

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.