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Bush warns not to call Cold War over

From Associated Press reports

BRUSSELS, Belgium — President Bush said Monday it's too early to proclaim an end to the Cold War, but added that Mikhail Gorbachev's acceptance of sweeping reform in Eastern Europe "absolutely mandates new thinking" by the West.

Wrapping up his weekend summit journey with a stop at NATO Headquarters, Bush also told reporters the United States would maintain "significant military forces in Europe as long as our allies desire our presence."

The president said he wanted a treaty making initial cuts in superpower forces in Europe "in the bank" before seeking deeper reductions. He told NATO leaders he hoped a multi-national summit could convene in Europe next summer to sign such an accord.

Conventional forces aside, the United States and Soviet Union are negotiating a proposed 50-percent cut in long-range nuclear weapons, as well as a proposed ban of chemical weapons.

Bush was in a buoyant mood as he neared the end of a journey that took him to last weekend's summit with Gorbachev.

Asked if it hadn't been risky to venture out in a small boat in the storm-tossed harbor in Malta during the weekend, he replied, "Hot dogging? ... No. You know these charismatic, macho, visionary guys. They'll do anything."

President Bush spoke as Gorbachev was convening a meeting of a radically re-ordered Warsaw Pact in Moscow to review the weekend summit.

The superpower leaders agreed at an unprecedented joint news conference before leaving Malta that their meeting heralded a new era of cooperation in East-West relations, including arms control and trade. They intend to meet again in the United States in the second half of June.

At his news conference, Bush said, "We stand at the threshold of a new era ..." but declined to assert the Cold War has ended as Gorbachev suggested.

"That day hasn't arrived," the president said when asked about Gorbachev's statement declaring an end to the "epoch of the Cold War."

Barring a utopian development, Bush said, "the United States must stay involved" by keeping troops massed against Warsaw Pact forces.

"If you want to project out 100 years, or take some years off of that, you can look to a utopian day when there might be none (U.S. troops in Europe)," he said. "But as I pointed out to them (NATO leaders), that day hasn't arrived — and they agree with me."

Dutch Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers said he was impressed by the United States' "extraordinarily positive attitude" toward events in Europe.

"It has nothing to do with 'we are pulling out' attitude," he told reporters. "On the contrary, they are again promising a meaningful presence (in Europe)."

But British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher appeared to have qualms about

some of the president's remarks, in which Bush raised the possibility of greater arms cuts in Europe and even closer ties among the European Community nations.

She said Bush's speech "was so full of meat that we really should consider it very carefully before we reply to it." Thatcher has urged a more cautious attitude than some allies toward events unfolding in Eastern Europe.

The president began his news conference with a statement that said a "peaceful revolution" was taking place in Eastern Europe, where five headline communist regimes have fallen in recent weeks.

He said his goal was to see "individual freedom everywhere replace coercion and tyranny."

Bush, apparently referring to disagreements about Central America, said "all was not sweetness and light" at the Malta summit, but took pains to applaud Gorbachev's handling of the change in Eastern Europe.

Military cuts won't add to peace budget

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — President Bush warned Monday that he foresees no "peace dividend" for domestic programs from military cuts related to reduced East-West tensions, even though many in Congress already are campaigning for just such a revenue transfer.

"We have a lot of demands at home, and there's no question about that,"

Bush said. "But I think it is premature to speak as some are at home about a peace dividend — take a lot of money out of defense and put it into other worthy causes."

The president said the reason there can be no such windfall was that the Gramm-Rudman deficit-reduction law requires that he produce a budget for fiscal 1991 containing a shortfall of no more than \$64 billion.

The deficit for this budget year, which ends Sept. 30, is projected to be about \$110 billion. Bush will present his budget to Congress on Jan. 22.

"There just isn't a lot of 'excess money' floating around there," Bush told a news conference in Brussels, Belgium, just after he briefed NATO leaders on his weekend summit with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

Although Congress was split over the question, many believe it is time to impose deep cuts on the nearly \$290 billion defense budget, which constitutes about one-fourth of the \$1.2 trillion annual federal spending.

They cite three reasons: the easing of Cold War tensions, the need to shrink the deficit and a desire to replenish domestic programs that have been hit hard by Reagan-era spending cuts.

"The more you cut from the military, the less damage you do to domestic programs to meet Gramm-Rudman

targets," Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., said Monday.

Frank has been a leader of a group of liberals pressing congressional leaders to slash about \$20 billion off the Pentagon's budget and redistribute most of it among health, housing, education and other domestic programs.

But it is not just liberals who want to reduce the Defense Department's coffers.

Conservative Rep. Sonny Montgomery, D-Miss., chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, told reporters Monday that he would like to see next year's defense spending frozen at 1990 levels and envisions savings by eventually bringing some U.S. troops home from Europe.

"If we do have these extra monies I would like for them to go into (reducing) the national debt and take about half the money and use it for domestic programs in the United States."

Czechoslovaks spurn Communist government

From Associated Press reports

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia — More than 150,000 demonstrators chanting "They must go!" rejected the new Communist-dominated government Monday and demanded free elections in a roaring show of support for the opposition.

