

Inflation rate slows down

WASHINGTON (AP) — Inflation slowed to a 7.5 percent annual rate in March, the lowest pace since last summer, due largely to moderating energy prices, the government said Thursday.

The March inflation figures triggered a rise in benefits to the nation's 36 million Social Security recipients. The 11.2 percent adjustment, which will go into effect in July, will boost

the average retired worker's monthly check from \$337 to \$374.

Overall, consumer prices in March rose a seasonally adjusted 0.6 percent, the lowest one-month rise since last July, according to the Labor Department.

In addition to energy costs, the Labor Department figures showed a slowing in the rise of entertainment costs and

moderate gains in food prices. But prices for clothes shot up for the second straight month with the introduction of spring fashions, the department said.

The Consumer Price Index "report for March is good news and I hope that it can be repeated in the months ahead," said Murray Weidenbaum, chairman of the President's Council on Economic Advisers.

But, he said, "we can't be satisfied with an inflation rate of 10.5 percent over the past year. The basic conditions which have led to the high underlying rate of inflation and poor productivity performance of the past several years remain with us."

The inflation report was the second favorable economic breakthrough of the week. The Commerce Department reported Monday the economy grew at an annual rate of 6.5 percent in the first quarter.

But administration officials were cautioning against taking a too optimistic view of the gains, which could make more difficult administration efforts to sell Pres. Reagan's economic recovery program to Congress.

The 7.5 percent annual inflation rate of March followed a 12.1 percent annual rise in February and 9.1 percent in January.

making the news

From Associated Press Reports

WASHINGTON — Pres. Reagan will address a joint session of Congress Tuesday night on his economic program.

The president, who has not been seen in public since he was shot in an assassination attempt March 30, will go before the House and Senate at 6 p.m. deputy White House press secretary Larry Speakes said today.

His address will come one day after Congress returns from a two-week Easter recess.

Speakes said Reagan's economic recovery program was "a subject the president believes is of the utmost importance to the nation and one on which he believes he should communicate in person with members of the House and Senate at this time."

"He feels it is particularly important that he outline his views as his program moves forward in the legislative process," Speakes said at a White House briefing for reporters. "He is eagerly looking forward to the opportunity to be back on Capitol Hill."

Women disrupt hearing on bill legalizing abortion

WASHINGTON (AP) — A conservative freshman Senator opened an emotionally charged hearing today on legislation to redefine human life as beginning at conception and thereby pave the way for laws outlawing abortion.

The hearings convened by Sen. John East, R-N.C., mark the opening of the first attempt in the 97th Congress to overturn the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortions.

Organizations as diverse as the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists, the American Civil Liberties Union and Planned Parenthood complained that they have been excluded from testifying during two days of hearings.

The first round had barely begun before it was interrupted twice by women who shouted slogans and raised signs proclaiming their oppo-

sition to the legislation.

"Stop these hearings," three women shouted in unison while standing on chairs. "What about the lives of women? Women will control their lives."

A similar demonstration followed about 10 minutes later.

Both times, police escorted the women from the room and officials said they would be charged with disrupting a committee of Congress.

The women identified themselves as being members of a group called "Women's Liberation Zap Action Brigade."

The object of their protest was legislation sponsored by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., that would define life under the 14th Amendment of the Constitution as applying to an unborn fetus, thus allowing states to outlaw abortions.

THE PHAROAH SANDERS GROUP IN CONCERT with special guest CAM NEWTON



Friday April 24
8:00 p.m. EMU Ballroom
\$4.50/U of O Students
\$5.50/General Public

AN ALL STAR JAZZ GROUP
Pharoah Sanders-Sax
Idris Muhammad-Drums
John Hicks-Piano
Walter Booker-Horns

A benefit for the U of O Survival Center
For more information 485-1411 or 485-1451

TICKET OUTLETS:

Everybody's, EMU Main Desk, Real to Reel Recording (1135) and Mr. Mike's Records

STOREWIDE SALE

20% OFF ALL
REGULARLY PRICED
CLOTHING

FRIDAY ONLY

10-5:00

Holly's J

880 East 13th
(on campus)
342-2320



Ready to get out from
behind a drawing board
and put your plans to work?

The Peace Corps offers opportunities for you to work on the community level in general construction, community gardening, health and sanitation, appropriate technology, architecture and urban planning. Seniors graduating in Architecture or Urban Planning should consider the Peace Corps alternative. Contact Paul Bartel at the Career Planning and Placement office or call 686-3235 for more information.

Harrah's

A Summer Job
That Could Lead
to a Future.

Summer is the most fun, the most exciting time of the year at Harrah's Tahoe and Harrah's Reno. And Harrah's needs people in many areas of work. We offer good pay, benefits and working conditions.

But we offer something else, too. A future, if you want it. Many of Harrah's most successful employees started with summer jobs, then decided they liked it so much, they stayed on for a career.

Whatever your motives, a summer job at Harrah's is the best kind of job you can get. Good conditions. Great fun. And maybe a future for you.

Harrah's Personnel Representatives will be interviewing on campus Tuesday, April 28.

Applications are available through the
State Employment Division,
University Branch.