by Scott Latham United Press International

NEW YORK-Nelson Rockefeller's wife Happy underwent an operation for the removal of a cancerous left breast Thursday, and surgeons reported her chances for survival were excellent.

The four-and-a-half-hour operation. termed a modified radical mastectomy, was performed at Sloan-Kettering Institute.

Vice president-designate Rockefeller later was at his wife's bedside as the attending surgeon, Dr. Jerome A. Urban, told a news conference that his wife's "chances are excellent for a full recovery-over 90 per cent in 10 years."

"The cancer had not spread to the lymph

nodes," Urban said. "I feel I got all of it, I really do."

Urban, who described the 48-year-old Rockefeller as "a sturdy, wonderful woman," said there appeared to be no complications and listed her condition as

Urban said a biopsy performed Thursday morning revealed a carcinoma less than two centimeters in diameter and two smaller modules that were found to be cancerous. He and two other surgeons. Dr. Edward J. Beattie Jr. and Dr. Roy Ashikari, then performed the mastectomy.

Urban said he informed Mrs. Rockefeller after the surgery was complete that the cancer had not spread. He said she replied: "Oh, thank goodness."

Asked whether he felt a full mastectomy was necessary, Urban said he believed it was and he would continue to perform such operations "until we get more information on this subject."

Urban said Mrs. Rockefeller discovered suspicious lumps in her breast by self examination two weeks ago and X-rays were taken last Friday by her gynecologist, Dr. Arthur V. Greeley. She entered the hospital Wednesday. Mrs. Rockefeller's surgery came less than a week after President Ford's wife Betty left a hostpial following a similar operation for removal of the right breast.

The first lady issued a statement at the White House Thursday which said she was deeply distressed when she received the news of Mrs. Rockefeller's operation.

"I'm sure that the love of her family, the prayers of the entire nation and her inner strength will be of great sustenance during this time," Mrs. Ford said. "I only wish I could be by her side to give her the strength so very many have given to me."

At a press conference, Rockefeller apepared depressed and almost bitter.

"Gentlemen, you'rte not going to believe what I have to tell you," Rockefeller opened. "Happy has just had a radical mastectomy of the left breast."

Rockefeller declined to speculate on how the surgery would affect his political future, telling a questioner: "I think at this time, perhaps all of us should think about Happy's future, which is the one concern I have."

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The bill, which would amend the Freedom of Information Act, had been overwhelmingly approved by Congress.

The measure's chief provisions would:

 Restrict the time — from 10 to 20 days - an agency would have to respond to a citizen's request for information.

· Broaden public access to government investigatory files.

· Impose penalties on government officials arbitrarily withholding information.

 Allow judges to review classified documents in their chambers and, if they determine the materials are improperly classified, release them to the public.

The bill also would have allowed for recovery of attorneys' fees in lawsuits filed to obtain government information.

The provision relating to investigatory files was strongly opposed by the FBI which said it would result in uncovering many of their sources of information.

The National Security Council also objected to the provision allowing judges to rule on classified documents. The council argued that the bill set no

standards of review for judges to follow. The administration argued that the time limits were too restrictive on government agencies and that it would place too great a burden on many of them to comply.

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RALEIGH - The 107th North Carolina State Fair opens Friday in the middle of a fairgrounds construction program for a

The fair, sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, has a new 30,000-square foot exhibits mall - named Scott Pavilion - ready this year.

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Turkey compromise bill passes

by Gene Bernhardt **United Press International**

WASHINGTON - Ending a major confrontation with the White House, Congress passed and sent to President Ford Thursday a measure to continue U.S. military aid to Turkey until Dec. 10 so long as no new U.S. implements of war are sent to Cyprus.

Ford was reported by George H. Mahon, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, to consider the provision to be an interference in Turkey's internal affairs but was willing to sign it. Ford had indicated he would accept it "very, very, very reluctantly."

The measure was forwarded to the President following passage by voice vote in the Senate. The Senate acted after the House

voted 191 to 33 to approve the provision which was attached to a continuing resolution for temporary funding of several government agencies.

