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U.S. links East German aid to reform

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State James Baker said Sunday that any U.S. economic aid for East Germany must await clear evidence that the East Bloc country is willing to reform its economy, not just open its borders.

The dramatic change unfolding in Berlin is a "historic" political event, "but it doesn't mean a whole lot in economic terms," Baker said.

Baker, interviewed on ABC-TV's "This Week With David Brinkley," defended the Bush administration's cautious response to the events, saying, "It would be wrong to start funneling economic assistance to any country in Eastern Europe ... before there is clear evidence that they want to reform their economic system."

Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennadi Gerasimov praised President Bush's response to the tumult in East Germany, saying, "I think he's handling it as a real statesman."

Bush is still preparing a response to an informal cable he received Friday from Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev underscoring the importance of

the changes taking place in East Germany and expressing hope the situation remains calm and peaceful.

Gerasimov, on CBS-TV's "Face the Nation," predicted that at next month's shipboard summit off Malta, Bush and Gorbachev "may come to a common ground ... that both countries — and actually everybody — is interested in stability, in not too much upheaval in Europe."

Baker said he believed Moscow would draw the line at any attempt by its East Bloc allies to withdraw from the Warsaw Pact, the communist alliance's counterpart to the West's North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

But Baker said, "They have made it very clear to us ... that they will not use force in Eastern Europe."

"To do so, they said, would mean that perestroika has failed," he said, using the Russian word for the Soviet reforms.

Baker said the administration wants to work with the Soviets "to assist them where we can with technical economic advice in their efforts to move to a free market economy."

The Soviets "won't ask us for American cash," Baker said.

"They haven't yet. They've said they're not going to and I don't believe we'll see that in Malta."

But if the Soviets want to move from competition to cooperation, he added, "we need to see cooperation in Central America."

The secretary of state said the United States wants to avoid "overreacting" to the situation in Eastern Europe or doing anything to promote instability. He said it was premature to even consider a meeting between Bush and new East German communist leader Egon Krenz.

He said the United States would welcome the eventual reunification of the two Germanies "as long as that reunification comes about on the basis of Western values." But he stressed it is too soon "to make the great leap ... from right of free travel on the part of East Germans to the question of reunification."

Baker ruled out any unilateral U.S. troop withdrawals from Europe.

"The reason the wall's coming down is because we have maintained our will

and our resolve and our strength for 40 years, and let's not jump here before it's time to jump," Baker said.

Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell of Maine and other Democrats have accused Bush of responding timidly to the East Bloc shift toward democratic and economic reforms.

The House last month passed an \$837 million package to aid the reform governments in Poland and Hungary, nearly double what Bush requested for those two East Bloc states struggling to rebuild their ailing economies and shift toward democratic freedoms.

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney, who openly voiced skepticism earlier in the year about Gorbachev's ability to survive, said Sunday, "Mr. Gorbachev is, indeed, for real." But Cheney added, "I think Mr. Gorbachev's going to be in for a very rough winter."

The Soviet economy is "a basket case at this point, in terrible condition with labor strife, ethnic unrest," Cheney said.

"I think there's great uncertainty about what ultimately will happen in the Soviet Union."

Chinese earthquake victims to modify tents for schools

From Associated Press reports

BEIJING — Children whose schools were destroyed in a series of earthquakes last month in northern China will resume classes in heated tents, an official report said Sunday.

The earthquakes struck Shanxi province about 140 miles west of Beijing from early to mid-October. The strongest measured 7.1 on the Richter scale and toppled more than 27,000 homes.

At least 29 people were killed and 150 injured, news reports said. More than 50,000 were reportedly left homeless.

The quakes destroyed 2,350 classrooms, the official Xinhua news agency said Sunday.

Local authorities set aside \$160,000 to rebuild the schools and buy 300 tents so classes could start again, Xinhua said.

The tents were taken to the area Friday, but the report did not say when classes would resume.

Earthquake in Greece

ATHENS, Greece — A strong earthquake rolled through the eastern Aegean islands early Sunday, but police said no injuries or significant damage was reported.

The tremor, measuring 4.6 on the Richter scale, was felt mostly near Chios' northern coast, police said.

The Athens Seismological Institute said the quake struck at 6:50 a.m. with its epicenter in the Aegean sea-bed 138 miles northeast of the capital.

The Richter scale is a gauge of energy released by an earthquake as measured by the ground motion recorded on a seismograph.

