

# Holshouser to face legislative hard times

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RALEIGH—Republican Gov. James E. Holshouser Jr., goes before the democratically-controlled North Carolina General Assembly Monday night for the third time in his administration to offer his proposals and budget requests for the next fiscal period.

But as a minority governor supported by a mere 10 GOP legislators to 160 Democrats and deprived by law of the power of veto, Holshouser faces rough sledding in the 1975 session.

While he enjoyed a rather good relationship with the 1973 Legislature during the honeymoon stages of his upset win as the state's first Republican governor of the century, the 1974 Legislature, composed of 120 Democrats and 50 Republicans began moving toward a separation.

# Auto plants open amid price war

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DETROIT—More automotive assembly plants are open this week than have been open since before Thanksgiving as auto executives await reports on the success of the price war between Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp. Eleven plants are closed.

The mid-January sales report is not due until Thursday, but sales managers for Chrysler and Ford said deliveries are definitely up. Industry analysts say the Jan. 11-20 figures would be among the best since the 1975 models went on sale in September; the early January report was the worst since the 1940s.

"The cash we are offering is bringing back some of the customers who were chased out when they saw the 1975 prices," one Detroit Chrysler dealer said.

Despite the drop in the number of plants closed down—from 28 last week to 11 this week—more than 222,000 workers are still idle. Another 30,000 salaried workers at the three major auto companies also are off the job.

The total number of workers actually working in the auto industry increased by 53,000 last week, due chiefly to large scale callbacks of workers on temporary layoffs at Ford and General Motors.

This year the divorce proceedings are underway.

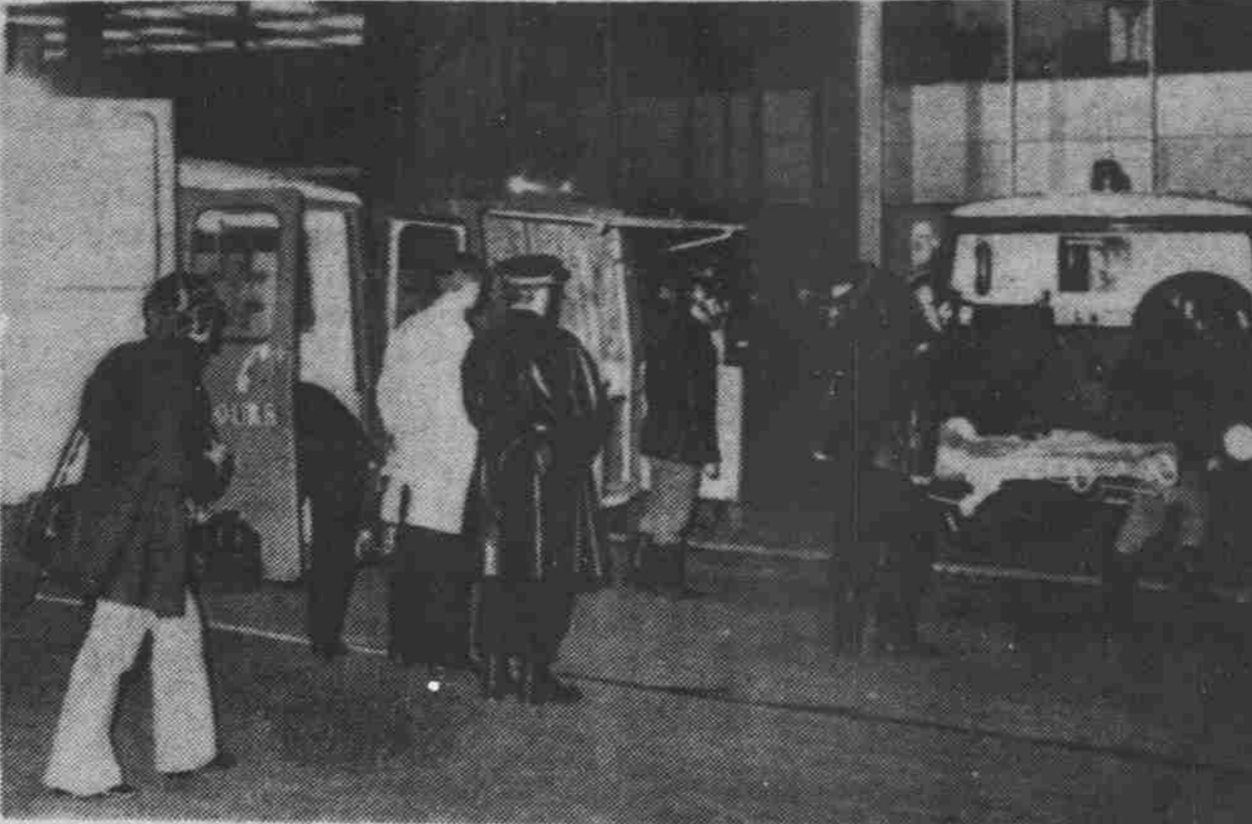
One area Holshouser and the Democratic leadership do appear to see eye-to-eye is on the subject of tax cuts. Both sides believe the uncertainty of the economy will not allow any tampering with the tax structure.

