

its international diplomatic efforts the problem of the proliferation and use of chemical and biological weapons.

More than 150 nations have signed the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and a number already have ratified it. In my speech to the United Nations General Assembly on September 27, I called upon all countries, including my own, to ratify the Convention quickly so that it may enter into force on January 13, 1995. The United States is also playing a leading role in the work of the CWC Preparatory Commission, which is meeting in The Hague to work out the procedural and administrative details for implementing the Convention.

The United States participated in the Ad Hoc Group of Government Experts convened by the Third Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) Review Conference to identify and examine potential verification measures. The consensus final report of the Group is expected to provide the basis for further consideration of this issue at a special conference of BWC states parties. As part of my new nonproliferation policy, I have decided that the United States will promote new measures that provide increased transparency of activities that could have biological weapons applications to help deter violations of the Convention.

The membership of the Australia Group (AG) of countries cooperating against chemical and biological weapons (CBW) proliferation stands at 25. At the June 1993 meeting, members agreed to honor each other's export license denials for AG-proscribed items (the "no-undercut" policy), thus enhancing the effectiveness of the Group's common export controls. At the same meeting, the AG finalized its package of comprehensive export controls on biological agents and related production equipment and agreed to promote broad contacts with nonmembers following all future Australia Group meetings. Members also resolved to expand their dialogue about CBW issues with non-member countries with a view to encouraging the introduction and implementation of effective CBW nonproliferation measures worldwide.

Pursuant to section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, there were no additional expenses directly attributable to the exercise

of authorities conferred by the declaration of the national emergency.

Sincerely,

William J. Clinton

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Albert Gore, Jr., President of the Senate.

Appointment of Regional Representatives for the Department of Education

November 12, 1993

The President appointed five regional representatives for the Department of Education today. The five will serve as liaisons to State, local, and private education organizations and as advocates for the administration's education policies. They are:

Brenda Dann-Messier, Region I, Boston (serves Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont);

W. Wilson Goode, Region III, Philadelphia (serves Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia);

Sally H. Cain, Region VI, Dallas (serves Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas);

Lynn Osborn Simons, Region VIII, Denver (serves Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming); and

Carla Nuxoll, Region X, Seattle (serves Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington).

"As former Governors who spent years trying to improve our States' education systems, Secretary Riley and I are committed to an Education Department that is responsive to the needs of States and communities," the President said in making the announcement. "The people who will serve as the Department's regional representatives share that commitment and will work hard to fulfill it. I am very proud of these choices."

NOTE: Biographies of the appointees were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

November 8

In the morning, the President met with Members of Congress on NAFTA.

In the evening, the President hosted a dinner for Members of Congress at the White House.

November 9

In the morning, the President met with Members of Congress on NAFTA, and in the afternoon, the President met with Connie Chung from the news program "Eye to Eye."

The President announced that he has appointed the following senior officials of his administration to serve on special boards or commissions:

- Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt to the Martin Luther King, Jr., Federal Holiday Commission;
- National Security Adviser Anthony Lake to the Board of Trustees of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; and
- Chief of Staff to the Vice President, Jack Quinn; Office of Management and Budget Administrator of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Sally Katzen; and White House Staff Secretary John Podesta to the Council of the Administrative Conference of the United States.

November 10

In the morning, the President met with Members of Congress on NAFTA.

November 11

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Martinsburg, WV, where he visited with patients at the Martinsburg VA Medical Center and returned to Washington, DC, in the late afternoon.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted November 5¹

Togo Dennis West, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of the Army, vice Michael P.W. Stone, resigned.

Joe Robert Reeder, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of the Army, vice John W. Shannon, resigned.

Richard Danzig, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of the Navy, vice J. Daniel Howard, resigned.

John E. Tull, Jr., of Arkansas, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the term expiring April 13, 1998, vice William P. Albrecht, resigned.

Submitted November 8

Wally B. Beyer, of North Dakota, to be Administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration for a term of 10 years, vice James B. Huff, Sr.

Christine Ervin, of Oregon, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy), vice J. Michael Davis, resigned.

Barbara Pedersen Holum, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the term expiring April 13, 1997, vice Fowler C. West, resigned.

Stuart George Moldaw, of California, to be an Alternate Representative of the U.S. to the 48th Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

¹ These nominations were not received in time for publication in the appropriate issue.