

# News briefs

## Congress submits tax bill

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Congress yesterday formally submitted its \$24.8 billion tax cut bill to the White House, where aides said it might be several days before President Ford decides whether to sign or veto it.

The legislation, carrying both a current and a retroactive tax break for most Americans, was presented to the President after assistant House Democratic Leader John McFall of California signed it on behalf of Speaker Carl Albert.

Ford quickly called on advice from his top economic advisers, who spent some time analyzing the complicated legislation before going to the White House.

White House spokesmen said the President was not prepared to make an immediate decision on the bill, although he was reported to believe a veto would be sustained if it came to that.

As the measure was officially transmitted, members of Congress gave the President mixed advice on whether to accept or reject it, and some urged a prompt decision so that its aim of bolstering the economy can be quickly realized.

In putting the official congressional stamp on the measure, McFall said: "Get problems do not permit delay or study. The bill needs to be signed into law promptly...."

"This is not the time to listen to big business opposition or to the advice of economic advisers who have been proven wrong time and again. It is time to listen to the people."

But presidential press secretary Ron Nessen said: "He has not made a decision whether to sign or veto...The President believes he could sustain a veto in the House if he decided to veto."

## Ford ok's foreign aid bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Ford signed a \$3.7-billion foreign aid bill yesterday with what he termed "considerable misgivings."

He said that cuts made by Congress could prove detrimental to American interests at home and abroad. The bill is \$2.3 billion below administration requests for the fiscal year ending June 30. It was given final congressional approval Monday.

The measure contains more than \$1 billion for the Middle East and \$440 million reconstruction money for war-torn Indochina but no military aid for either Cambodia or South Vietnam. Ford has asked for \$522 million emergency military aid for the two countries.

In a statement issued from the White House, the President expressed disappointment over what he called "massive reduction in funding for the military assistance program."

Ford said the reductions in the over-all quantity and quality of U.S. economic and military aid programs comes "at precisely the time when America's assistance is vitally needed."

Ford said he deeply regretted Congress' action reducing the requested Indochina post-war reconstruction funds from \$939 million to \$440 million. He said "at this crucial time, our friends in Vietnam and Cambodia are under heavy attack on the battlefield and must cope with enormous refugee problems."

The bill includes \$300 million for military credit sales for Israel as well as \$250 million for military construction in Egypt and \$77.5 million for military reconstruction for Jordan.

The bill includes some \$2 billion for economic aid to about 70 countries, \$475 million military aid for about 50 countries and the \$300 million for military sale credit loans for Israel. It also includes \$854 million for programs such as the Peace Corps and three international development banks.

## Hughes charged in suit

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Howard Hughes and seven associates were charged yesterday with defrauding stockholders of Air West Inc. out of \$49 million in connection with Hughes' takeover of the regional airline in 1968.

In a civil suit filed in U.S. district court in San Francisco, the Securities and Exchange Commission charged that Hughes and the other defendants used false and misleading publicity and manipulated Air West stock to drive the price down before the Hughes purchase.

Defendants in addition to Hughes included a Las Vegas newspaper publisher, a Las Vegas oddsmaker and a former California congressman who was a close friend of former President Nixon.

Defendants included three Hughes corporations—Summa Corp., Hughes Air Corp. and Hughes Airwest—and seven other individuals. They were David B. Charnay, a Hollywood movie producer; George Crockett, former owner of an airport near Las Vegas which he sold to Hughes; Chester C. Davis, Hughes' New York attorney and a major Nevada gambling licensee; Patrick J. Hillings, former southern California congressman; Robert A. Maheu, who was Hughes' chief aide until he was ousted in 1970; James Snyder, known as oddsmaker "Jimmy the Greek" who was operating a public relations firm at the time of Hughes' fight for control of Air West, and Herman Hank Greenspan, publisher of the Las Vegas, Nev., Sun.

Air West is now known as Hughes' Airwest, and is based in San Francisco. Summa is the successor to the Hughes Tool Co., and Hughes Air Corp. is the parent firm of Hughes Airwest.

The SEC suit asked that the defendants be ordered to return any profits they made from the alleged illegal activity and be forbidden from any further illegal activity. The SEC has no criminal prosecution authority.

## Morton may switch jobs

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Ford nominated Rogers C. B. Morton yesterday to be commerce secretary, and congressional sources reported that Stanley K. Hathaway, former Wyoming governor, would succeed Morton as interior secretary.

Morton, 60, would replace Frederick B. Dent, who was sworn in Wednesday as the special U.S. representative for trade negotiations in Ford's continuing effort to shape his own administration.

Morton's nomination is subject to confirmation by the Senate, which earlier approved his nomination to be interior secretary. Hathaway likewise would have to get Senate approval.

