



Senate rejects nomination

air strikers

Chapter 11 protection sought by ailing Eastern

From Register Wire Services

NEW YORK, N.Y. - Eastern Airlines filed for protection from creditors in bankruptcy court Thursday, and its stunned striking workers reacted with anger, branding company boss Frank Lorenzo a "robber baron" and vowing to keep picketing the financially ill company.

"Hang in there! It's not over!" Machinists Local Vice President Frank Ortis shouted to hundreds of Eastern employees gathered at a Miami union

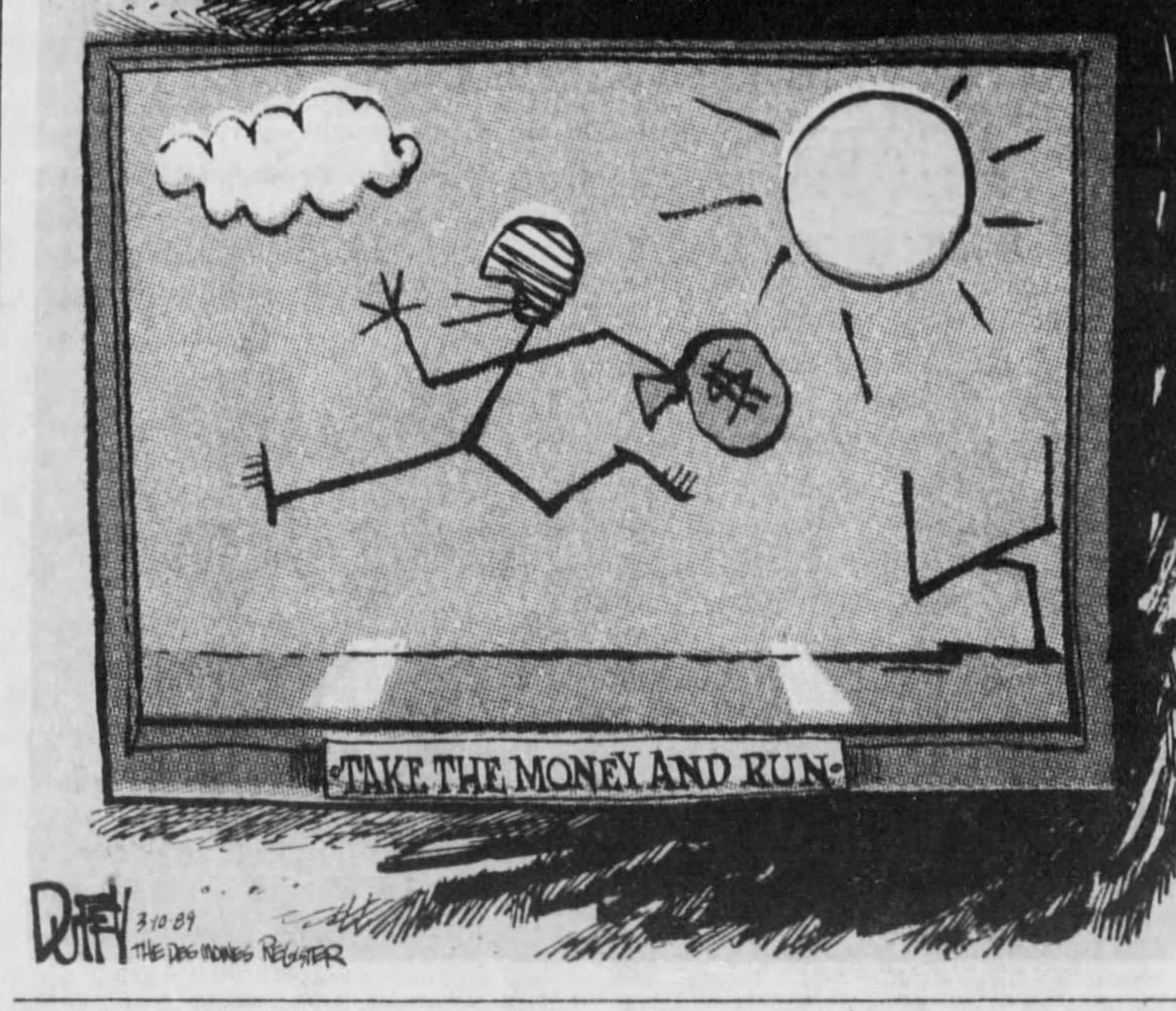
Jammed around TV sets, the workers booed and shouted epithets at Lorenzo, chairman of Eastern parent Texas Air Corp., and Eastern president Phil Bakes as they disclosed the bankruptcy filing during a televised news conference in New York.

