

have given more and more of our people the chance to live their dreams.

That is why the flame of our Statue of Liberty, like the Olympic flame carried all across America by thousands of citizen heroes, will always, always burn brighter than the fires that burn our churches, our synagogues, our mosques—always.

Look around this hall tonight, and to our fellow Americans watching on television, you look around this hall tonight—there is every conceivable difference here among the people who are gathered. If we want to build that bridge to the 21st century we have to be willing to say loud and clear: If you believe in the values of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence, if you're willing to work hard and play by the rules, you are part of our family and we're proud to be with you. [*Applause*] You cheer now, because you know this is true. You know this is true. When you walk out of this hall, think about it. Live by it.

We still have too many Americans who give in to their fears of those who are different from them. Not so long ago, swastikas were painted on the doors of some African-American members of our Special Forces at Fort Bragg. Folks, for those of you who don't know what they do, the Special Forces are just what the name says: they are special forces. If I walk off this stage tonight and call them on the telephone and tell them to go halfway around the world and risk their lives for you and be there by tomorrow at noon, they will do it. They do not deserve to have swastikas on their doors.

So look around here, look around here: Old or young, healthy as a horse or a person with a disability that hasn't kept you down, man or woman, Native American, native born, immigrant, straight or gay, whatever, the test ought to be I believe in the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the Declaration of Independence. I believe in religious liberty. I believe in freedom of speech. I believe in working hard and playing by the rules. I'm showing up for work tomorrow. I'm building that bridge to the 21st century. That ought to be the test.

My fellow Americans, 68 nights from tonight the American people will face once again a critical moment of decision. We're

going to choose the last President of the 20th century and the first President of the 21st century. But the real choice is not that. The real choice is whether we will build a bridge to the future or a bridge to the past, about whether we believe our best days are still out there or our best days are behind us, about whether we want a country of people all working together or one where you're on your own.

Let us commit ourselves this night to rise up and build the bridge we know we ought to build all the way to the 21st century. Let us have faith, American faith that we are not leaving our greatness behind. We're going to carry it right on with us into that new century, a century of new challenge and unlimited promise. Let us, in short, do the work that is before us, so that when our time here is over, we will all watch the sun go down, as we all must, and say truly, we have prepared our children for the dawn.

My fellow Americans, after these 4 good, hard years, I still believe in a place called Hope, a place called America.

Thank you, God bless you, and good night.

NOTE: The President spoke at 9 p.m. at United Center. In his remarks, he referred to actor Christopher Reeve, who was paralyzed in a horse riding accident, and former White House Press Secretary James S. Brady, who was wounded in the 1981 assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan. His wife, Sarah, is head of Hand Gun Control, Inc. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

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.

August 25

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Huntington, WV. In the afternoon, the President began a 4-day campaign tour aboard the 21st Century Express train and traveled to Ashland, KY. In the

evening, he traveled to Chillicothe and Columbus, OH.

August 26

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Arlington, OH. In the evening, he traveled to Bowling Green and Toledo, OH.

August 27

In the morning, the President traveled to Wyandotte, MI. In the afternoon, he traveled to Royal Oak, and in the evening, to East Lansing, MI.

August 28

In the morning, the President traveled to Battle Creek, MI. In the afternoon, he traveled to Kalamazoo, MI, and in the evening, to Michigan City, IN, and Chicago, IL.

August 29

The President announced his intention to appoint the following new members to the Commission on Aviation Safety and Security: Antonia Handler Chayes, Jesse Lee (Jack) Beuchamp, Lt. Gen. James A. Abrahamson (Ret.), Carl W. Vogt, Brian Michael Jenkins, Kathaleen Flynn, George H. Williams, Bradford W. Parkinson, Jack Lew, Laura D'Andrea Tyson, and Ray Kelly.

The White House announced that the President notified Congress that he will make available appropriations totaling \$51.2 million in budget authority for the Department of the Interior for firefighting efforts on public lands in western States.

August 30

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Cape Girardeau, MO. In the afternoon, they embarked upon a weekend campaign bus tour and traveled to Cairo, IL, arriving in the early evening. Later, they traveled to Paducah, KY.

The President announced the appointment of John E. Higgins, Jr., as a member of the National Labor Relations Board. Mr. Higgins will serve as a recess appointee.

The President announced the appointment of Kevin L. Thurm as Deputy Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. Mr. Thurm will serve as a recess appointee.

The President appointed Heidi Schulman to be a member of the Board of Directors

of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Ms. Schulman will serve as a recess appointee.

**Nominations
Submitted to the Senate**

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

**Checklist
of White House Press Releases**

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released August 24

Transcript of a press briefing by Associate Attorney General John Schmidt, Assistant FBI Director Chuck Archer, and FBI Section Chief Demery Bishop on the national registry of sex offenders

Released August 26

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry, Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy Planning Bruce Reed, and Clinton/Gore '96 press secretary Joe Lockhart on the President's initiative to expand the Brady bill to cover domestic violence offenders

Released August 27

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry, Deputy Assistant to the President for Economic Policy Gene Sperling, and Clinton/Gore '96 press secretary Joe Lockhart on the President's education initiative

Released August 28

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry and Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy Planning