

the histories of the old and new worlds. America, a Nation of diverse peoples, has been enriched by the blending of many heritages. Americans of international descent, along with Native Americans, have contributed mightily to molding the framework of our great land, united by our allegiance to the principles of equality, democracy, and freedom. We all take justifiable pride in our accomplishments and dedicate ourselves to the pursuit of our dreams.

In tribute to Columbus' achievement, the Congress of the United States by joint resolution of April 30, 1934 (48 Stat. 657), and an Act of June 28, 1968 (82 Stat. 250), has requested the President to proclaim the second Monday in October of each year as "Columbus Day."

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim October 11, 1993, as Columbus Day. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities. I also direct that the flag of the United States be displayed on all public buildings on the appointed day in honor of Christopher Columbus.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this eighth day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eighteenth.

William J. Clinton

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NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* on October 14.

Nomination for an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture

October 8, 1993

The President today announced his intention to nominate Fred Slabach as Assistant Secretary of Congressional Relations at the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"Fred Slabach knows how important the Agriculture Department is to rural Americans. I know he will represent their concerns

fairly in Washington, with this administration and with Congress," the President said.

NOTE: A biography of the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

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.

October 3

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton attended the 41st annual Red Mass at St. Matthew's Cathedral with members of the Supreme Court. In the afternoon, the President traveled to Sacramento, CA. Later that evening, he went to San Francisco, CA, where he remained overnight.

October 4

In the afternoon, the President went to Los Angeles, CA. Later in the evening, he attended the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee dinner at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

The White House announced the President appointed two officials to the Department of Commerce: Michael J. Copps as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Basic Industries and Rolland Schmitten as Assistant Administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

October 5

In the evening, following his return from Los Angeles, CA, to Washington, DC, the President attended the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee dinner at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

October 6

In the morning, the President met with Members of Congress on NAFTA.

October 7

In the morning, the President met with Members of Congress on the situation in Somalia. Later in the morning, he met with Members of Congress on NAFTA. Following the meetings, the President had lunch with the Vice President.

October 8

In the early afternoon, the President traveled to New Brunswick, NJ, where he participated in discussions and spoke on health care and violence at the Robert Wood Johnson Hospital. He then returned to Washington, DC, in the evening.

**Nominations
Submitted to the Senate**

Submitted October 5

Robert S. Gelbard,
of Washington, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics Matters, vice Melvyn Levitsky, resigned.

Submitted October 7

Nicholas Andrew Rey,
of New York, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Poland.

David W. Hagen,
of Nevada, to be U.S. district judge for the District of Nevada, vice Edward C. Reed, Jr., retired.

Claudia Wilken,
of California, to be U.S. district judge for the Northern District of California, vice a new position created by Public Law 101-650, approved December 1, 1990.

Mary Dolores Nichols,
of California, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, vice William G. Rosenberg, resigned.

**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 October 1¹

White House statement on emergency assistance to earthquake victims in India

Released October 4

Announcement of the President's plan to honor 18 artists and scholars

Fact sheet on announcement of the preferred site for the B-Factory

White House statement announcing the President's request to Congress for funds to rebuild the Cypress Freeway

Released October 5

Remarks by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers in Culver City, CA

Released October 6

Transcript of a press briefing by Assistant to the President for Economic Policy Bob Rubin, Council of Economic Advisers Chair Laura D'Andrea Tyson, Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen, Labor Secretary Bob Reich, and Small Business Administrator Erskine Bowles

Listing of Members of Congress meeting with the President on the North American Free Trade Agreement

Released October 7

Listing of Members of Congress meeting with the President on Somalia

Transcript of a press briefing by Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Secretary of Defense Les Aspin, and Admiral David Jeremiah

Released October 8

Transcript of a press briefing by the President's Senior Adviser for Policy Develop-

¹ This statement was not received in time for publication in the appropriate issue.