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## Bush to name economic advisers

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — President-elect George Bush will round out his economic team Monday by naming Richard Darman as White House budget director and Michael Boskin as chairman of the president's Council of Economic Advisers, transition sources said Sunday.

On an otherwise quiet weekend, Bush attended church, jogged in the misty afternoon and met with his choice for White House chief of staff, Gov. John Sununu of New Hampshire.

The vice president's aides said he would have to make some transition announcements Monday morning before he meets with former Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter, who recently wrote a report with bipartisan advice for the new

president.

Bush announced last Tuesday he would retain Nicholas Brady as treasury secretary. He told reporters Friday he was concentrating on naming the rest of his economic team before turning his attention to defense and national security posts.

Transition sources, who spoke only on condition that they not be identified, said the directorship of the White House Office of Management and Budget post would go to Darman and that Boskin, a Stanford University economics professor, had been tapped to head the Council on Economic Advisers. Both nominations have been widely expected.

Darman was the top aide and protegee to James Baker during his four years as President Reagan's first chief of staff. In Reagan's second

term, Darman was deputy to Baker as treasury secretary. Both left the government when Baker resigned in August to run Bush's presidential campaign.

Baker, his longtime associate from Houston, as his choice for secretary of state on Nov. 9, the morning after the election.

Brady, who served eight months as a caretaker senator from New Jersey in 1982, was sworn in two months ago as Baker's successor at the Treasury Department. He is a former chairman of the investment banking house of Dillon, Read & Co. Inc.

Darman once was an Elliot Richardson aide at the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in the early 1970s. He has an inside knowledge of government and the budget that rivals that of Reagan's

first budget director, David Stockman.

Boskin helped inspire Bush's idea of a "flexible freeze" in government spending to wipe out budget deficits now running at \$155 billion a year. An authority on the Social Security system, Boskin argued in a recent book titled "Too Many Promises" that the program should be overhauled to separate its welfare and pension functions.

Boskin proposed a two-tier system, with a flat monthly payment aimed at helping people stay out of poverty and the upper tier tied strictly to how much people paid into the system.

Currently there is a sharp tilt to Social Security benefits, with lower-income workers getting a far heftier return on their payroll taxes than middle- and upper-income workers.

## National election campaigns enter final stages in Canada

From Associated Press reports

TORONTO — Supporters and opponents of the U.S.-Canada free trade agreement combined last-minute electioneering Sunday with a final advertising blitz on the eve of national elections.

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, buoyed by recent polls that showed his Progressive Conservative Party back in the lead, toured his native Quebec while his leading rival, Liberal Party leader John Turner, campaigned in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Both have focused on the trade deal — the major issue in Monday's race.

Mulroney told a Saturday news conference in Quebec that he would call Parliament back into session quickly to proceed with final passage of the pact, which Turner has vowed to reject.

## Democrats consider changes

PHOENIX — Frustrated Democrats are considering asking Congress to help change the campaign calendar for the 1992 presidential election, possibly using a lottery to select early primary states and diminish the pitfalls of Iowa and New Hampshire.

Among the state party leaders who met here this weekend, there was little sentiment for a wholesale rewrite of delegate selection rules as the solution to the Democrats' dismal showing in recent presidential elections.

"I'm going to tell you, everybody's damn tired of rules changes," said Bob Slagle, the Texas state party chairman. "And I think the average Democrat thinks we're absolutely insane if we get into another big battle about rules."

## Tornadoes tear up South

Nearly two dozen tornadoes slashed across parts of the South during the weekend, destroying homes and ripping down trees, and at least two people were killed.

Torrential rain also fell across the South and from Arkansas into Kentucky, washing out one small dam and sending streams over their banks.

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Three Mississippi traffic deaths were blamed on the wet weather, and tornadoes injured eight people in Alabama and 11 in Mississippi.

In colder air west of the rain, 5 inches of snow fell at Joplin, Mo.; 3 to 8 inches of snow was reported in Montgomery County, Kan.; and 4 to 6 inches of snow fell over parts of the Ozarks, the National Weather Service said.

## Safety emphasized at plant

AIKEN, S.C. — Federal officials are expanding on-site controls and safety training at the troubled Savannah River Plant in an effort to correct problems that have shut down the only U.S. facility capable of producing nuclear weapons materials.

The added safety procedures make it unlikely that the plant will meet a Dec. 31 target date for restarting one of three reactors at the federal facility, which has been run since 1950 by the E.I. du Pont de Nemours Co.

