

Carter low; Congress lower

NEW YORK (AP)—Although public opinion of President Carter's work stands at a historic low, Americans say Congress is doing an even poorer job, an Associated Press-NBC News poll shows.

Only about one out of eight Americans—13 percent—now give Congress a good or excellent rating, the lowest such figure found in the last three years.

That compares to the 19 percent approval mark for Carter found by the poll, which was taken Sept. 10-11. Carter's rating was the lowest for a president since this question was first asked nearly three decades ago.

While 13 percent gave Congress' work overall top marks, 47 percent said its work has been "only fair." Thirty-six percent called congressional work poor, and 4 percent of the 1,600 adults interviewed nationwide by telephone were not sure.

In the April AP-NBC News survey, 20 percent rated Congress good or excellent, 50 percent only fair and 24 percent poor. Six percent in that survey said they were not sure.

The latest poll rating on Congress indicates a

substantial slippage after more than a year of stability in the public's rating of the nation's legislature. Since May 1978, the public consistently gave Congress from 20 percent to 23 percent good or excellent marks.

On energy matters, the public again rates Congress lower than Carter.

Nearly half—49 percent—rated Congress' energy work poor, while 41 percent said it has been only fair. Only 8 percent said it was good or excellent and 2 percent were undecided.

That finding is down a bit from the figures in the April poll, when 10 percent said Congress' energy efforts were good or excellent. Thirty-nine percent said only fair and 44 percent said poor. Seven percent were not sure.

On energy, Carter got a low rating, but it is still above the one given Congress.

Sixteen percent rated the president's energy initiatives good or excellent, and 32 percent said they had been only fair. Forty-nine percent said his work was poor, and 3 percent were not sure.

While the presidency and the current occupant of the

Oval Office are inextricably linked in the public mind, there is less of a link between Congress and one's own representative.

For example, the AP-NBC News poll taken in June 1978 showed members of the public gave their own lawmaker a 47 percent good or excellent rating, while only 20 percent gave Congress as a whole the same marks. This tendency to rate one's representative far higher than the institution has been confirmed in other surveys.

As with every sample survey, the results of the AP-NBC News poll can vary from the opinions of all those with telephones across the country because of chance variations in the sample.

For polls with about 1,600 interviews, the results should vary no more than 3 percentage points either way, simply because of sample error. That is, if one could talk to all adults in the country, there is only one chance out of 20 that the results would vary from the findings of this poll by more than 3 percentage points.

U.N. may elect first black head since '69

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—The U.N. General Assembly, set to elect its first black president in 10 years, could erupt into a major fight over Cambodia in its 34th annual session, which opened Tuesday.

Rival communist factions were backing separate Cambodian delegations and were expected, early in the three-month meeting, to force the issue of which would represent the country.

Whether a prolonged Cambodian debate would develop before the election of Salim Ahmed Salim of Tanzania as U.N. president remained unclear as assembly delegations gathered for the meeting.

Respected, fast-talking Salim, his country's ambassador at the United Nations for nine years, is the unopposed nominee of the African group. The job of assembly president rotates among the regional groups represented in the United Nations. The last previous black assembly president was Angie Brooks of Liberia in 1969.

Salim, 37, is the second youngest

person chosen assembly president.

Younger by only a few months when he was chosen president five years ago was Algerian Foreign Minister Abdelaziz Bouteflika, who served as the African group's last president in 1974.

Another early action on the agenda is the admission of Saint Lucia, a Caribbean island nation of 112,000 persons, scheduled to become the world organization's 152nd member.

The Cambodian dispute arises from the rival claims of Pol Pot and Heng Samrin to be head of government of that Indochinese country now torn by civil war.

Thiounn Prasith, accredited by the last General Assembly as ambassador of the Chinese-backed Pol Pot regime, has announced he will take a seat in the chamber.

Vietnam, with the support of the Soviet Union, was pressing for accreditation of a delegation named by Heng Samrin, whose Vietnam-backed government moved into the capital, Phnom Penh, last January.

News In Brief

Bolshoi defectors 'very happy'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Two members of the Bolshoi Ballet were hiding out somewhere in Southern California Tuesday, "very happy" to have defected following the troupe's final performance in the West, an Immigration and Naturalization official said.

Principal dancer Leonid Kozlov, 32, and his 25-year-old wife, Valentina, were granted asylum after eluding Russian security agents following the troupe's final performance in Los Angeles Sunday night.

It was the second time in less than a month that a Bolshoi star defected. Meanwhile, Russia's proud Bolshoi Ballet, stung by its first three defections ever during a U.S. tour, flew home to a low-key welcome Tuesday. Troupe dancers said they were upset over the latest leap West by the Kozlovs, and one dancer called the couple "scum."

The Soviet news media remained silent, but a Bolshoi official in Moscow said they were "far from our best performers. We have plenty of soloists like these." The Kozlovs were principal soloists with the state-sponsored ballet.

Ousted Afghan president dead

NEW DELHI, India (AP)—Radio Pakistan said former Afghan president Nur Mohammed Taraki died Tuesday of gunshot wounds apparently suffered in a palace shootout. There had been no official word of Taraki's whereabouts since Prime Minister Hafizullah Amin seized power over the weekend.

Amin took over the presidency Sunday after Taraki's resignation was announced by the government radio. It said he was in ill health. The next day Amin said in a broadcast speech that leaders he described as oppressors had been "eliminated."

