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Reagan 'not waiting forever' on Poland

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan said Tuesday that while U.S. sanctions against the Warsaw and Soviet governments have had some impact, life for the Polish people continues to deteriorate under martial law and "we're not going to wait forever for improvement."

president, conducting his seventh White House news conference just a day before his first anniversary in office, also accepted responsibility for the administrative decision to grant tax-exempt status to private schools which racially discriminate.

Asked whether his staff was to blame for that widely criticized step, he replied, "No one put anything over on me ... The buck stops at my desk."

Asked about burgeoning unemploy-ment, Reagan said, "I have the greatest sympathy" for those out of jobs, but "on the other hand, comparing this to the beginning of our term, there are a

million people more working than there

million people more working than there were in 1980"

But the government's own figures don't square with that. The Bureau of Labor Statistics said total employment was 97,188,000 in December, down more than a half-million from the month Reagan took office — last January — and also 24 000 fewer than December. and also 94,000 fewer than December 1980.

Reagan said interest and inflation

ing in the economy."

The president did not spell out — nor was he asked — just what positive effects he believes were produced by U.S. sanctions on trade, aviation and fishing rights against the Polish and Soviet governments in the wake of the Polish military crackdown military crackdown

"I think they have had an effect, although there's no question the situation in Poland is still

deteriorating," Reagan said. "They have tried to present it as moderating; it

Reagan said he has had "a lengthy communication" from Pope John Paul II, himself a Pole, and "he approves what we have done so far."

"And yet we are not going to wait forever for improvement in the situation there," he declared. "We have those steps that we can take."

A State Department official, asked to

expand upon the president's statement, said only that "things could be a lot worse" in Poland if it weren't for the U.S. sanctions. He asked not to be named.

On the issue of lifting the Internal Revenue Service's han against tax exemptions for schools that discriminate on the basis of race, Reagan said, "I initiated it." But he acknowledged that the

Raker named to fill Judge Mathias' seat

By RUTH W. ELLIS

ROCKVILLE - District Court Judge Irma Raker, former assistant state's at-torney, has been elevated by Gov. Harry R. Hughes to a seat on the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court, becoming the second woman currently to serve on the higher

Judge Raker said Tuesday that she received word from the governor's of-fice on Monday that she had been selected to fill the vacancy created by the re-tirement of Administrative Judge Joseph M. Mathias. She said she expects

to be sworn in late in February.

Interviews for a second vacancy,

created by the Maryland General Assembly last July, will be held Jan. 27, with that appointment expected next month. Judge Raker and the second new jurist must run for election in the up-

jurist must run for election in the up-coming 1982 campaign.
One of the top contenders for Mathias' seat, District Court Judge Thomas Lohm, withdrew his name from consideration recently. Lohm was unavailable for comment, but sources said he told Gov. Hughes he was content with his present seat on the lower court.

Several of Lohm's friends and sup-porters said they were "shocked and disappointed" by his decision to remain

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Welfare bill veto sustained

ANNAPOLIS (AP) — Gov. Harry Hughes' veto of a bill aimed at forcing the state to increase welfare payments to a realistic standard of need was upheld Tuesday by the Senate.

The vote was 24 to 21 to uphold the veto. Twenty-nine votes were required to override the governor's objections to the bill.

The bill, enacted by the General Assembly last year, would have

required the state to set a realistic minimum income level for welfare families. It would have required welfare payments to be increased by 10 percent each year until that standard was reached if funds were available in the state

Even with the loophole about available funds, Hughes vetoed the bill because he objects to legislation requiring automatic increases in the budget.

Prison situation termed explosive

BALTIMORE (AP) - Reductions in minimal staffing and overtime have led to "more volatile" conditions at the Maryland House of Correction in Jessup, angering correctional officers

sessup, angering correctionar universithere, the president of the prison guard's union said. Tuesday.

Ed Davis, president of Local 1673 of the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees, said prison guards were told Friday that

overtime would be granted only if more than 15 guards of the minimum shift of 60 did not report to work.

This would force guards to work at up to 15 officers below the minimum staffing requirements, Davis said. Understaffing at Jessup, which holds 1,480 inmates in facilities designed for 912, is leading to more assaults on both inmates and guards, Davis said.

