Legislative report

Drug penalty reduced

HARRISBURG (AP) — The Senate unanimously passed drug reform legislation yesterday reducing penalties for marijuana possession and taking a stricter line against drug trafficking.

The two bills were sent back to the House because of Senate changes that reduced significantly the powers of a proposed-

governor's drug and alcohol abuse council. One change eliminated a provision clearing an individual's record of conviction for marijuana possession in certain cases.

As passed by the Senate, the bill would reduce the maximum sentence for marijuana possession from 5 years imprisonment and \$5,000 to 30 days and \$500. A person found guilty of trafficking in heroin or other

narcotic drugs could receive a jail sentence of 15 years and \$250,000 for the first offense, with double that maximum penalty for second or subsequent violations of the law.

Another provision of the proposed law would allow the probation of a person without a formal verdict against him if he pleads guilty to a charge of possession of a drug.

With the recommendation of a physician, a heroin addict could submit himself voluntarily for treatment and skirt prosecution on criminal charges.

Despite the unanimous Senate vote, several members in-dicated that the bills included provisions which could be improved.

Rep. Milton Berkes, D-Bucks, who headed the legislative committee that drafted the bills, has already indicated he is displeased with the Senate versions and will ask for a joint conference between the House and Senate to work out a compromise approach.

Sen. Richard A. Snyder, R-Lancaster, said he also found the bills "far from ideal."

He suggested that the conference committee putting the drug reform into final shape add provisions that would require drug addicts to pay for at least some of the costs of their rehabilitation.

Bill to exempt poor

HARRISBURG (AP) — Majority House Democrats in-troduced compromise legislation that would, in an election year, keep Gov. Shapp's promise to exempt the poor from the state income tax.

The measure eventually will cost the state some \$27.6 million a year in revenues, said Speaker Herbert Fineman, chief sponsor. He could not estimate how many taxpayers this bill would help.

The bill replaces a similar \$20 million measure introduced last August along with the 2.3 per cent income tax, coming due this April. The first bill died in the House Ways and Means Committee when lawmakers disagreed over amendments that would have raised the price tag to at least \$80 million.

Failure to enact a promised tax relief bill will leave Shapp and Democratic lawmakers vulnerable in a year when all 203 House members and 25 of 50 senators are up for election. Passage could deprive Republicans of the issue.

The bill - retroactive to Jan. 1, 1972 - comes too late to permit refunds this April.--Poor-people who-had money withheld unnecessarily, or will pay too much tax this year,

OTIS elects new executive officer

local bill collection agencies.

several "horror stories" from

office. Together we'll have more strength, and be able to do something about it."

occasions.

The Organization of Town reported to be having with Independent Students concluded this term's meetings Monday night with an unexpected election of vice president.

Stephan Rosenfeld (9th-American studies-Cheltenham), was elected as new vice president.

Mike Dubil (12thadvertising-Berwick); announced his resignation from the position and withdrawal from the University. He cited "Personal reasons" for leaving

Dubil then announced that the local bars the OTIS Bail Bond Fund was beginning to revive.

"We currently have \$3,000

won't get their money back until their April, 1973 returns are

Any single person with a household income of \$2,000 or less would be exempt from the tax, as would any two-member household with income of \$3,500 or less.

An additional \$750 exemption would be added for each dependent, up to an eight-member household. Taxpayers exceeding the basic limits would retain some

exemptions, on a sliding scale, up to \$1,000. After the \$1,000 figure was reached, the poor would be liable for the entire tax.

The tax measure does not include persons on pensions, social security, welfare, workmen's and unemployment compensation. They already are exempt under the bill creating the income levy.

Several weeks ago, Rep. Jay R. Wells, 3rd, R-Allegheny, charged in a floor speech that Democrats were insincere in promising tax relief to the poor. He demanded that relief legislation start moving. With the primary less than two months, away, the Democrats are listening.

Demos stall tax cut

HARRISBURG (AP) - Senate Democrats stalled a Republican move to cut the state income tax rate from 2.3 to 1.9 per cent yesterday.

Majority Leader Thomas F. Lamb, D-Allegheny, who asked for the delay because of the death in the family of one of the Democrats, promised to call the bill up next week.

