

formal swearing-in of Dr. Bernadine Healy as the Director of the National Institutes of Health. Thank you all very, very much.

Note: The President spoke at 9:46 a.m. in the Jack Masur Auditorium in the Clinical Center on the campus of the National Institutes of Health. In his remarks, he referred to Secretary of Health and Human Services Louis W. Sullivan; Constance Horner and James O. Mason, HHS Deputy Secretary and

Assistant Secretary for Health; Samuel Broder, Director of the National Cancer Institute; Anthony S. Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Representatives Joseph D. Early and Constance A. Morella; Art Modell, owner of the Cleveland Browns football team; Burton J. Lee III, Physician to the President; and D. Allan Bromley, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology.

Exchange With Reporters Prior to a Meeting With Sadako Ogata, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees June 24, 1991

Refugee assistance

Q. Nice to see you.

The President. Very nice to see you all. Just delighted. We had a wonderful weekend, and we're so pleased to see Mrs. Ogata here because we're going to talk about some very important refugee matters. The High Commissioner's Office is doing a superb job, and we've got some big problems out there.

High Commissioner Ogata. We do have two large issue areas. One is, of course, in Iraq and in the Persian Gulf area. And the other is now in the Horn of Africa—

The President. Oh yes.

High Commissioner Ogata. —which is just as large in terms of the scope of the refugees involved as well as the seriousness. And we require a great deal of international support and mobilization of resources.

The President. Well, we certainly want to do our part on that.

High Commissioner Ogata. You have been doing a great deal. And I came primarily to thank you very much and also to ask you for continued support.

The President. Well, as these problems develop, the United States—

High Commissioner Ogata. You have always taken the lead, yes.

The President. —will have to do it. We have to do that.

Thank you all very much.

Measles Vaccine Funding

Q. Mr. President, have you postponed the funding of the measles vaccine for another year?

The President. I don't know what that story was about. If it's done, it hasn't been called to my attention. And I'll have to discuss it with—

Q. It was a low-level set of recommendations that have worked themselves up to—

The President. I wondered where that story came from, because there was certainly no decision—

Q. Because after extravaganza last week on—

The President. Yes, exactly. They're trying to act like we're turning our back. I'm surprised people would write it without confirming it, saying I had done something. It was a little annoying, but we'll have to look at it. I can't understand how anybody would write something and attributing it to what the President had done without doing as you're doing, verifying it. So, I appreciate your thoroughness here, giving us a chance to set the record straight.

Q. There's a few other questions we have, too.

The President. Good to see you.

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Note: The exchange began at 11:08 a.m. in the Oval Office at the White House. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Statement by Press Secretary Fitzwater on the President's Meeting With Sadako Ogata, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

June 24, 1991

President Bush met today with Mrs. Sadako Ogata, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). They discussed refugee issues worldwide, with special emphasis on the Horn of Africa and the situation in Iraq. They agreed on the importance of a rapid and comprehensive response to humanitarian emergencies. The President underscored the strong and continuing U.S. support for UNHCR and wished Mrs. Ogata well in her new position as High Commissioner.

The United States will contribute imme-

diately an additional \$5 million in refugee program funds to meet the emergency needs of refugees and displaced persons in the Horn of Africa. This brings total U.S. support for refugee assistance activities in the Horn of Africa for fiscal year 1991 to \$51.3 million, including recent provision of \$18 million in Food for Peace food and 3.6 million Meals Ready to Eat (MRE's) valued at \$15.3 million.

The United States is prepared to provide additional assistance as may be required.

Remarks Congratulating the National Hockey League Champion Pittsburgh Penguins

June 24, 1991

Well, please be seated. And standing next to me is a Pennsylvanian of note, our Attorney General. And he and I are very excited and somewhat—I am, at least—apologetic for keeping this group of athletes waiting. I don't want to get them up in arms like I've seen them from time to time out on the ice. *[Laughter]* But it's not exactly hockey weather, either; I'll admit that. But let me salute Pennsylvania's two Senators that are with us today, Senator Specter, Senator Wofford; of course, Rick Santorum, your Congressman from out there; and Bob Walker, another great Pennsylvanian. So, welcome all.

I'm delighted that we're here to honor the Penguins, the National Hockey League's champions that brought such excitement to this country. This is a special moment, I'm sure, for the city of Pittsburgh, as it is for all of us here in the Rose Garden.

The Penguins have brought home the city's first-ever Stanley Cup—brought the Cup back to the U.S. for the first time since 1983. Somehow, I have the feeling that's even—special even if you're a Rose Garden veteran like Eddie DeBartolo over here, who comes regularly with his football team. *[Laughter]* But four Super Bowls with the 49ers, and now he's starting down this Stanley Cup collection road. We welcome you, sir.

The Penguins take their place alongside the Pirates and the Steelers in the hearts of Pittsburghers. And in the "City of Champions," a new ice age has begun.

Back when the season started, I don't mean to downgrade you guys, but I don't think anyone of all our sports sages and scribes were predicting that you'd end up right here. But sure enough—well, one of the reasons last year, some very good