The filing under Chapter 11 in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in New York is designed to give Eastern a reprieve from debts while it tries to restructure and extricate itself from the worst crisis in its 60-year history.

Pilots Blamed

Lorenzo blamed "the damage that has been caused" by the airlines' pilots. He and Bakes insisted they intend to restore the airline in bankruptcy court, though in a smaller

UNION GUTTING



Former Hawk admits to apparent violation

Devon Mitchell

City bar.

Says he used booster's car

said that he met Eggleston in an Io

The Iowa City city directory identi-

fies a Mark Eggleston as the operator

of the Fieldhouse Bar, a popular

In an interview, Eggleston ex-

pressed surprise about what Mitchell

"He said that?" Eggleston asked.

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"It is not true. I never loaned him a

downtown Iowa City student bar.

said and denied it ever happened.

Open enrollment

By TOM WITOSKY Register Staff Writer CHICAGO, ILL. - A former Uni-

of Tower as defense chief

Bush choice loses vote

From Register Wire Services WASHINGTON, D.C. - For the first time in history, the Senate Thursday rejected a Cabinet nominee of a new president, declining to confirm John Tower as President Bush's secretary of defense.

by 53-47

The vote against Tower was 53-47. All but three of the Senate's 55 Democrats opposed Tower and all but Kansas Senator Nancy Kassebaum among the Senate's 45 Republicans supported him.

Iowa Republican Senator Charles Grassley voted to approve Tower, while Iowa Democratic Senator Tom Harkin voted no.

The rejection came after six days of often bitter and divisive debate that focused on the former Texas senator's drinking habits, his behavior toward women and his business dealings with military contractors. **Devotion to Country**

Who's next?

With the Senate's rejection of John Tower as secretary of defense, here are some likely candidates President Bush may nominate to replace him.

Possible candidates for secretary of defense



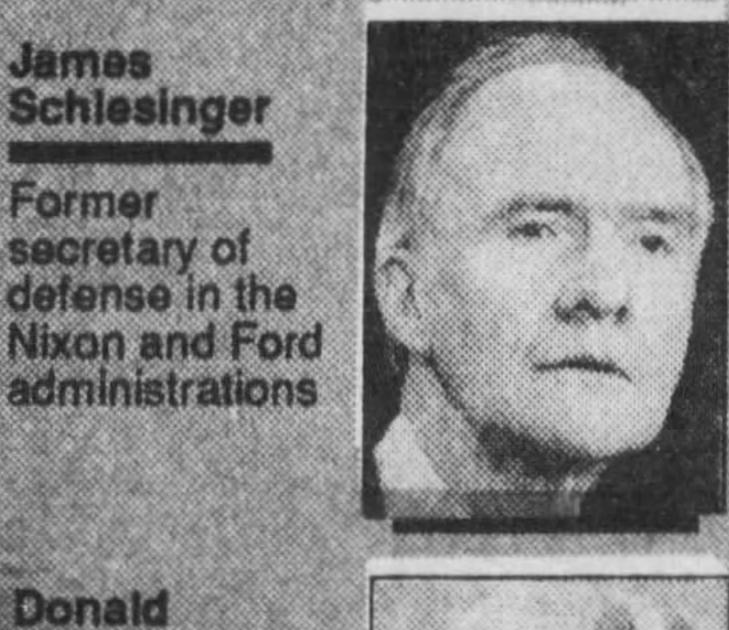
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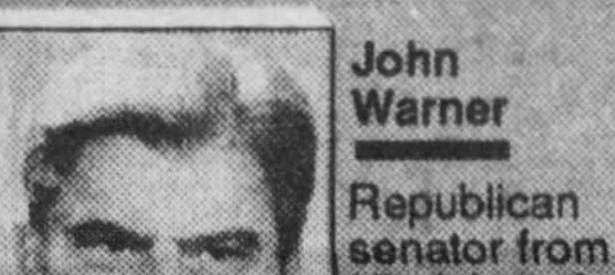
Former Representative from Alabama; was senior Republican on House Appropriations defense

subcommittee

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Brent Scowcroft **President Bush's** national security adviser; says he is not in line to be defense secretary



form.

