

people and helps communities to rebuild their lives. That is something that is worth fighting for.

So, I want to ask you to support us in this effort. I want you to know that when we balance the budget in 2002, we're still going to be spending more money on education and research and protecting the environment. So we're going to have to have a smaller and more productive Government. We're going to have to privatize organizations that can now work better in the private sector, like Sallie Mae. We've got the direct student loan program. They need to be able to do some other things as well.

We want hundreds of organizations to become performance-based, to be trailblazers in increasing productivity and making their customers happy. I don't want people to be dazed and confused if they're well-served by the Government, like that lady in Sacramento was.

Let me give you one example—very important in Oregon and every State with a high-tech base. We want the patent office to become performance-based. Today when an inventor applies for a patent, it takes almost 600 days for the inventor to get it. When we get done, we'll be able to give them those patents in 60 days, one-tenth of the time. That means more progress for America, more new jobs, more advances in high technology.

And finally, we want to use technology to open Government to people more. Today I want to announce that the White House home page, which many of you have already used on the Internet—see that sign “Portland wants Socks”—even my cat has a place on our home page. [Laughter] Now, we're going to make it a one-stop gateway to Government service. From now on, you can use the home page at the White House to apply for a passport, ask about veterans' benefits, even to buy postage stamps. Transactions, forms, information, it's all there. And it won't be like waiting in a line. There are no lines online. This is an example of what we can do to save money, serve you better, and free up money not only to balance the budget but to invest in our children's future.

If you want to build a bridge to the 21st century with a strong economy, good schools,

safe streets, a clean environment, healthy children, successful families and communities, you must join us in this commitment to say we can make our Government work for all the people. Will you help us build that bridge in the next 6 weeks and 4 days? [Applause]

Thank you, and God bless you all.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:10 a.m. at Lowndale Square. In his remarks, he referred to Mayor Vera Katz of Portland; Senatorial candidate Tom Bruggere; and House of Representative candidates Darlene Hooley and Mike Dugan.

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.

September 14

In the morning, the President traveled to Raleigh, NC. In the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, the President presented the President's Medal of Freedom to Rosa Parks in the Oval Office. Later, he attended two Democratic National Committee receptions at the Mayflower Hotel.

September 15

In the morning, the President traveled to Des Moines, IA. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with President Boris Yeltsin of Russia to wish Mr. Yeltsin well in his upcoming heart surgery.

In the afternoon, the President attended a reception at a private residence in Norwalk, IA, and then traveled to Indianola, IA. In the evening, he returned to Washington, DC.

September 16

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Cincinnati, OH. In the evening, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to appoint Dr. Phillip A. Sharp to the National Cancer Advisory Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Lorraine Weiss Frank to the National Council on the Humanities.

The President announced his intention to appoint Steven Alan Bennett to the Board of Trustees of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

The President announced the appointment of Shirley M. Hufstедler as Chair of the Commission on Immigration Reform.

The President announced his intention to nominate Karen Shepherd to be U.S. Executive Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ronald Kent Burton and D. Michael Rappoport to be members of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Rhetaugh Graves Dumas and Bette O. Kramer to be members of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Richard W. Bogosian to the Rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Coordinator for Rwanda and Burundi.

The White House announced that the President will address the 51st Annual Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, NY, on September 24.

September 17

In the morning, the President met with Members of Congress in the State Dining Room of the White House to discuss recent events regarding Iraq. Later, he traveled to Ypsilanti, MI, where he toured the William D. Ford Career Technical Center. He then traveled to Westland, MI.

In the afternoon, the Present traveled to Flossmoor, IL. While en route aboard Air Force One, he was interviewed by Barbara Walters of the television news program "20/20."

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy

Center for the Performing Arts: James A. Johnson, Ronald I. Dozoretz, Ann Dibble Jordan, Cappy R. McGarr, Miles L. Rubin, and James D. Wolfensohn.

The President announced his intention to nominate Lane Kirkland to serve on the Board of Directors of the Institute of Peace.

The President declared a major disaster in Maryland and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding associated with Tropical Storm Fran on September 6–9.

September 18

In the morning, the President traveled to Grand Canyon National Park, AZ.

In the evening, the President traveled to Seattle, WA. Later, he attended a Democratic National Committee dinner at the Columbia Tower Club.

The President announced his intention to nominate Richard J. Tarplin to be Assistant Secretary for Legislation at the Department of Health and Human Services.

The President announced his intention to appoint Joseph M. Hauer to the Advisory Committee on the Arts of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

The White House announced that the President welcomed the Guatemalan accord on Strengthening Democratic Institutions and the Role of the Military in Civil Society.

September 19

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton embarked upon a 2-day campaign bus tour and traveled to Tacoma, WA. In the afternoon, they traveled to Centralia and Longview, WA.

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Portland, OR. Later, they attended a Democratic National Committee gala and reception at the Portland Hilton Hotel.

The President congratulated the 1996 winners of the Department of Commerce's Telecommunications and Information Infrastructure Assistance Program grants.

The President announced his intention to appoint Melvin E. Clark, Jr., and Kathleen Elizabeth Willey to be members of the United Service Organization, Inc. Board of Governors.

The President announced his intention to appoint Judy Jolley Mohraz to be a member of the U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors.

The White House announced that the President will visit Australia November 19–23 in advance of attending the meeting of APEC Economic Leaders which will be hosted by President Ramos of the Philippines at Subic Bay on November 24–25. He will then visit Thailand on November 26.

The White House announced that the President announced a new national policy that is the first post-cold-war assessment of American goals and activities in space.

September 20

In the afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Sioux Falls, SD. In the evening, they returned to Washington, DC, arriving after midnight.

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 September 14

Charles A. Gueli, of Maryland, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 1999, vice Walter Scott Blackburn, term expired.

Submitted September 17

Ronald Kent Burton, of Virginia, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2002 (reappointment).

Lorraine Weiss Frank, of Arizona, to be a member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2002, vice Margaret P. Duckett, term expired.

D. Michael Rappoport, of Arizona, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2002 (reappointment).

Karen Shepherd, of Utah, to be U.S. Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, vice Lee F. Jackson.

Submitted September 19

Joseph Lane Kirkland, of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 1997, vice Allen Weinstein, term expired.

Joseph Lane Kirkland, of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2001 (reappointment).

Submitted September 20

Richard J. Tarplin, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, vice Jerry D. Klepner, resigned.

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 September 16

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry on the President's planned participation in the 51st session of the U.N. General Assembly

Released September 17

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry