

# AP NewScope

## World prices rising rapidly

WASHINGTON — The International Monetary Fund drew a grim picture of world inflation yesterday, saying economic conditions in industrial nations point to rapidly rising prices this year and next.

The organization said the Nixon administration faces "an exceptionally difficult task of guiding the U.S. economy back to its potential growth path, avoiding either overheating or recession."

The Fund said in its annual report the major world economies are booming and will continue to do so in 1974, making it difficult to arrest the inflationary spiral.

It urged its 126 member nations, and especially the industrial economies, "to give this problem a very high priority in the formulation and conduct of economic policies."

The report said prices in the United States, Europe, Canada and Japan rose six per cent from the second half of 1972 to the first half of this year. Combined, these economies grew by seven per cent in the same period it said.

## Tapes called nonessential

WASHINGTON — Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, a member of the Senate Watergate committee, yesterday said the controversial White House tape recordings of President Nixon's conversations are not essential to the committee's investigation.

Inouye said the committee could write its report on the Watergate case and related developments without the material.

He said the committee did not have an absolute need for the tapes because it was not conducting a criminal investigation.

"If this were a criminal matter I would say the tapes were absolutely necessary, essential," he said. "In our case I think we can proceed and file an adequate report without the tapes."

## Senator offers new tax law

HARRISBURG — Legislation to have personal income taxes rather than real estate taxes pay for public education is being proposed by Sen. John Stauffer.

The Chester County Republican said the personal income tax rate would be increased by .12 percentage points each year for 20 years to replace the property tax.

The proposed legislation also would increase the state's share of total public school costs from 50 per cent to 80 by 1983.

"In recent years local property taxation as a means to finance public education has been under attack throughout the country and the subject of several closely-scrutinized court decisions," Stauffer said. "Because of their extreme growth, these school-related real estate taxes have created numerous and varied problems."

## Shapp to testify on LCB

HARRISBURG — A House committee plans to take testimony from Gov. Shapp later this week on alleged political pressures within the Liquor Control Board.

In another development, a committee request for all gubernatorial memos relating to the LCB was modified to only papers dealing with testimony of Alexander Jaffurs, the fired LCB chief counsel.

"This modified request by the committee makes it clear that we are not seeking every piece of paper in the governor's office relating to the Liquor Control Board," said Liquor Control Committee Chairman Stanley Kester, R-Delaware.

But disagreement continued, over releasing studies concerning the feasibility of converting the state store system to private enterprise.

The governor's office said it makes available only a final report, while the committee wants preliminary reports and drafts.

## Cambodian attacks renewed

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — Insurgents renewed their attacks yesterday on Kompong Cham, thrusting at two sections of the government defense perimeter around the northern half of the city, diplomatic sources reported.

The sources said Communist-led rebel gunners pounded government positions with more than 100 rounds of artillery fire to end a day-long lull, but were beaten back when they attempted ground assault.

Casualty figures were not available. The city, Cambodia's third largest, has been under heavy rebel attack for about three weeks.

The diplomatic sources said house-to-house fighting continued one block from the market place and that it was often difficult for soldiers on both sides to distinguish between the enemy and their own troops.

Latest reports indicate insurgents control the southern half of Kompong Cham, while government troops have thrown a perimeter around the northern half.

## Kuwait to investigate gunmen

KUWAIT — Kuwait will investigate five Arab gunmen before deciding whether to try them for threatening to kill hostages in their four-day, three-continent attempt to free an imprisoned Palestinian guerrilla leader.

The Kuwaiti defense and interior minister, Sheik Saad Abdullah el Salem, made the announcement last evening after a four-hour cabinet meeting.

The Kuwaiti cabinet deliberated the gunmen's fate a day after they surrendered at Kuwait airport and released their four Saudi Arabian hostages unharmed.

The hostages had been taken captive in Paris Wednesday when the gunmen invaded the Saudi Embassy there. In airliners put at their disposal under threat of death to the hostages, the gunmen flew to Cairo, Kuwait, over Saudi Arabia and back to Kuwait, a sheikdom on the Persian Gulf.

Saad told newsmen after the cabinet meeting that the investigation of the gunmen will establish "their identity, nationality and the masterminds, if any, behind this operation."