"We tried mightily to keep Eastern from bankruptcy," Bakes said. "We intend to operate our airline: make no mistake about that."

Bakes said Eastern faces a "cash crisis that can only be averted and stabilized" by turning to the bankruptcy court.

Leaders of the three unions at Eastern — the International Association of Machinists, the Air Line Pilots Association and the Transport Workers Union, which represents flight attendants - met late Thursday at the headquarters of the AFL-CIO to discuss a possible bid to buy Eastern.

Machinists set up pickets against Eastern's sister airline, Continental, in Houston; urged the public to boycott Continental, and said they would oppose Eastern's reorganization plan and any sale of assets.

Pledge on Creditors

Lorenzo and Bakes pledged that all creditors would be paid in full; shareholders would receive "fair value"; passengers would be protected, and as many employees as possible would return to work. Eastern had 31,200 employees before the strike, which began Saturday.

John Peterpaul, a Machinists vice president, said Eastern filed for bankruptcy on payday "in a spiteful

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versity of Iowa football player admitted Thursday that he obtained use of an automobile from an Iowa City athletic booster while attending school - an apparent violation of National **Collegiate Athletic Association rules.**

An NCAA spokesman said the testimony was unlikely to trigger a probe of the Hawkeye program, however, because it was disclosed after the NCAA's four-year statute of limitations expired.

Devon Mitchell, 26, said during testimony in the trial of sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom that he borrowed a car from a Mark Eggleston on several occasions before his senior season, which was in 1985.

Mitchell, who played defensive back for the Hawkeyes and now plays the same position for the Detroit Lions, said he used the car for personal purposes such as "going to the grocery store."

Such use would appear to violate NCAA rules that prohibit boosters or school officials from providing extra benefits to student athletes.

This is the first time an athlete who has played at Iowa for Coach Hayden Fry has acknowledged breaking NCAA rules, other than the signing by Mitchell and former running back **Ronnie Harmon** with sports agents before their college eligibility expired.

Mitchell identified Eggleston in his testimony as a booster and friend and





Tower, in a statement delivered at the Pentagon moments after his defeat, said he may "be harshly judged" but departs "at peace with myself, knowing that I have given a full measure of devotion to my country."

Bush backed his longtime friend to the end, but he was expected to quickly announce a new nominee in an effort to put behind him the fourmonth Tower saga and his first defeat at the hands of the Democratic-controlled Senate.

In a statement released during a visit to New York, Bush praised Tower for devoting "his life to service of country" and said "instead of the recompense of a grateful nation, John Tower's lot in the last few weeks has been a cruel ordeal. For this, I am truly sorry.".

Bush said that while he respected the Senate's role in the decision, "I disagree with the outcome. I am also concerned by the way in which perceptions, based on groundless rumor, seemed to be the basis on which at least some made up their minds in judging a man well qualified to be my secretary of defense."

Although Senate Democrats insisted that the rejection of Tower was not an effort to weaken Bush -'From the bottom of my heart, this is not the case," said Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell of Maine some Republicans said that would be the inevitable result.

"This is going to be an embarrassment to the president all around the world," warned Senator Strom Thurmond (Rep., S.C.). "The leader



Historic free elections are planned in Poland

By JOHN TAGLIABUE

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WARSAW, POLAND - Spokesmen for Poland's government and the Solidarity union said Thursday night that they had reached broad tentative agreement on restoring Poland's second chamber of Parliament, with members chosen in open and free elections.

In addition, the agreement calls for instituting an office of president with broad powers for foreign and security affairs.

Western diplomats and Poles agreed that the measures would give Poland the most representational form of government in the Eastern bloc.

The second chamber, or Senate, was abolished in referendums in 1946 that the Communists rigged to cement their control of power in postwar Poland.

Solidarity officials said many details of the plan remained to be settled in working groups under the broader government-Solidarity talks on the shape of change in Poland, now in their fifth week.

Gauge of Popularity

But if the agreement is carried out, it would be the first time in postwar Poland that a legislative body would be contested in free, open elections, serving to gauge for the first time the popularity of the Communist Party, which now controls the government with its small allied parties.

