

It's Vic Atiyeh's day — Straub relinquishes state helm



OPEN ARMS — Gov. Vic Atiyeh embraces his new duties in an inaugural ceremony at the state Capitol.

AUTOGRAPH — Gov. Atiyeh signs a program for Eliza Bill, a Cayuse Indian from Pendleton.





CHANGING GUARD — Pat Straub, wife of departing Gov. Bob Straub, was in audience for her husband's farewell address, alternately waving to him, shedding a quiet tear and applauding.

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THE OATH — Chief Justice Arno Denecke administers the oath of office to Atiyeh as the governor's wife, Dolores, holds Bible.

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GODSPEED — Straub is greeted after the ceremony by state Rep. Hardy Myers (right), D-Portland, and other friends wishing him good fortune.

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Atiyeh's inaugural hails 'voluntarism'

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SALEM — Vic Atiyeh took the oath of office as Oregon's 32nd governor Monday, then called on citizens to initiate "a concept of voluntarism" to reduce government involvement in their lives.

The 55-year-old Republican, whose 20-minute inaugural speech to the 60th Legislative Assembly was interrupted four times by applause, promised to set up listening posts throughout Oregon to bring government closer to the people.

The inauguration, which began about four minutes late in the House of Representatives chamber, was conducted with quiet dignity and little departure from tradition.

However, the ceremony had three innovations. The presentation of the colors was done by the Oregon Military Academy color guard; there was an inaugural prayer, delivered by Rev. Robert F. Grafe, rector of St. Barnabas Church of Portland; and the governor's wife, Dolores, held the family Bible from which the governor took the oath of office, administered by Chief Justice Arno H. Denecke of the state Supreme Court.

During his address, Atiyeh received the first applause when he said: "Where people ask for protection, let us protect them. Where they ask for assistance, let us assist them. And where they ask simply to be left alone, let us leave them alone."

Applause from the more than 500 state officials, dignitaries and others who watched the inauguration ceremony also erupted when Atiyeh mentioned tax relief.

"If there is one task above all that our people have set for us now, it is this: We must arrest the vicious cycle of increased government spending and increased taxation," Atiyeh said.

Earlier, departing Democratic Gov. Bob Straub, in a brief farewell address, drew applause when he said: "We will not have done enough so long as one of our citizens lives in need of food or shelter or medical care. We will not have done enough until we have solved

sacred trust our citizens place in us," Straub said.

Atiyeh also was applauded by legislators and guests when he said: "I ask you to reach out to one another — to give of your time, your talents and your energies. Instead of hiring more policemen, let us work with young people, in churches, in youth groups, in athletics, in schools and with the families to give them feelings of self-esteem, achievement and warmth."

Earlier, Atiyeh had said: "When we trade the joy of helping others for the anonymous exercise of paying tax dol-

lars to buy social services, we — all of us — are the losers. My friends, government can do many things, but it can't hire love."

He said the state would announce a policy that would encourage and assist state employees to participate in the volunteer efforts of their communities, with the governor's office providing recognition for individual or group achievements.

Senate Minority Leader Bob Smith, R-Burns, called Atiyeh's speech unique in that "there wasn't any laundry list; it was a philosophical message."



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INAUGURAL DANCE — Gov. Vic Atiyeh dances with his wife, Dolores, as they attend the governor's inaugural ball Monday night in Salem.