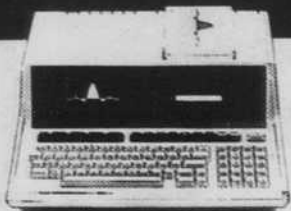


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Polish life continues 'deterioration'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pres. Reagan said Tuesday that while U.S. sanctions against the Warsaw and Soviet governments have had some impact, life for the Polish people continues to deteriorate under martial law and "we're not going to wait forever for improvement."

The president, conducting his seventh White House news conference just a day before his first anniversary in office, also accepted responsibility for the administrative decision to grant

tax-exempt status to private schools which racially discriminate.

Asked whether his staff was to blame for that widely criticized step, he replied, "No one put anything over on me... The buck stops at my desk."

Asked about burgeoning unemployment, Reagan said, "I have the greatest sympathy" for those out of jobs, but "on the other hand, comparing this to the beginning of our term, there are a million people more work-

ing than there were in 1980..."

But the government's own figures don't square with that. The Bureau of Labor Statistics said total employment was 97,188,000 in December, down more than a half-million from the month Reagan took office — last January — and also 94,000 fewer than December 1980.

Reagan said interest and inflation rates are on the way down, and "I'm quite sure we're going to see an upswing in the economy."

The president did not spell out — nor was he asked — just what positive effects he believes were produced by U.S. sanctions on trade, aviation and fishing rights against the Polish and Soviet governments in the wake of the Polish military crackdown.

Phone rates will rise

SEATTLE (AP) — Your telephone will be more of a do-it-yourself project in the future under an agreement that will make 22 telephone companies independent from the giant American Telephone and Telegraph Co., Pacific Northwest Bell officials said Tuesday.

They acknowledged phone rates will rise, but insisted divestiture is not to blame.

Customers will have to study a welter of options available — such as being charged by the call, said Gene Pfeifer, PNB vice president for consumer affairs. They also will have to decide where they can buy their phones most cheaply.

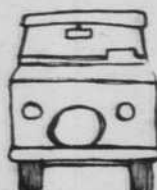
Competitors will flock into the local telecommunications business, selling everything from phones to service, he said. "The only guy in town not selling a phone will be the phone company," he said.

And customers might have to work hard to save money because, the officials said, telephone rates definitely will go up. How much, they said they didn't know, but it should be less than inflation, now in the 7½-8½ percent range.

The Justice Department announced Jan. 8 that it reached a settlement in its seven-year antitrust suit against AT&T that requires AT&T to give up its 22 local phone companies, including PNB, in 18 months.

Basic home phone rates will rise because of inflation, competition and the cost of equipment and employees, but not because of divestiture, said Andy Smith, PNB president.

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