

# White House and Califano predict Veto certain on college tax-credit bill

WASHINGTON — The White House made it clearer than ever Monday that President Carter, despite congressional efforts to avert it, intends to veto legislation that would give income tax credits of up to \$250 a year to offset college costs.

A House-Senate conference committee scaled back earlier versions of the bill in hopes of getting around Carter's previously announced plans to veto the measure as inflationary and misdirected.

But at a White House briefing on Monday, Joseph Califano Jr., secretary of health,

education and welfare, said he will urge disapproval anyway.

"The tuition tax credit that the House-Senate conference committee approved last week is ineffective and inequitable in providing any really needed assistance to families of children in college," Califano said.

"It is such bad tax policy and such bad education policy that if it were enacted by the Congress I would recommend that the president veto the legislation."

Califano argued that the tax credit bill would fuel inflation, increase government regulation of education and aid affluent families which do not need it.

He urged Congress to approve instead an administration-backed measure which has been languishing in the House Rules Committee for several months and is generally thought to be dead.

Both measures would cost roughly \$1 billion a year, Califano said, but the administration bill would funnel the money in

grants and reduced interest on loans to families earning up to \$25,000 a year.

Califano said that because the tax-credit measure would aid all students by the same amount, it would encourage schools immediately to raise their tuition by the amount of the credit, which would reach a maximum of \$250 per student in 1980.

He also said it would increase federal regulation of educational institutions, forcing them to deal with the Internal Revenue Service on regulations governing the credits.

## Harrises will hear sentence

OAKLAND, CALIF. (AP) — William and Emily Harris, the avowed revolutionaries who admit they kidnapped Patricia Hearst, face sentencing Tuesday for one of America's most notorious abductions.

It will mark the end of litigation for Harris, 33, and his wife, 31, founding members of the terrorist Symbionese Liberation Army that shocked the world with the Feb. 4, 1974 crime.

Their victim is herself serving a federal prison term for an armed bank robbery in which she participated while a captive of the SLA. Miss Hearst will be eligible for parole next year, although a campaign is afoot to gain her immediate release.

The Harrises have boasted they will be "back on the streets in 1983," but it is unlikely they will know the exact date of their freedom for some time.

Alameda County Deputy District Attorney Alex Selvin, who negotiated a plea bargain with the Harrises' attorneys, said the couple will be sentenced under California's old indeterminate sentencing law that leaves release dates open-ended.

The negotiated agreement calls for sentences of 10 years and 8 months. With time off for good behavior and time served, the Harrises could be released in 4½ years.

But Superior Court Judge Stanley Golde could impose a sentence of five years to life imprisonment. Later, the California Community Release Board will set specific release dates under a more recent law.

## making the news

**PORTLAND** — A public opinion poll places state Sen. Victor Atiyeh ahead of Gov. Bob Straub in the gubernatorial race, but the polling organization says the results represent a gain for Straub.

The poll, for KOIN TV taken by Oregon Attitudes Inc. the week beginning Sept. 15, gives the Republican state senator 48 percent of the support to the Democratic governor's 43 percent. It puts Atiyeh ahead 50-41 percent among respondents most likely to vote Nov. 7.

Oregon Attitudes said it was the first poll in several months in which Straub gained on Atiyeh.

**SALEM** — The Oregon Liquor Control Commission should be retained, a legislative committee has recommended.

The action came during a weekend meeting of the Sunset Review task force at the capitol.

The OLCC licenses and taxes sellers of alcoholic beverages, and operates retail stores.

It is one of nine agencies scheduled to go out of business in 1980 under the state's sunset law unless the 1979 Legislature votes to retain them.

Committee members discussed, but made no recommendation, on whether the OLCC's quota system for liquor dispenser licenses should be increased or abolished.

Some of the legislators favored expansion of the commission from three to five members, which would have been accomplished by a bill passed by the 1977 Legislature but vetoed by the governor.

The committee will continue study of the OLCC in three more meetings.

## Fighting in Lebanon leaves chaos in wake

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — President Elias Sarkis said Monday fighting between Syrian troops and Christian militiamen has pushed Lebanon to "the verge of collapse." He promised a new effort to end the battles that have killed and wounded hundreds in less than a week.

As the president spoke, rightist militiamen were pressing a day-long campaign to wrest two bridges from Syrian control and gain a supply route to the north from embattled East Beirut.

Police sources said 39 Lebanese were killed and 189 wounded Monday, most of them during a heavy barrage of artillery, mortar and rocket fire from Syrian positions in the early morning hours.

The Syrians laid down the blanket of fire power to cover an assault that rescued a unit of 50 of their comrades trapped for two days inside an East Beirut pharmacy. The rightists conceded the Syrians broke the siege and said the army lost eight soldiers.

Sixteen buildings were demolished and 61 apartments set afire as the Syrians advanced Monday after the barrage. All routes into Christian east Beirut were blocked by Syrian roadblocks and sniper fire.

The Christian president, appearing worn and depressed as he spoke in a nationwide broadcast from the presidential palace, blamed both the Christian rightists and the Syrians for the turmoil.

"The situation that emerged from a provocation on one side and the mass violent retaliation on the other has inflicted many innocent casualties, which saddens us beyond description," Sarkis said. "The latest events have left almost no family without a casualty and have ruined nearly every house."

Police estimated 222 civilians killed and about 500 wounded in fighting since Wednesday.

East Beirut's morgues and hospitals are reported clogged and blood banks drained. The Christians reported more than 30 bodies were pulled from the rubble of collapsed buildings in one area during a lull in the fighting.

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