White House Press Secretary Ron Nessen said Ford believes Morton as commerce secretary could "galvanize and mobilize" American industry for development coordinated with fuel conservation.

He said Morton, who will continue as chairman of the Energy Resources Council, has the expertise and talent to persuade industry to adopt measures such as expanding use of coal and "exotic fuels" like liquefied coal.

Morton, now vacationing in the Bahamas, said in a statement issued through his office that he is enthusiastic about the new job.

Nessen told reporters Ford has decided on a new interior secretary, and will announce the name when routine security checks are completed soon.

Asked about reports that Hathaway is Ford's first choice, Nessen first said he never heard of the former governor. Asked again later, however, he said only: "When we have an announcement to make we'll make it."

## Soviet Union fingers U.S.

MOSCOW (UPI)—Soviet news media yesterday suggested a foreign conspiracy was behind the assassination of King Faisal of Saudi Arabia and pointed the finger at the United States.

The oblique accusation followed detailed coverage here of recent allegations that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency may have plotted assassinations of foreign leaders.

The Tass news agency and the government newspaper Izvestia pictured the United States as increasingly disenchanted with Faisal's policies.

Both used the common Soviet practice of quoting others to get their point across.

"The Beirut newspaper Al-Liwa connects this assassination with behind-the-scenes activities of external forces," Tass said.

It quoted the newspaper as saying while no one doubted Faisal was a friend of the United States, he grew disappointed with U.S. policies particularly after the failure of the latest U.S. round of diplomacy in the Middle East.

Tass added, "The U.S.A., the newspaper emphasizes, became convinced that it was impossible to achieve a reduction of oil prices during Faisal's lifetime."

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# Confidence goal of V.P. hopefuls

By LAURIE PEACHER  
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How to regain student confidence in the Undergraduate Student Government was a major concern of USG vice presidential candidates in a discussion in Sackett last night.

Leo Lachcik, Joe Seuffer's running mate, said the Senate members fought amongst themselves. Lachcik called it a "racket Senate" because senators did not like the way USG President George Cernusca ran things.

"USG should not divide itself up into little camps and argue petty little things," he said. "They were cliques, not adversary groups."

Steve Brush, Marie Blosh's running mate, complained that Lachcik's view of the Senate was too simplistic.

"What comes off as cliques is merely differences in opinion," he said.

The Senate definitely had factions, countered Bruce Dagers, running with Dave Perlman.

"People couldn't look at things objectively," he said. "They tore (each other) down just because their egos were shot down."

With a strong vice president in USG, he said, he could "get people to work together and get those badges off their chest."

Brush said, "Too many people (in USG) forget that after next Thursday the old loyalties will no longer matter." They should be open-minded enough to forget their past and concentrate on representing the students, he said.

Leslie Evans, Doug Ford's running mate, said she was a member of the Academic Assembly, which is non-political and passes no legislation.

"I can't see myself running a very political Senate," she said.

Besides politics, the discussion centered on the University budget, whether to request an audit and what effect this action would have.

"If we want to see our tuition go down, we should go to Harrisburg and lobby (for more money)," Evans said. "Do you think they'll give us more money when we say we're spending too much?" she asked.

Greg Lynch, W.T. Williams' running mate, said the University would have to listen to the students because "there are a lot of us and we'll put the pressure on Old Main."

But Brush said the University knows that "if they (the University) fight you hard enough, you'll get frustrated and discouraged."

Dagers said, "When you start sniffing around" by investigating University

# Shapp budget may reduce financial aid

By JANICE SELINGER  
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The governor's 1975-76 budget may mean a decrease in student aid funds, as well as a tuition increase.

Unless the legislature appropriates more money for student aid than what Gov. Shapp recommended in his budget, Penn State's needy students may find less money available for their education.

The governor's budget, while it would not affect federally funded grants and loans like the National Direct Student Loan, would affect Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency grants, said Ron Taylor, PHEAA public relations officer.

The governor's budget recommended \$68 million for student aid to higher education, but by the end of this year, PHEAA already will have spent \$75.5 million, Taylor said.

"I don't know how much money will be needed for next year," he said, "but applications for the program are running high."

"If the same number or more students want aid, we can't feasibly fund them with less money," Taylor said.

Until PHEAA goes for its budget hearings in the House on April 8, it will be impossible to tell what effect the budget will have on Penn State's student aid, he said.

However, John F. Brugel, director of financial aid for Penn State, said, "Unless something changes there probably will be a reduction in the amount of student awards."

As a result, Brugel has tried to come up with some ways of dealing with a reduction in aid monies.

The reduction could take the form of a cut in the amount of money allocated to each student. Otherwise PHEAA could change the eligibility requirements for receiving grants, making it harder for students to get grants and cutting down on the amount of money being spent, Brugel said.