Some of the major areas of differences expected to arise between the Governor and the Legislature are transportation, the Milk Commission, the corrections programs, land management proposals and state personnel practices.

Spear heading much of the Democratic activity in the Legislature will be Lieutenant Governor James B. Hunt Jr., the most frequently mentioned candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

Hunt engineered the preparation of a six-point Senate Democratic legislative program introduced last week by Senate President Pro Tempore John T. Heley, D-Cumberland, during his inaugural remarks. The program outlines areas in which Democrats hope to enact legislation including energy, economy, effective government, integrity in government, consumer services and education.

# Terrorists machinegun bystanders after shooting at El Al jetliner



Ambulances and police reinforcements arrive at Orly Airport in Paris after Arab commandos fired at and missed a departing El Al airliner and then turned their submachineguns on the crowd of visitors on the observation deck.

United Press International

PARIS — Two Arab gunmen sprayed a crowded observation deck at Orly airport with bullets and bombs Sunday after shooting at, and missing, a departing El Al jetliner carrying more than 200 persons.

The gunmen then grabbed three hostages, including a child, barricaded themselves in a restroom and demanded that a plane fly them to the Middle East.

Police said eight persons were wounded by submachinegun fire and grenades or were hurt in the scramble for cover. Among them was an airport policeman with a serious

stomach wound.

The attack was aimed at an Israeli Boeing 747 with 210 passengers on board which was taking off for Tel Aviv.

Police said the two gunmen slipped a written message under the restroom door demanding that an aircraft be provided to fly them to the Middle East.

Witnesses said the hostages were a man, a woman and a child.

"I heard gunfire and people fell down on the floor," Mrs. Celine Ktorza, who had been seeing friends off at the airport, said. "They weren't aiming at anyone but just spraying bullets in all directions."

Mrs. Ktorza said two women who were seized as hostages wriggled loose and ducked into the women's toilet. The commandos dragged their other hostages into a men's toilet.

El Al officials in Tel Aviv said a single shot, apparently from an automatic weapon, was fired at the plane as it taxied for takeoff. The passengers and crew of the plane were unaware they were the targets of gunmen and no passengers, crew or other personnel connected with El Al were hurt in the incident.

In Beirut, the Palestine Liberation Organization, which seeks closer relations with France, disclaimed responsibility for the incident.

It was the second unsuccessful attack on El Al airliners at Orly in six days. On Monday, two men fired four bazooka shells at an El Al 707 jet but hit a Yugoslav airliner instead. Three people were injured. The gunmen escaped.

Police reinforcements, rushed to Orly airport after the new violence Sunday, included riot and teargas squads.

French Interior Minister Michel Poniatowski, confidante and relative by marriage of President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, arrived at the airport shortly after the incident and took personal charge of police operations.

# Mobile homes hazardous: study

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WASHINGTON—People who own or live in mobile homes are frequent victims of shoddy construction and numerous safety hazards, according to a new study.