The Communist Party has never permitted more than token opposition in Parliament.

As outlined by Solidarity, Communist negotiators agreed to establish a democratically elected Senate, or upper house of Parliament, with powers yet to be defined, consisting of two delegates each from the 49 Polish administrative provinces.

In Solidarity's view, the chamber

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open enrollment in schools

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Fifty-nine percent of Iowans favor an open-enrollment plan that would allow parents to send their children to the public school of their choice, a new Iowa Poll shows.

Among parents with children younger than 18, support climbs to 66 percent, with just 31 percent opposed.

The Iowa Legislature has passed a bill that would allow just such a policy of open borders in education, and Gov. Terry Branstad is expected to sign the bill today.

The Iowa legislation is patterned after a new - and not yet fully implemented - law in Minnesota giving parents a choice of public schools based on everything from academics to athletics to marching band. Opponents fear schools of poorer quality will be made worse by the flight of students and better schools could be overwhelmed.

Supporters believe motivated students will gain access to courses and programs that might not be offered at the schools in their district, and the competition will force schools to improve.

In Iowa, where concerns about the need to consolidate smaller school districts have been a part of the annual legislative debate, the open-enrollment idea appears to have struck a responsive chord. While forced consolidation plans always draw high levels of opposition, just a third of owans are opposed to the non-compulsory open-enrollment idea.

Even in the state's smallest towns and rural areas, a majority of Iowa supports the open-enrollment idea. In towns with fewer than 2,500 people, 54 percent are in favor of open enrollment and 31 percent are opposed, with 15 percent undecided. In the rural areas, 64 percent favor open enrollment.

Perhaps that's because they believe their schools are superior. In a February 1987 poll, 61 percent of Iowans said the quality of teaching is better in smaller school districts, while just 20 percent said it was better in the bigger schools. That was the prevailing belief despite a finding that 68 percent of Iowans believe

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Would you favor or oppose an open enrollment plan to allow parents to send their children to the school of their choice?

Favor	Oppose	Unsure
59%	34%	7%

course offerings are superior in the larger schools.

In no group of Iowans is a majority opposed to the idea, although college graduates give it their tepid support: 51 percent are in favor, 42 percent are opposed, 7 percent are undecided. The Iowa Poll, conducted February

27-March 8, asked the following: Would you favor or oppose an open-enrollment plan that would allow parents to send their children to the public school of their choice? The Iowa Poll, directed by J. Ann Selzer, is

based on interviews with 806 lowans age 18 and interviewers contacted households domly selected telephone numbers. Percentage arror of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points, Republishing the copyrighted lows Pell without credit to The Des Moines Register is preof the free world can't even get a Cabinet member confirmed."

Public Scrutiny

In his brief statement, Tower said no other public figure "has been subjected to such a far-reaching and thorough investigation nor had his human foibles bared to such intensive and demeaning public scrutiny."

"And yet, there is no finding that I have ever breached established legal and ethical standards nor been derelict in my duty," he said.

Tower said he intended to return to private life in Texas. He did not take questions from reporters.

It was only the ninth time in 200 years that the Senate has voted to reject a president's Cabinet choice and the only time it has done so early in a new administration. Bush has been in office only 49 days.

The nomination was derailed by concerns about Tower's behavior in particular, his drinking. A lengthy FBI investigation produced hundreds of pages of reports - many unsubstantiated — of allegations involving excessive drinking and in turn touched off questions about whether Tower was fit to serve as defense sec-

retary. Few challenged his professional

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Decoy treatment may prevent common cold, scientists say

From Register Wire Services

BOSTON, MASS. - In a major step toward preventing the common cold, two groups of scientists reported Thursday that they have found the single pathway that enables the most common forms of cold viruses to infect human cells.

The research helps unravel the strategy used by rhinoviruses - the culprits in about half of all colds - to get into the cells that line the nose and begin the all-too-familiar bouts of hacking, sneezing and sniffling.

While the research provides tantalizing clues for developing ways to prevent the common cold, scientists caution that such treatments are still years away. Even if they prove effective, they will only work against the rhinoviruses, not other cold viruses, and probably won't cure colds once they start.

The analysis was reported by two scientific teams studying what appeared to be two different receptors on the surface of cells: one a feature of the body's immune defenses, and the other the site of attachment for most of the more than 100 rhinoviruses that are major causes of the common cold. The two receptors proved to be the same molecule.