Passage of the continuing resolution, and the Turkish aid rider, cleared the way for a congressional recess which has been postponed since last Friday because of the

The unravelling of a stalemate between the

Sirica postpones decision on Nixon personal testimony

by Jane Denison **United Press International**

WASHINGTON — U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica, while saying he thinks former president Richard M. Nixon should testify in person at the Watergate cover-up trial, Thursday postponed a decision on whether to compel his appearance pending a further report on Nixon's health.

He ordered Nixon's lawyers to submit a report on Nixon's medical condition within three weeks and said he would then decide whether to send a team of doctors to California to examine Nixon on the court's

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the government if he progresses to the point where it would not injure his health for him to appear here in open court," Sirica said.

Sirica expressed his views at a brief hearing on motions by Nixon's attorneys to quash subpoenas for him to testify at the trial of five former aides accused of covering up the Watergate scandal.

Nixon lawyer Herbert J. Miller Jr. said the former president is recovering well from his phlebitis condition and the "prognosis is very good" that within three weeks to a month he would no longer claim ill health as a bar to testifying.

Meanwhile, Nixon's attorneys moved to keep Nixon from testifying at the trial and to prevent the White house from releasing any of his presidential tapes or papers not already under subpoenas.

At the hearing, Miller suggested that instead of requiring Nixon to travel to Washington, the court could obtain his testimony by written interrogatories whereby written questions would be sent to his California home for Nixon to answer in

The prosecution and defendant John D. Ehrlichman, who has subpoenaed Nixon to testify in his behalf, immediately opposed such a procedure. Ehrlichman's attorney William S. Frates said he would be satisfied. however, if Nixon's deposition could be

White House and Congress came early in the afternoon when the House failed to override President Ford's second veto of a similar measure which would have banned shipment to Cyprus of any U.S.-supplied military aid.

Under the compromise adopted by Congress, Turkey will be able to resupply its 40,000 troops on strife-torn Cyprus with ordinary maintenance materials but not with weapons, ammunition or other American implements of war.

Ford appeared to have given the most in the final compromise. He had favored continuing U.S. military aid to Turkey without restrictions on its use in an effort to get Turkey to begin negotiations on a peaceful solution to the Cyprus conflict.

Announcement of the agreement came close on the heels of Ford's second veto of aid cutoff legislation and the House vote on a motion to override him which, at 161 to 83, was two short of the required two-thirds margin. The House vote Tuesday on the first veto was 16 votes short.



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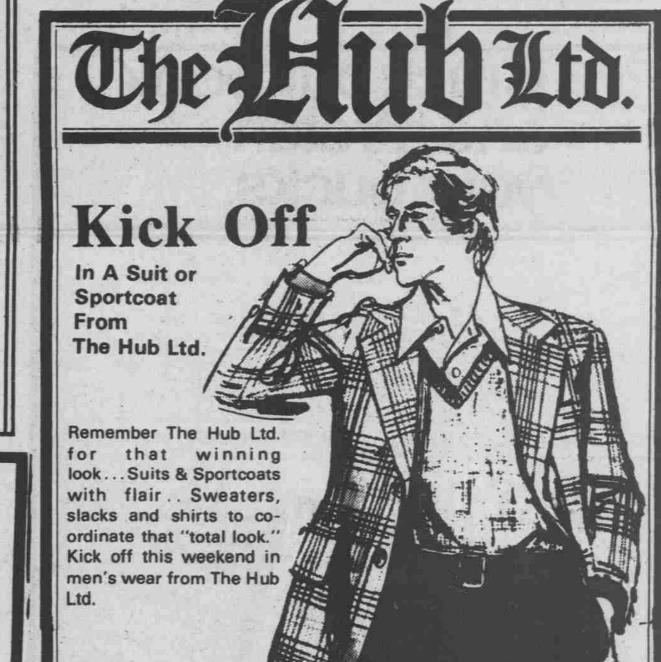
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