Government is partly to blame, the Center for Auto Safety study said, because the peculiar status of mobile homes, which are neither vehicles nor houses, has allowed regulators to duck the issue.

"In many instances, low quality can be traced to the manufacturer's emphasis on cheap, flashy interiors which help to lure prospective buyers but which serve little purpose other than to conceal shoddy construction," it said.

The materials used in home interiors, the study said, make them especially vulnerable to fires. Sloppy wiring is also commonplace, it said, with 31 per cent of all mobile home fires traceable to electrical origins.

In addition, it said, a mobile home is 30 times more likely to be damaged or destroyed by high winds than a conventional, home.

# Gas may cost more than predicted

United Press International

WASHINGTON — Federal Energy Administrator Frank Zarb said Sunday President Ford's new energy proposals may ultimately drive the price of gasoline up higher than the extra 10 cents a gallon previously discussed by administration officials.

Zarb said the 10-cent figure represents only the average impact on all types of refined petroleum products expected to result from the \$3 per barrel tariff increase Ford plans to impose on all imported crude oil.

"The average price of petroleum product will go up 10 cents a gallon," Zarb said.

"The average price of gasoline may go up somewhat more, but that means . . . the products people need day-in and day-out and have little choice over, such as fuel oil, may go up a little less than 10 cents a gallon."

Zarb did not say how high the price of gasoline might climb.

Ford's proposal, which has met

opposition in Congress, calls for crude oil tariffs to go up in \$1 steps on Feb. 1, March 1 and April 1. Zarb said the immediate effect of this increase probably would be about 4 or 4½ cents per gallon.

"By April we'll begin to feel the first impact," he predicted, saying it would take that long because existing petroleum stockpiles are quite high and refiners will have to wait until present stocks are sold before passing higher prices along to consumers.

Zarb was interviewed on CBS-TV's "Face the Nation." He was harshly critical of energy policies followed during the Nixon administration and before.

"For the first time, after 15 years of neglect, we have a President who is willing to make some very hard decisions to change the course of a nation that was headed entirely in the wrong direction and was prepared without realizing to give up its own national security and its own place in the free world," Zarb said.

"He has put forward a very comprehensive program that will get us to where we need to

be in 10 years."

Many congressmen believe mandatory steps such as gasoline rationing, rather than the economic approach by Ford, should be used to cut down on U.S. energy consumption. Zarb said that was a mistaken notion.

"Rationing was considered very, very thoroughly by the administration," he said.

Zarb also disputed estimates by Sen. Henry Jackson, D-Wash., that Ford's proposal would cost the average family of four an extra \$800 or more per year — three times the Federal Energy Administration's estimate.

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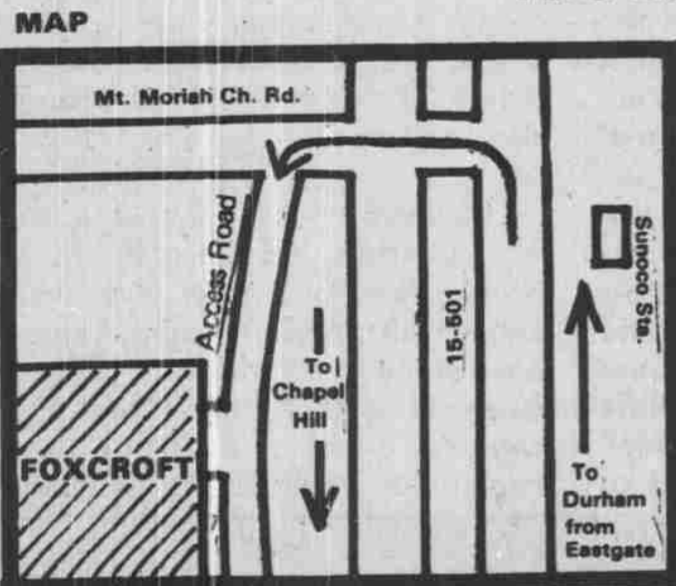
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