made in difficult areas of START talks at superpower summit, and Soviets want Pres. Reagan to tone down calls for end to USSR human rights violations; Soviets suggest that U.S. is also guilty of human rights breaches; photo (M) **My 31 - 1:3**

Joseph C. Harsch column on how Pres. Reagan, by visiting USSR for summit, has repudiated neoconservatives (M) **My 31 - 13:1**

Godfrey Sperling Jr. column on how Pres. Reagan's staging of summits with USSR could give presidential hopeful George Bush a needed boost (M) **My 31 - 13:2**

Danziger editorial cartoon depicts and Soviet leader Gorbachev sign as Pres. Reagan assures Gorbachev presidential hopeful George Bush treaty same way Pres. Reagan do **15:3**

Pres. Reagan did not visit the most religious places in USSR during state-closed religious buildings in unrecognized churches without face many types of discrimination; photo (L) **My 31 - 32:1**

U.S. and Soviet officials sign treaty testing and note progress but no nuclear weapons reductions talks and Soviet leader Gorbachev play documents of ratification for INF photo (L) **Je 1 - 1:3**

Editorial on summit between Pres. Soviet leader Gorbachev and imp. human rights progress in improving relations (M) **Je 1 - 15:1**

Paul Quinn-Judge writes on reaction to Reagan-Gorbachev summit **32:1**

Pres. Reagan and Soviet leader Gorbachev improved relations as they end M despite lack of breakthroughs on reductions and other issues; photo: Analysis of reactions of Muscovite Gorbachev summit and to prospects and political reforms (M) **Je 2 - 3:1**

Joseph D. Harsch commentary not in human rights in USSR under criticizes Pres. Reagan for dwelling rights abuses in USSR during sur general failing to criticize human elsewhere in world (M) **Je 2 - 14**

Editorial applauds Reagan-Gorbachev basis for further improvement in relations (M) **Je 2 - 15:1**

Danziger cartoon notes shift in attitude towards USSR during summit Soviet leader Gorbachev (S) **Je 2 - 15:1**

U.S. officials praise Reagan-Gorbachev and say efforts to improve relations will continue to end of Pres. Reagan's term (M) **Je 3 - 11:1**

Melvin Maddocks column on visit to Danilov Monastery during summit and issue of religious freedom and rights throughout world; photo (L) **Je 3 - 11:1**

Joseph C. Harsch column on Reagan summit predicts continued improvement between U.S. and USSR (M) **Je 3 - 11:1**

Editorial on Pres. Reagan's speech in England after summit in USSR as of Reagan and U.S. about U.S.-Soviet relations (M) **Je 6 - 15:1**

Impact of Reagan-Gorbachev summit Soviet relations is analyzed; excerpt Reagan's post-summit speech; photo **3:2**

Godfrey Sperling Jr. commentary on Pres. Reagan, citing speech to Univ. students during summit as **7 - 15:1**

News in Brief - Pres. Reagan describes in USSR in post-summit speech **2:2**

John Hughes column suggests summit upcoming presidential election and for Soviet leader Gorbachev, Pres. President Elect (M) **Je 8 - 14:1**

News in Brief - Pres. Reagan urges industrialized countries to join U.S. economic aid to Afghanistan and **Je 14 - 2:3**

Norman Cousins commentary notes of U.S.-Soviet relations under Pres. criticizes presidential hopeful Mich for talking about first use of nuclear **Je 16 - 13:1**

Relaxation of U.S.-Soviet relations under Reagan and Soviet leader Gorbachev excerpt from Elizabeth Pond book Yaroslavsky Station: Russia Perceives **Je 16 - 16:1**

Pres. Reagan's foreign policy plans in term winds down; concerns include nuclear arms reduction, Nicaragua conventional arms reduction; photo **3:1**

Where's the line to purchase RTD?



Gene Amole

Privatizing. Boy, oh boy, do we ever have a nifty idea for you this morning. Let's sell the Regional Transportation District to George Wallace! It's a natural, huh? The timing is perfect. Right after Wallace gets the boot as chairman of the Transportation Construction Authority for making racial slurs, the Colorado Legislature puts the RTD up for sale.