Brugel said he sees no problem with a 15-month instead of a 12-month budget since the student's account could be credited to the next fiscal period.

The University then could hold the student's account until November when new funds come in, Brugel said.

Adjustments also could be made by giving students their grants over a two-term instead of a three-term period, Brugel said. In this way students would get essentially the same amount of money but they would be paying for the first term themselves.

## Weather

Cloudy with some light sleet or rain late today. High 40. Some rain tonight and tomorrow. Low tonight 36. High tomorrow 49. Unsettled and milder Sunday.

# Credibility of USG major issue in race

The Undergraduate Student Government's credibility is a major issue in the upcoming USG elections and was stressed by the candidates last night at McElwain.

Candidate Marie Blosh said, "It is our position as a student government to earn your respect. I want to build an organization that is independent enough to get something done."

Candidate W.T. Williams said, "We've got an apathetic student body. I can't get up here and make you promises anymore. I want to unify the students. I need to have an organization to do anything."

Williams later said, "I'm trying to tell you to get off your ass and vote so we can get something done."

But the candidates also introduced some new points into their platforms. Doug Ford suggested the formation of a Grade Appeals Board in which the student with a complaint about his grade may present his grievance. Ford said the final grade decision would lie with the board. The faculty now has the last word.

Ford also said he wants a 24-hour notice on "surprise" dormitory checks. Ford explained that in East Halls a maintenance person walked into a room in which a girl was lying nude on the bed.

Candidate Joe Seuffer said he would like to see a women's center established on campus, supported by USG funding if not by Associated Student Activities.

The apathetic candidate Harry ("Eli") Cain made a brief presentation by commenting that he would rather be next door watching "The Waltons."

Another presidential hopeful, Stanley Miller, told The Daily Collegian a precedent had been set by the USG Elections Board.

Miller has not been disqualified from the election but will not be on the ballot due to his running mate Howard Olicker's failure to file his petition. Miller said he hopes to win through write-in votes.

# Perelman withdraws from USG election

By BARB WHITE  
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Dave Perlman and his running mate Bruce Dagers withdrew from the Undergraduate Student Government Presidential election race last night because of "undue influence."

Perlman refused to explain what he meant by undue influence and declined comment on who was influencing him.

"We will not comment on anything until we cover ourselves from slander and liability," he said.

However, elections commissioner Dale Cliff said earlier yesterday afternoon, "Perlman's name will not appear on the ballot because he has failed to prove to me that he is a student. So he has been dropped from the elections."

The USG constitution states that the USG president must be a full-time registered student.

Perlman claims he "went through registration" for this term. But University recorder Shirley Potters said the University has no record of Perlman's registration and that he has not taken any courses here since last Spring Term.

Perlman claims he has been a part-time student and has taken "a couple of chemistry courses" here since last spring. He said he has not been a full-time student because of "financial reasons."

Perlman faces charges in Centre County Court for passing bad checks. He has been charged by the University and the Mid-State Bank.

Asked if the reason he has not been a full-time student since last spring is that he flunked out of the University, Perlman said "that is ridiculous."

Perlman and Dagers said they will continue to spread their ideas and pamphlets across campus, although they say they have given their support to USG presidential and vice presidential candidates Joe Seuffer and Leo Lachcik.

Perlman said he supports Seuffer and Lachcik because "they are the two most qualified candidates with the best ideas and their ideas are the most similar to ours."

"I am going to stay as far away from this University as possible. I want no more part of this University and this whole affair is the reason why," Perlman said, adding that he does not intend to remain a student at Penn State.

Director of Associated Student Activities Melvyn Klein said he has checked the registration status of the other candidates and they are all in order.

# Thieu's resignation sought

SAIGON, South Vietnam (AP)—Former Premier Nguyen Cao Ky and other opposition politicians formed a committee yesterday to ask President Nguyen Van Thieu to give up his powers because of the military crisis.

The move was announced as North Vietnamese forces drove east and south along the central coast and American planes airlifted panicky refugees from the isolated northern stronghold of Da Nang further south to Nha Trang and to Saigon.

"We request President Thieu delegate full powers to a new government of new personalities with new policies effective for the national salvation," a spokesman for the new group said in Saigon.

The formation of the group, the Action Committee for National Salvation, followed the arrest earlier in the day of seven politicians affiliated with Ky who were accused of plotting to overthrow the government. Ky denied he was planning a coup.

Three-hundred miles northeast of Saigon, the North Vietnamese overran the district capital of Tam Quan after a seven-hour assault, the Saigon command said. Tam Quan is on the coast of Binh Dinh Province 120 miles southeast of Da Nang.