Campaign to protect tax break

ANNAPOLIS (AP) - A campaign got underway in Annapolis Tuesday to make sure thousands of volunteers who donate their time to belp the sick and the disabled don't lose a state income tax

Volunteers can now deduct from their voiunteers can now deduct from their taxes any money they spend on transportation for organizations which provide health care and food services. Volunteer fire fighters also can take advantage of the tax break.

The special deduction, equal to that automobiles for business purposes, has tremendous services volunteers been in effect for two years. It will ex- provide.

pire this year unless the Maryland General Assembly votes to extend it.

Sen. Laurence Levitan, D-Montgomery, one of those backing ex-tension of the tax deduction, said he was skeptical of the idea when it was proposed two years ago.

"I was concerned about potential abuses (of the law)," he said.

Levitan said, however, that two years of experience have shown that the law has not been abused and that the tax

Today's highlights

 OTHER VIEWS — Paul Means looks back an the winters in the good old days. Robert Reid warns that the General Assembly is once again in session Rebecca Kirliand. National Geographic writer probes recent archeological finds in Greece. Dick Kleiner focuses on happenings in Hollywood.

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Library gets name John Bennett (left) and Bubba Myers, employees of the Waynesboro Construction Company, had the job of putting the letters on the front of the new library in the 100 block of East Patrick Street in Frederick. The snow and rain didn't make

the job any nicer but the lettering will read Frederick County Public Libraries C Burr Artz Library when they finish. The new facility is not expected to be opened to the public for several more weeks. (Photo by Richard T. Meagher)

Grant sought for old courthouse

By LLOYD BATZLER News-Post Staff

\$65,000 state matching grant to help restore the exterior of the old court-house, the county's historic preser-vation coordinator said Tuesday.

"There are several conditions to the grant: first the county has to provide matching funds, and the second thing is a preservation easement; we cannot change the outside of the building without their (the state's) approval," said Russell S. Schantz, county energy/historic preservation officer. He said it is too soon to predict

whether the county will get the grant. which is funneled through the Maryland Historical Trust, because the General Assembly has not allotted preservation

If approved, the money would be used It approved, the money would be used to repair and repoint brick and stone work, trim and gutters on the 1862 building, Schantz said.

"We have no plans to change the exterior at all," Schantz explained.

A formal application will be sent to the historical trust office in Annapolis by

Feb. 1, with public comments on the pro-ject received from the middle of next month until March 15. Schantz said a final decision will be reached in April.

The county's Courthouse Utilization Committee has been studying possible uses for the three-story structure for about one year, and the group is expected to forward recommendations to the county commissioners in the next two weeks, according to Kenneth R. Cof-

"We sent out a survey to all departments who would be interested in using space there," said Coffey. The building will be vacated early this summer when courts, records offices and the sheriff's department move into the 3° million. department move into the \$9 million Multipurpose Center one block away on

Coffey explained that the commis-

sioners want to retain the building, moving some government and quasi-govern-ment offices there. While Frederick City had expressed

an interest in purchasing or trading the building, the commissioners have balked at the idea.

"We will need the space for county of-fices," Coffey said. He noted that four agencies — Safety/Security, Energy/Historic Preservation, Ex-tension Service and the Interagency Data Processing Authority — have in-dicated they could use room in the old

State reapportionment flaws cited

ANNAPOLIS (AP) — A computer failure was responsible for flaws in Gov. Harry Hughes' proposed legislative redistricting plan that could cause pro-Sensie Committee was told Tuesday

Carvel Payne, head of the Depart-

ment of Legislative Services, said the state's Annapolis computer, which con-tained all of the information about reapportionment, went down about an hour before Hughes' sides delivered the modified plan to his agency last

could not be fixed, he and his staff worked on the plan until 3:50 a. m., fitting in the governor's changes without the aide

a computer. 'Unfortunately, at that time of the morning, errors occur," he said.

Payne said the errors are technical and that he believes that the intention of

the governor in drawing district lines is But Payne said it would be wise for the

legislature to adopt a resolution correcting the flaws.

