

Reagan seems at peace with bishops' letter

An Associated Press Analysis

WASHINGTON (AP) — Debating theology with clergymen is a sure way to lose, and the administration is extending that guideline in response to the denunciation of nuclear weapons — and major elements of U.S. nuclear strategy — by Roman Catholic bishops.

Pres. Ronald Reagan and Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger avoided discussing details of the long-debated pastoral letter adopted on Tuesday by leaders of the 51 million American Catholics.

Instead, they kept their comments broad enough to suggest that the view of the bishops and the policies of the administration really are not that much at odds.

That is pretty broad.

Reagan said he hadn't read the 45,000-word statement the bishops adopted in Chicago, but from what he'd seen, there were many points with which the administration would have no quarrel.

But it doesn't take a line-by-line reading to see some major differences.

The bishops condemned first use of nuclear weapons on any scale. The use of tactical nuclear weapons is one of the options reserved by NATO as a possible response to an overwhelming conventional attack on Western Europe.

The letter challenged the use of nuclear weapons even in retaliation to an attack on American cities. "Retaliatory action which would indiscriminately take many wholly innocent lives, lives of people who are in no

way responsible for the reckless actions of their government, must be condemned," the letter says. Credible retaliatory power is at the heart of the policy of nuclear deterrence.

The bishops called for immediate, verifiable agreements to halt the testing, production and deployment of nuclear weapons — a version of the nuclear freeze to which Reagan is firmly opposed.

The president didn't go into those points. He accentuated the positive:

"They're not saying anything we don't say, that God forbid those weapons should ever be used.

"What I'm saying is that I think their purpose is the same as ours," Reagan told interviewers. "They're looking for a way toward peace and promoting world peace, and that's what we're also

looking for."

Weinberger said he didn't think the bishops intended to undercut U.S. deterrent policy. "If we were to end deterrence and erode it by statements that we would in effect never use or dismantle all of our strategic systems, that I think would encourage the Soviets, and I don't think that's really the thrust of their letter."

The administration had sought to temper the bishop's statement on nuclear policy, so as to tone down direct or implied criticism of American policy. "When someone tries to pressure you, you stiffen your back," said Cardinal John Krol of Philadelphia. "It's a normal human reaction."

Now the administration focus is on areas of agreement, not differences.

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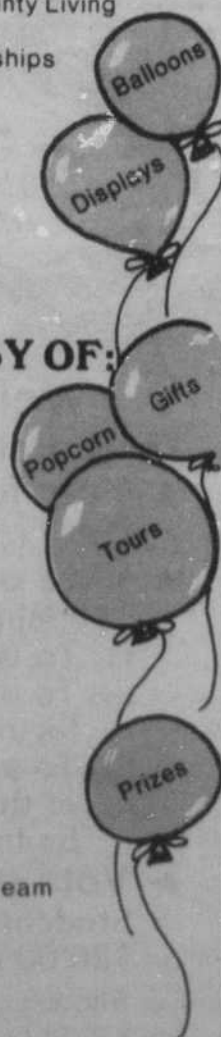
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EPA director nominee will clean waste dumps

WASHINGTON (AP) — William Ruckelshaus pledged today that he would move aggressively to clean up abandoned toxic waste dumps without waiting to determine who would ultimately pay for the clean-up.

Ruckelshaus' pledge, made at the third day of hearings on his nomination to head the Environmental Protection Agency, signalled a change from past Reagan administration policy.

Under former Administrator Anne Burford, the EPA emphasized negotiated settlements with responsible parties rather than committing money from the \$1.6 billion superfund.

It was allegations of political manipulation and mismanagement of the fund that drove Burford and a dozen of her top aides from office in recent months.

Ruckelshaus, asked if he would improve on a record

that has seen money spent on only 78 of 419 dump sites, said: "From the evidence I have seen, there was too much emphasis placed on who pays, rather than going ahead and getting the dumps cleaned up."

He added that it was very likely he will seek to spend more money on clean-ups this year than the administration had originally requested.

Ruckelshaus' comments before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee marked one of the few times in his two days of confirmation hearings where he signalled a specific change in past administration policy.

Sen. Robert Stafford, chairman of the environment committee, announced toward the end of the panel's questioning of Ruckelshaus that he had scheduled a vote on the nomination for Friday morning.

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