

Small rise in nation's prices

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The nation's economy was "strong and well-balanced" during the second quarter, growing at a 6.4 per cent annual rate, the Commerce Department said yesterday.

In a separate report, the Labor Department said the prices consumers pay at the grocery store and other retail outlets rose a "moderate" 0.6 per cent, matching the lowest increases of the year in May and March.

The two government economic reports confirmed administration projections that the economic growth rate

was healthy during the first half of 1977 and inflation — as measured by the Consumer Price Index — has slowed somewhat after increasing at a 10 percent annual rate during the first three months of 1977.

"Economic growth in the second quarter was strong and well-balanced," said Courtenay Slater, chief economist for the Commerce Department.

"Unlike the first quarter, when the GNP rise was heavily concentrated in motor vehicle purchases and business inventories, second quarter growth was spread among almost all major GNP components."

Mrs. Slater said residential construction showed a particularly strong increase in the second quarter and government purchases showed "significant gains" for the first time since mid-1975.

Although the 6.4 per cent growth was considered healthy, it fell below projections by administration economic officials who forecast an increase in the range of 7 per cent.

Weekend arrives, still no state budget decision

HARRISBURG (AP) — The legislative conference committee adjourned for the weekend yesterday without reaching any decision on a new state budget.

The six-man panel met with Revenue Secretary Milt Lopus and Welfare Secretary Frank Beal yesterday and asked about revenue estimates and where budget cuts could be made.

The committee questioned Lopus about \$10 million set aside by the Revenue Department to pay potential tax refunds stemming from a court case.

House Majority Leader James Manderino said his staff found no cases where utilities affected by the court case have filed for refunds.

"We see it as a contingent liability we have to budget for," Lopus said later.

Beal was asked if cash grants and medical assistance could take cuts. He said the two programs could use \$50 million more than proposed to make it through the fiscal year.

He said the cash assistance rolls have stayed high this year instead of dropping in the spring. The rolls went from 157,000 in March to 254,600 in June, he said.

Unemployment in the state is contributing to the high rolls, said Beal, who estimated 1,200 persons a month switch to cash assistance when their unemployment compensation runs out.

Committee chairman Sen. Henry Messinger said the staff will get more figures from the governor's office and work through the weekend on the budget proposal.

Rank and file lawmakers have rejected two proposals this week that would have increased taxes by \$529 million and \$388 million respectively.

Leaders have indicated they must reduce the proposed tax increase further.

Messinger said no decision has been made on whether the committee should shoot for a no-tax budget, as some lawmakers have demanded.

The proposal to increase school subsidies seems a likely candidate for the chopping block, leaders have indicated.

The original proposal called for \$225 million in increased aid for all school districts and \$42 million in postponed loan repayments for Philadelphia schools.

Group ponders zoning change

By ROSEMARY GARHART
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State College Planning Commission is considering a proposed zoning ordinance amendment that would require all existing off-street parking areas, loading spaces and driveways to conform to new rules within a year.

The amendment, discussed at last night's meeting and in the planning stages for the last three years, calls for landscaping at the perimeter of all parking areas and the ratio of one shade tree to every five parking spaces.

Parking areas having more than 30 parking spaces or exceeding 12,000 square feet will be required to have trees for interior shading and raised islands.

Planning Commission Chairman Wallis Lloyd showed slides of various areas that would be in violation of the amendment. McDonald's on S. Atherton Street was shown as an example of what the amendment will require.

The amendment will require loading spaces to be located on their respective lots. Spaces will not be permitted in front yards. Also, loading spaces would have to be screened from adjacent residential areas and must be located within 40 feet of the nearest intersection.

Commission chairman Wallis Lloyd said that Calder Alley would be an exception to the loading space provision, since it would destroy the recent development there.

"The Calder Way development is getting along well without it," Lloyd said.

Commission member James Delesie suggested an amendment section on a compact car zone that would require parking lots to devote an area to compacts in order to allow for more parking spaces.

Commission member Carol M. Herrmann said that a transportation study done for State College showed that 40 per cent of the cars in State College are compacts.

Lloyd said that the planning commission has tried to apply regulations to existing lots so it will not be impossible to meet the ordinance's requirements.

"The motor vehicle is the single most difficult problem of the planning commission," Lloyd said.

He said that he commission wants input from all parts of the community on the proposed amendment.

Carter heads home for 'town meetings'

YAZOO CITY, Miss. (UPI) — After six months in office, President Carter was back on the campaign trail yesterday, telling an audience in his native deep South that battling unemployment and inflation remain his major priorities.