The Hughes plan will take effect on

February 26 unless the legislature

Payne said that when the computer MontCo school pact offers

6% cost-of-living increase By SONIA BOTH

Montgomery County Bureau ROCKVILLE - 4 three-vest contract calling for a six percent cost-of-living increase in July and a maximum of 5 percent the succeeding two years was expected to be signed by the Ministermery County School Board and officials rep-

Members of the new Monagement County Association of Accounts the and Supervisory Personnel (MCAASP) approved the agreement by a 15h-21 vote

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in the Mentionnery founty delegation to Antapolis stamped their approval on a fell proposing an agency shop for the Montgomery County Education Associa-tion (MCEA), the organization which up until this pear recresented the system is erikitaliste and superejens ze we as feechers. But that association unled-

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enacts its own plan for drawing 47 new legislative districts for this year's primary and general elections.

Because of the difficulties of getting

General Assembly agreement on a plan which will effect the future of many of the 188 senators and delegates, it has been anticipated that the governor's proposal will become law

Payne told members of the Senate Constitutional and Public Laws Committee that "common sense sug-gests that someone, somewhere in the state of Maryland will challenge the

plan,"
The technical errors could cause problems in court, he said, making it adviseable that that legislature correct the Payne's comments came at a hearing

on proposed districts for the Eastern Shore and Harford County. There were no complaints about the plan from Eastern Shore voters, but a few politicians were on hand to discuss

the district house Pel William Horne, D-Talbot, complained that the governor's plan, which was drawn up by a five-member ad-visory commission, unnecessarily divid-ed a trecinct containing Easton between two legislative districts.

That has caused us a great deal of problems. County who kerrel used in problems. Horne said He asked that the 1505 reciple who were crossed atta-tion appearshing expellence former to arought back into the missie shows Historical with most of the rest of Teibot County Waller Hairston, attorney for the

county election board, said the plan draws "an unnatural barrier" through Talbot County.

"It seems to me this is a very minor alteration which would mean a great deal to the people of Talbot County," he

New twist on unknown crash hero

WASHINGTON (AP) - Return teams sifted the mucky bottom of the Potomic River on Tuesday, still groups for the fight recorders that may unrawed the trush of an Air Florida petliner. And a survivor had a new candidute for a much-acclaimed hero of the

disaster.
Nevy divers, confident they know the mention of the Boeing 727's facht data and voice recorders, no longer beard the homing devices on the electronic horse as them a fred thomough workings book in the cocket of ever and in another section of the fose leve.

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MontCo school pact

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to become a "teacher-only" unit this year, and as such came to an impasse in negotiations on their contract, as did the Montgomery County Council of Supporting Services Employees (MCCSSE). Mediation began Tuesday on the MCEA contract and is scheduled to start Jan. 29 on MCCSSE's.

Asked if he thought the cost-of-living increase agreed to by the supervisors and administrators would effect the outcome of mediation for a contract for the teachers, MCEA president David Eberly said, "We're not going to let that in-fluence us. We still have to chart our own course."

Eberly was enthusiastic about the senators' unanimous vote on the agency shop bill, one which the association has put in the hopper for half a dozen years

unsuccessfully.

Although he views the senators' vote only as "a successful first step," Eberly only as "a successful first step," Eberly said, "We are very encouraged. It's a kind of support we have never seen Eberly said "the whole idea" of hav-

Energy Said "the whole idea" of naving an agency shop is "to assure some financial stability for the organization. We represent 6,500 people and we have about 5,000 members," he said. "There's been responsibility on the members to support the non-members." In addition, he believes an agency shop "eases some of the stress on the union from an internal political posture that leads to more aggressive militant posi-tions than need to be taken."

But the head of the smaller teacher

union, the Montgomery County Federa-tion of Teachers (MCFT) which is af-filiated with the AFL-CIO, expressed concern over the effectiveness of this group should the agency shop be enact-

ed.
"We could operate by decreasing dues to a minimum amount," Joseph Monte said, "but our ability to operate would be extremely poor. We would continue to exist, but it's questionable how effective we would be."

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Currently, the 350- to 400-member

MCFT is "effective," according to

Monte, who pointed to "good ties with
labor" and said, "We have been a force in elections '

Monte called it "no surprise that the senators" approved the bill, but he pre-

dicteo "it will not be that easy in the House." He warned that here, delegates will be wary because "it has implica-tions for the whole state. There will be some questions in regard to other coun-

ties."
While he charged the MCEA with taking "antilabor stands" in this and other proposals, Monte was frank to say, "We would be doing the same thing if we would be doing the same thing if we were in their position.'

