

Bush vows to use all resources in a war between freedom, fear

A time to offer and solicit support

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WASHINGTON — He came to seek and to provide.

President Bush's extraordinary appearance on Capitol Hill last night was a vivid snapshot of the remarkable interplay that has developed in little more than a week between country and capital, between legislative and executive branches, and between the people who must lead and those who are eager to follow.

In his 16-block journey from the White House to the Capitol and in his remarks before a joint session of Congress, Bush came to seek support — and to provide it. He came to bolster his own resolve — and to harden the resolve of others. He came to seek comfort — and to give comfort to others.

Support, resolve, comfort — and courage. For this is one of those unusual moments when a nation that is chary of political institutions at home, but fearful of the world beyond, is looking to Washington. It is a time when a president who took office only eight months ago, after a bitter, disputed election, clearly is drawing strength from the American public.

As a result, Bush showed a defiance that was molded in the foundry of the September crisis. "We will not tire," he said in a phrase borrowed from Winston S. Churchill. "We will not falter and

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President Bush addressing Congress. At rear are House Speaker Dennis Hastert (left) and Senator Robert Byrd.

President names adversaries and sets security plan

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WASHINGTON — President Bush, declaring a new war between "freedom and fear," last night asked the nation to gird itself for an unprecedented war on terrorism, and he made a personal pledge to bring the perpetrators of US attacks to justice.

As a first step, the president announced he will set up a new Office of Homeland Security within the White House, a massive undertaking that will coordinate dozens of departments that handle national security.

But he warned that the struggle will require an international show of force over many years, comparing the enemy to Hitler's Nazis and calling on the "civilized world" to join his cause.

"Tonight, we are a country awakened to danger and called to defend freedom," Bush said in a rousing prime-time speech to Congress, his most momentous appeal since the horrific events of Sept. 11.

"Our grief has turned to anger, and anger to resolution," he said. "Whether we bring our enemies to justice or bring justice to our enemies, justice will be done."

The speech, which ran half an hour and was watched throughout the United States and the world, resembled none in recent memory. Bush rallied to war a generation that has known mostly peace, then announced, nine months into his term, a significant restructuring of the government that will include three new White House positions devoted to terrorism.

Displaying a confidence that appeared to grow with each passing minute, Bush condemned the perpetrators of the Sept. 11 violence, vowed to rebuild New York, and challenged leaders around the globe to either join him or face the consequences.

Bush portrayed the fight as a battle between good and evil, and the crowded House chamber erupted into applause repeatedly.

He said: "Americans have known the casualties of war — but not at the center of a great city

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Possible threat to Boston relayed; danger downplayed

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Attorney General John D. Ashcroft yesterday informed Acting Governor Jane M. Swift and Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino that the government has information that Boston may be targeted for terrorist attack this weekend, city and state officials said last night.

But the officials emphasized that Ashcroft said there was no definitive evidence of a threat, and that Ashcroft said he did not

have specific details of any potential targets in Boston, nor which weekend day.

Menino refused to disclose what Ashcroft said. But, asked about his level of concern, he said, "People should not be alarmed," and added that city public safety officials knew of nothing to corroborate Ashcroft's warning.

Last night, Justice Department spokeswoman Mindy Tucker confirmed that Ashcroft and Swift had talked. But Tucker refused to say what they discussed. She did say, however, that officials in Boston, like offi-

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FBI admits doubt

One week after announcing the names of the 19 alleged hijackers, probers are no longer certain of the identities. A27.

'No' to clerics' plan

The Bush administration rejects a call by 1,000 Afghan clerics for Osama bin Laden to leave Afghanistan voluntarily. A30.

Ripple effect

Analysts predict wide layoffs as the drop in air travel hurts many firms. Business, E1.

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Military buildup intensifies in the Mideast

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WASHINGTON — The United States yesterday escalated its military buildup in the Middle East, ordering Army units to prepare for commando strikes and "sustained land combat" while scrambling Air Force B-52s and refueling tankers that will eventually create an "air bridge" for troops, weapons, and materiel.

The intensifying air, naval, and troop movements are aimed at allowing the Pentagon to pursue anything from a pinpoint assault on terrorist encampments to a late-winter ground invasion of Af-

ghanistan to simultaneous air and ground attacks in multiple Mideast nations, officials and analysts said yesterday.

Military maneuvers came as the Bush administration continued diplomatic efforts to sign up governments around the world to support a massive retaliation against terrorist groups.

Yesterday Saudi Arabia, which has signaled deep reservations about a US attack on Afghanistan, said it will lobby other Arab governments to support action against "this scourge of terrorism."

But President Bush found him-

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Allies, critics say Clinton fell short in terror fight

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WASHINGTON — The dual bombings ranked as one of the most insidious acts of terrorism ever committed against the United States: two American embassies in Africa decimated, more than 300 dead, and a shadowy prime suspect, Osama bin Laden, bragging that the battle had just begun.

So it wasn't surprising that President Clinton's words, back in August 1998, tumbled forth with

uncommon fury. "No matter how long it takes," he vowed, "or where it takes us, we will pursue terrorists until the cases are solved and justice is done."

Now, one infamous day and more than 6,000 deaths later, some in the capital are pointedly, though quietly, critical of Clinton's failure to elevate his actions toward his lofty rhetoric. Some wonder whether he wasn't distracted by the legal and political quagmire of the Monica S. Lewinsky case. And even former Clinton aides

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AP PHOTO

An F-16 fighter plane flying to a classified destination yesterday at a US-Spanish joint airbase in southern Spain.

Hostility adds to grief for kin of Arab victims

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NEW YORK — Jude Safi's friends are camping out at his parents' house in Brooklyn, refusing to give up hope that the young bond trader may still be pulled from the World Trade Center wreckage.

Jacqueline Sayegh's marriage documents are waiting at Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral in Brooklyn Heights, but the rector fears that the waitress, who worked at Windows on the World atop the north tower, will never be back to pick them up.

Their stories echo those of thousands missing in last Tuesday's terrorist attack, except for one thing: They are of Arab descent. Their families, and those of at least 50 other Arabs and Arab-Americans dead or missing in the disaster, face a double burden: They must suffer a terrible loss while also dealing with the threat of hostility from people

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Hard duty in the disaster zone

A weary firefighter meeting the dawn after a night of searching in vain for bodies in the rubble of the World Trade Center. A community of rescue workers still buzzes with intensity at the site. A25.

Few taking shuttle flights to N.Y., D.C.

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Airline shuttles to New York and Washington, the primary means of business travel from Boston for a generation, have been crippled by last week's terrorist attacks and analysts don't expect the hourly services to rebound any time soon.

"It wouldn't surprise me to see most of the shuttle services cut their flights in half," said Joel Denney, an airline analyst with US Bancorp Piper Jaffray.

Fewer passengers are traveling in the Northeast in recent days. Even fewer are flying to and from the cities that were targeted by terrorists. And Delta and US Airways have been forced to cancel dozens of their regularly scheduled 34 shuttle flights from Boston daily.

Delta and US Airways shuttles each flew only four trips yesterday from Boston to New York instead of the typical

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Suffolk DA won't run

Ralph C. Martin II will join a law firm, ending hopes that he will be on a ticket with Acting Governor Jane M. Swift. City & Region, B1.

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