Law may determine budget cuts

WASHINGTON — Congressional leaders deadlocked with White House officials in their search for \$14 billion in budget savings now seem ready to let the guillotine of the Gramm-Rudman law do some of the work for them.

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The willingness to permanently retain a portion of the \$16.1 billion in cuts to most federal programs imposed last month by the balanced-budget law comes from Democrats and Republicans alike and reverses congressional sentiment that prevailed until recently.

"If that becomes the litmus test or quid pro quo for the administration agreeing to ... (a deficit-reduction bill), then it's not off the table," Senate Budget Committee Chairman James Sasser, D-Tenn., said last Thursday.

The ranking Republican on the Senate budget panel, Pete Domenici of New Mexico, said bipartisan talks aimed at finding a way to reduce this year's projected \$116 billion shortfall are moving "in the direction of a compromise that will have some across-the-board cuts" in federal spending.

Reagan library seeks donations

LOS ANGELES — One year after its ground-breaking, the Ronald Reagan Library has far exceeded its \$45 million fund-raising goal and is still looking for donations including \$1 million from Japan's Sony Corp.

The latest palatial presidential library, under construction atop a suburban hillside 45 miles northwest of the city, will also be the last of such grand proportions thanks to a bill Reagan signed while president.

At 153,000 square feet, the Spanish-style Ronald Reagan Presidential Library will dwarf even the largest of the presidential museums — the 100,000-square-foot Lyndon Johnson shrine in Texas.

Presidential libraries are built with private funds and presented as gifts to the United States, which operates the museums at taxpayer expense.

Pro-choice rallies held across U.S.

From Associated Press reports

Abortion-rights activists, fresh from electoral triumphs in New Jersey and Virginia, began a nationwide series of protests with candles at dawn Sunday in a small Maine coastal town, hoping to illuminate the "darkness of back alley despair."

The events made use of President Bush's "thousand points of light" theme with a sunrise candlelight service in Kennebunk, Maine, near Bush's vacation retreat, and a sunset vigil planned in San Francisco.

Pro-choice activists have been energized by the success last week of gubernatorial candidates in Virginia and New Jersey who support the right to an abortion.

In Washington, thousands of demonstrators turned out under sunny skies for a rally on the Mall, filling the area

between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument.

U.S. Park Police estimated the crowd by early afternoon at 90,000, said Lt. W.T. Lynch.

Molly Yard, president of National Organization for Women, said the demonstrations were intended "to say to the political leadership of this country and to the Supreme Court and particularly to President Bush that we will not go back."

Pro-choice rallies also were scheduled in such cities as Lincoln, Neb.; Austin, Texas; Atlanta; New Orleans; Jefferson City, Mo.; Oklahoma City; Milwaukee; Los Angeles; Watertown, N.Y.; and Seattle.

In Nashville, Tenn., pro-choice advocates planned to deliver flowers to the homes of politicians who favor abortion rights.

In Providence, R.I., Rep. Claudine Schneider, whom the state's Roman Catholic bishop criticized as not living up to the church's stand on abortion, attended an ecumenical service Sunday held by pro-choice Catholics.

In Kennebunk, Maine, some 1,000 activists crowded in and around the First Parish Unitarian Church, several miles from Bush's vacation home, for a pre-dawn ceremony.

"What better place to begin than on our president's back porch?" said Faye Wattleton, president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America. "We have to say to Mr. Bush that it is not kinder and it is not gentler to force a woman to remain pregnant against her will."

The protesters carried plastic imitation candles that are illuminated by

chemicals.

"Here at dawn, we kindle a thousand points of light — our own thousand points of light — to say that we will never again accept the darkness of back alley despair, never return to the dark ages of pain and abuse," said Kate Michelman, executive director of the National Abortion Rights Action League.

Last week's elections showed that a politician's stand on abortion can decide the race, she said.

A handful of abortion opponents marched in front of the Kennebunk church, some waving signs reading "Abortion is murder."

The church service was followed by a march to Bush's home in neighboring Kennebunkport. Bush was not at the family's estate.

Guerrilla offensive in San Salvador leaves at least 17 dead

From Associated Press reports

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — Troops battled rebels in the capital on Sunday following a massive guerrilla offensive that included an attack on the home of President Alfredo Cristiani, the military said.

An American teacher was among at least 17 people reported killed. More than 40 people were wounded and there were reports of fighting in four of the

country's 14 provinces, including the northern section of San Salvador.

