

resume in April. President Asad noted that the Arab leaders took this decision in the context of their support for the U.N. Security Council resolution on Hebron and to enhance efforts to improve the security of the Palestinians and to advance the overall negotiating process toward a comprehensive and lasting peace.

King Hussein expressed his support for the resumption of negotiations and his hopes for progress. President Clinton noted that the United States would be consulting with the Russian peace process cosponsor to determine a specific date in April for negotiations to begin.

The President has also welcomed the intensive Israeli-Palestinian contacts which are taking place, including discussions today between Chairman Arafat and Prime Minister Rabin. A senior-level Israel-PLO meeting will take place in the coming days and will be announced shortly by the parties.

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.

March 13

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with President Hafiz al-Asad of Syria from Air Force One as he traveled to Detroit, MI. In the late afternoon, the President toured the Advance Technology Center at Focus: HOPE.

March 14

In the morning, the President had coffee with Group of Seven Foreign Ministers at the Westin Hotel.

In the afternoon, the President toured the assembly line at Detroit Diesel. In the late afternoon, he traveled to Boston, MA.

In the evening, the President traveled to Nashua, NH, where he remained overnight.

March 15

In the morning, the President traveled to Keene, NH.

In the afternoon, the President toured the Markem Corp. Following a visit to the town square, the President traveled to Ft. Drum, NY.

In the evening, the President met with military personnel who recently returned from Somalia and their families at the home of Ft. Drum Base Commander Gen. David C. Mead. The President returned to Washington, DC, later that evening.

March 16

In the morning, the President met with officers of the National League of Cities. He then met with representatives from Boy Scouts of America.

The President declared a major disaster exists in Kentucky and ordered Federal funds be released to help communities in the State recover from winter storms which occurred from February 9 to 11.

The President also declared a major disaster exists in Delaware and Maryland and ordered Federal funds be released to help communities in those States recover from severe ice storms and flooding which occurred from February 8 to 18.

The President announced his intention to nominate William T. Coleman as General Counsel for the U.S. Army.

March 17

In the afternoon, the President and Prime Minister Albert Reynolds of Ireland went to Capitol Hill where they attended a St. Patrick's Day luncheon hosted by Speaker of the House Thomas Foley.

The White House announced that in the afternoon the President had telephone conversations with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt and President Hafiz al-Asad of Syria to discuss the Middle East peace process.

The White House announced the withdrawal of the nomination of Stephen J. Solarz to be U.S. Ambassador to India and that the President asked him to serve as the President's Special Representative on Sudan.

The White House announced the appointment of Thomas B. Ross as Special Assistant to the President, Senior Director for Public

Affairs at the National Security Council, and Deputy White House Press Secretary.

March 18

The President named Susan Hammer, Fu-Tong Hsu, Bernard Rapoport, Jack Sheinkman, and Paula Stern to the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations.

The President announced his intent to nominate A.J. Eggenberger for reappointment as Vice Chair to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) and Herbert John Cecil Kouts as a member to the Board.

The White House announced the appointment of Stanley Roth as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Asian Affairs, Sandra Kristoff as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Asia-Pacific Economic Affairs, and Robert L. Suettinger as Director for Asian Affairs at the National Security Council.

The White House announced the President has appointed Matthew Nimetz to serve as his Special Envoy to assist the United Nations' efforts to resolve the differences between Greece and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

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 March 16

William T. Coleman III, of Michigan, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, vice William James Haynes II, resigned.

Sara E. Lister, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, vice Robert S. Silberman, resigned.

Rudy deLeon, of California, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, vice Anne Newman Foreman, resigned.

Submitted March 17

Gilbert F. Decker, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, vice Stephen Kay Conver, resigned.

Jeffrey K. Harris, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, vice Martin C. Faga.

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 March 15

Statement by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers on the President's decision to extend the moratorium on nuclear testing by the United States through September 1995

Statement by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers on the transmittal to Congress of fiscal year 1995 budget amendments related to reform of Federal procurement

Released March 16

Statement by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers on the transmittal to Congress of fiscal year 1995 budget amendments related to reduced rental payment by Federal agencies to the General Services Administration

Fact sheet on the "Reemployment Act of 1994"

Released March 17

Statement by Director of Communications Mark Gearan on National Security Adviser Anthony Lake's meeting with Kalala-Mbenga Kalao, editor of *La Tempete de Tropiques* in Zaire