Carter held his second mock town meeting in a sweltering high school auditorium, keeping a campaign pledge to meet with the people and answer their questions.

"We've had kind of a mixed bag in our first six months in office," Carter told a young man who asked the President if he felt he had carried out his campaign promises since taking office Jan. 20.

"I'm pleased overall — so far I like the job," he said with a smile. Then turning serious, he said: "We still have high unemployment . . . and the inflation rate is still too high."

Jaworski to chair Korean probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Special Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski, named to direct the House investigation of alleged Korean influence-buying, said yesterday he would resign the post if he is hindered in carrying out the probe.

"If I feel a roadblock has been put in the way of a complete investigation, I would not hesitate to resign

and then to let the public know why I did," Jaworski said, indicating that he was referring to any attempts by congressional leaders to curb his promised independence.

The Texas lawyer also said he'll recommend prosecution of any wrongdoing, no matter who is hurt.

"If I find a crook involved in this matter, I want to bring him out and I want the public

to know about it," Jaworski told a news conference in Houston.

"It will make no difference to me who is involved in this matter, be they Republicans or Democrats," he said.

Meanwhile, the House ethics committee voted to hire Jaworski as chief investigator of the probe and guaranteed him "full and complete independence."

That written promise was contained in a "Memorandum of Understanding" approved by the committee.

Jaworski succeeded Philip A. Lacovara, who quit the job last week in a dispute with Rep. John A. Flynt, D-Ga., chairman of the panel.

Flynt said he expects committee hearings, possibly public, to begin in September on schedule.

Angolan forces routed in border fight

WINDHOEK, South West Africa (UPI) — Pro-Western guerrillas firing rockets, mortars and machine guns routed Angolan forces from the southern Angola border town of Cuangar, tribal authorities and refugees reported yesterday.

More than 100 Angolan troops died, and hundreds of others deserted and sought refuge across the border in South West Africa to escape guerrillas roaming the jungle, South African officers said.

Radio South Africa reported from the border region that Cuban reinforcements have been sent to three southern Angola towns surrounded by guerrillas — Rocadas, Calueque and Pereira de Eca.

The fighting erupted Wednesday morning when 200 members of the National Union for the Total Liberation of Angola

attacked the government outpost along the Kavango River, which divides Angola and South West Africa.

Kavango tribal authorities and refugees who crossed the fast-flowing river to safety said many soldiers of Angola's pro-Marxist Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola died in an ambush after the attack began.

Maj. Gen. Wally Black, commander of South African troops here, said about 400 refugees fled Angola.

"A large percentage of the refugees who crossed the border were supporters and troops of the MPLA," he told Radio South Africa.

The Johannesburg Star quoted reliable sources in the Kavango tribal homeland as saying National Union forces went on a rampage and killed civilians indiscriminately in their villages.

UMW election in doubt

WASHINGTON (AP) — Arnold Miller staved off a challenge to his election as president of United Mine Workers yesterday, but the man who ran second in the contest promised to continue the fight.

The union's executive board voted 84 to 55 to accept tellers' reports showing that Miller won the June 14 union election.

Earl Dudley, attorney for Lee Roy Patterson who lost the election, said Patterson will take his allegations of election irregularities to the Labor Department in a further effort to overturn Miller's election.

Mall banners stolen

University police reported unknown persons took five overhead banners from the campus mall Monday. Estimated value was \$250.

State College police reported that \$140.58 was taken from the Ceramic Finishing Company of State College, 1160 Oneida St., between July 17-20.

University police reported an unknown person threw a M-80 firecracker from Tener Hall onto the roof of Fisher Hall. No damages were reported.

University police reported unknown persons broke into a candy machine in the coatroom of the Materials Research Building main lobby yesterday. Estimated damage is unknown at this time.

— by Wayne Johnson

Correction

It was incorrectly reported Wednesday in The Daily Collegian that GSA president Trish Morrison said there would be a \$41 tuition increase for graduate students. Actually, this is in effect now; there might be a further increase if taxes are not raised. Also, the report on graduate student status on campus was reported as having been sent to President Oswald — it will be sent soon.

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Fisher Plaza concert planned

GSA will sponsor an outdoor concert featuring Round 117-9 p.m. Sunday in Fisher Plaza.

The Gym Club will hold an introductory meeting for interested beginners 9:30-11 tonight in 107 White Building. Bring old gym clothes.

The Metropolitan Community Church will hold

worship services 7:30 p.m. Sunday in Eisenhower Chapel.

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