"This is not a cure. It is a scientific step," said Dr. Michael Kamarck of Molecular Therapeutics, one of the two teams.

The two teams provided the first detailed descriptions of the rhinovirus receptor, the minuscule spots on cells where rhinoviruses attach themselves.

Researchers speculate that by flooding the nose with synthetic copies of this natural molecule, it should be possible to hopelessly confuse attacking viruses, luring them away from susceptible cells. A similar strategy is being tested against AIDS.

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Historic free elections agreed to by Poland, Solidarity

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Continued from Page One might have responsibility for economic affairs and be a kind of control body for legislation passed by the lower house.

The new plan also includes more liberal regulations for the vote to the lower house, the 460-member Parliament, that Solidarity had demanded.

Sweeping Presidential Powers

In exchange, Solidarity said it had agreed to accept a powerful office of the president, with sweeping powers in foreign affairs and domestic and foreign security.

The president, who would be empowered to dissolve Parliament, would be elected to a six-year term, with the possibility of re-election to an additional term.

The government's chief negotiator, Janusz Reykowski, said he expected that elections to both houses would

take place June 4 and June 18.

Reykowski, who is also a member of the ruling Politburo, said at a news conference that the president - to be chosen by a national assembly that would consist essentially of the members of both houses of Parliament would be elected at the first session of a joint chamber.

He said a law incorporating the changes would be put before the Council of State, Poland's present collective presidency, and could go to Parliament as early as next week.

He said there were no plans to divide the seats in the upper chamber by quota, as has been agreed for the Parliament.

Parliamentary Democracy

Solidarity members left little doubt that they expected the Polish leader, Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, who has ruled Poland since 1981, to be elected president.

Some Western diplomats said the arrangement appeared designed, over time, to ease the way to a parliamentary democracy in which the Communist party would have to share or even surrender government power.

They said the institution of the office of president appeared intended to allay security concerns of the Soviet Union and other Eastern-bloc allies by guaranteeing fulfillment of Poland's Warsaw Pact commitments.

Others suggested the arrangements might be designed by the Communist leadership to curry popular favor, since many Poles link the start of Communist rule with the 1946 referendums in which Poles were asked to approve abolition of the Senate. land redistribution and the nationalization of basic industries, and Poland's postwar frontiers with the West.

Referring to Communist officials, one Western European ambassador said the accord appeared to have been arranged "to pave the way for their own disappearance" and to "prepare, in the long term, for a soft landing in democracy."

Bronislaw Geremek, the senior Solidarity negotiator, said, "The arrangement affords grave risks for both sides." He noted that the Senate would be elected through confrontational elections - a fact he said would "test the shape of the coalition.'

At a news conference, Geremek said Solidarity also bore "considerable risk." He said Solidarity-backed candidates would suffer under the handicap that "after 45 years empty of politics," they would be forced to prepare election campaigns "within a very short time."

The government apparently

confident that guick elections will guarantee it favorable returns - has insisted on moving up elections, originally planned for autumn, to June 4.

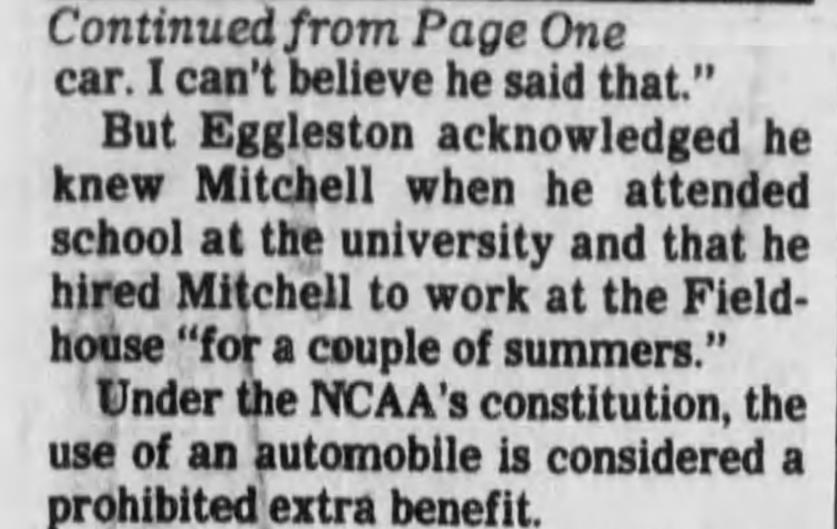
"Process Has Begun"

"One side is governing, with all the structures and all the means at its disposal," Geremek said. "The other side has no structures and no means?