Minority Republicans proposed the tax cut last week when a number of Democrats were absent. Lamb asked for a delay then but pledged to consider the measures yesterday.Chief sponsor John Stauffer, R-Chester, based his amendment on the projected revenue estimates he said would provide a \$200 million surplus at the end of the fiscal year. The Shapp administration denied the anticipated surplus would be as large as Stauffer predicted.

Stauffer-said a few mayarick Democrats told him they would vote for the cut. All of the Democrats, however, voted for the motion to delay the vote.

Lamb said he asked for the delay because of the absence of Sen. Donald O. Oesterling, D-Butler, whose 10-year-old son died of leukemia.

Berrigan trial continues Betrayal pre-planned

prison authorities ...

HARRISBURG, Pa. -(AP)- -institutional authorities knew, - Star government witness Boyd Douglas took the witness stand yesterday and said he prepared in advance his betrayal of the Rev. Philip Berrigan so authorities "would realize the threat of

these people to the United States Douglas said he turned FBI informer against Berrigan partly because as a strict Catholic⁶ he was concerned about the actions of the militant antiwar priest and r~six co-defendants on trial with him on federal conspiracy

charges. All but one is Catholic. The stocky, blond-haired Douglas said Berrigan recruited him as a courier to smuggle mail in and out of the

Lewisburg, Pa., federal prison where both were Jim Rodden, OTIS president said he had heard convicts in the summer of 1970. Douglas was attending students who had been "threatened" on several college under a prison release program.

Among such letters were "Anyone with any problems," Rodden said, "is urged to contact the OTIS two said by the government to have concerned a plot to kidnap presidential aide Henry Kissinger. Douglas, 31, also testified

that Berrigan revealed to him Gershman said his com-mittee also planned to do a comparative price survey of a scheme to blow up heating tunnels in Washington buildings.

·Douglas said he made OTIS is planning a Casino copies of letters he smuggled night and movie marathon for in and out of prison for 4112 PM 112 the first week of next term. Berrigan. When asked why

As he had feared, the was carrying out con- "government claims, Douglas" traband material. I knew smuggling of the letters was there was no way to take uncovered. He thereupon letters from the institution and bring them back in without being detected by the

> after serving the bulk of an ____eight-year prison-term for interstate transportation of fraudulent checks and assault on an FBI agent. He dropped from sight after going before the grand jury Jan. 5, 1971.

Nixon gains support WASHINGTON (AP) -Chou En-lai plans to invite them to visit China at a time

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The Soviet Union issued

yesterday its first sharp attack on President Nixon's

trip to Peking, accusing China of "tentering a dangerous plot with the ruling

An article in the Soviet

trade union newspaper Trud

dismissed Nixon's journey to

China as a publicity stunt to

capture votes in this election

circles of the U.S.A.'

year.

President Nixon won congressional leaders' support yesterday for the venient. results of his mission to China. He disclosed that the two top Senate leaders have been invited to visit Peking in a continuation of Sino-U.S. contacts. expressed an interest in going to mainland China.

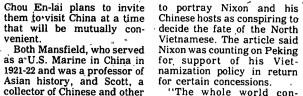
For China trip results-

The White House said Nixon received substantial support from the bipartisan leadership of House and Senate on his historic journey. This was borne out by comment from the congressional leaders who were briefed at the White House.

It was announced that Nixon feels he already has adequately filled in the American public on his accomplishments and im-pressions after summit meetings with China's leaders and seven days in that country. Press Secretary Ronald L.

Ziegler said the President was on nationwide televisionradio with his statement Monday night and will have "no further report as such to the nation."

The big news at the White House Tuesday was Nixon's announcement of Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield, D-Mont., and Minority Leader Hugh Scott, R-Pa., that Chinese Premier



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asserted.

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Peking ruling circles," Trud

anything which would look like a criticism of the U.S.A.

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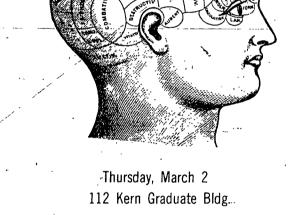
Trud was the first of the controlled Soviet press to deviate from a cautious handling of the Nixon trip. The thrust of the article was

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would believe what I was telling them, not only aboutthe conversations, but also about the letters, and they would realize the threat of these people to the United States government."

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turned the copies he already had over to the FBI according to the prosecution and continued his courier role at this time as an FBI informer. Douglas was paroled from Lewisburg on Dec. 16, 1970,

"I felt if I had enough evidence to produce at the time that the authorities

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