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## Cuban radio war may kill Reagan's alma mater

DES MOINES, Iowa (UPI) — WHO radio, where President Reagan began his broadcasting career in the 1930s, may be the first casualty in a radio war between Cuba and the United States.

The Reagan administration is planning to build a radio station, named Radio Marti after a Cuban patriot, to beam news and propaganda to Cuba. It will broadcast on the same channel as WHO.

Cuba has threatened to build a 500-kilowatt station, 10 times as powerful, which would operate on the same frequency and

drawn out the U.S. broadcasts.

Robert Engelhardt, technical director for Palmer Communications Inc., the company that owns WHO, said the Cuban station would wipe out WHO sports and call-in programs in the southeastern United States, a section jammed with a loyal following of listeners and University of Iowa sports fans.

WHO is a clear channel 50,000-watt station founded in the 1920s.

Radio Marti would be patterned after Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty.

# First lady decides she won't accept more free clothes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nancy Reagan, apparently finding the political price too high, is saying thanks but no thanks to any more free clothes from American designers.

Aides have acknowledged that her acceptance of expensive clothing, coupled with her recent purchase of new china for the White House, could have contributed to a perception that her husband's administration caters to the rich.

Mrs. Reagan did not tell reporters directly of her decision, but her press secretary, Sheila Tate, relayed word Tuesday that the first lady told her favorite designers recently she wouldn't be accepting their fashions anymore.

Tate said she did not know precisely when the designers were notified.

She said Mrs. Reagan believed her efforts to help the fashion industry have been misunderstood, adding that she will continue to donate clothes to American museums.

The decision to stop accepting free clothes comes about a month after the first lady's press office announced her project to give some of her wardrobe to 13 museums.

It was the first public acknowledgment that Mrs. Reagan had been receiving what undoubtedly amounted to several thousands of dollars worth of free clothes. None of Mrs. Reagan's aides would say when she first began getting the original fashions, how many she had received or how much they are worth.

Contrary to the official White House contention that Mrs. Reagan's attempts to help the fashion industry were misunderstood, administration officials have acknowledged privately that the museum project basically was a way to minimize the public-relations damage the issue could cause.

These officials, who requested anonymity, have said White House aides discovered that Mrs. Reagan was accepting the clothes during a general review of gift policy following the disclosure by former national security adviser Richard V. Allen that he had accepted two watches from Japanese friends. Allen subsequently resigned.

For White House officials concerned with the president's image, the matter posed the delicate problem of how the clothes would be listed on the May 15 financial disclosure form required of high-ranking public officials and their spouses under the 1978 Ethics in Government Law.

That law requires that gifts valued at \$35 or more be made public. Apparently to avoid having to list the total value of all the clothes, which could be embarrassing to an administration making deep cuts in social programs, the idea was conceived to call the clothes "loans" and to turn them over to museums after Mrs. Reagan wore them.

It is still unclear whether the president and his wife will list the value of the clothes on the form.

## 'Rocky Top' named Tennessee's new state song

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Statehouse was rocking when the Osborne Brothers pulled out their guitars on the Home floor, their feet stompin' to a hand-clapping tune that legislators quickly adopted as the new Tennessee state song.

After warming up in the clerk's office, the Osbornes performed "Rocky Top," written by Donixieux Bryant and Felice Bryant, to a packed audience of representatives and senators. It is an ode to the smog-free, down-home Tennessee hills.

The legislators must have liked what

they heard. They approved 97-0 a bill to make the tune the fifth state song.

"Rocky Top" joins state songs "When It's Iris Time in Tennessee," written by Wilma Mae Wald and adopted in 1935; "Tennessee Waltz" by Redd Stewart and Pee Wee King and adopted in 1965; "My Homeland, Tennessee," by Nell Grayson Taylor and Roy Laymont Smith and adopted in 1925; and "My Tennessee," by Francis Hamann Trauman and adopted as the state public school song by the 79th General Assembly in 1955.

## Reagan names advertising exec as Ireland envoy

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Reagan Tuesday nominated California advertising executive Peter Dalley to be the new ambassador to Ireland.

If confirmed by the Senate, Dalley, 51, would succeed former New York Times reporter William V. Shannon, who was appointed by President Jimmy Carter, in the Dublin post.

Dalley has been chairman, president and chief executive officer of Dalley International Group in Los Angeles since 1968. He was also an adviser to Reagan during the 1980 presidential campaign.

## Man fatally shoots wife over Indian head penny

FONTANA, Calif. (AP) — A man shot his estranged wife to death in a bar during a spat over an Indian head penny, police said.

Daniel Kevin McGowan, 28, was booked for investigation of murder.

