

Dozens seized in IRA search

LONDON (UPI)—Police raiders guided by an Irish Republican army informer seized dozens of bombing suspects yesterday in the biggest operation mounted here against the newly outlawed IRA.

A second man was charged with murder in connection with barroom blasts in October that killed seven persons, including five British military personnel.

Scotland Yard said police picked up about 30 men and women in predawn raids on Irish homes throughout the city.

"This is the biggest operation we ever have mounted against the IRA here," a detective said. "We could round up as many as 50 people."

The suspects were taken to police headquarters at Guildford, 30 miles south of

London, where they joined 10 men and a woman already in custody.

One of the 10 men already has been charged with the murder of a teen-age member of the Women's Royal Army Corps who died in an explosion at a Guildford bar Oct. 5.

Police said a second member of the group was charged yesterday afternoon with the murder of the same girl.

Armed with tough new antiterrorist laws that enable them to detain suspects without any charges for seven days, the police said they raided houses using addresses supplied by an IRA informer.

Britain passed a "Prevention of Terrorism" law five days ago, one week after pub bombs killed 20 persons and injured 183 in Birmingham.

The law banned the IRA in England, provided for seven days' detention without charges and made it possible to deport suspected IRA members.

Britain used its new expulsion authority for the second time in less than 24 hours Tuesday, deporting a Scottish organizer of a political arm of the IRA to Dublin.

After 3-year congressional study Welfare reform proposed

WASHINGTON (UPI) — After three years' study, a congressional subcommittee yesterday proposed reorganizing the nation's welfare programs, which aid 35 million people while doing nothing for others equally poor.

The \$15.4 billion proposed program involves:

- Tax relief for moderate-income and low-income families whose work and earnings make them ineligible for welfare, food stamps, housing allowances and other forms of aid.
- Cash subsistence payments for those unable to work or unable to find work. These could reach \$300 a month for an otherwise penniless family of four.

Rep. Martha Griffiths, D-Mich., said the plan would no longer force husbands to leave home to make their wives and children eligible for welfare.

The existing food stamp program would be terminated. So would federal payments under aid for families with dependent children (AFDC). Persons living in subsidized housing would have their cash payments reduced proportionately.

An average eligible family of four would receive \$1,303 in cash a year plus \$900 in tax credits. In all, an estimated 11.2 million families — 34 million persons — would be eligible for cash grants or tax credits for some portion of each year.

The plan would cost \$15.4 billion above the \$16 billion the government now spends on welfare. Half the increase represents the additional cost of cash allowances and the other half represents the tax cut for moderate income taxpayers.

Under existing programs, Griffiths said, a family loses as much as 90 cents in welfare for every \$1 it earns in wages, and therefore has little motive to seek work.

Under the new plan, subsistence allowances would be

reduced by no more than 50 cents for every dollar earned — but would be kept low enough to induce recipients to find employment.

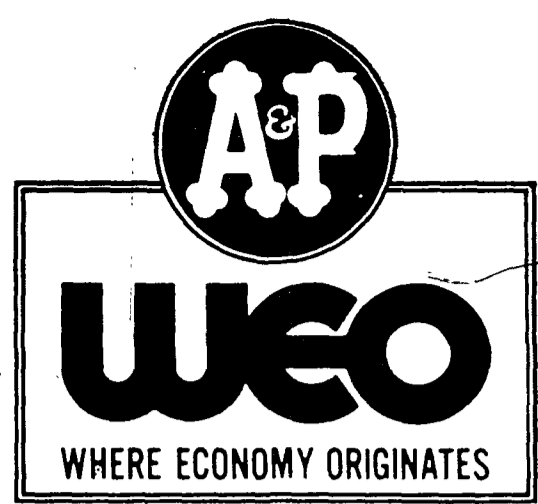
The plan resulted from a long study by Griffiths' fiscal policy subcommittee of the Joint Economic Committee. The panel said the existing program of aid to people who fit in certain categories of need results in "a bizarre reward system" under which "non-workers and those who have failed to fulfill their family responsibilities are often made better off than workers and married couples with children."

The subcommittee's plan is comparable to, but goes beyond, the "family assistance program" which President Richard M. Nixon proposed in 1969 and which twice passed the House only to be killed in the Senate.

An added feature is the substitution of a \$225 per person tax credit for the \$750 personal exemption in the income tax law. Taxpayers whose earnings put them in the less than 30 per cent bracket would be better off with a tax credit than with the exemption.

A credit is an amount subtracted from taxes owed. Under the Griffiths bill, a taxpayer owing less than \$225 in taxes would receive a rebate instead of paying taxes.

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