This is not just a fortuitous coincidence, it is more like a match made in heaven. Wallace could play choo-choo train to his heart's content with the RTD. After putting his well-advertised entrepreneurial skills to work, no doubt he would have the RTD giving better service and turning a nice profit for himself in no time at all. That's what privatization is all about. What's good for George Wallace is good for Denver.

THE AUTHOR OF the privatization measure was Sen. Terry Considine, R-Cherry Hills Village. He said, somewhat ominously I thought, that the bill does not prohibit 100% private ownership. Until all this came up, I hadn't realized Cherry Hills Village people knew or cared very much about the RTD.

My problem with privatizing RTD is that I have been in town longer than the day before yesterday. I can remember when our public transportation was privately owned, just as I can remember when our garbage was picked up by private contractors. Privatization is not just another off-the-wall idea invented by

Reagan muses on space threat

Invasion might spur world peace, he says in speech

CHICAGO (AP) — A day after the uproar about the use of astrology at the White House, President Reagan said yesterday he often wonders what would happen if the Earth were invaded by "a power from outer space."

Reagan made the comment during a question-and-answer session after a Chicago speech when someone asked what he

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felt was the most important need in international relations. He spoke of the importance of frankness and for a desire for peaceful solutions, and he went on to say that there have been "about 114 wars" since World War II, including conflicts between smaller nations.

"But I've often wondered, what if all of us in the world discovered that we were threatened by an outer — a power from outer space, from another planet?" Reagan said.

"Wouldn't we all of a sudden find that we didn't have any differences between us at all, we were all human beings, citizens of the world, and wouldn't we come together to fight that particular threat?" the president said.

Continuing, Reagan said, "Well, in a way we have something of that kind today, mentioning nuclear power again. We now have a weapon that can destroy the world, and why don't we recognize that threat more clearly and then come together with one aim in mind, how safely, sanely and quickly can we rid the world of this threat to our civilization and our existence?"



"I've often wondered, what if all of us discovered we were threatened by a power from outer space?"

President Reagan

The comment drew applause from the members of the National Strategy Forum, a non-partisan group that specializes in foreign policy and national security issues.

A day earlier, White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater acknowledged that first lady Nancy Reagan had consulted an astrologer about the president's travel and schedule.

Reagan said Tuesday he has never based any decision "in my mind" on astrological forecasts, but he avoided a question about astrological influence on his schedule.

The revelation that the Reagans follow astrology prompted taunts from Congress and harsh criticism from some scientists who consider astrology worthless.

Israel raids guerrilla strongholds



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Reagan praises Soviets' recent record on rights

Denver Post Wire Services

CHICAGO — In an unusually conciliatory speech, President Reagan Wednesday praised the Soviet Union's recent human rights record and acknowledged American failings in such areas as homelessness and racial injustice.

Speaking to the National Strategy Forum, Reagan singled out Soviet advances in opening the press and releasing political prisoners. The forum is a civic group that encourages interest in foreign affairs.

"We applaud the changes that have taken place and encourage the Soviets to go farther," he said. "We recognize that changes occur slowly, but that is better than no change at all."

In answering questions at the end of his address, Reagan continued his upbeat approach, saying that better relations between the United States and the Soviet Union were "absolutely essential."

And in light of recent changes in the Soviet Union, he added, "we think there is some hope" that those relations will improve.

In recent addresses, Reagan had taken a significantly harsher tone. Talking in Springfield, Mass., last month, for example, Reagan denounced Soviet attempts to "prop up their discredited, doomed puppet regime" in Afghanistan.

Those remarks led Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, to criticize Reagan for taking what he described as a "confrontational" approach that could poison the climate at the summit.

But Marlin Fitzwater, the president's spokesman, told reporters that Wednesday's speech was not designed to answer Gorbachev's complaint.

President raises alien-horde specter

Denver Post Wire Services

CHICAGO — There were raised eyebrows here Wednesday when President Reagan started talking about a threat from "another planet . . . in outer space."

What with the revelations that the Reagans sometimes rely on astrology to set their schedules some who were listening to a luncheon speech by the president wondered if he knew something they didn't about the alien hordes.

False alarm. He was merely trying to make a point about international relations.

"I've often wondered what if all of us in the world discovered that we were threatened by . . . a power from outer space, from another planet," Reagan said in response to a question after his speech.

Despite global differences, Reagan concluded, the nations of the world would "come together to fight that particular threat."

He called the address "a very strong speech."

