

Reagan sworn to second term

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ronald Reagan called for "a new American Emancipation" in his second inaugural address Monday.

The president's remarks reflected his longstanding conviction that Americans are held in bondage, not by race or discrimination, but by big government.

Reagan delivered the address shortly after publicly re-enacting Sunday's private oath-taking ceremony. Monday's inaugural events were held in the Capitol building rotunda after sub-freezing temperatures caused the president to order their removal from the west face of the Capitol.

The traditional inaugural parade down Pennsylvania Avenue was canceled. It was the first time since Franklin D. Roosevelt's wartime inaugural of 1945 that a parade did not grace the event.

In his remarks, Reagan proposed "a new American Emancipation — a great national drive to tear down economic barriers and liberate the spirit of enterprise in the most distressed areas of our country."

Although he mentioned elsewhere in the speech that the federal government has a role to play in defending civil rights, the Reagan emancipation would grant another kind of freedom.

"At the heart of our efforts," Reagan said, "is one idea vindicated by 25 straight months of

economic growth: Freedom and incentives unleash the drive and entrepreneurial genius that are the core of human progress."

"We must act now to protect future generations from government's desire to spend its citizens' money and tax them into servitude when the bills come due," he said.

Rather than government social programs for the needy, Reagan said "a growing economy and support from family and community offer our best chance for a society where compassion is the way of life."

Gillis 'elated' to join House

SALEM (AP) — Freshman state Rep. Pat Gillis was sworn in as a member of the Oregon House of Representatives Monday, a week after the House had voted to deny him a seat because of his campaign misbehavior.

In a small ceremony attended by a group of Republican lawmakers, supporters and family members, the 24-year-old Portland Republican took the oath of office from Justice Berkeley Lent of the state Supreme Court.

The other 59 members of the House were sworn in Jan. 14, the same day the House voted not to seat Gillis pending an inquiry into alleged election misconduct.

The House subsequently voted to seat Gillis, but also

reprimanded him for mailing a campaign letter purporting to be from the American Association of Retired Persons.

After Monday's brief swearing-in ceremony in the House chambers, Gillis said he was "elated" to be officially installed as a House member.

But he noted: "My problems aren't over yet."

Attorney General Dave Frohnmayer's office is investigating whether Gillis should be prosecuted for a felony election law violation for falsely claiming in the state Voters' Pamphlet that he has a master's degree.

House Speaker Vera Katz, D-Portland, has said that although the House has voted to seat Gillis, the House could re-open the Gillis matter if he's convicted of a felony.

Even so, Katz on Monday said Gillis will be "expected to fulfill the same duties required of other lawmakers."

She assigned Gillis seats on the chamber's Intergovernmental Affairs and Housing committees.

Prison accepts Indian custom

MCNEIL ISLAND, Wash. (AP) — Within the steel fences and brown walls of the state prison here, Indian inmates now have a sweat lodge — a small tent where they can purify their spirits and their bodies.

"It is a simple way of life that has been passed on for hundreds and hundreds of years,

even before the Europeans came," said Tom Harris, a Stollo Indian who is a practitioner of Indian religious rituals.

In the ceremony, stones are heated in a fire, then put inside the lodge, where water is poured on them, creating a stifling heat. Participants pray and try to unburden themselves of problems in the ceremony, which lasts about one hour.

Though use of the sweat lodge is a basic religious ritual for many Indians, state prison officials were slow to approve use of the canvas and blanket-covered framework.

So Indian inmates at McNeil Island Corrections Center were understandably pleased Sunday with the consecration of the prison's first sweat lodge since the former federal facility became a state prison in 1981.

Corrections officials and inmates said they hoped use of the sweat lodge here would clear the way for other state prisons to follow suit, and allow Indian inmates around the state to join in the religious ritual.

"I'm just glad they built this," said inmate Harold Desjarlais, a Yakima Indian. "Before we had this, we all felt cut off."

Lynn said corrections officials knew little about the sweat lodge ceremony and were concerned there could be abuses, such as drug dealing, when the inmates were secluded in the lodge. He said the department was glad to locate Harris, a trained practitioner who could supervise the rites.

Many of the 50 men who participated in the consecration ceremony Sunday had never been in a sweat lodge.

One man said he rarely thought of the practice before entering prison, but that it became important to him when he went behind walls. "It helps you identify with your heritage," he said. "It gives us a place to feel together."

"You have to believe in something," said inmate James Blair, a Chippewa, as he waited for his turn to enter the lodge.

Belushi friend gives up flight

TORONTO (AP) — Cathy Evelyn Smith, the woman accused of murdering comedian John Belushi with injections of cocaine and heroin, turned herself in to police here Monday and gave up her 22-month fight against extradition to California.

Smith's attorney, Brian Greenspan, told a news conference that his client formally abandoned her extradition appeal because "discussions and negotiations" with the Los Angeles County district attorney's office "provided an acceptable basis for Miss Smith's voluntary departure."

Greenspan refused to say whether the bargaining led to an agreement on reduced charges or on a sentence to be served.

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