He made a point of noting that MCEA recently asked the MCFT to merge with them and "give up our charter when we really have no reason to surrender Actually, Monte views this as "a certain note of respect" — a "we need you" type of message.

i message. Here, he noted, "We can't go on strike, but we can go on picket lines.

Should the agency shop bill be enacted, terms would be negotiated by the school board and MCEA and couldn't go into effect before the 1982-83 school year as a legitimate bargaining item. The bill would allow non-members of the asso-ciation for whom the association bargains to be assessed a fee, according to Information Director Kenneth K. Muir. The fee, he said, "cannot exceed MCEA membership dues, but it means MCFT members would have to pay dues plus the agency fee."

The school board opposed this bill as well as another attempt to get a right to strike for MCCSSE, which was killed on a 4-3 vote of the senators.

In approving the new contract for administrators and supervisors, the board effectively added about \$1 million to the coming school year budget for the salary increase that would apply to some 400 people in this category.

It also has stamped approval on the idea of \$1,000 cash bonuses for "exceptional administrators," mileage rebates at the same rate allowed by the Internal Revenue Service and opportunities to recommend changes in employee benefit plans.

The terms for the second and third year of the contract call for cost-of-liv-ing increases figured at 75 percent of the Washington area Consumer Price Index (CPI), up to a maximum of 5 percent.

The agreement also calls for an 11th step on the scale at a 2 percent increase.

Reagan 'not waiting forever'

announcement had stirred a political furor, which he blamed on misinterpretation.

Reagan asserted there was no basis in law for the IRS ban, even though "I am opposed with every fiber of my being to discrimination." A week after the IRS announcement, Reagan asked Congress to outlaw tax exemptions for discriminatory schools.

Grant sought

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Several other non-profit groups, in-cluding the Chamber of Commerce, United Way and Frederick County Tour-ism Council, are considering leasing of-fices in the center, Coffey added.

"The commissioners have put some money in the Capital Improvements Program, I think about \$50,000 next year and \$400,000 the following year" for re-modeling the courthouse, Coffey said.

There are about 18,800 square feet of usable office space at the 120-year-old

building, he said.
"I would anticipate it would be one to three years before the building is ready," Coffey said.

The only operation that will remain in the basement of the courthouse is the county's Civil Defense office. State will be used to renovate the area for an emergency command center.

Schantz said the commissioners also are studying the possibility of applying for historic preservation funds for restoration of the exterior of the west wing of Winchester Hall, the county's main office complex.

The president rejected the notion that American business has yet to respond to his economic incentives, saying: "I think we're just seeing a little caution. They want to make sure before they pro-ceed." He said "I know that a great ceed." He said "I know that a great many industries have the plans all ready for modernization and expansion."

Reagan said his administration was cracking down on news leaks because cracking down on news leaks because "we need to protect national security and our ability to conduct foreign policy." Noting that it is against the law for unauthorized people to release for unauthorized people to release classified information, he said, "What we're doing is simply abiding by the existing law."

asting law."

Asked about the criticism of Reps.

Jack Kemp, R-N.Y., and Trent Lott, R
Miss., about his coming budget plan and

possible increases in excise taxes. Reagan said their displeasure was based on speculation and press reports.
"I'm going to have to have a little talk with them," he said.

The president refused to answer a question about whether he would like Paul Volcker to resign as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board. Deputy White House press secretary Larry Speakes said later that in avoiding a positive or negative response, the president "wasn't calling for Volcker's resignation."

Reagan, asked whether he would in-crease charitable contributions and thus follow advice he has given in the past that individuals make up for govern-ment cutbacks, said he believed in "tithing — the giving of a tenth" of income to charity.

Six die as blast rips school kitchen

SPENCER, Okla. (AP) — A lunch hour explosion ripped through the kitchen of an elementary school Tues-day, raining glass, metal and concrete blocks on children eating lunch in the cafeteria. Police said five children and a teacher were killed and 35 people were

Confusion prevailed outside the one story brick Star Elementary School as screaming children mingled with rescue workers and ambulance attendants Frantic parents rushed to the scene in this suburb east of Oklahoma City. Ed Forman of the Midwest City Police

Department said late in the afternoon that all the 270 children who attended the school had been accounted for.