Tom Griscom the White House communications director, however, acknowledged that recent Soviet comments were on the president's mind when he spoke Wednesday.

"We tried to use the speech to defuse what the Soviets have done time and time again — and that is to criticize our problems in their country."



"By the way, have you seen that new guard dog that's been running around the White House lately?"

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Chicago Tribune





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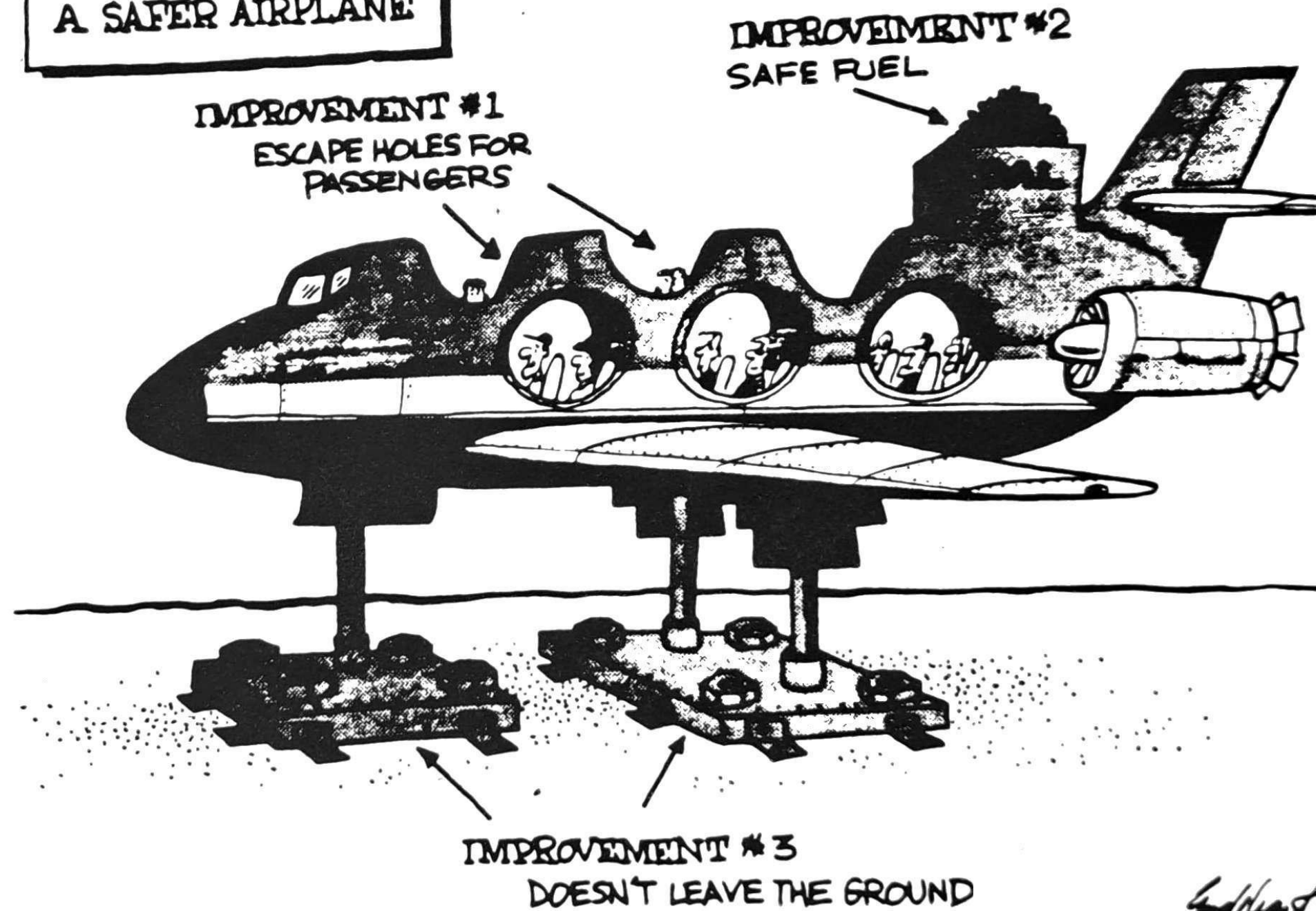
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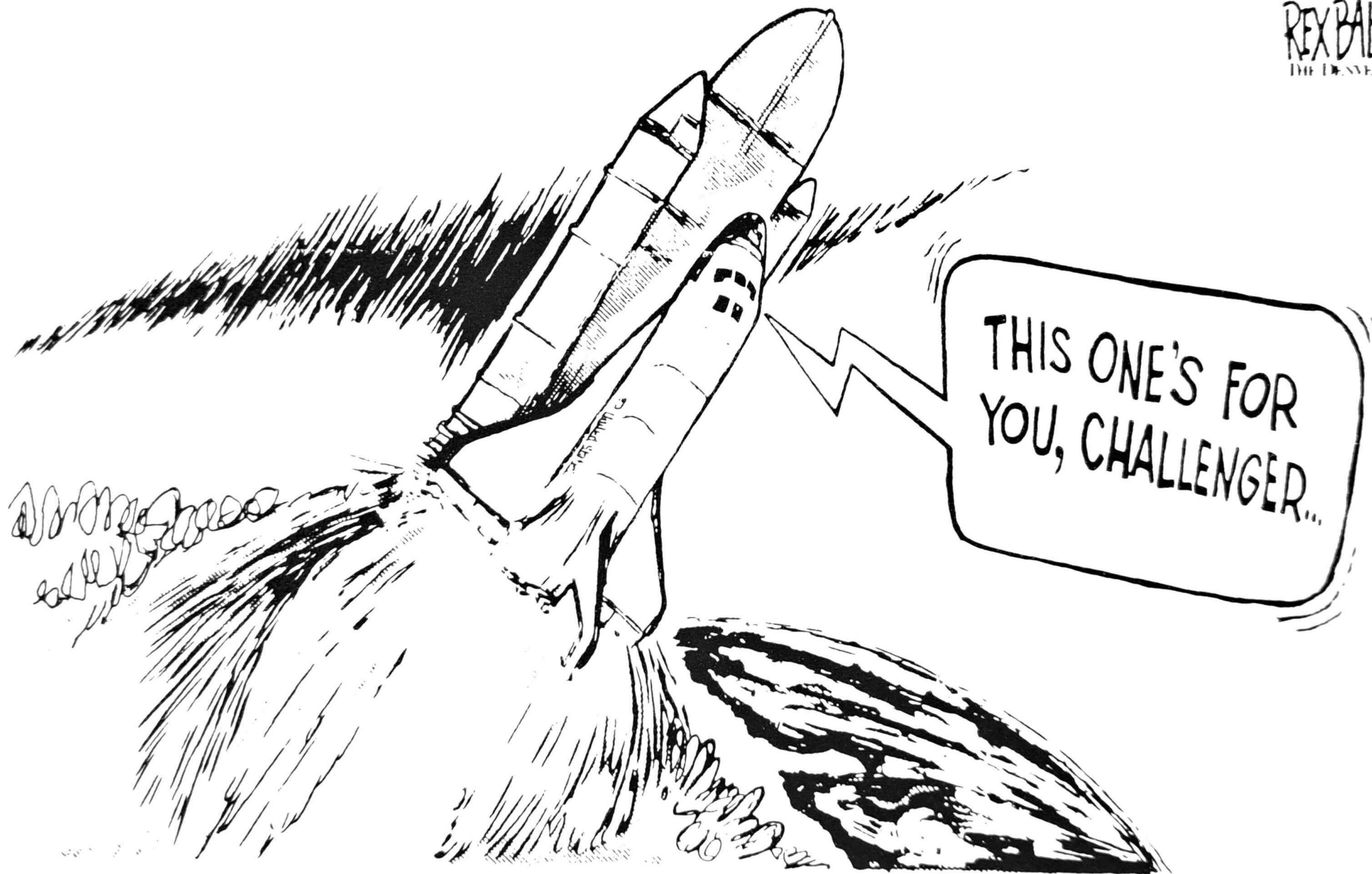
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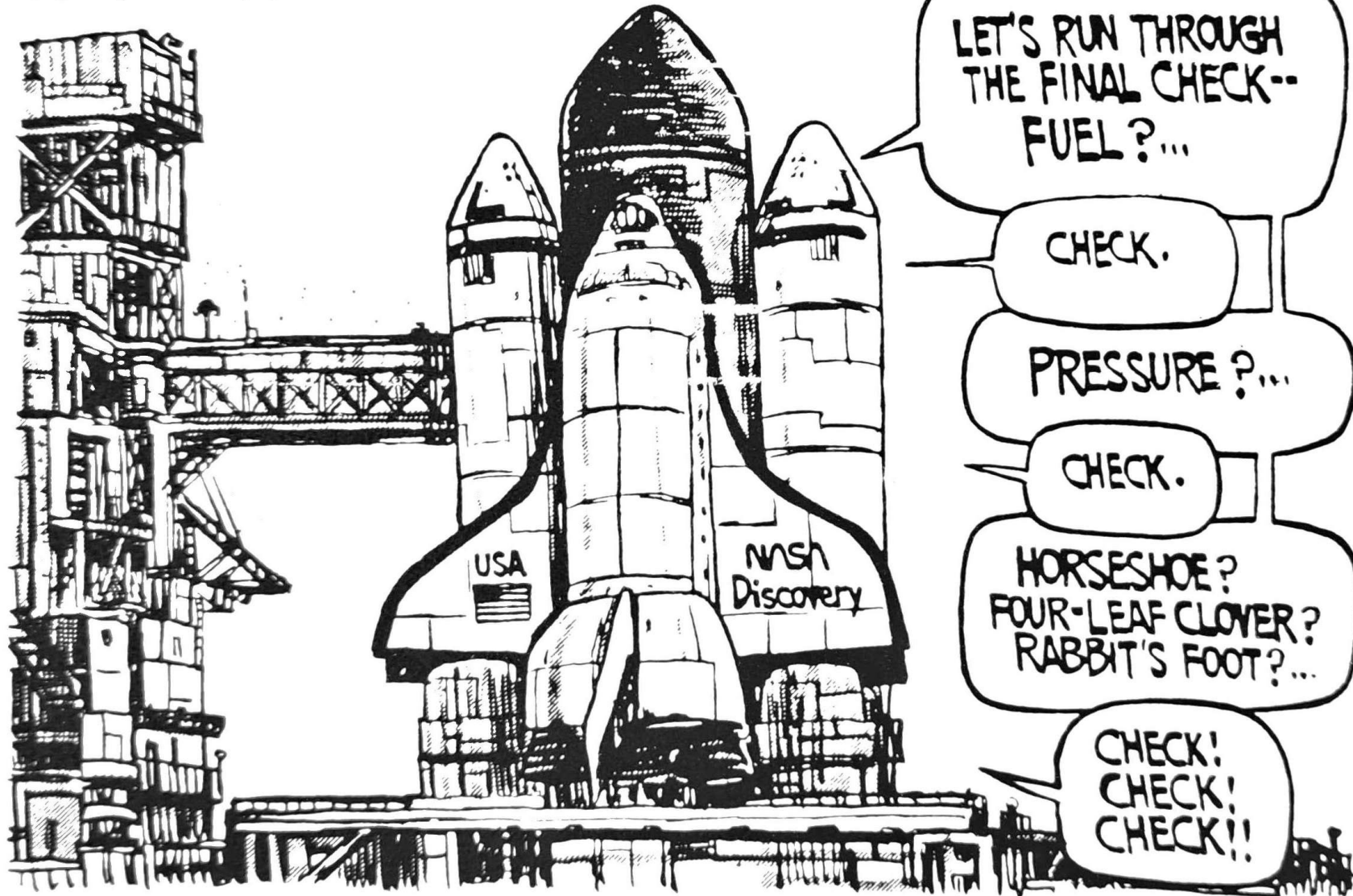