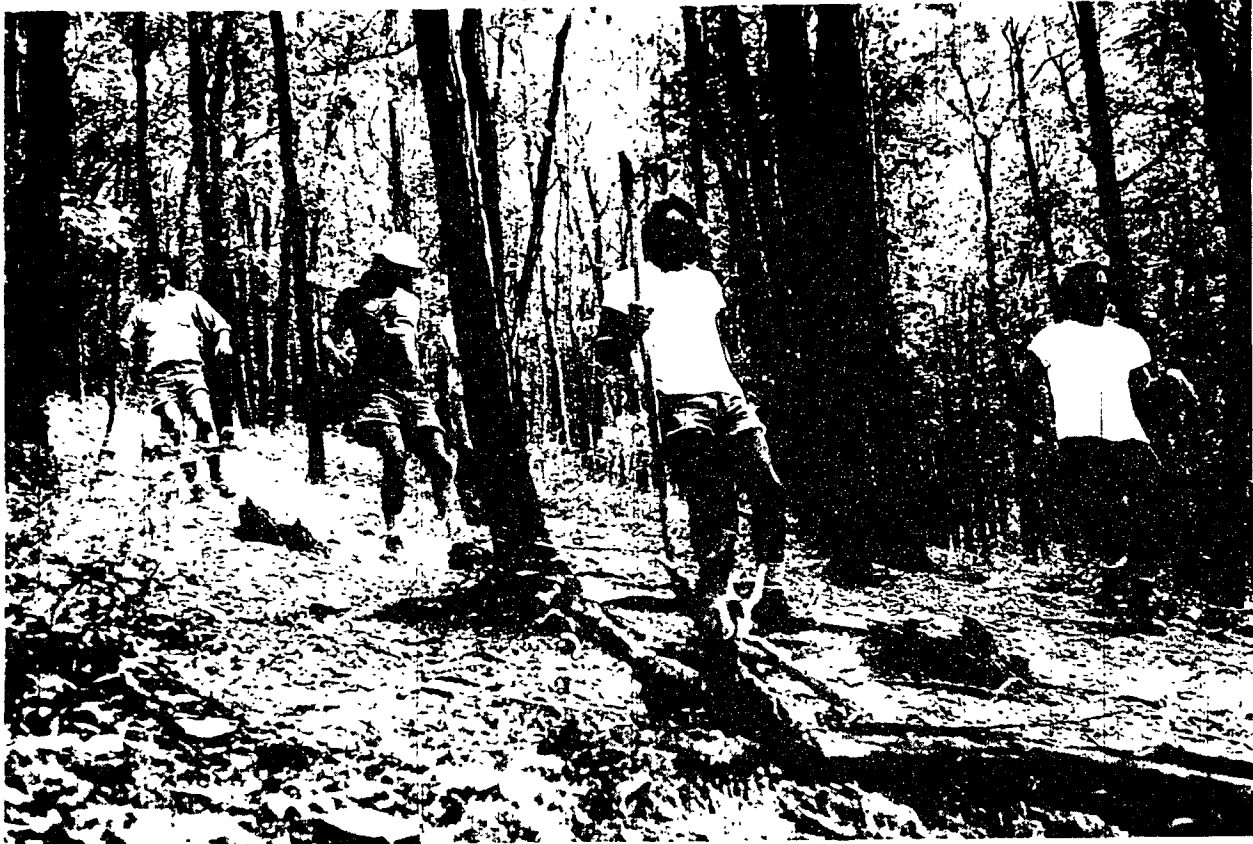


Photo by Joe Napsha

Because it was there... THESE STUDENTS ALONG with 150 others participated in the 20th annual Mount Nittany climb.

## Mt. Nittany bested once again

By JOE NAPSHA  
Collegian Staff Writer  
"Why am I doing this?" was a question often asked Saturday afternoon as about 150 students made the 20th annual hike up Mt. Nittany. Concluding a week of orientation activities, the

event took interested students three and a half miles away from the civilized world to the wilds of Lemont.

Sponsored by the Penn State Outing Club, the group started from the HUB lawn. Outfitted with canteens,

hiking boots and packs, the students appeared ready to tackle the trail despite what lay ahead of them.

Walking along Rt. 26, some hikers cheated a little and hitched their way to Lemont.

No car could take the mountain climbers to the top. That task could be accomplished only by determination, stamina and sweat.

The trail was composed of unstable rocks on hard, slippery ground.

The stops to the top were numerous or few, depending on one's walking ability. Leaning against trees proved the best means of resting.

One panting freshman gave his reason for continuing the hike as "peer pressure."

"I've got to make it to the top," he said.

A huge sigh of relief was heard as the group finally reached the top. No fanfare awaited their arrival, only a large log which quickly was converted into seats to rest aching calf muscles.

For the adventurous, reaching the mountaintop was not the end of the trail. To the left and right lay paths to clearings which gave a view of the spreading countryside.

There were different opinions on what students could see from the top.

Rick Segal, a former University student, expressed disappointment because there was "no view at all; it's all trees."

Carl Washburn (13th-civil engineering) described a view of the campus from a clearing on the left. "It's worth it once you get up there," he said.

"This is not a scenic resort area, so no large lookout towers are found to give an unobstructed view of America below you," another hiker added.

Still, cameras clicked accompanied by "ohs" and "ahs" when a familiar campus landmark was sighted.

After everyone rested and quenched his thirst, the group rose to start the journey home. The trick was to keep from falling flat on their faces while racing downhill at 90 miles per hour. Unfortunately, things such as trees kept slowing the hikers down.

The group's primary motivation on the return trip was the food awaiting them at the bottom. Grilled hot dogs, apples and water awaited all those who risked life and limb to conquer Mt. Nittany, compliments of the Outing Club.

Outing Club President Scott Troutman described the hike as "a great way to get out and meet some people."

Whatever the motivation behind all those tired bodies, the hike was seen by some as a vacation. It was a chance to get away from loud stereos and crowded downtown stores where hustle and bustle is the order of the day.

## Collegian notes

The Pattee Library Reference Department has extended its faculty library orientation through this week. Orientation will be held in 105 East Pattee 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Anyone interested in having an exhibit of original artwork, handmade articles or items of educational interest is requested to contact Linda Viau in charge of exhibits in Pattee Library.

The State College Choral Society will hold open rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Monday on the third floor of the St. Paul's United Church 127 McAllister St. Auditions for joining the Society will be held following rehearsal.

A jazz program of recordings and comments will be held 7:30 p.m. Monday in the HUB Reading Room.

Young Socialists will meet 8 p.m. Monday in 62 Willard. A class in Marxism will be held 8 p.m. Wednesday in 167 Willard.

"Some of My Best Friends", a movie about the Gay Liberation Movement, will be shown at the first fall term meeting of Homophiles of Penn State 8 p.m. Tuesday in 71 Willard.

The Penn State Rugby Football Club will hold its first meeting and practice 6:30 p.m. Tuesday on the I.M. rugby field near East Halls.

The Forestry and Wildlife societies will sponsor a talk by Roger Latham, outdoor editor for the Pittsburgh Press, 7 p.m. Wednesday in 301 Agricultural Administration.

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