Also on Monday, thousands of tourists from Czechoslovakia freely visited the West for the first time in decades after the government lifted most travel restrictions.

The demonstrators massed in central Wenceslas Square for the first time since Nov. 27, when a nationwide general strike forced the government to grant historic concessions to the oppo-

sition. That demonstration capped 11 straight days of rallies.

Monday's demonstrators waved red, white and blue national flags and applauded opposition demands for elections by July and a second general strike on Dec. 11 if there is no new government by Sunday.

"Resign! Resign!" they chanted. The turnout at the rally and smaller ones elsewhere was a clear signal to the government that the opposition has massive popular support for its demands for real democracy.

They were protesting the new coalition government named Sunday, which brought only five non-Communists into the 21-member Cabinet and left Com-

West Bank neighborhood site of 14 'martyr' deaths

From Associated Press reports

NABLUS, Occupied West Bank — The stone plaque calling the Yasmina quarter the "neighborhood of the two martyrs" has not kept pace with the anger and bitterness built up in two years of the Palestinian uprising.

The neighborhood of 6,000 Palestinians, crowded into the old marketplace known as the Casbah, now has 14 "martyrs," men and teenage boys shot by Israeli soldiers along the narrow streets.

Yasmina has seen all the many sufferings and the few small triumphs of the "intefadeh," the uprising that began on Dec. 8, 1987, to demand Israel end its occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Flag-waving demonstrations, stones, firebombs and the killing of suspected collaborators have been common in Yasmina, Arabic for the fragrant Jasmin flower.

The Israeli response has been tear gas, gunfire, arrests and the demolition of houses.

Navy halts protesters

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The Navy outmuscled Greenpeace anti-nuclear protesters Monday, crippling their vessels and towing them out of an area where they tried unsuccessfully to halt the test launch of a Trident 2 missile.

The high seas drama took place in the Atlantic 50 miles off the Florida coast just before the nuclear-powered submarine Tennessee unleashed the \$26.5 million missile on a test that put the Trident 2 program back on track after two explosive failures in the first three undersea launches.

The Navy said its ships had to "shoulder" aside a large ship carrying protesters and capture and tow away two high-speed rafts, called Zodiacs, from the launch area.

Greenpeace USA peace activists said that the Navy rammed their ship,

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aimed fire hoses down its smoke stacks to stop its engines and that Navy frogmen had sliced the fuel lines and punctured the pontoons on the Zodiacs.

EPA proposes curbs

WASHINGTON — The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) called for curbs Monday on the pesticide EBDC, saying widespread use of the chemical on scores of crops from apples to tomatoes poses an unreasonable cancer risk.

The EPA proposed eliminating the use of the EBDC family of fungicides on 45 crops, but said its continued use on another 10 food products, including grapes, onions and cranberries, "do not present an unreasonable risk" to consumers.

The proposed restrictions would eliminate from agricultural use about 80 percent to 90 percent of the estimated 18 million pounds of EBDCs that are sold annually in the United States, according to government and industry officials.

EBDCs, or ethylene bisdithiocarbamate, are a group of pesticides that have been used since the 1930s to control fungi and protect a wide variety of food crops against damage from mold, mildew and fungal diseases.

Ministers refuse testimony

BERKELEY SPRINGS, W.Va. — Interrupting a Pentecostal church service, a sobbing Larry Yost cleared his conscience by confessing his sin: He was "involved" in a break-in at his uncle's building supply store.

Now three ministers say a prosecutor wants them to testify — not for God, but for the state — at Yost's trial on a breaking-and-entering charge.

East Germans discouraged from raiding police

From Associated Press reports

EAST BERLIN — Some East Germans are so outraged by the corruption of disgraced former leaders that they tried to storm secret police offices to make sure the evidence was protected, Communist Party reformers said Monday.

Prosecutors blocked access of ousted

officials to evidence that might be used against them. Citizens joined police in guarding important locations and the opposition joined an ever-widening corruption investigation.

Premier Hans Modrow emerged as the leading political figure one day after the Communist Party leadership resigned. He led a three-member dele-

gation to the Warsaw Pact summit in Moscow.

Wolfgang Schwanitz, now chief of national security, ordered flights to Romania halted because of reports that sensitive material was being smuggled to the Warsaw Pact ally, whose leader, Nicolae Ceausescu, has rejected reform.

Officials said there was no proof documents were being sent there. Opposition sources said earlier that important documents were taken from party headquarters to Schoenfeld airport for a flight to Romania.

Tens of thousands of people joined the weekly rally Monday in Leipzig, a center of pro-democracy protest since


the campaign for reform began.

For the third week in a row, several speakers demanded the reunification of Germany. At least one West German flag was seen in the crowd.

The Christian Democrats, one of four parties allied to the Communists, said they were cutting those ties, state TV reported. It said they demanded that Egon Krenz, who resigned as Communist Party chief Sunday along with the entire Politburo, also give up the largely ceremonial post of president.

Brigitte Zimmermann, spokeswoman for the party's interim governing committee, a reform-minded group of 25 people, appealed for calm.

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