Gunfire, explosions and sirens rang out throughout San Salvador when the guerrillas launched the offensive Saturday night, and the sounds of fighting could be heard into Sunday.

Cristiani's private home and his official residence both were attacked, military officials said. He was at home and was unhurt, they said.

The international airport was closed after military installations there were attacked by mortar fire.

Cristiani, speaking over nationwide radio and television, said he called a meeting of the Council of Ministers to consider declaring a state of siege.

"The terrorists must know that there are judicial tools to fight these irrational attacks," Cristiani said.

Officials say Soviets continuing to update nuclear forces

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — Top administration officials insisted Sunday that the

Kremlin continues to deploy new strategic nuclear weapons although a published report said some deployments

had been cut in anticipation of an arms control deal.

"The fact of the matter is the Soviets have continued to modernize their strategic forces," Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said on the NBC-TV program "Meet the Press."

Cheney did not flatly deny a report published Sunday in The Washington Post that quoted unidentified government sources as saying the Soviets had stopped producing four new weapons, the SS-18 and SS-24 missiles, the Black-

jack bomber and the Typhoon submarine and had suspended work on an aircraft carrier.

The Post said the reports, apparently based on satellite photography, conflicted with recent statements by Cheney and Vice President Dan Quayle that the Soviets continued to deploy new weapons.

Responding to that assertion, Cheney said the Soviets might have slowed deployments of some new systems in order not to exceed a ceiling proposed

for the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, which would slash long-range superpower nuclear weapons by 30 percent to 50 percent.

That treaty is not expected to be the centerpiece of a summit planned for Dec. 2 and 3 in the Mediterranean Sea. Senior U.S. officials have said the START deal might be ready for another meeting between President Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev slated for next spring or summer.

Cheney said the Kremlin was re-

placing many of its older nuclear weapons with more modern bombers, ballistic missiles and submarines, the three legs of the so-called strategic triad.

Cheney said by the late '90s, even if there is a START agreement, the Soviets will have changed, replaced or modernized every leg of the triad.

Secretary of State James Baker said that despite the moderate new tone of Kremlin rhetoric, "the Soviet Union still remains a very heavily armed superpower."



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excited until the primaries are closer. We look forward to bigger crowds and more enthusiasm when we have two candidates going at it." He said of the College Republican demonstrators, "They're ridiculous."

Cherry agreed. "Being outnumbered, they (College Republicans) feel a need to compensate and make a showing when they can."

Goodwin said he felt positive about the rally. "I think we had a respectable

and decent rally today, and I'm proud to be a part of it."

Bill Peaslee, state chairman of the College Republicans, said after the rally, "College campuses are no longer the domain of the Democratic Party. They have a Democratic rally here in Chapel Hill, and more Republicans show up than Democrats."

Sentelle said that although she didn't believe there was a viable Democratic candidate to unseat Helms. "We can't afford to be complacent. North Carolina is heavily Democratic. We have to convert that."

Britt said, "We're going to look at Jesse Helms' record on civil rights legislation. He labels everyone who's against him a liberal, a homosexual."

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portant activity in the state." Spangler acknowledged general controversy existed in his years as a member of the Charlotte and state boards of education and as president of the UNC-system.

"Now, I will have to admit, I do not enjoy the controversies I have been a part of during the past 17 years. My efforts, I hope, have been to resolve problems and not create them. However, an interesting fact to me is that universities are supposed to be places of controversy; civil if possible, creative if possible, but places where ideas butt heads with ideas."

"Let me say to you that my kin folks in Cleveland County, in their small Double Shoals Baptist Church, have

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women who request to live in Whitehead. It's a very popular dorm. There's a lot of history and tradition in Whitehead."

Jackson also said RHA was taking no formal action at this time, but that any opposition would most likely be in the form of a concerted student effort.

Ehringhaus Governor Todd Martin said he opposed using Ehringhaus Field for the new building site because the field is needed for intramural and other unorganized recreational activities. He added that residents from all the South Campus residence halls use the field, not just Ehringhaus residents.

Kelly Tinsley, president of Whitehead Residence Hall, said that she had talked to several Whitehead residents and that many expressed their opposition to any proposal to use Whitehead as the site of the new building. Tinsley said that its proximity to campus and its renovations made Whitehead valuable as a residence hall.

"We believe Whitehead is one of the best dorms on campus. There are a little over 100 students living in Whitehead. It's a community. There's really a sense of community spirit around here."