

a cold fish with a heart only for the rich. I'm just optimist enough to think he might have changed his mind. Eunice told someone her brother (J.F.K.) would never give as much time to something like this as we did.

Monday, June 13

Visited by Bob Hawke new P.M. of Australia. We got along fine & quietly just between the 2 of us he let me know he did not represent the left wing of the labor party.

We had a Cabinet meeting & I approved some drastic reforms in food stamps.

Meeting of some Congressmen on legislation of interest to them. Then an emotional meeting to sign proclamation (East Room) declaring June 14 as Baltic Freedom day—these were Estonians, Latvians & Lithuanians. Pvt. dinner—fun at Mary Jane & Charlie Wicks—Deavers & Laxalts.

Tuesday, June 14

A few meetings—Cong. etc. & then to S. Lawn for ceremony in which a non partisan vol. group presented to the people of the U.S. the largest flag ever made. It was spread out on the ground of the Eclipse—more than 2 acres (86,000 sq. ft.) weighs 7 tons. It was a moving ceremony on our Flag Day.

I then took off by helicopter from the S. lawn—circled the flag & on to Andrews A.F. base & Air force one. We went to Knoxville Tenn. Met by Gov. Lamar Alexander who is way out in front on matter of reinvigorating our schools. We lunched in the home ec. room of a local high school with about 35 teachers. Then a seminar on ed. A meeting with Admin's of Meharry Medical School. This is the Black medical college that has provided about 40% of all the Black Drs. in the land. A short time ago it looked like it was going belly up—we did some things that cleared it's debt and saved it.

Met with some key Republicans and then headed for Albuquerque N.M. All in all it was a good day.

Arrived in Albuquerque late afternoon—did a reception for Repub. leaders. Two were Indians—a Navaho leader & a Hopi. Those tribes have been enemies for 100 yrs. These 2 are hard at work ending that war. It was a wonderful thing to see.

To the hotel for dinner alone & bed. Called a Sgt.'s wife—another case where their retarded child was kept hospitalized & they wanted it home. I had gotten into it & cleared away the bureaucratic bungling so Nicole can be cared for at home.

Wednesday, June 15

This was the morning I addressed the Nat. convention of the P.T.A. All