

Battle Between Mayors and President Continues

WASHINGTON — The battle-royal between the White House and the nation's mayors continued this week as the President got in the last shot. Charging that the mayors were mistaken in their allegation that the cities of the country will lose \$4.1 billion in federal appropriations next year over the current year under the revenue-sharing proposals made by the President, a top Nixon Aide said the net

gain for the cities will be \$1.2 billion. "When all of the net increase and decreases in the fiscal year 1974 budget are taken into account, there is a net increase of \$1.2 billion," Kenneth Cole, Jr., director of the Domestic Council wrote mayor Roman Gribbs, of Detroit, who is chairman of the League of Mayors. Cole told Gribbs that the President's budget contains

"substantial increases" in a number of programs including urban mass transit, work incentives, law enforcement, and waste treatment construction. He, at the same time, did not indicate what the total assistance to the cities would be the coming fiscal year. The Budget is so vague that it makes it practically impossible to determine this, Gribbs had told the President earlier.

Denying the mayor's contention that cities will be "shortchanged" as the federal government makes the transition from federal grants for categorical programs to large block grants for broader programs, Cole said the cities will not have to suspend planning for community development because of a lack of fiscal 1974 funds as they thought.

"The facts simply do not support this charge," Cole told the mayors in rejecting the "shortchanging notion."

He pointed out that during the transition, the cities will have \$7.4 billion for neighborhood development and Model Cities programs as well as "over 6,000 projects still incomplete under the other community development programs."

The mayors also indicated their concern for proposed cuts in the health program, but Cole said the new budget a ctually calls for an overall increase of \$3.9 billion.

The explanation by Cole did little to relieve the fear by the nation's mayors that the cities are being shortchanged this year in the fiscal year 1974 budget. And undoubtedly the fight over that mysterious bil-



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FOR THE '73 GRIDIRON CAMPAIGN — "Mean Mike" Wright (Left) and Richard Johnson have been selected to co-captain the 1973 edition of the Fayetteville State University football team. Wright, who made all-NAA District 26 and Mutual Black Network Sports All-American, is a 190-pound linebraker from Rocky Mount,

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lion dollars is just beginning to heat up.

New Trial For Ruchell Magee

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — The second murder-kidnap trial of convict Ruchell Magee stemming from the 1970 Marin County courthouse shootout has been set tentatively for May 29.

Magee, 34, was charged with killing a judge and taking five hostages during an escape attempt from the courthouse which ended with four men dead. His first trial, which cost more than \$1 million, ended in a hung jury.

NAACP Annual Meet to be Held In Indianapolis

NEW YORK — The 64th Annual Convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will be held in Indianapolis, Ind., at the Indiana Convention-Exposition Center from July 2 through July 6. Theme for the convention will be: "Lest We Forget — Our Fallen Heroes," and special tribute will be paid to various NAACP civil rights martyrs in observance of the 10th anniversary of the assassination of Medgar W. Evers, the Association's field director for the State of Mississippi, June 12, 1968.

A special memorial service will mark the opening session on Monday, July 2, at 3:00 p.m. Tribute will be paid to Vernon Dahmer, Wharlest Jackson, Harry T. Moore, George W. Lee and other martyred NAACP leaders, as well as to Mr. Evers.

On Monday night, July 2nd, Bishop Stephen Gill Spottswood, chairman of the NAACP Board of Directors, will deliver the keynote address. Executive Director Roy Wilkins will speak at the Tuesday morning plenary session. Speakers for the Life Membership Luncheon Wednesday, July 4, and the Freedom Fund Dinner on Friday, July 6, will be announced at a later date.

Plenary sessions to be held include: Housing, Tuesday, July 3, 2:00 p.m.; Legal, Wednesday, July 4, 10:30 a.m.; Education, 2:30 p.m.; Legislative, Thursday, July 5, 9:30 a.m.; and Employment, 2:30 p.m. Speaker for the labor session will be William Lucy, secretary-treasurer, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union.

Running concurrently with the convention will be the fourth annual Commerce and Industry Show. More than 250 industries, governmental agencies and departments, public service organizations and businesses will have displays. The show is open to the general public.

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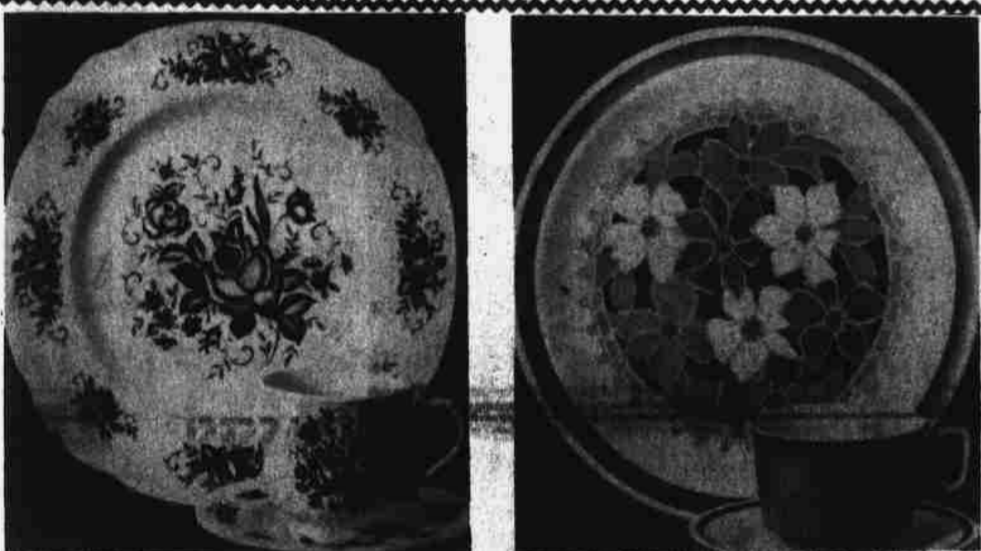
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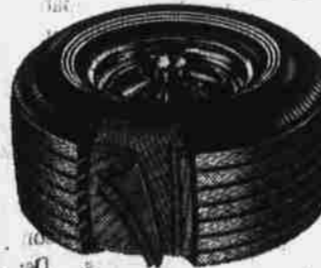
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