

Legislators oppose Carter hospital act

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After a decisive defeat in the U.S. House of Representatives, President Carter faces a tough fight in passing his Hospital Cost Containment Act through the Senate.

Carter has called the act the single most important anti-inflation and budget-saving bill the Congress will face this session. By imposing mandatory controls on hospitals only after voluntary efforts have failed, the administration argues that the bill represents the most effective way of dealing with spiraling costs in a non-competitive health industry.

Last week Carter's bill was defeated in the House and replaced with a weaker voluntary-control version. The substitute Hospital Cost Containment and Reporting Act would institute a National Commission on Hospital Costs which would report to the President and Congress, yet have no regulatory powers.

According to U.S. Rep. Richardson Preyer of Greensboro, who voted for the president's bill, the defeat came as a result of an anti-regulatory mood in Congress.

"The bill was perceived as laden with regulations, and any such act is unacceptable to Congress," a spokesman for Preyer said. "It is probable that hospital cost-containment legislation is dead in this Congress. I don't think the House will accept any compromise that looks like the president's bill," Burness said.

Preyer was one of the few representatives from North Carolina to endorse the bill. Six other representatives voted against it, and most North Carolina congressmen and senators have opposed Carter's efforts from the beginning. They argue that mandatory controls are unnecessary and would be particularly harmful to this state's health programs.

Senators Jesse Helms and Robert Morgan will oppose the bill when it comes up in the Senate. "We do not approve of the idea of mandatory controls on hospital costs," said Carl Anderson, a legislative aide for Helms. "When President Nixon imposed wage and price controls in 1972, small and medium hospitals in North Carolina were significantly undermined," he said.

"The president's bill would be



Richardson Preyer

tremendously counter-productive in a state like North Carolina that has lower-quality health care than in some other states," Anderson said. "While we are trying to develop new services, the bill would inhibit this development and our ability to serve small community needs."

Anderson said there were better ways to control costs than either of the cost-containment bills now being considered in Congress. "We prefer the health commission, but only as an alternative to the President's bill, which would institute a system of government controls that in the past have only increased costs and decreased services," he said.

New town cop shop due in '81

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After two years of planning, the town of Chapel Hill began construction earlier this month on a new police building on Airport Road.

The new building will provide badly needed office space for the policemen and staff and will make room for shift changes. Town Manager Gene Shipman said.

"One of the major issues was the decision on the location of the new building," Shipman said. "It was difficult to decide whether to add to the old building (at the corner of Rosemary and Columbia streets) or to build an entirely new facility."

The new building's scheduled completion date is May 1981.

The town soon also will renovate the Chapel Hill Post Office on East Franklin Street for use as courtrooms and their related offices. Shipman said. The town acquired the historic building from the U.S. Postal Service in August.

"It's going to be a phased operation," Shipman said. "We're going to renovate the east part of the building first and then move the existing post office facilities there. The rest of the space will be used for the new courtrooms and offices."

The renovation crew will work around the existing postal facilities. Postal service will not be disrupted by the work, Shipman said.

Although the renovation still is in the planning stages, the design review will be finished within a month, after which construction is expected to begin. The expected cost of the operation is approximately \$75,000. Shipman said.

News In Brief

Senate votes to slash tax \$10 billion

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rejecting President Carter's call for a tougher windfall-profits tax, the Senate voted Tuesday to slash another \$10 billion from the watered-down version approved by its Finance Committee.

By a 53-41 vote, the Senate accepted an amendment by Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, that would exempt from the tax the first 1,000 barrels of oil produced each day by an independent operator—an estimated 15 percent of U.S. production.

Since an independent is, by definition, an operator who has no major interest in refining or retail sales, Bentsen's amendment allowed senators to vote for incentives for increased production without being pictured as aiding the giant oil companies.

Garwood seeks dismissal of charges

WASHINGTON (AP)—Pfc. Robert R. Garwood, saying "the Marine Corps is determined to take my life if possible," sought dismissal Tuesday of charges brought against him when he returned in March after 13½ years in Vietnam.