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Although officials said they had not pinpointed the cause of the blast, Florence Hardy, a dishwasher in the school's kitchen, said she was certain the cause was a water heater.

She said one of two water heaters had head making the water too hat and had

She said one of two water heaters had been making the water too hot and had been worked on earlier in the day. She said she was in the kichen when she heard a "swoosh and a bang" that "knocked everybody on the floor." Phil Cooksey, spokesman for the Oklahoma City Fire Department, also indicated the blast was caused by a water heater. He said a cook had turned on a faucet and got nothing but steam.

on a faucet and got nothing but steam, and that the explosion occurred just after she left to report the situation. THE POST, Frederick, Md. Wednesday, January 20, 1982

Tom Payzant, Oklahoma City school superintendent, said at a news conference later in the day that a school maintenance worker had been called to fix the heater before classes began

Tuesday.
Officials did not have a list of the dead, but Forman said they included a dead, but Forman said they included a female teacher, two girls and three boys. He said the injured ranged in age from kindergarten to the fourth grade. One was still in intensive care at a local hospital late in the afternoon.

Midwest City Police Sgt. Paul Long, first officer on the scene, suffered a heart attack but was reported in good condition at a hospital.

condition at a hospital.

Forman said between 50 and 60 children were in the cafeteria when the blast ripped through the kitchen wall,

leveling part of the building.

It was believed all those killed were seated at a single table waiting to go out to the playground. Holly Chase, 8, a third-grader, said

she had just finished cating her lunch and was waiting for her table to be recessed to the playground when the explosion ripped through the kitchen wall.
"I ducked my head like they told me to

during a tornado and it missed me ... the

Raker named

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on the District Court bench. They described him as "very capable," ad-ding that he would have been a "tremen-

four names were submitted to the governor by the Trial Courts Judicial Nominating Commission, which is charged with the responsibility of receiving, considering and passing upon the qualifications of individuals seeking appointment to the Circuit Court.
The commission sent four names to

fire log

Fire calls reported during the 24-hour period ending at 10 p.m. In case of emergency, dial—662-6333

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COUNTY MAIN ST , Middletown, beside Valley Register, 12:55 p.m. Middletown

4840 MOUNT ZION ROAD, house fire, 1:56 p.m. Braddock Heights and Jeffer-

son responded MD. 363, OFF Md. 671, house fire, 3:02 Brunswick and Brunswick ambulance responded.

KEYSVILLE-BRUCEVILLE ROAD, off Sixes Bridge Road, barn, 7:57 p.m. New Midway, Emmitsburg and Rocky Ridge

TANEYTOWN VFD, transfer, 8:02 p.m. Emmitsburg responded.

AMBULANCE CALLS:

Emergencies—8; Routines—3

Gov. Hughes for Mathias' seat: Judges Raker, Lohm, and William Miller, all Democrats, and Republican Vincent Ferretti, an attorney in private prac-

New names will be submitted for the second vacancy some time after Jan. 27. Sources said the name of Peter Messitte, whose wife was a member of the 13-member commission, but who has now

member commission, but who has now resigned, may be among those presented next to the governor.

The commission falled to select Massitte, who also is in private practice, along with Judges Lohm, Raker and Miller because he applied while his wife, Susan, was serving on the selection board, sources said. She resigned about two weeks ago.

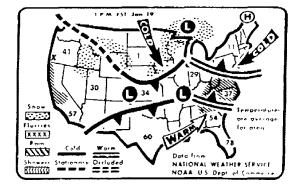
two weeks ago.

Court observers appear split on whether the next appointment will go to Ferretti, popular treasurer of the county Bar Association, or Miller, who has 25 years of experience and has tried cases or arrary land including the appollate on every level, including the appellate court.

One group feels Miller is most likely to get the seat because it would leave the governor two vacancies on the District Court and therefore two additional appointments in an election year.

Others say that Ferretti, a former county attorney, has the edge because he has a background as Rockville City Attorney, is in his early 40s and has many friends among the "powers that

If Miller is appointed, he will move from a salary of \$45,500 to \$52,500 on the Circuit Court. His brother, Ralph, served on the Circuit Court until his death



Weather forecast

The National Weather Service predicts a mixture of rain and snow for the Midwest, rain on the Pacific Coast changing to snow in Washington, and snow in Montana today. (AP Laserphoto)



