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## TODAY:

### BUSH/YELTSIN SUMMIT

## HEADLINES

- Housing starts jump 11 percent in May

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

President Bush meets with Russian Federation President Boris Yeltsin. President Bush and Mrs. Bush host state dinner for President Yeltsin and Mrs. Yeltsin at White House.

Vice President Quayle attends Senate Policy meeting; attends meetings with President's Bush and Yeltsin; attends state dinner for President Yeltsin; appears on "Charlie Rose" program on The Learning Channel.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**MRS. BUSH, MRS. YELTSIN TO VOLUNTEER AT HOMELESS CENTER** Today, Barbara Bush and Naina Yeltsin will visit a soup kitchen and help make sandwiches for the homeless while their husbands meet at the White House. (con't, Page 2)

## MIA Revelations

### PRESIDENT VOWS U.S. WILL LEARN FATE OF POWS

President Bush said Tuesday he has "every confidence" Russia will "get to the bottom" of Russian President Yeltsin's assertion that American servicemen captured during the Vietnam War were transferred to the Soviet Union and may still be alive.

"I have every confidence that what [Yeltsin] says here is true, that they will get to the bottom of it and, if any single American is unaccounted for, [the Russians] will go to the extra mile to see that that person is accounted for," Bush said at a ceremony welcoming Yeltsin to the White House for the first summit of the post-Soviet era.

"I think that's what the American people need to know," Bush said, "and I think that's what President Yeltsin has clearly pledged to do."

Yeltsin, en route Monday to Washington, said Soviet archives reveal that captured American soldiers were sent to the former Soviet Union and were kept in labor camps. "We don't have complete data and can only surmise that some of them may still be alive," Yeltsin said. (6/16)

## TODAY'S TALKING POINTS

### END OF COLD WAR OFFERS U.S. TRADE OPPORTUNITIES

The forces of freedom and democracy have won the Cold War. Now, because of President Bush's leadership, American businesses and industries have an opportunity to develop new markets for their goods and services.

- The old rules have changed. "Russia offers one of the lowest-cost markets in the world for development by the West," according to the Democratic Russia-USA Foundation, Inc. The Foundation urged "American investors to consider the long and short-term gains...in this potentially lucrative market."
- Selling American products to Russia means creating American jobs. Russia represents a \$146 billion market; the other independent states, \$137 billion. Business leaders predict that, once Russia's economic reforms take hold, American companies will invest \$100 billion during the first 18 months there.

President Bush means business when he says he wants to help the Russian people prosper. A stable Russian economy means a stable Russian democracy, and vice versa.

- The United States is delivering \$85 million in technical assistance to Russia and 24 million tons of food - \$3.8 billion of a promised \$6.3 billion for fiscal 1991-93.

- The Freedom Support Act will provide programs to teach Russians how to run businesses and develop democratic government.

In Russia, United States firms can display the pioneer spirit that took our own pioneers "out West". By investing in new Russian markets, they, too, invest in freedom and democracy.

- Last year, American companies increased exports of manufactured goods to Russia and the new states by 41 percent, showing the entrepreneurial spirit that made America the world's business leader.
- The Russian people support privatization of their economy. According to a poll, more than 60 percent of them believe they should be allowed to buy and sell land and to own small and medium-sized businesses.



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(Mrs. Bush, con't) The soup kitchen, called Martha's Table, feeds more than 900 children and adults each day, most of whom are street people or families living in shelters. Mrs. Bush and Mrs. Yeltsin *"are going to make sandwiches, put the vegetables in the soup and visit the children,"* said Veronica Parke, the charity's executive vice president. *"We're quite thrilled and delighted,"* (AP, 6/15)

### BUSH ON CNN: I WANT TO FINISH WHAT I'VE STARTED

*"The job is not finished. I think it can largely be finished in the next four years,"* said President Bush during an interview Monday on Cable News Network's (CNN) 'International Hour'. The President said, *"[throughout my life] I finish what I start out to do...whether in my business experience...or being President of the United States."*

In the final analysis, people are going to say, *"Who do I want to sit in the Oval Office? Who do I want to trust, who has the experience to lead this country, to make decisions that might not be popular. ...Who's going to stand up for what's right and who's going to do what's best for the country?"* Bush said. *"In the final analysis, that's why I'll be president."* (AP, 6/15)

**CLINTON WORSE THAN CARTER** Bill Clinton's economic and defense policies would cost thousands of jobs, Congressman Randy Cunningham [R-CA] said on Monday. *"Under a Clinton Administration, our workers won't work. They'll wait - in unemployment and welfare lines. He'll be worse than Carter,"* Rogers charged.

*"Bill Clinton proposes to slash defense by hundreds of billions of dollars over the next few years,"* Cunningham said. He added, *"George Bush alone possesses the leadership and the will to keep our national defense from sliding into a free fall."* (6/15)

### HIGH-TECH BUSH CAMPAIGN

*"The Bush campaign has entered the fray with a new technocratic - teleconferencing,"* reports USA Today. Last Thursday, 645 GOP officials, convention delegates and statechairs dialed a toll-free phone number, and for 20 minutes listened to Bush/Quayle '92 Campaign Manager Fred Malek and GOP Chairman Rick Bond discuss campaign strategy. *"It's a good way to stay in touch with the troops,"* said Charlie Black, Bush/Quayle '92 Senior Political Advisor. (USA Today, 6/16)

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**AMERICA STILL NEEDS BBA** *"We still need a Balanced Budget Amendment,"* Congressman Harold Rogers [R-KY] said in a statement released this week. The Balanced Budget Amendment is *"the only means we have to force the liberals running Congress to control their spending,"* Rogers explained.

*"The United States is on the verge of drowning in red ink. It saps our productivity. It pushes up prices. It raises your interest rates and makes it more difficult for you to borrow money. In short, the deeper we go into debt as a nation, the harder it is to recover,"* Rogers said. Interest on the debt in Fiscal 1993 is expected to be almost \$1 billion per day, according to Rogers.(6/15)

### CLINTON, PEROT WOULD HAVE U.S.

**RETREAT FROM THE WORLD** *"Foreign policy to Ross Perot and Bill Clinton is just that - foreign,"* Republican National Committee Chairman Rich Bond said Monday at the Republican platform hearing on international issues. Bond warned that Clinton and Perot *"would have us retreat from the world."*

*"Do we want a president who will continue America's role as world leader to secure our future?"* asked Senator Don Nickles [R-OK]. *"Or do we want a president who will step down from the world stage and turn us inward to an uncertain future?"*

### STRONG RUSSIAN MARKETS WILL CREATE MORE AMERICAN JOBS

*"The former Soviet Union is one of the greatest possibilities for American business and the extension of American jobs,"* Senator Richard G. Lugar [R-IN] said during an interview Monday on Fox Morning News. The United States and other countries must not abandon Russia, but assist its developing capitalist markets and democratic institutions, Lugar explained.

## EDITORIALS

**PEROT, THE FERVENT ZEALOT** *"[Ross Perot] believes in right and wrong - all right on his side, all wrong on the other. ...According to many who have had dealings with him, [Perot has] the temperament of a zealot. ...His preferred method is paramilitary. He fervently believes that except for legions of villainous conspirators, we're all innocents betrayed."*

*EDS ran along strict paramilitary lines. ...Each wave of employees was given a military name, like 'Dirty Dozen'. The uniform consisted of white shirt, dark suit, black shoes. ...Discovery of adultery was grounds for dismissal. Lie detector tests were administered."* (The New Republic, 6/22)

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