

Carter once again pleads for Congress to OK tax cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pres. Carter, faced with opposition from within his own party, pleaded anew Tuesday for passage of his tax cut, saying failure to do so would cost each American family \$600 and swell unemployment rolls by another 1 million people.

Carter insisted that his proposal for a net income tax reduction of \$25 billion in the new fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 would not fuel inflation, a specter raised by congressional Democrats who are seeking a smaller cut. In a nationally televised news

conference Carter also:

- Delivered an emotional defense of his proposals for revising the laws governing the collection of taxes from U.S. citizens. He cited as an example a \$14,000 deduction claimed by a surgeon to entertain fellow doctors on a yacht. "Most Americans don't even have a yacht," Carter said.

- Rejected Soviet Pres. Leonid Brezhnev's offer to forego production of a Russian neutron bomb if the United States will do likewise. Carter said the idea was "of no significance" because the weapon would be of no use to the Soviets anyway.

- Repeated his insistence that Congress approve the all-or-nothing, package sale of U.S. warplanes to Egypt and Saudi Arabia as well as to Israel. Carter said, "I am completely convinced that the Saudis want the planes to protect their own security." The sale has been opposed by some who fear the Saudis would use the U.S.-supplied F-15 jetfighters in any offensive against Israel.

- Said he has found dealing with the federal bureaucracy "worse than I anticipated" before taking office, and called for prompt congressional action on his legislation aimed at overhauling the civil service system.

The president said he has no intention of scaling down or delaying the effect of his tax-cut proposal, due to take effect at the beginning of fiscal 1979.

World at a glance

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'Hot' wastes must stay on sites

SALEM (AP) — Industrial plants that produce radioactive wastes can store the wastes at the plant site but not elsewhere in Oregon, Atty. Gen. James Redden said Tuesday.

Redden's opinion involves disposal of waste produced by the Teledyne Wah Chang Albany Corp. metals plant at Millersburg.

He said the state Energy Department and the Energy Facility Siting Council should adopt rules spelling out what kind of radioactive wastes can be stored at the plant under a permit of the Health Division, and what must be removed from the state.

The opinion was similar to a draft of an opinion made public several weeks ago. Then, Redden said it was illegal for Wah Chang to dump radioactive wastes in Oregon. The draft was modified to allow storage of wastes at the plant site, but only wastes produced after the company obtains a Health Division permit.

Hatfield asks for boycott

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., said in a Senate speech Tuesday that Americans should boycott the products of firms that buy Ugandan coffee.

As he has done before, he called upon Congress to enact legislation prohibiting the importation of any Ugandan product.

Hatfield, noting that information on which firms use Ugandan coffee is incomplete, said consumers should seek out brands with labels declaring that their products contain no coffee from that nation.

Court gives women equal benefit plans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Women workers won an important legal victory Tuesday as the Supreme Court outlawed all pension plans requiring them to contribute larger portions of their salaries than men.


The court ruled that women cannot be forced to make proportionately larger pension payments just because they generally live longer than men.

Such retirement plans, widespread throughout government and industry, violate federal law banning sex discrimination in employment, the justices decided in a 6-2 vote.

Millions of workers participate in retirement plans which base pension payments on life-expectancy studies showing that women generally live longer than men and therefore collect more retirement benefits.

The American Council of Life Insurance had said that outlawing such plans would "require radical changes in pension and retirement coverage available to American workers, and may substantially increase pension costs."

Those extra costs under certain circumstances could total billions of dollars each year, the council said.



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