

Federal programs could suffer severe cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's budget-balancing law will require cuts of 25 to 50 percent in most domestic federal programs, with even larger cuts possible in certain law enforcement areas, according to a private analysis released Monday.

The study by Management Services Inc. and the Center for Defense Information said the impact of the Gramm-Rudman Act would be far more severe than previously believed.

The report, billed as the first full-scale study of the long-range impacts of the law, said deep cuts will occur even if Congress raises taxes and slashes defense spending. "There is little to avoid this if the act remains unchanged," it said.

Management Services Inc. is a consulting firm that makes private economic analyses for a wide range of private and governmental clients. The Center for Defense Information is a private, non-profit organization that studies a variety of military issues. Both are based in Washington, D.C.

If the law's constitutionality is upheld by the Supreme Court, and Congress doesn't subsequently modify it, some law enforcement areas — including the FBI — could suffer cuts of up to 63 percent by 1990, the study said.

The reason for this, it said, is that Congress, while shielding some sensitive programs like Social Security from the Gramm-Rudman cuts, neglected to make provisions under the law for fully funding some critical law enforcement programs. These include the U.S. prison system, protecting the president and patrolling U.S. borders.

The Gramm-Rudman Act, which requires a balanced federal budget by 1991, is named for its principal sponsors, Sens. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, and Warren Rudman, R-N.H.

Automatic cuts triggered under Gramm-Rudman would chop away at law enforcement programs as much as they would other programs. But the study assumed that Congress would not permit a reduction in

prison guards, border agents, or in the Secret Service force protecting the president and other high administration officials.

"To the extent that officials in Congress and the administration find that some areas of spending meet critical national needs, cuts in other programs will have to be even deeper," the study said.

Thus, under terms of the law, other law-enforcement areas — especially the FBI, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms — would take the brunt of law enforcement spending cuts, the study concluded.

This could amount to cuts of 63 percent by 1990 if Congress goes along with President Reagan's plans to increase defense spending by roughly 3 percent above inflation in each of the next four years, it said.

It could result in cuts of up to 42 percent if Congress meets deficit-reduction targets by making equal cuts from defense and domestic programs, the study added.

Israeli forces strafe villages

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Israeli helicopter gunships, tanks and 600 troops swept through south Lebanon villages Monday in response to the capture of two soldiers by Moslem guerrillas, U.N. sources said.

Timur Goksel, spokesman for the U.N. peacekeeping force in the area, said Israeli gunships strafed suspected guerrilla hideouts in the rugged hill country. He said Israeli soldiers ferried by helicopter stormed at least 15 Shiite Moslem villages searching for the two men, who were captured inside Israel's "security zone."

Lebanese security sources said the soldiers were seized at about 1 p.m. Monday. The Israeli assault began an hour later.

After dark, the sources said, gunships dropped flares to light landing zones, and the Israeli pushed as far as Qaaqaiyet, nearly 12 miles north of the buffer zone.

Israeli forces spent two hours searching

the Qaaqaiyet area and then began withdrawing from two assembly points on the outskirts of Haris and Sroubine, about four miles north of the security zone, the Lebanese sources said.

Helicopter gunships were seen airlifting soldiers back to Israel at about 8 p.m., nearly six hours after the drive began, they said.

Goksel said the Israelis had "at least two companies of mechanized troops pushing on several fronts and landing helicopter-borne troops in several villages."

Beirut state radio quoted its reporters in south Lebanon as saying the fighting centered around the villages of Deir Ntar and al-Sultaniyeh, about seven miles north of the frontier, and Haris and Kafra, three miles farther north.

It reported hand-to-hand combat in al-Sultaniyeh and said the Israelis pushed the guerrillas out of Kafra after a two-hour battle.

Five are killed in Johannesburg rioting

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Day-long riots raged Monday in a black township that forms a pocket of squalor amidst comfortable white suburbs north of Johannesburg. Residents said five people were killed, including a black policeman.

Witnesses said the rioting was the worst in the three days of bloodshed in Alexandra township that started Saturday after funerals for two anti-

apartheid activists.

Confirmation of the deaths Monday would bring the death toll for the three days to eight.

Police said three people were killed in Alexandra over the weekend, but did not have complete casualty figures for Monday. They confirmed that a mob burned the black policeman's home, shot him dead and set his body ablaze.

Policemen and town coun-

cilors who were seen as collaborators with the white government often have been killed by other blacks and their bodies burned during 17 months of riots against apartheid, the race policy that preserves privilege for South Africa's 5 million whites and denies rights to the 24 million blacks.

More than 1,100 people have been killed since the violence began, nearly all of them black.

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