

# Clinton vows change after oath



WASHINGTON (AP) — William Jefferson Clinton was inaugurated the 42nd president of the United States on Wednesday before a cheering crowd of a quarter-million, bringing a new generation to power and pledging "to face hard truths and take strong steps."

Inheriting a weak economy, a \$4 trillion federal debt and a galaxy of foreign-policy problems, Clinton called for national renewal but acknowledged, "It will not be easy; it will require sacrifice." He specified none in his inaugural address, leaving that for later.

Clinton used the word change 11 times, and promised his Democratic administration would end the "deadlock and drift" of government.

"There is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured by what is right with America," Clinton said at a Capitol ceremony bathed in sunlight on a chill winter day.

Cheers, whistles and applause swelled from the huge crowd. Around the world, countless millions paused to watch the ceremony on television.

It was a day of emotional celebration and colorful pageantry. Pennsylvania Avenue was packed with an estimated 800,000 well-wishers as the new president and his wife, Hillary, walked several blocks of the parade route to their new home at the White House. Hand in hand, they walked inside after staying past dark to watch marching units from every state.

Later, they headed out for a late night of partying, beginning with a dinner honoring Medal of Honor winners. "As you might imagine, this has been a long, wonderful, unique day in the lives of Bill and Hillary Clinton," the president told military dignitaries. "We wanted to begin here because of your commitment to our nation." Next came 11 inaugural balls.

Outgoing President Bush, denied a second term by a restive electorate demanding change, watched stoically at the Capitol as Clinton was sworn in by Chief Justice William Rehnquist. Suddenly an ex-president, Bush stepped forward to shake his successor's hand.

Afterward, Bush flew home to Houston, ending a quarter-century of public service and 12 years

of Republican rule in the White House. Bush left behind a note for Clinton in the Oval Office; its contents weren't disclosed.

At 46, Clinton is the nation's third-youngest president and the first of the postwar Baby Boom generation to sit in the White House.

Bush, perhaps the last president of the World War II generation, was the fourth-oldest chief executive when he was sworn in at 64.

In his speech, remarkable for its brevity at 14 minutes, Clinton saluted Bush but lamented the state of the nation.

"Raised in unrivaled prosperity, we inherit an economy still the world's strongest but weakened by business failures, stagnant wages, increasing inequality and deep divisions among our people," Clinton said. He decried the high costs of health care, the scourge of crime and the hardships suffered by millions of poor children.

The day was draped in expectations that Clinton would move quickly with an economic program — and more slowly perhaps to recast U.S. policies involving international crises in Somalia and Iraq, Haiti and Bosnia.

Untested in foreign affairs, Clinton was forceful in expressing his resolve.

"When our vital interests are challenged, or the will and conscience of the international community defied, we will act — with peaceful diplomacy when possible, with force when necessary. The brave Americans serving our nation in the Persian Gulf, in Somalia, and wherever else they stand are testament to our resolve."

With U.S. warplanes flying over Iraq, Clinton was the first president since Richard Nixon to take office with American troops on combat duty. Iraq appeared to be abiding by the cease-fire it offered Clinton but there was a fresh challenge, as Baghdad promised to rebuild a factory devastated by a U.S. cruise missile attack.

The inaugural parade was still under way as the Senate confirmed the nominations of key members of Clinton's Cabinet: Warren Christopher, secretary of state; Les Aspin at Defense, and Lloyd Bentsen at Treasury. Clinton may hold his first Cabinet meeting on Thursday. He also plans to personally greet White House visitors at an open house and, aides said, would issue executive orders on unspecified subjects.

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"It doesn't affect me," said Wayne Johnson of the Black Student Union. "The only thing that bugs me is people walking around wearing it who don't know what it means."

"They (businesses) are just trying to make a buck," he said. "But I don't mind the people in the so-called ghettos and inner cities making a buck off of it because even though they might be robbing you, they don't have any other way because of the way the government is structured."

Indeed, small business owner Arnold Morgan admits his business was successful before bigger companies saturated the market.

"It used to be a profitable market for selling, but now you've got larger stores selling the same stuff," he said. "It's hard for a small business to compete."

Morgan, who operates Two-G's Plaza in Portland, said he believes Malcolm X has a place in capitalism, but that consumers should recognize the message behind the symbol.

"If people have the money, they can buy what they want," Morgan said. "We're living in a materialistic world and we're talking about merchandise. But if you're going to wear something at least know what it represents. Otherwise, it's kind of like buying a gun before you know how to use it."

Student Jennifer Broadous agreed.

"I have to admit I'm appalled when people are wearing it when they don't know what it stands for," she said.

Japanese language graduate Keiko Tabata said she didn't mind the commercialism.

"I think some black people get the wrong idea from that stuff," Tabata said. "They think white people shouldn't be wearing it when in reality Malcolm X wanted to unify all the races. His philosophy isn't just for black people."

"Originally, I thought the movie would be very politically focused, but it's not. It's about unity. Malcolm X wanted to get people of all races together," she said.

"The people who really believe in and follow Malcolm X always will, no matter what," Morgan said.

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