

Swedish leader goes to Philly

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — King Carl XVI Gustaf was greeted by a 21-gun salute and dozens of blonde children waving the blue and gold flag of his homeland in Pennsylvania, settled by Swedes before William Penn was even born.

The Police and Firemen's Bank played marches and anthems as King Carl Gustaf visited the refurbished 16-room Swedish-American museum here.

One young admirer of the 29-year-old monarch was disappointed that she didn't get an opportunity to use her practiced Swedish with the king.

"He didn't talk. He was as quiet as a mouse," said Monica Baekstrom, 9, of Philadelphia who, like the other children, was dressed in Swedish provincial costume.

Monica and 8-year-old Lars Holm of Bridgeton, N.J., presented the king with

bouquets on the steps of the museum.

"He said thank-you, but he only whispered it," she lamented. "And I almost forgot to bow."

The king got a lesson on the ways of the American press when he suggested that reporters thrusting microphones at him after the tour get together and use one microphone.

"Are you all from the same television station?" he asked.

When a radio reporter explained the news media were very competitive in Philadelphia, King Carl Gustaf replied, "That's very good."

Earlier on the fifth day of his 27-day Bicentennial tour of the U.S., the king sampled American life in the planned community of Columbia, Md., where he visited a home and a school.

Sweden is a pioneer in the development of new communities, and James Rouse, developer of Columbia, presented the king with a plaque thanking Sweden's new towns for the inspiration given to Columbia.

He also lunched with the regional distributor for the Swedish-made Volvo automobile. His entourage is traveling in a motorcade of Volvos and Saabs.

The king was to continue his visit to Philadelphia today at Independence Mall and other historical sites.

After Philadelphia, he heads for Swedesboro, N.J.

Proposed budget OK'd

HARRISBURG (AP) — A House-Senate conference committee has approved a new version of the state budget for next year which cuts \$28 million from earlier proposed increases for welfare and education grants to local school districts.

The committee voted 4-2 last night to send the \$4.7 billion package to the House floor for a yes or no vote. The new bill still is funded without any tax increases.

The Senate plans to vote on the measure today.

Both chambers are trying to complete the budget before the primary, a record pace.

The new budget bill is \$32 million under the original Senate version, \$4 million under the House proposal, and \$49 million under what Gov. Shapp wanted.

Most state operations would be given about three or four per cent more than they received this year.

Welfare recipients would get \$502.6 million in grants, \$19.9 million less than what Shapp had requested. Individual grants would not be cut.

Rep. Stephen Wodjak, chairman of the committee, indicated that the lower figure still would be enough to adequately fund welfare grants. The amount is about three per cent more than last year's figure.

Education subsidies to local school districts were cut \$6.7 million under what Shapp had proposed. The new figure is about \$37 million under what the state spent this year for the subsidies.

Wodjak said school enrollments will be lower and the state will have to pay out less. The subsidy is based on a per-pupil formula.

The new bill abandons plans to fund a \$1 million minority business development program and \$1.2 million for a veterans nursing care facility at Valley Forge.

Also dropped was a House plan to add \$1 million to the proposed \$5.5 million for state general hospitals.

State colleges would get a \$10 million increase over this year's \$159 million appropriation. Shapp and the Senate had proposed giving the 14 schools an additional \$465,000.

The budget went to the conference committee after the House voted it down for the third time in a week.

Last week, Democratic leaders tried to push the spending plan through twice, but failed.

Yesterday they gave up trying to win with their own version and decided to let

the conference committee work out a new proposal. That step resulted in a unanimous vote against an original budget approved by the Senate, and the dispute went to the conferees.

Despite yesterday's 187-0 vote, House Minority Leader Robert Butera attacked the procedure because it took budget planning out of the hands of rank-and-file legislators.

"We are transferring our function to a conference committee... We should stop this abominable process of making a state budget," Butera said.

Rep. Jack Seltzer, the top Republican on the appropriations committee, voiced similar complaints.

"The members of this House have had no input... When we vote on this budget it will have been written by four people," he said, referring to the four Democrats on the six-member conference committee.

"You will only have an opportunity to vote, yes or no when it comes before you," Seltzer told lawmakers.

But Wodjak, the budget's chief sponsor in the House, hailed the spending plan as a "very tight but very humane state budget."

Republicans also were miffed about what they described as a charade by the House leadership.

Call strike in San Francisco

Labor leaders support walkout

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Labor leaders called yesterday for a general strike in support of the seven-day municipal walkout that has sent San Franciscans scrambling for transportation.

The head of the San Francisco Labor Council said a date has been set for a "total shutdown of the community," but he would not divulge the date and said continuing negotiations could change the plans.

Mayor George Moscone said the city had made preparations for a general strike, though he said he did not believe there would be

one.

The main impact of the pay dispute has been felt by the 250,000 persons who normally rely on public transit and by school children whose buses were halted by pickets. The transportation situation was further tangled when 500 of the city's 850 taxis were pulled off the street in an unrelated labor dispute.

The executive committee of the San Francisco Labor Council unanimously approved a motion yesterday morning that vowed "escalation, cooperation and information to the end of complete support by all AFL-CIO unions to the workers presently on strike."

Leaders of 1,900 striking trades union workers have repeatedly threatened to launch a general strike for the first time since 1934, but yesterday's action was the first formal step in that direction.

John Crowley, executive secretary of the Labor Council, said such a strike would be aimed at closing the Golden Gate Bridge, Bay Bridge, San Francisco International Airport, other public facilities and hotels and restaurants.

Moscone said it would take at least a week for a general strike to begin. He said police and firemen had promised to stay on the job.

The city's negotiator was scheduled to resume negotiations with labor leaders last night. They met for seven hours Monday with no progress reported.

Municipal buses, streetcars and cable cars have been idled since the strike began last Wednesday, with 25 per cent of the city's 17,000 employees honoring picket lines.

Only 44 of the city's 180 public school buses made their rounds yesterday, a slight increase over the 40 that rolled Monday, the first day of picketing at school bus yards.

State Senate approves new rape bill

HARRISBURG (AP) — A bill to protect rape victims from trial questions about past sexual activity and to allow women to charge husbands with rape was passed by the Senate yesterday.

The 48-1 vote sent the bill back to the House for concurrence in major Senate changes.

The bill is aimed at halting a tactic often used by defense attorneys in rape cases. The

rape victim is questioned about her past sexual activity, with the intent of trying to lead the jury into thinking the victim enticed her attacker.

Women's groups argued that the ordeal of trial was almost as frightening as the attack itself and as a result, many women never bother reporting rapes. The FBI estimates only one in 10 rapes are ever reported.

Under the bill, a victim could only be questioned about her sexual activity if it deals directly with the defendant.

The testimony first would have to be presented before the judge in his chambers.

The bill also eliminates the requirement that a victim report a rape within three months of the attack.

Also, a wife could charge her husband with rape if he has forcible relations and they are living under a

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