

the world. Are the allies strong enough to stand up to this regime?

The President. I have nothing to add to what I've already said about it right now.

Thank you.

Nettuno Memorial Ceremony

Q. How do you feel about this morning's ceremonies, Mr. President? Could you chat about that for a moment?

The President. I was very proud. I was very proud, and I was terribly moved by what the veterans and their family members said after the ceremony. There were so many who felt that for the first time in 50 years our country and the world had recognized the importance of the Italian campaign and the massive sacrifices that were made there. It was very moving, and I was very proud.

Q. Did you think about your father, Mr. President? I know you mentioned—

The President. Yes, I did.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:45 p.m. at the U.S. Embassy. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Remarks Greeting the American Community at the United States Embassy in Rome

June 3, 1994

Thank you very much, Ambassador and Mrs. Bartholomew, Ambassador Flynn, Mr. Secretary, Hillary, ladies and gentlemen. We are delighted to be here. I want to join my wife in saying I'm sure that many of you will be elated when we leave tomorrow because we have caused you so much extra work. But on behalf of all the American people, I want to thank those of you who work at our Embassies in Rome and the Vatican, our mission to the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, our consulates, our military personnel here, for all the work you do always, and especially to make this trip a success.

I'll be back in a month for the G-7 meeting in Naples. And the Prime Minister said that they had a little deficit problem here, too, and if I kept coming back, we'd have to start paying taxes and contribute in Italy—*[laughter]*—to the economic recovery here as well.

I do want to tell you that back at home things are turning around. The economy is picking up. Unemployment is down. We have plain evidence that our country is in a process of renewal. We're treating a lot of problems seriously we've ignored for a long time. Whether it's international trade or the education and training of our work force or the most serious approach on crime in a generation, the American people are beginning to come to grips with the challenges before us.

We still have a lot of work to do. We're trying our best. And I believe we're going to be very successful in our attempt to pass a comprehensive health reform bill this year. Our European friends find it difficult to believe that the United States is the only advanced nation in the world that can't find a way to provide health coverage to all of its people. So we're going to do that this year.

And we're going to deal with a lot of our other challenges. There is a sense of possibility of movement, that those of us in public service are part of a partnership to make America what it ought to be as we move into the 21st century. But there is also an awareness at the end of the cold war that we can no longer do what America has so often done in the past, which is to withdraw from the world and to make a clear distinction between our policies abroad and our policies at home. Now we know they are two sides of the same coin, and they must be part and parcel of our commitment to renew our country and to move with confidence and success with our friends and neighbors into the 21st century.

I can say that I have been deeply moved by the reception we've received here in Italy. I agree with what Ambassador Flynn said about my meeting with the Holy Father yesterday. And I must say that all the conversations we've had with the officials of the Italian Government have been very satisfactory from my point of view.

So I think we've got a lot of good things coming up. I look forward to coming back next month. I can't wait to come back, even if I do become a taxpaying, quasi-citizen of Italy. *[Laughter]*

I thank you again for all your enormous effort and work. You have made us very, very

proud of the United States by your efforts. Thank you so much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:58 p.m. In his remarks, he referred to U.S. Ambassador to Rome Reginald Bartholomew, his wife Rose-Anne, and U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See Raymond Flynn.

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.

May 30

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with President Kim Yong-sam of South Korea to discuss the situation in North Korea.

May 31

In the morning, the President met with Joao Havelange, president of the Federation Internationale de Football Association.

June 1

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Rome, Italy, where they arrived after midnight.

June 2

Upon arrival, they participated in an arrival ceremony, and then went to the Villa Taverna, U.S. Ambassador's residence, their residence during their visit to Rome.

Later in the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to the Palazzo del Quirinale where the President met with President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro of Italy.

The President and Hillary Clinton traveled to the Vatican in the early afternoon where the President met with His Holiness John Paul II, in the Papal Library. Following the meeting the President and Hillary Clinton visited the Sistine Chapel. Later in the afternoon, the President met with Mayor Rutelli of Rome in the Campidoglio, the city hall of Rome, on Capitoline Hill.

In the evening the President and Hillary Clinton attended a dinner hosted by Prime

Minister Berlusconi at the Villa Madama in Rome.

June 3

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery, Nettuno Beach, Italy, where he received a private briefing at the Superintendent's home and then visited gravesites at the cemetery. Following ceremonies commemorating the liberation of Italy, the President hosted a reception for U.S. veterans in the South Garden adjacent to the memorial at the cemetery.

In the afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton visited the Roman Forum, and in the evening they attended a dinner hosted by President Scalfaro in the Palazzo del Quirinale.

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomas Graham, Jr., as Special Representative for Arms Control Negotiations, and James Sweeney as Chief Science Adviser for the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

The President announced his intention to nominate William Albert Nitze as Assistant Administrator for International Activities of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

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

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 May 28

Advance text of Proclamation 6696—Prayer For Peace, Memorial Day, 1994