He also submitted a deposition that in Vietnam he suffered malaria, tuberculosis, cardiac arrest, liver disease and a blood infection normally restricted to birds.

Garwood, 33, has been stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C. since his return. He accused the military of dragging its feet and taking "not a single further procedural step" to move the case toward dismissal or a trial.

He is charged with desertion in time of war, acting as an interpreter, informer and guard for the enemy, soliciting American forces to lay down their arms, informing on two fellow prisoners who were then tortured, and conducting indoctrination courses for the enemy.

Soviets suffer bad grain harvest

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet Union announced Tuesday a 1979 grain harvest of 179 million metric tons, about 47 million tons short of the year's target figure and 58 million tons short of last year's record crop.

Figures were disclosed in a speech by President Leonid I. Brezhnev carried by the official Tass news agency.

The Soviet plan for grain production this year had called for the vast Soviet farmlands to produce 226 million metric tons. Western agricultural analysts attributed the bad harvest to wet weather during the harvest and a record cold winter.

The figures would make this year's grain harvest the worst since 1975, when Soviet farmers produced only 140.1 million metric tons.

Deputy may succeed Soviet premier

MOSCOW (AP)—Premier Alexei N. Kosygin's top deputy gained full membership in the Communist Party's ruling Politburo, Tass reported Tuesday, giving him a strong political boost.

The official news agency said First Deputy Premier Nikolai A. Tikhonov, a 74-year-old former engineer, had been elected to the 14-man Politburo during a session of the party's Central Committee.

Tikhonov's promotion could make him a likely successor to the ailing 75-year-old Kosygin, who has not been seen in public since Oct. 17. Although his illness has not been publicly disclosed, Soviet and East European sources say Kosygin may have suffered a heart attack or may be having liver problems.

Nuke workers sentenced to two years

SURRY, Va. (AP)—Two men convicted of deliberately damaging a nuclear power plant where they worked were sentenced to two-year prison terms Tuesday by a judge who called a jury's recommendation for such sentences "fair and not unduly harsh."

William Kuykendall, 26, of Newport News, and James Merrill, 24, of Hampton, each remained free on \$10,000 bond after sentencing, pending appeal of their Oct. 16 convictions in Surry County Circuit Court.

Both admitted in June that they had poured sodium hydroxide, a caustic soda, on 62 stored fuel rod assemblies April 27 at the Surry nuclear plant of the Virginia Electric & Power Co.

They said they did so to dramatize what they called unsafe conditions and lax security at the two-reactor plant, which at the time was shut down for repairs and renovation.

Guerrillas block Thai relief camps

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP)—Tension mounted on both sides of the Thai-Cambodian frontier Tuesday as anti-communist guerrillas prevented civilians from reaching relief camps in Thailand and communist forces inside Cambodia prepared for new fighting.

Leaders of the Free Khmer, or Khmer Serai, anti-communist guerrillas tightened security at their bases on the border to prevent civilian followers from moving to the Khao I Dang refugee camp seven miles inside Thailand.

A spokesman for the United Nations, which runs Khao I Dang with the Thai government, said civilians were sneaking past the guerrillas to enter the camp.

Poor, elderly get help with energy bills

RALEIGH (AP)—North Carolina will receive federal aid totaling \$29.4 million—the largest share of any state in the Southeast—to help heat the homes of the poor this winter.

But as the \$1.35-billion national aid package was signed into law in Washington Tuesday, North Carolina state government officials weren't sure just how it would be distributed to the state's poor or who would qualify.

Officials in the governor's office, the state energy office and the economic opportunity office—which has run previous winter heating programs for the poor—said no decision had been made on how it will be handled.

In fact, it wasn't until the state energy division contacted South Carolina officials that they learned what options were available in distributing the money.

"We really haven't gotten the word from the feds that we've got the money yet," said Stephanie Bass, deputy press secretary for Gov. Jim Hunt.