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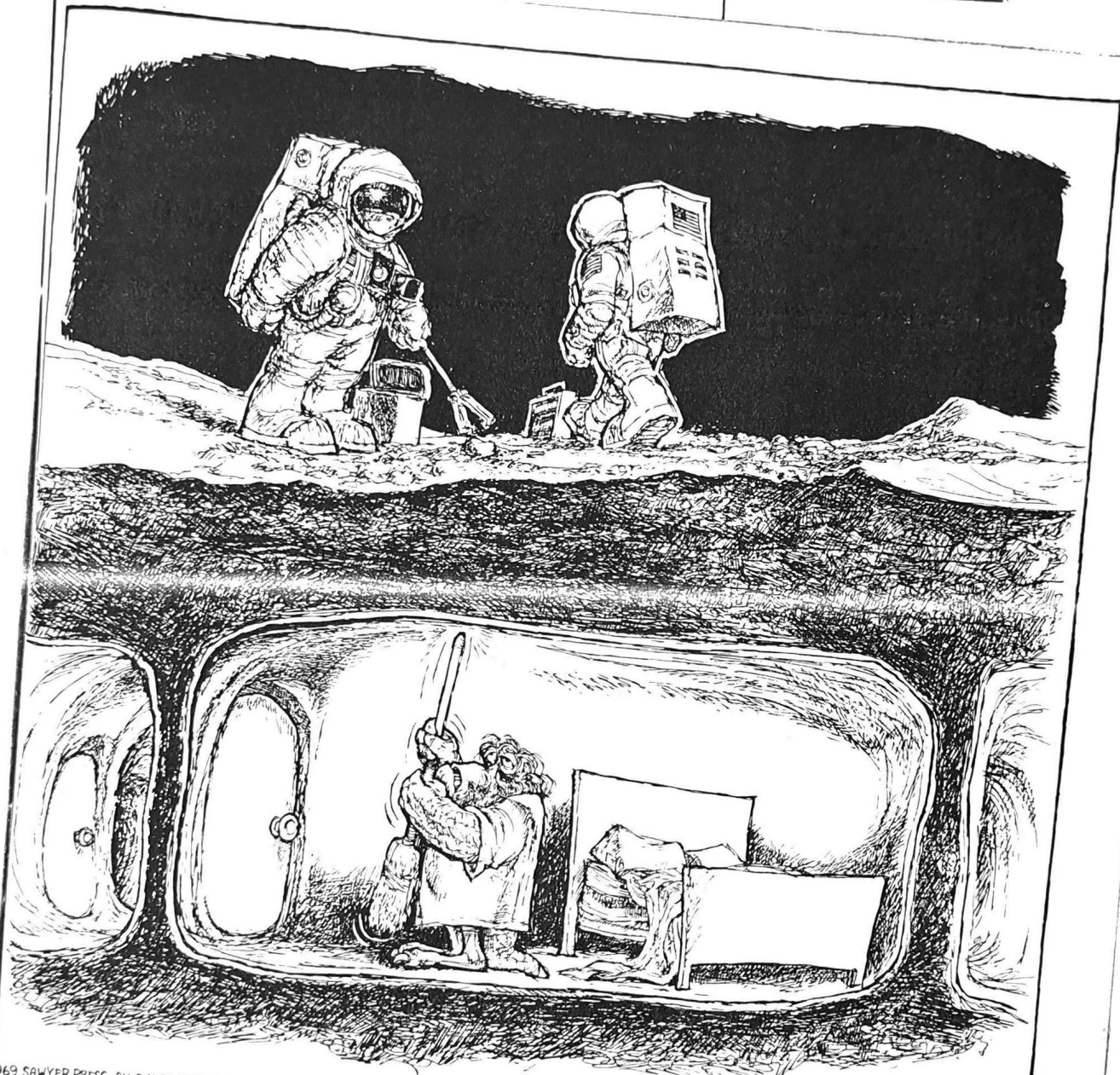
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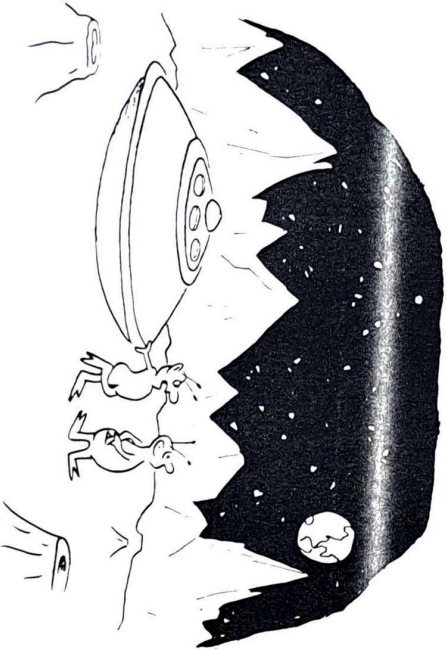
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"You've said it all, Myron."



"There's no point in going there all the time if nobody believes in you!"

The President's Desk



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