White House Blames Liberal Programs for Rioting

By James S. Gardner

WASHINGTON

President Bush dispatched a team of federal officials to Los Angeles Monday to assess the city's needs in the wake of three days of rioting, as the White House blamed the upheaval on "liberal programs of the '60s and '70s."

The president conferred with Cabinet members responsible for domestic issues in the few of what he said would be daily meetings leading up to his visit to Los Angeles at the end of the week. His spokesman said afterwards that as much as $600 million in federal grants and loans is being made available for rebuilding efforts.

"I'm very pleased that it's calmed down out there. We will do everything we can to support the people out there, to make things tranquil and then help get to the core of the problems," Bush said at a photo session before the Cabinet session.

White House officials, meanwhile, scrapped their original plans for the president's trip, which was to include a speech on trade and visits to Mountain View and Fremont, as well as Los Angeles. The White House said it was possible that the overnight stop scheduled for Tuesday at a bussed-to-airports in

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ers scrambled to erase any overt signs of leadership in the liberal Democratic Congress to pass these others and we couldn't get them. We believe that the liberal pro-

grams and so forth, they all tend to get passed by the Senate in Los Angeles. The White House said the president would visit the city to assess the city's needs and to find out whether federal aid will be needed.

"We have a very direct relationship between programs a person's pride in their community and having a job, free of all, having the hope of income and improving their lives ... and being able to own their own property or homes to give them a stake in the community," he said.

Fitzwater added that Richard G. Darman, director of the Office of Management and Budget, had said that under the disaster declaration signed by Bush Saturday, about $100 million will be available in assistance for individuals as well as $200 million for wider government-run repair work. In addition, Small Business Administration loans will reach $300 million to $400 million, he said.

"It goes another week, we could have real problems," the official said in a telephone interview. "But we're a port city, so we have plenty of experience with riots. Our run-ons are ready.

By Tamara Jones

BERLIN

Faced with widespread flight delays that began to disrupt international Monday traffic, the German government Monday agreed to reopen negotiations with public workers in hopes of ending the country's worst post-

week labor dispute.

The Interior Ministry announced that it would round out its offer of 4.8 percent pay hikes when both sides met Monday in Stuttgart.

No new figure was disclosed, but the union previously had approved a mediators' compromise of 5.4 per-

cent, which the government rejected last month, citing the soaring costs of German unification in the process. However, the prospect of new talks did not prompt the union to call off a potentially paralyzing walkout scheduled for Tuesday at continental Europe's busiest airport.

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ers at Frankfurt International were expected to join colleagues who shut down or crippled several air-

ports across Germany Monday.

The union claimed that more than 200,000 employees were tak-

ing part in the scattered strikes this week — double the number who launched the walkouts eight days ago.

The strike has disrupted mail delivery, trash collections, and public transportation in the western part of the country.

Eastern Germans negotiate sepa-

rately and are not officially part of the strike, although transportation workers in eastern Berlin joined Monday's stoppages as a show of solidarity.

Health officials have reported no serious vaccination problems yet as garlics begin to pile up on Germany's normally pristine sidewalks.

"We're not talking trash moun-

tains yet," said a Hamburg city health official who declined to be identified. "There are some spots in town that smell, but it doesn't have anything to do with the strike."

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