

*Attorney General's family  
 shocked by Bush's family*

HOUSTON (AP) — The family of the man charged with trying to assassinate President Reagan is acquainted with the family of Vice President George Bush and had made large contributions to his political

campaign, the Houston Post reported Tuesday.

The newspaper said in a copyright story that Scott Hinckley, brother of John W. Hinckley, had made large contributions to his political campaign. The Houston Post reported Tuesday.

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# Reagan is in 'excellent spirits,' jokes with his nurses, signs bill

From press dispatches

WASHINGTON — President Reagan, in "exceptionally good condition" and "excellent spirits," resumed the duties of the presidency Tuesday from a hospital bed after an assailant's bullet was removed from his chest.

Less than 24 hours after he was shot outside a Washington hotel, the 70-year-old president was joking with nurses at George Washington University Hospital and impressing his doctors with his physical stamina.

At 7:15 a.m. EST, top White House aides visited Reagan's room and found

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him sitting up in bed, brushing his teeth after breakfast. Deputy White House press secretary Larry Speakes said Reagan used his breakfast tray to sign a dairy price support bill the aides had given him.

"He could probably put in a full day today, if he gets a nap this afternoon," said Dr. Dennis O'Leary, a hospital spokesman. "... I would not be surprised to see him up walking around in a couple of days."

O'Leary said Reagan "is doing extremely well," could be discharged from the hospital in a week or two, "then a couple of months until he's back riding horses."

O'Leary said White House press secretary James Brady, who was shot in the forehead during the assassination attempt, was "much improved" after extensive exploratory surgery conducted Monday to

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## Climactic moment in assassination attempt

This photo taken from an NBC-TV News monitor shows what is reputed to be the left hand (circled) of the gunman

firing at President Reagan during Monday's assassination attempt outside the Washington Hilton Hotel. Secret Service

agent Timothy J. McCarthy is seen reacting to being shot as the president is rushed into his car. — AP photo

## Bullets failed to puncture Reagan's wit

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan's finely tuned, self-deprecating humor did not desert him after he was wounded by gunfire and underwent surgery Monday.

Obviously trying to ease the fears of his wife Nancy as he was wheeled into the operating room, political aide Lyn Nofziger said Reagan told her: "Honey, I forgot to duck."

Moments before he was anesthetized for surgery, Nofziger said, Reagan looked up at the doctors and said: "Please tell me you're Republicans."

Two-and-a-half hours after emerging from surgery, Reagan couldn't speak because of the tubes in his mouth; but a White House statement said Reagan scribbled a note to his doctors along the lines of comedian W.C. Fields:

"All in all, I'd rather be in Philadelphia."

## Response to assassination try

# Wishes for speedy recovery pour in

By the Associated Press  
 Foreigners and their leaders wished President Reagan a speedy recovery Tuesday, pleased that the American chief executive had survived the attempt on his life but dismayed at the attack's implications. "Can there be no end to this sort of violence?" asked a Yugoslavian office clerk. "What kind of society is it in which

political assassinations, or attempted assassinations, occur with such sickening regularity?" asked the London Daily Express.

"Incredible! This is an act of regret and the chance to point out that violence is not the way to resolve problems," said El Salvador's defense minister, Col. Jose Guillermo Garcia. Heads of state and government cabled

expressions of shock and outrage to Washington and expressed the hope that Reagan would recover fully and swiftly.

U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim said: "I wish to convey the sense of deep concern and dismay felt by the entire international community at this despicable act."

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said: "I am shocked and deeply concerned by the assassination attempt on the life of the President of the United States." *(Continued on back page)*