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Mikhail Gorbachev, second from right, and other Soviet delegation members meet with congressional leaders including House Speaker Jim Wright, D-Fort Worth, third from left

Disputes on issues emerging

By STAN JONES

Fort Worth Star-Telegram Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev grappled yesterday over such divisive issues as Afghanistan and how to make cuts in their arsenals of long-range, strategic nuclear weapons.

"This was a day of heavy lifting... a kind of roll-up-your-sleeves session," White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said after the two-hour meeting, the third of the summit.

Fitzwater said the meeting, in the Oval Office and Reagan's private study, went 30 minutes longer than scheduled and ended "on a very optimistic note." But U.S. officials said it failed to produce any breakthroughs.

"When they left the room," added Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennadi Gerasimov, "the general secretary smiled at me and the president winked at me."

Earlier yesterday, Gorbachev met with House Speaker Jim Wright of Fort Worth and eight other congressional leaders, and portrayed himself as willing to compromise instead of adhering to hard-line dogma.

But despite the expressions of good will, both leaders indicated in separate remarks later that ideological differences are still strong.

Gorbachev, in an afternoon meeting with key U.S. publishers, fielded several questions on the Soviet human-rights record and sternly defended Soviet policies.

"What moral right does America have to assume the pose of the teacher?" the Soviet leader asked. "Who has given it the right to teach moral lessons? I told the president yesterday, 'Mr. President, You are not the prosecutor and I am not the accused... I am not on trial.'"

Reagan, in an interview with four syndicated columnists yesterday afternoon, said his talks with Gorbachev have taught him that "we are dealing with two different systems." But he added that the two nations "can live in peace with each other."

The president noted that Gorbachev is "the fourth Soviet leader in my term of office." But he said he is "the first one to talk about glasnost and some other things that are real departures from their philosophy."

The third meeting of the Washington summit began on a spontaneous note, Fitzwater said, when Reagan escorted Gorbachev from the Oval Office into his adjoining private study for 25 minutes of unplanned private talks. They were accompanied by their interpreters, but no stenographers were present.

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Soviet leader criticizes U.S. Abandon stereotypes, Gorbachev urges lawmakers

By DAVE MONTGOMERY AND RON HUTCHESON

Fort Worth Star-Telegram Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev told top lawmakers yesterday that his country wants to break "the old stereotypes" dividing the superpowers, but turned a discussion of human rights into criticism of the United States.

In his meeting with House Speaker Jim Wright and eight other House and Senate leaders, Gorbachev portrayed himself as a new-generation Soviet leader willing to talk compromise and conciliation instead of hard-line dogma, Wright and others said.

"We can't be captives of the past," the Fort Worth Democrat quoted Gorbachev as saying. "The world moves on and we have to deal with the situation of today and tomorrow, and create a better world and not be shackled."

Lawmakers said Gorbachev seemed receptive to removing Soviet troops

from Afghanistan and welcomed their pointed questions on a variety of other sensitive issues. Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., described the session as "stunningly frank."

Gorbachev surprised and amused some lawmakers by acknowledging conservative dissent in his country over the treaty signed Tuesday eliminating intermediate-range missiles from Europe. Soviet critics are fearful that the treaty could endanger national security, he said.

"Perhaps for the first time in history, ratification (of the treaty) will not go through as easily as in the past," Gorbachev said.

Some lawmakers, however, scoffed at the idea that Gorbachev will have trouble convincing the Supreme Soviet, the nation's rubber-stamp Legislature.

"I don't think they operate quite like the United States Senate," said Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole.

The most spirited exchange came in

a discussion on human rights, as Gorbachev responded to criticism of his country's policies by raising his own complaints about the United States.

"Take a look at your own record on human rights while you criticize ours," Cranston quoted Gorbachev as saying, reading from detailed notes he took during the meeting.

"He lectured us a bit on human rights, about how we restrict by quota the number of people who come to this country," Dole said. "He gives a different view of human rights than we have."

Gorbachev singled out restrictions in the new U.S. immigration law to underscore his complaints about human rights, lawmakers said.

"You don't let Mexicans come in from Mexico," Rep. Tony Coelho, D-Calif., quoted the Soviet leader as saying, "but you want emigration of Jews."

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President Reagan checks the time yesterday while meeting with Mikhail Gorbachev.

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Soviets learning tricks of wooing public opinion

By JOEL BRINKLEY

New York Times News Service

WASHINGTON — Even as Mikhail Gorbachev works to improve his relationship with President Reagan, he is borrowing one of Reagan's patented political tactics and taking his case directly to the American people.

The strategy seems to be working. Yesterday the Soviet Embassy invited two groups of prominent Americans — members of Congress as well as publishers and broadcasters — for semiprivate meetings with the Soviet leader; the meetings were not entirely private because the embassy allowed television coverage.

In each case Gorbachev delivered long soliloquies on peace and international cooperation that his audiences found engaging.

Some members of Congress left nearly starry-eyed. Sen. Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., called the meeting "fascinating."

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Gun found in jet wreckage; cockpit entered, tapes show

From Wire Reports

CAYUCOS, Calif. — Searchers found a gun yesterday in the wreckage of a jetliner that crashed into a California hillside, and FBI officials said a review of flight recordings showed

someone entered the cockpit without authorization just before the disaster that killed all 43 aboard.

Investigators say they virtually are certain that the crash was caused by an armed gunman disabling the flight crew, sources said last night.

It was not immediately known whether the pilot and co-pilot were actually shot, but one source close to the investigation said the sound of gunshots could be heard on the cockpit flight recorder tape.

Hampered by fog and wet ground, 40 searchers going through jet debris and body parts strewn over the 15-acre site found the gun around 11 a.m. in 2 or 3 inches of mud, Richard Bretzing, the FBI agent in charge, said.

"We have located a weapon," Bretzing told reporters during a news conference at the site where Pacific Southwest Airlines Flight 1771 crashed Monday on a flight from Los Angeles to San Francisco.

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Black, 2 Hispanics join zoo group

First minority members elected after extensive recruiting effort

By ROBERT C. WURMSTEDT

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

The Fort Worth Zoological Association voted to add seven new members yesterday, including the first black and first two Hispanic board members in the history of the 37-year-old private organization.

The new members were approved by a majority of members at the association's regular quarterly meeting at the zoo, bringing its membership to 55.

The association had been criticized for its lack of minority members during a recent controversy over zoo expansion.

Tim Stephens, the association's executive director, said the new members include: Mattie Compton, the one black, who is an assistant U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Texas; and two Hispanics, Rose Romero, 31, an assistant district attorney for Tarrant County; and Leo Benavides, 45, execu-



Romero



Benavides



Compton

tive director of the Tarrant County Medical Society.

Other new members include Judge Pat Ferchill, 41, of Tarrant County Probate Court No. 2; Paul Stevens, 72, founder and former president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission; and Stuart Gentling, 44, a Fort Worth artist.

Stephens declined to name the sev-

enth new member, who is out of town, until he is notified of his election to the association.

The election of new members came after what Stephens called an intensive recruiting effort, especially among minorities. But for the most part, the new members say they are not very familiar with zoo issues and do not represent

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large minority organizations.

During the recent conflict over a 14-acre expansion of the zoo in Forest Park, Friends of the Parks, a coalition of neighborhood groups who opposed the expansion, called the zoo association an elitist organization out of touch with the interests of many minority citizens and others in Fort Worth.

The association, which has raised millions of dollars for the zoo, includes many of Fort Worth's most prominent families. The association operates the zoo concessions for the city and holds title to the animals.

In November, after nearly a year of heated debate between the association and expansion opponents, the City Council approved the expansion and renewed the concessions contract.

But the council added 11 stipulations to its approval, including one stating that the association continue its recent commitment "to having a broad base of community representation on its board."

The association's bylaws allow for 65 voting members who also are automatically on the association's board. The remaining 10 openings will be filled gradually, Stephens said.

"We've worked very hard to identify people and we will be working diligently to fill half a dozen more seats before the next board meeting in March," he said.

Candidates suggested by the League of Neighborhoods, the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce and the Hurst-Euless-Bedford Chamber of Commerce will be considered then, he said.

Stephens said letters sent in mid-October to some local minority organizations requesting potential candidates have gone unanswered. These groups include the Minority Leaders Council, Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce and the Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Yesterday, Stephens blamed this on "political motives" of zoo expansion opponents, including David O'Brien, president of Friends of the Parks.

"They complain we don't have any minority members, then they work to see that we don't get any minority members," Stephens said. "It's a self-fulfilling prophecy."

O'Brien denied his group worked against the association's quest for minority members.

"You have to get people from a broad spectrum," he said. "If membership were truly open, then the reticence (to join) they are finding would not exist."

O'Brien applauded the broadening of the association's membership, but questioned the effectiveness of the three minority members. "Let's see how many of them are on the executive committee," O'Brien said, referring to the association's nine-member panel that actually runs the organization. The full membership meets only four times a year.

Alex Jimenez, president of the Hispanic chamber, said he received a letter from the association and was contacted by a member about joining. But he said other commitments come first.

Moreover, Jimenez said, this is not a good time for him or his organization to get involved with the association.

Jimenez said his "gut feeling" is that there are "hard feelings" among some association members who he thinks resisted the addition of minorities to its

membership. He also said he thinks neighborhood groups that opposed the expansion would say a new Hispanic member is a only token.

"We'd be interested when the dust settles and people are talking in a more rational way," said Jimenez, adding that he sincerely wishes the new association members "the best of luck."

"We need to bring all factions in the city together," he said. Minority leaders in Fort Worth indicated they approved of the addition of minorities to the zoo group, but some seemed skeptical about how much change the new members could bring to the organization.

"It's a step in the right direction," said City Council member Louis Zapata, who voted against the zoo expansion. "I hope they are doing it because they know it's right, not because they feel forced to do it."

However, both Zapata and Christopher Bonilla, vice president of the Tarrant County chapter of the League of United Latin American Citizens, said they do not know the two new Hispanic members, Romero and Benavides.

"I'm concerned about what kind of impact three minorities out of 55 can have," Bonilla said. "A 10-percent minority representation would be more realistic."

Mayor Pro Tem Bert C. Williams, who is black, praised the selection of Compton. "She's a great choice," he said.

Williams said the addition of minorities to the association "signals the continuing opening up of all facets of society in Fort Worth."

"I don't know much about the zoo," said Roy H. Bell, president of the Tarrant County chapter of the NAACP. "But they should have had a black member a long time ago."

For their part, the new association members will join the group's efforts to raise \$10 million over the next five years for the first phase of the zoo's plan for expansion, including enlargement of the facilities for primates.

They also will be asked to help kick off a drive seeking thousands of non-voting associate members who would pay dues of \$35 to \$1,500 a year for privileges such as free admission to special programs at the zoo.

Romero, a former Fort Worth police officer and recent graduate of Southern Methodist University law school, has been an assistant district attorney for only a month. She says she is unfamiliar with the zoo expansion controversy. "For me, membership is a way to get involved in the community," she said.

Benavides, a native of San Antonio, has been with the county's medical society since 1980. Previously, he was executive director of the Tarrant County Mental Health Association. Benavides said the medical society's three trustees must confirm that his association membership in no way conflicts with the Society before his membership can be official.

"My membership could be interpreted as the medical association taking a position," he said, referring to the zoo expansion controversy.

"I have a real interest in developing the zoo," he said. "It's a neat facility and can be improved and expanded."

Ferchill, a Fort Worth resident since 1972, has worked as a volunteer with alcohol and drug abuse organizations. He said he is not familiar with the zoo's plans, but said "I think the zoo is for the

entire city and I'm anxious to promote that."

Gentling, a self-described conservationist and "wildlife person," has served on the boards of the Van Cliburn Competition, Fort Worth Opera and Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth. He said the zoo should develop breeding programs to encourage the propagation of endangered species.

Stevens was president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Com-

mision for 30 years, and served on the Texas Board of Education for five years. He said he always has planned to take the role of mediator in civic work, adding, "I have followed the arguments on both sides (of the zoo controversy). I've seen the wisdom on both positions."

Compton did not return phone calls from the Star-Telegram yesterday.

Staff writer Steve Polilli contributed to this report.



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