

Congress still wants tuition credits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ignoring President Carter's warning of a veto, the House appeared ready Thursday to approve a compromise bill allowing a tax break of up to \$250 per year to help offset college tuition costs.

And as Senate and House conferees began work on a compromise one-year bill cutting taxes for individuals, investors, and businesses, House Republicans sought to insure that the measure will include new tax reductions in 1980 and beyond.

After a White House meeting

with the president, Sen. Russell Long, D-La., told reporters Carter seemed more flexible than earlier on the issue of capital gains tax cuts.

Long said the tuition tax credit was the only specific item whose inclusion Carter said would prompt him to veto the tax cut bill.

The credit was passed as a separate bill and then added by the Senate to the tax cut bill in an effort to avert a veto.

Carter opposes the tuition credit concept partly on the ground the tax relief would be available to all

students, rich or poor.

The provision would allow a reduction in taxes for 35 percent of college tuition costs, with a maximum credit of \$100 this year, \$150 in 1979, and \$250 in 1980. The credit, which would be subtracted directly from taxes owed, would be available to self-supporting students or their parents.

Sponsors hail the credit as the simplest way to help middle-income Americans bear the increasing costs of college education. The costs do not bother the wealthy, credit backers say, and the poor already have ample federal assistance.

The House planned to vote Thursday night on Carter's plan for helping college students by expanding federal grant and loan programs to make them available to middle-income college students.

While the maximum aid available under the tax credit would be \$250 per year, the plan recommended by Carter and revised by congressional committees would provide a basic grant of up to \$1,800, depending on family in-

come and expenses.

As a general rule, the grants would be available to families with incomes up to \$25,000.

The Carter bill also would expand contributions to government-backed scholarships for especially needy students and allow government-guaranteed loans for students regardless of family income.

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WASHINGTON — Egypt and Israel began negotiations Thursday to draw up a peace treaty that Pres. Carter said must ultimately be broadened to include all Arab parties to the Middle East conflict.

"The United States is committed, without reservation, to seeing this process through until each party is at peace with all the others," Carter said at an opening ceremony at the White House.

Delegates from the two countries then walked across Pennsylvania Avenue to Blair House where, in a second-floor library, they started to explore terms for a treaty.

At the first session, lasting 15 minutes, procedures were established for the talks, expected to last for up to two weeks.

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and other U.S. officials met with the Israeli delegation. After lunch, a separate U.S.-Egyptian meeting was set up, with the three sides getting together again in late afternoon.

The hope is that a treaty can be completed within two months.

LOS ANGELES — The 20-year-old son of bandleader Stan Kenton was arrested Thursday for investigation of attempted murder in a bizarre rattlesnake attack that left an attorney seriously wounded, police said.

Lance Kenton, 20, surrendered to Los Angeles detectives in Tulare, Calif. He was accompanied by a lawyer for Synanon Foundation, a drug rehabilitation enterprise.

"At the moment, he (Kenton) is the only identified person in custody," said police Commander William Booth. "But we certainly hope to identify others."

Attorney Paul Morantz, 33, was in serious condition at County-USC Medical Center where he has been treated since being bitten by a rattlesnake Tuesday afternoon. Morantz had recently won a \$300,000 judgement against Synanon.

When he returned home and reached into his mailbox Tuesday, he was attacked by a 4½-foot rattlesnake that had been dropped into the box. The reptile's rattles had been removed, apparently to prevent it from rattling a warning.

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