Molly Devlin McGowan, 29, was pronounced dead in the parking lot of Loretta's Bar in Fontana, 50 miles east of Los Angeles, where the shooting occurred, according to Sgt. Bill Arthur of the San Bernardino County sheriff's homicide division. Arthur said McGowan had met his wife

at the bar to talk about their marital problems and exchange personal items.

He said they went out to the parking lot, where McGowan gave his estranged wife a Bible and coat that belonged to her, but "he asked her for this penny and she wouldn't give it to him."

The man went to his car and got a handgun, Arthur said. The woman was shot several times.

"He said it was a valuable Indian head penny and he wanted it and she wouldn't give it to him," Arthur said.

## \$123 million added to energy assistance fund

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan has signed a resolution adding \$123 million to a federal fund to help the poor and elderly pay their heating and other energy bills, the White House announced.

The \$123 million allocation was tacked onto a resolution authorizing the Commodity Credit Corp. to borrow \$5 billion as

reimbursement for losses over the past year in commodity price support loans and payments to farmers.

The energy assistance program totals \$1.75 billion this year. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., who supported the \$123 million addition, said that without the extra funds, 25 states would run out of energy assistance money this month.

## Everyone, including judges, must be frisked

ATTECA, N.Y. (AP) — Despite objections from at least two judges, a state official says no exceptions will be made to the rule that requires body searches of all visitors to the state prison.

Two judges have declined to hold hearings at the prison rather than submit to the search, the Buffalo Evening News re-

ported. "The governor, legislators and other judges are screened," said Lou Ganin, a spokesman for the state Department of Correctional Services in Albany.

He said: "We cannot make exceptions. The safety of the people in our prisons requires it."

## Reagan policies force Sierra Club into politics

CHICAGO (AP) — The Sierra Club says the environment is being so abused by Reagan administration policies that the club is breaking a long-standing tradition and endorsing a congressional candidate with a good record on environmental issues.

The club, one of the nation's oldest con-

servation groups, threw its support Monday behind Rep. Sidney Yates, D-Ill. The San Francisco-based group has endorsed candidates in California state races but

has refrained from national endorsements. The Sierra Club claims about 280,000 members nationwide, including about 5,000 in the Chicago area.

## 'Last year was a lost year'

# Nancy Reagan steps up her anti-drug crusade

DALLAS (UPI) — Saying she hopes to make up for a "lost year" by stepping up her anti-drug crusade, Nancy Reagan met Tuesday with a group of Texans who helped push through some of the toughest state drug laws in the nation.

Mrs. Reagan, wearing a black knit Adolfo suit, brushed by about two dozen sign-carrying protesters on her way to a luncheon with the Texans' War on Drugs Committee.

One sign carried by the demonstrators read: "Nancy Reagan: Is saving children in fashion?" — a reference to criticism of the Reagan's lifestyle at a time of budget cuts.

Mrs. Reagan did not acknowledge the protesters, who represented a community action group concerned about cuts in programs to reduce the incidence of lead poisoning among children.

The first lady flew to Dallas aboard a government DC-9 from Florida on the last day of a two-day tour of drug programs in the two states.

Her Texas schedule also called for a meeting with members of a parents' group, Richardson Families in Action.

On Monday she visited an elementary school class and a controversial behavior-modification program for teen-agers in St. Petersburg, Fla.

On the flight to Dallas, Mrs. Reagan told reporters she hopes to step up her anti-drug appearances and visit treatment programs "as often as I can." Aides said she hopes to schedule activities every month or six weeks in Washington and elsewhere.

"Last year was a lost year," she said in

an apparent reference to the March 30 attempt on her husband's life, which limited the Reagan's public appearances. "It was not exactly the happiest year of my whole life."

Asked by a reporter if she had taken a "bum rap," as the president puts it, over her purchases of White House china and designer clothes, Mrs. Reagan shook aside the question.

"I just want to talk about children and drugs," she said.

The lunch with the Texans' War on Drug Committee, which included terrine of chicken, fresh blanched vegetables, sherbet and fresh fruit, was intended to brief Mrs. Reagan on the activities of the group, set up by Gov. William Clements but financed and chaired by industrialist H. Ross Perot.

The group helped push through a tough package of state laws, including one that outlaws so-called "head shops" and the sale of drug paraphernalia.

Mrs. Reagan told reporters aboard her plane she was surprised during her visit to Straight Inc., a drug program in Florida, to hear the range of substances the teen-agers used to get high.

"You wonder how they even think of those concoctions — the De-Con (insoluble) and the leaves ground up with something," she said.

Some teen-agers described using substances such as deodorant spray and embalming fluid.

"The things that they used, I've never heard of a lot of them and mixtures of them," Mrs. Reagan said. "How did they even come up with them?"