

Congress in 'recess' camouflaged as work

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Congress is in recess camouflaged to show the Senate and House hard at work.

Behind the facade the House plans no business, thus delaying action on emergency tax relief for a week, and the Senate has only a slightly more ambitious program with possible action on increasing the national debt ceiling and some committee hearings scheduled.

Congress originally planned to take a week-long recess to celebrate the birth of Abraham Lincoln. It was one of the periodic breaks scheduled throughout the year.

But the leaders canceled the recess. No official reason was given but indications were that they feared a public image backlash if Congress took off less than a month after the session began and with the economy in turmoil.

Instead, the Senate and House will officially be in session but no action is scheduled, freeing members to leave the city.

Among the exceptions will be the Senate Finance Committee which will continue hearings on the House-passed 90-day suspension of President Ford's oil import levy and legislation raising the national debt ceiling.

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Demo energy program almost ready

WASHINGTON UPI—Congressional Democrats are almost ready to unveil their own energy program including a proposal for discouraging gasoline consumption without raising its price, Rep. Henry Reuss said Sunday.

The Milwaukee, Wis. Democrat said the task force plan is "in the final stages of development." He would not say exactly what the proposal would finally include, but added that the hallmark of a successful energy program "is that the American worker deserves and gets the gas he needs to get to and from work" and make essential errands without paying higher prices. He suggested a high tax on high-powered autos as one way to discourage gasoline consumption.

Douglas may never walk again

NEW YORK UPI—Time Magazine reported Sunday, physicians attending ailing Supreme Court Justice William Douglas "now think it possible" that he will never walk again. Douglas suffered some paralysis of the left side when he had a stroke on New Year's Eve, and Time said it has learned that his left leg "shows few signs of response" to treatment. In addition, his left arm, although it has "responded somewhat" to therapy, "is still not usable." The magazine said the stroke did not affect the 76-year-old justice's intellect and that his vision, which was temporarily impaired, now is back to normal. It said he has been able to work one to three hours a day for the past two weeks on cases that were heard before he was hospitalized and on routine new work.

Stockholm Communists blast 'hamburger culture'

STOCKHOLM (UPI) — Stockholm Communists came out against U.S.-style hamburger emporiums in Sweden recently, contending they are a danger to the working class.

"The hamburger culture is a danger to the working people," said Arne Soederkvist, chairman of the Communist group in the Stockholm city council.

"First it ruins their health as the food being served does not contain necessary vitamins and stuff and secondly because the people have to eat very fast and under pressing conditions—lots of people and noise," he said.

"First we learned to do our shopping very fast in supermar-

kets and now we must also learn to eat fast."

He said if the city council appeared willing to accept his suggestion, "I might pass my suggestion on to Parliament and then suggest real alternatives or ways to solve the hamburger problem."

Soederkvist said another member of the Stockholm Communist party said, "The American culture imperialism was spreading food not native to Sweden."

"The large capital and huge profits behind chains like McDonalds and Carrolls may eventually beat all smaller common restaurants," Soederkvist said. "An alternative could be restaurants run by the city, serving non-profit food consisting of nutritious things."

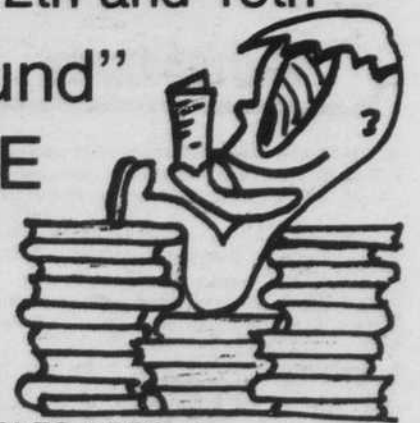
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