

us are good people trying to do better. And if we all treated each other that way, we would do better. We have got to be a community again.

Yes, some people do take advantage of the rest of us by breaking the law, abusing the welfare system, and flaunting our immigration laws. That's wrong, and I'm working to stop it. But the truth is that most people in this country, without regard to their race, their religion, their income, their position on divisive issues, most Americans get up every day, go to work, obey the law, pay their taxes, and raise their kids the best they can. And most of us share the same real challenges in this new economy. We'll do a lot better job of meeting those challenges if we work together and find unity and strength in our diversity.

We do have more in common, more uniting us than dividing us. And if we start acting like it, we can face the future with confidence. I still believe deeply that there is nothing wrong with America that can't be fixed by what's right with America. This is not about politics as usual. As I've said for years, it's not about moving left or right but moving forward, not about Government being bad or good but about what kind of Government will best enable us to fulfill our God-given potential. And it's not about the next election, either. That's in your hands.

Meanwhile, I'm going to do what I think is right. My rule for the next 2 years will be: Country first and politics-as-usual dead last. I hope the new Congress will follow the same rule. And I hope you will, too.

This country works best when it works together. For decades after World War II, we gave more and more Americans a chance to live out their dreams. I know; I'm blessed to be one of them. I was born to a widowed mother at a time when my State's income was barely half the national average; the first person in my family to finish college, thanks to money my parents couldn't really afford—scholarships, loans, and a half a dozen jobs. It breaks my heart to see people with their own dreams for themselves and their children shattered. And I'm going to do all I can to turn it around. But I need your help. We can do it.

With all of our problems, this is still the greatest country in the world, standing not at the twilight but at the dawn of our greatest days. We still have a lot to be thankful for. Let's all remember that.

Happy holidays, and God bless America.

NOTE: The President spoke at 9 p.m. from the Oval Office at the White House.

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.

December 10

In the morning, the President attended a working lunch with leaders attending the Summit of the Americas at Vizcaya in Miami, FL.

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton cruised aboard *The Virginian* yacht to Fishers Island, FL, where they hosted a summit dinner at the Vanderbilt Mansion.

December 11

In the afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, the President and Hillary and Chelsea Clinton attended the "Christmas in Washington" performance at the National Building Museum.

December 12

The President announced his intention to nominate Cutberto Garza, Shiriki K. Kumanyika, Kailash Mathur, and Suzanne P. Murphy to the National Nutrition Monitoring Advisory Council.

The President announced his intention to appoint Prudence Rice and Eugene Thaw to be members of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee.

The White House announced the President has invited President Zhelyu Zhelev of Bulgaria to meet with him in Washington, DC, on February 13, 1995.

December 15

The President announced the appointment of Ginger Ehn Lew to the Council of the Administrative Conference of the United States.

The President announced his intention to appoint Paul Hae Park to the Board of Trustees of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

**Nominations
Submitted to the Senate**

NOTE: The Congress having adjourned sine die on Thursday, December 1, no nominations were submitted during the period covered by this issue. The first session of the 104th Congress will convene on January 4, 1995.

**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 December 10

Transcript of remarks by Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Mexican Foreign Minister Jose Gurria in Miami, FL

Transcript of remarks by Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Argentine Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella in Miami, FL

Transcript of a press briefing by U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor in Miami, FL on the plan of action and declaration for creating a free trade area

Transcript of a press briefing by Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner and Director of the White House Office of Environmental Policy Kathleen McGinty in Miami, FL, on sustainable development and a partnership for pollution prevention

Transcript of a press briefing by Secretary of State Warren Christopher in Miami, FL, on the Summit of the Americas

Summary of the Summit of the Americas trade initiative

Released December 12

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers

Statement by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers on the upcoming visit of President Zhelyu Zhelev of Bulgaria

Statement by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers announcing the President will address the Nation on December 15

Statement by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers announcing that National Security Adviser Anthony Lake will lead a delegation of senior administration officials and Africa experts that will travel to eight African countries from December 12 to December 22

Released December 14

Statement by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers announcing that former President Jimmy Carter has informed the President on his contacts with Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic

Statement by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers announcing a letter from Sally Katzen, Administrator of OMB's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, to Representative Newt Gingrich

Statement by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers announcing the administration initiative to revitalize the Haitian economy

Released December 15

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers

Released December 16

Transcript of a press briefing by Labor Secretary Bob Reich, Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen, Education Secretary Richard Riley, and Chief of Staff Leon Panetta on the middle class bill of rights

**Acts Approved
by the President**

NOTE: No acts approved by the President were received by the Office of the Federal Register during the period covered by this issue.