Creating an extra fifth shift, effective Monday, means that one of the 14-member control room teams will be undergoing training at any given time.

## Medical waste closes beach

FORT MONROE, Va. — A beach at an Army base was closed for about five hours Sunday after a passerby found syringes and medicine bottles on shore, officials said.

Wayne Kanoy, a spokesman at the base, said a patron of a base restaurant found the medical items washed up on the beach at about 9 a.m. The items included two syringes, part of another syringe, a bottle containing an unknown substance, and three empty prescription bottles, Kanoy said. Officials also found a chemical light stick, he said.

"We don't think it's a hazard at this time," Kanoy said. He said the beach at the base was "routinely closed" while officials inspected the area and found no other items.

## Hussein says PLO has place in peace talks

From Associated Press reports

AMMAN, Jordan — King Hussein said Sunday that the PLO has met American conditions for a place in Arab-Israeli peace talks and suggested Israel and the United States were blocking peace.

Hussein made the comments in an interview on CBS television's "Face the Nation." The program was screened on state-run television in Jordan, which shares Israel's longest border.

"I believe the PLO has gone as far as it was asked to go and has contributed its share for progress toward a just and comprehensive peace," the king said.

Israel for years has pinned its peace hopes on a separate deal with Hussein, cutting out the Palestine Liberation Organization. But Hussein insists that the PLO take part in any Middle East settlement.

The PLO's policy-setting Palestine National Council last week endorsed

U.N. Security Council resolutions 242 and 338, implying recognition of Israel's right to exist.

It also endorsed the Cairo Declaration, which calls for an end to 21 years of worldwide Israeli-PLO underground warfare and restricts guerrilla operations to military targets in Israel and the occupied territories.

Israel officially rejected the council's move, saying the organization has not explicitly recognized Israel

nor renounced terrorism. The United States also had refused to deal with the PLO until it renounced terrorism.

"I believe they have denounced terrorism time and again," Hussein said. "I believe that if there is any intransigence . . . it is in the Israeli position, which hasn't changed, and up to now the United States' position."

"I believe our friends in Washington had better go back and look at the papers and positions they adopted and they will find there is no difference between their initial demands and requests and suggestions and what the PLO has come through with now."

U.S. officials have reacted cautiously to the PLO declarations.

Resolution 242, adopted in 1967, called for an Israeli withdrawal from the territories it captured in that year's Arab-Israeli war — the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Resolution 338, passed in 1973, called for implementation of the earlier resolution and negotiations for "a just and durable peace in the Middle East."

Asked why PLO chief Yasser Arafat would not explicitly endorse Israel's right to exist, Hussein said, "They have accepted 242, which speaks of the right of all states in the area to live in peace and security. Beyond that, I don't see what could be asked of the PLO at this date."

## Scholarships

eight sessions for students in the fall semester.

"We continue to be a 'hot' school," Cell said in introducing the report of the advisory committee on undergraduate admissions. According to the report, the admissions office received 17,543 applications for admissions to the freshman class of Fall Semester 1988. This number is almost 13 percent higher than last year's figure.

Cell said the upward trend is continuing this year. "It shows, as far as we can tell, no signs of diminishing," she said. "About a month ago the office of admissions had already mailed out over 16,000 applications."

The average freshman SAT has increased by two points over last year to 1101, said the report.

"The number of students with high SATs has increased significantly," Cell said. Of the 3,242 freshmen, 860 have SATs over 1200. Of these 860, 666 were from North Carolina.

Cell called this a "significant figure." "I think it's unfortunate when, on occasion, comments are made on this campus which suggest that all the right students come from out-of-state," she said. "Clearly that figure suggests that that is far from being the case."

Cell also reported that the honors program expanded from 150 freshmen to 200 freshmen this year. She said Sunday that 200 was the new target size of the program for the future.

The honors program has also been

expanded to a four-year program, said Cell. Junior honors classes are being taught this year, which combine with the traditional freshman and sophomore honors classes and the senior departmental honors to create a four-year program.

The council also accepted the report of the Blue Ribbon Committee, which met during the 1987-88 academic year to discuss the review process for academic programs and personnel and faculty promotion and tenure.

The council also accepted Chancellor Paul Hardin's proposal to discontinue the actions of the committee. Hardin said that the already-established evaluation methods might make the committee "redundant."

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