On state television Thursday night, however, Geremek said, "A process has begun under which democracy is to be rebuilt in an evolutionary manner, not upsetting the political balance or stability."

Reykowski, the government negotiator, said the sides had agreed on allowing the opposition 35 percent of the seats in the next Parliament.

But Solidarity said the government had accepted the principle that the vote to determine who would sit in those seats would be open and free.



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MITCHELL

But Dan Beebe, assistant director of NCAA enforcement, said Thursday it is unlikely the NCAA would investigate the violation because it occurred more than four years ago.

University of Iowa President Hunter Rawlings III was traveling Thursday and unavailable for comment. Other university officials declined comment.

Mitchell acknowledged obtaining use of the automobile during cross-examination by Chicago lawyer Dan Webb, who is defending Bloom, one of the agents accused of helping athletes to defraud their universities by accepting scholarship money after illegally signing with an agent. **Thought Borrowing Was OK** Mitchell said he didn't believe his borrowing a car from Eggleston violated NCAA rules. "We were told by the coaches we couldn't take money or take a car from a booster, but I thought borrowing was OK," Mitchell said when asked about it by Webb. Earlier, Mitchell testified he attended Iowa solely because he wanted to play football and get a career in professional football. "Ever since I was a kid, I wanted to play pro football," Mitchell said. During examination of his academic record, Webb also read from Mitchell's transcript a litany of courses taken by Mitchell, who was declared ineligible for competition after the spring 1985 semester, but was reinstated after taking a physical education course the summer before the 1985 football season. The courses named by Webb as taken by Mitchell included: ancient athletics, billiards, bowling, speed reading, weight training, judo, tae kwon do, karate, jogging, advanced slow pitch softball and advanced bowling, as well as coaching and officiating courses. Asked if those courses applied toward his major, Mitchell said he never declared a major at lowa, though "I was working for a degree in liberal arts."

Football Was Goal



Mitchell conceded, however, that he wasn't attending Iowa to get an education.

"My priority was playing football," Mitchell testified. "And to play football, I had to go to class and be eligible. I took those courses because I wanted to."

Mitchell said he is within 18 credit hours of receiving a degree. "I need 12 credits of upper-level courses with a B and six credits with an A and I can get my degree," Mitchell said.

Mitchell was the second former Iowa player to testify in the extor tion, racketeering and fraud trial of Walters, 59, and Bloom, 29. Earlier, Harmon testified he had played despite being on academic probation. Defense attorneys appeared to be trying to establish that the university allowed him to play despite being academically ineligible, but school officials maintained that Harmon never became ineligible.

Defense attorneys have targeted many of their questions on the academic records of the Iowa athletes and on possible rules violations as a way to undercut their credibility. Prosecuting attorneys have concentrated their efforts on getting athletes to admit they broke federal law by signing with the agents.

Walters and Bloom are charged with helping the athletes defraud their universities of the scholarship money the athletes received because they took it after breaking NCAA rules.

But Mitchell, who was married and had a child in New York while attending Iowa, said he still doesn't see it that way. "In my opinion, I was just borrowing against my future," Mitchell said. "It would make it a lot easier. It was my money anyhow. That is the way I looked at it."

Avoids Prosecution

Mitchell said he didn't believe he cheated the university, although he already has signed an agreement with the federal government to avoid prosecution of fraud charges.

That agreement placed Mitchell on probation for one year and required him to repay his scholarship for one year and do 100 hours of community service.

Mitchell said he received a total of \$14,000 from Walters and Bloom while attending Iowa and just before he signed a professional contract with the Lions. He said that he paid the \$14,000 back and gave the agents a \$22,000 commission for their work on negotiating his contract.

The trial has recessed until Monday.

Register Staff Writer John Carlson in Iowa City also contributed to this story.

Bush taps Skarzynski

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) -Motorola executive Michael Skarzynski has been selected by President Bush to be assistant secretary of commerce for trade development.

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