

will honor the past and imagine the future and vote on that basis, we're going to have a good November.

Thank you, and God bless you. [*Applause*]
Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:30 p.m. in the John Hay Room at the Hay Adams Hotel. In his remarks, he referred to John Sweeney, president, AFL-CIO; Gerald W. McEntee, president, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees; Morton Bahr, president, Communications Workers of America (CWA); Gov. Roy Romer of Colorado, general chair, Steve Grossman, national chair, and Leonard Barrack, national finance chair, Democratic National Committee; President Boris Yeltsin of Russia; and Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi of Japan.

Statement on Announcing Assistance to Heat-Stricken Areas in the South and Southwest

August 14, 1998

Today I am pleased to announce that additional relief is on the way to thousands directly impacted by the heat wave in the South and Southwest.

On July 23, I announced the release of \$100 million in emergency Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funds to the 11 Southern and Southwestern States that were hit hardest by the heat wave. Since this time, the heat wave has continued, so today I am directing the Department of Health and Human Services to release an additional \$50 million in LIHEAP assistance to those 11 States.

Funds will be released to 11 Southern and Southwestern States: Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, South Carolina, Oklahoma, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Mississippi.

This scorching heat wave has destroyed crops, caused widespread power outages, and worst of all, led to the deaths of more than 100 Americans. The heat poses the greatest threat to our most vulnerable citizens—children, the disabled, and the elderly. And for all those who cannot afford air-conditioning, the high temperatures will continue to be life-threatening.

The release of these emergency LIHEAP funds will help eligible families and individ-

uals pay for costs associated with home cooling, including the purchase of air-conditioners and payment of electricity bills.

This emergency relief was paid for in last year's bipartisan balanced budget agreement. And thanks to our bipartisan commitment, thousands of Americans will be better able to protect their children and families this summer.

Statement on the Petition to the Court of Appeals on Regulation of Tobacco Products

August 14, 1998

The Solicitor General has today authorized the filing of a petition in the Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit seeking rehearing en banc of the three-judge panel's decision regarding FDA regulation of tobacco products. I am firmly committed to the FDA's rule and its role in protecting our children from tobacco. Confirming the FDA's authority over tobacco products is necessary to help stop young people from smoking before they start by stopping advertising targeted at children and curbing minors' access to tobacco products. Almost 3,000 young people become regular smokers each day, and 1,000 of them will die prematurely as a result. If the leadership in Congress would act responsibly, it would enact bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to confirm the FDA's authority and take this matter out of the courtroom.

Videotaped Address to the People of Kenya and Tanzania

August 14, 1998

I am honored to address you, the people of Kenya and Tanzania. On behalf of all the American people, I extend our deepest condolences to the families and the friends of those Kenyans and Tanzanians who perished in the tragic attacks in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam.

Some of them worked alongside Americans at our Embassies, making vital contributions to our common efforts, and we are very grateful for their service. Others were nearby, working hard, as they did every day. All

of these men and women were important to America, because we cherish our friendship with your peoples. We have long admired the achievements of your citizens and the beauty of your lands. All three of our nations have lost beloved sons and daughters, and so many, many more were injured. We pray, too, for their speedy recovery.

Let me express America's profound gratitude for your extraordinary efforts, with Americans and others, to respond to this shared tragedy, pulling people from the wreckage, aiding the wounded, searching for evidence as to who committed these terrible acts.

Violent extremists try to use bullets and bombs to derail our united efforts to bring peace to every part of this Earth. We grieve together, but I am proud that our nations have also renewed our commitment to stand together, to bring the offenders swiftly to justice, to combat terrorism in all its forms and to create a more tolerant and more peaceful world for our children.

NOTE: This address was videotaped at 10:10 a.m. in the Cabinet Room at the White House for later broadcast on the United States Information Agency WORLDNET. The transcript was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary on August 14 but was embargoed for release until 11:30 p.m. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this address.

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 10

In the morning, the President traveled to Louisville, KY. In the afternoon, he traveled to Chicago, IL, and in the evening, he traveled to San Francisco, CA.

August 11

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Los Angeles, CA, and in the evening, he re-

turned to Washington, DC, arriving early the next morning.

August 12

In the morning, the President met with members of the national security team and the foreign policy team concerning the bombing incidents in Africa. He also met with representatives from the National Economic Council and the National Security Council concerning the international economic situation and Russia.

The President announced the recess appointment of William Lacy Swing as Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The President announced the recess appointment of David Gordon Carpenter as Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security and Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, with the rank of Ambassador.

The President declared a major disaster in Wisconsin and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding beginning August 5 and continuing.

August 13

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Andrews Air Force Base, MD, where they met with family members of American victims of the Embassy bombing in Kenya. In the afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton returned to Washington, DC.

August 14

The President announced his intention to appoint Birch Bayh, Allen H. Schechter, and Carolyn Matano Yang as members of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

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