Atomic fuel missing from Tenn. plant

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Nuclear Regulatory Commission ordered an immediate shutdown Tuesday of an atomic fuel fabrication plant in Tennessee after the plant reported the apparent loss of weapons-grade uranium.

The Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc., atomic fuel fabrication plant at Erwin, Tenn., was ordered closed after reporting the loss of at least 19.8 pounds of high-enriched uranium.

NRC spokesman Frank Ingram said the high-enriched-uranium can be used to make atomic weapons.

He refused to say how much of the nuclear material is missing, saying the information is classified.

More cracks found in Canadian planes

NEW YORK (AP)—Air Canada said Tuesday that cracks in a pressure bulkhead apparently caused one of its DC-9 jets to lose part of its tail section during a flight over the Atlantic. The airline ordered 42 other DC-9s inspected and withdrew from service two planes that were found to have similar flaws.

An initial inspection of the planes turned up the first crack, and the second such flaw was found during a second round of inspections Tuesday, said Steve Pisci, a spokesman for the airline.

Auto union officers approve contract

DETROIT (AP)—Several hundred local union officers Tuesday overwhelmingly recommended ratification of the United Auto Workers union's tentative contract with General Motors Corp.

Irving Bluestone, the UAW vice president in charge of GM affairs, said only "10 or 12" delegates voted against the pact in the closed meeting of the union's GM Council—officers of the 151 GM locals.

The council has about 700 members. Many had left by the time the vote was taken in late afternoon.

UAW President Douglas A. Fraser said he was confident the new contract would be ratified in voting by the 460,000 GM workers it covers. Voting begins Sunday after a meeting in Dallas Friday and Saturday of about 3,000 officers, shop committeemen and stewards.

The contract will be signed, subject to ratification, on Wednesday at GM headquarters.

Fraser said he felt the diversion of a total of 14 cents an hour in future cost-of-living raises to finance pension increases accounted for what unhappiness there was.

"The arguments against it really weren't articulated, but anytime you have an offset that causes dissatisfaction," Fraser said.

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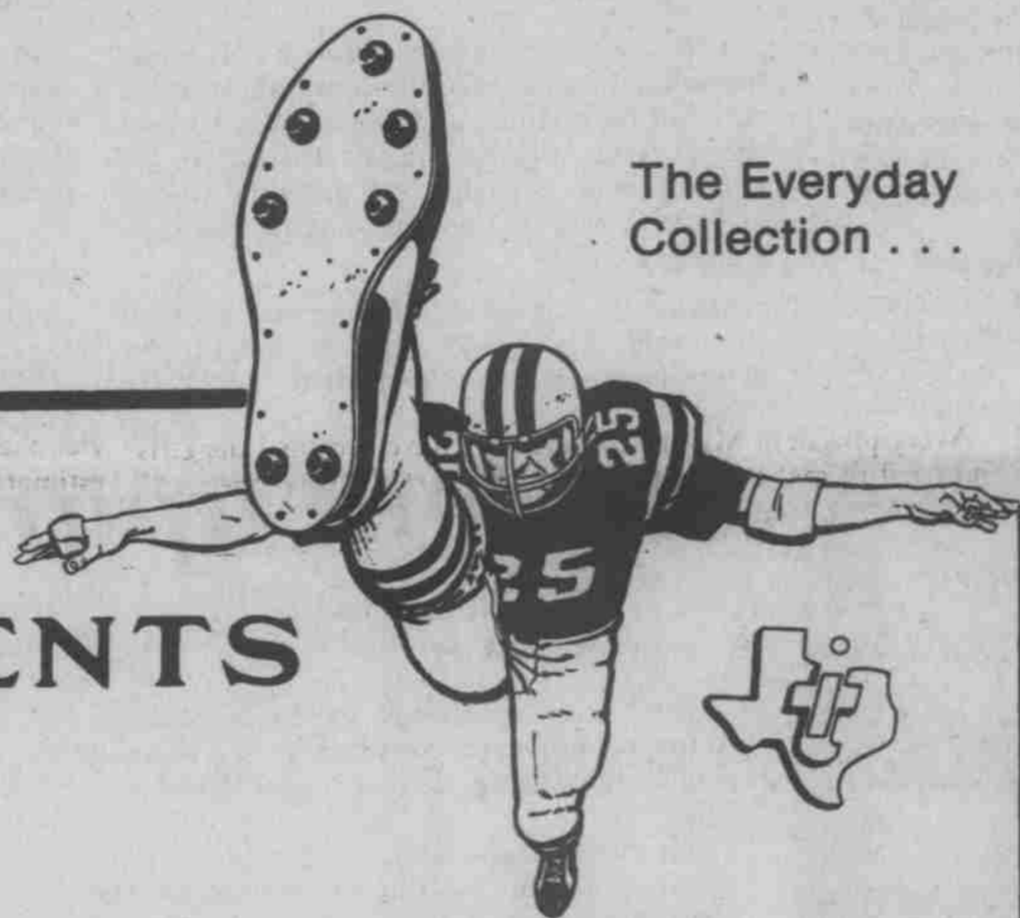


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| 14 Crystal gazer | 37 "— can't take it..." | 59 Erudition | 25 Philippine Island |
| 15 Mild oath | 38 Methods | 62 Blueprint of Jacob | 26 Orchestra members |
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