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State deficit drops by \$10 million

SALEM

The deficit in the state's budget is \$10 million less than state officials originally estimated, Executive Department Director Bob Smith said Thursday.

"Our new forecasting system did not include some of the changes in tax law that the last session passed," Smith said after making the announcement in a joint revenue committee meeting.

"So it now appears that there is going to be a shortfall of only about \$240 million, rather than \$250 million."

Smith told the legislators state budget officials failed to compute changes in weatherization and foreign income tax credits benefiting the state.

He said officials also failed to include the savings that result from the state's new system for withholding homeowner and renter relief checks if the recipients owe the state money.

Dissident's kin allowed to leave

MOSCOW

Andrei Sakharov's daughter-in-law said Thursday she has been summoned to the Soviet visa office, apparently to receive her long-awaited exit papers. But she vowed not to leave for the United States until she is sure Sakharov has abandoned a hunger strike on her behalf.

"I feel happier now. I feel much calmer," Liza Alexeyeva said after receiving the summons to appear Friday at OVIR, where exit visas are issued. "But I still have a lingering fear that it's not quite true and that it might all turn out terribly."

The apparent decision to permit her to emigrate seemed to be a major concession by Soviet authorities, who have been under intense international pressure to meet Sakharov's demands to let Alexeyeva, 26, join her husband in the United States.

The Soviet government has not commented officially on the case since last Friday, and repeated attempts by The Associated Press to reach the KGB (security police) for confirmation have been unsuccessful.

Alexeyeva, the focus of a bitter struggle between the banished dissident and Soviet authorities, said she was told to bring her passport, two photographs and 210 rubles (about \$300 at the official exchange rate), which is the normal price for a Soviet exit visa.

She told reporters that the summons came in a form letter that arrived at Sakharov's Mos-

cow apartment Thursday evening, shortly after she received word that Sakharov and his wife Yelena Bonner had voluntarily ended the hunger strike they began Nov. 22.

Alexeyeva, however, said she has no intention of leaving the Soviet Union before seeing the Sakharovs. She said the KGB told her earlier in the day that she could visit them next Monday.

"I will not have peace of mind until I go to Gorky on Monday to prove to myself that the Sakharovs are all right," she said.

Sakharov, winner of the 1975 Nobel Peace Prize for his work on behalf of human rights, was banished to the Volga River city east of Moscow nearly two years ago to limit his access to foreigners.

Rioting breaks out in Florida city

GAINESVILLE, Fla.

Black youths pelted motorists and pedestrians with rocks and bottles Thursday in an area where about 250 people rampaged the night before to protest the shooting of a black teen-ager by a white policeman.

Police said the disturbance at midday Thursday was far more limited than Wednesday night's outbreak in this North Florida city of 81,000, home of the state's largest campus and one of its few black police chiefs.

"We're responding to it. It's not as big a group at this time," police Lt. Don Dean said.

Dean said the number of black youths participating in the disturbance was "about 10 or 15," compared with the estimated 250 who rampaged for 90 minutes following the shooting of 16-year-old Columbus Williams by an officer trying to make a drug arrest. He was reported in satisfactory condition at a hospital Thursday.

More than 60 riot-equipped police were called in to quell that disturbance.

Police said Williams had grabbed the service revolver of undercover officer Ernest Bridges as Bridges tried to arrest him in a drug investigation and Bridges shot him in the chest with a backup weapon.

But witnesses claimed that the youth had fallen on the curb and the officer was in no danger when the shot was fired.

"(Williams) was lying on his stomach. He was physically helpless," said Joseph Bryant, an insurance agent.

Americans asked to leave Libya

WASHINGTON

Pres. Reagan asked Americans working in Libya to come home Thursday to keep them

from becoming pawns in any showdown with the radical Arab state. The government said 1,500 U.S. citizens, many of them oil technicians, stand in "imminent danger."

The State Department also banned travel to Libya by U.S. citizens.

With border guards alerted to be on the lookout for alleged Libyan assassin squads trying to infiltrate this country, officials implied that Thursday's decisions were only first moves in a cold war with the Libyan strongman Moammar Khadafy.

The government still is considering an embargo against oil from Libya, which supplies about 4 percent of U.S. imports, according to officials who spoke privately.

"The steps taken early today by Pres. Reagan are in response to the problem of Libyan lawlessness," Secretary of State Alexander Haig told reporters in Brussels, where he conferred with European allies.

Haig added: "I don't rule out potential further steps, but the actions taken are justified by the prevailing circumstances."

Deputy Secretary of State William Clark announced the moves, but refused to link them to the administration's belief that Khadafy has sent an assassination squad to this continent to kill Reagan or other top government officials in retaliation for the American downing of two Libyan MiGs Aug. 19.



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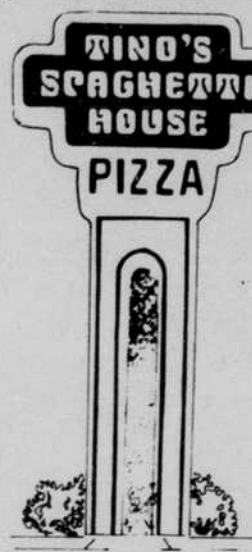
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