According to figures released in Washington, North Carolina's share of the \$1.35 billion Low Income Energy Assistance

legislation will be \$16.1 million. Money from two other energy aid programs bring the total to nearly \$30 million.

That total amount is the 14th largest among the 50 states. One of the programs, previously enacted as a crisis assistance package to help the poor survive winter heating needs, will provide \$4.9 million in North Carolina, according to Bob Spencer, spokesman for the state division of economic opportunity.

A third aid program will send energy assistance money directly to North Carolina citizens who already receive money from the federal Supplementary Security Income program. According to figures released in Washington, that will amount to \$73 per recipient in North Carolina.

The economic opportunity division of the Natural Resources and Community Development Department has plans to handle the \$4.9 million expected earlier. Under that program, some 12,000-14,000 North Carolina homes would receive up to \$400 in grants to help pay heating bills this winter.

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standing broad jump, relays and 50-yard, 100-yard and 200-yard sprints.

"We want every kid to have a feeling of accomplishment," Ellis said. "If a child can't do a certain thing, we'll make up an event for him." Hand running, a game in which the contestants and the coaches run hand in hand, is one such game.

Ellis said many college students help out with the games. "Last year (Mike) O'Koren and (Rich) Yonakor got out on the courts and played basketball with some of the kids. The spring games will probably be held on the UNC campus."

Some volunteers are coaches who teach the athletes individually before the games. "The coaches see the kids and teach them once a week," Ellis said. "We want to have the kids learn the skills

properly." Before participating, many contestants must learn not to fear the sound of the starting gun.

Carolina psychology major Eric Harris coached Doug Johnson in the running events. "Doug was real happy about the race," Harris said. "He didn't want to stop running. I think the Olympics is a great thing."

The Special Olympics were created by the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation and are operated by Special Olympics Inc., a non-profit organization in Washington, D.C. All workers are volunteers and all money is donated by local organizations. Money was raised on campus this year with a seesaw marathon at Granville Towers and a volleyball marathon on North Campus.

Kurtz

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they felt censorship was abominable, and they resented his reforms which dislodged tribal people from their land, Kurtz said. They saw corruption in his government and waste of the nation's resources, and they resented his family's excessive spending, she said. Khomeini promised the people that a return to traditional Islamic precepts would end corruption and waste and would bring the women "back to virtue," Kurtz said. That promise helped his popular appeal among a people who thought things could be no worse under him than they were under the shah, she said.

Kurtz said the most crucial point of the revolution was that Khomeini could not and would not understand the actual situation, as the shah did.

"The question was, could you protect your territory and at the same time take care of the social needs of the people,"

Kurtz said. "The shah tried to make the people more literate, but he was trying to do these things too quickly. The people were not ready for it. The students showed their true nature—they were in complete retaliation to everything and everyone except Khomeini."

Just who will be triumphant in the long run remains to be seen, Kurtz said.

"All I can say is I hope it is for the best of Iran. It may not be the best for our interest, but Iran deserves the right to make its own future."

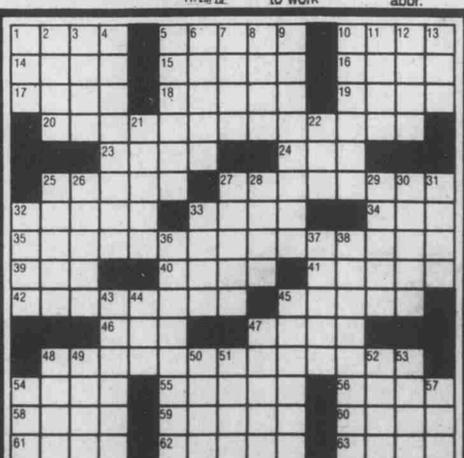
"The United States has a reputation for saying our way is the only way," she said.

"Maybe we should look at other countries and find out what the actual problems are first, and then whether they want our help. Our way is right for us and let's hope it can prosper and continue, but maybe other people know what is right for them."

THE Daily Crossword by William Landis

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