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Carter's budget below 1980 goal

WASHINGTON — President Carter, saying he wants to be "good allies" with Iran, ruled out direct U.S. involvement in the power shift now going on in Tehran. He also issued a veiled threat to the Soviet Union and other nations to keep out.

"We have no intention — neither ability nor desire — to interfere in the internal affairs of Iran," Carter told a news conference Wednesday. "And we certainly have no intention of permitting other nations to interfere."

Carter said there has been no direct U.S. contact with Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the Paris-based religious leader who wants to lead Iran as an Islamic Republic. But he urged both Khomeini and Iran's military to give the new civilian government "a chance to succeed."

The White House has been concerned about meddling from Moscow, because the oil-rich nation is located on the Soviet Union's southwestern borders.

"I have confidence in the Iranian people to restore a stable government and to restore their economic circumstances for the future," Carter said.

He said the United States encouraged — "to the limited extent of our own ability" — public support for the new government in hopes it would provide "restoration of stability, for an end of bloodshed and for the return of a normal life."

In his first news conference of the new year, the president also announced he has exceeded his goal of trimming the 1980 federal budget deficit to below \$30 billion. It is expected to be \$29 billion.

"The total allocation of funds for the poor has been increased by about \$4.5 billion," he said of the anti-inflation austerity budget he will submit to Congress next week.

On other subjects: —The president said he had "no apology to make" for inviting Richard Nixon to attend the White

House state dinner honoring Iran's Vice Premier Teng Ernan Jan. 29. "I felt it was a fair and a proper thing" to invite Teng and Gerald Ford in light of the work in "opening the avenue of establishment of normal U.S. relations."

—He claimed he preferred Taiwan's interests in the developing full relations with communist China. He said the States will continue to sell defensive arms, and that he agreed not to contradict a U.S. statement that China would be reunited by peaceful means.

—He said Bella Abzug was as co-chairwoman of his National Advisory Committee on the ship job. "It didn't work," he said of her stewardship.

FTC to study smoking limit with monoxide

WASHINGTON — In 10 months the beleaguered agency has something new to worry about — a test result showing carbon monoxide gas in a brand of cigarette is putting

And when the figures are available, smokers may be even more confused because cassettes with the lowest nicotine content may not be the ones with the lowest monoxide content.

The Federal Trade Commission said it will begin publishing figures in June, because of the evidence that carbon monoxide creates a smoker's chance of a fatal heart attack.

The FTC has been testing cassettes for tar and nicotine, newspaper, leading the results, since the said the carbon monoxide will be an offshoot of that

No U.S. action in Iran - Carter

WASHINGTON — President Carter says his 1980 anti-inflation budget, \$1 billion under his cost-cutting goal, cut everything but defense to the bone to spare human needs programs sought by liberals.

Carter said Wednesday the new budget, which goes to Congress Monday, will include only about \$29 billion in deficit spending, compared with \$30 billion estimated earlier. It's the smallest federal deficit since 1973.

The president called it a "very austere, stringent, tough fiscal policy." The president also seized the opportunity at his nationally televised

news conference to kill a political bird with the same name.

He placed himself squarely in the odds with potential 1980 rival, California Gov. G. Brown Jr., who has called for a constitutional amendment to require a balanced budget.

"I think it would be dangerous for a constitution to be re-written to be assembled for the purpose," Carter said.

He cited the concerns of scholars, including liberals, that it could undercut many of the liberties of the Bill of Rights in such a gathering "would be completely uncontrollable."

"It would be a radical departure from the policy of amendment of the Constitution that we've espoused for the last 200 years," Carter said.

Under Carter's budget, empty lytration sources said defense spending will rise about 3 percent adjustment for inflation, at \$123 billion.

Carter promised NATO allies last year to increase defense spending by the 3 percent above-inflation figure.

The budget for the fiscal year which begins Oct. 1, was sent to printers Wednesday.

"We have not neglected the needs of the disadvantaged, the poor Americans, and who are unemployed," Carter said of his budget.

He said total allocation for the poor will be increased \$4.5 billion in fiscal year. About \$11 billion will be created jobs and provide job training, Carter said.

Nonetheless, Carter said the main budget commitment "to control inflation."

"I think it is important the government set an example," he added. "We can't ask the labor and private Americans make any sort of sacrifice in controlling inflation if the federal government doesn't set an example."

The projected fiscal 1979 deficit is \$38.9 billion.

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A good measure of where the British film had travelled to by the early 1970's is Medak's devastating and ultimately blood-curdling satire on the British upper classes. Based on the popular stage play by Peter Barnes, who also wrote this screenplay, *The Ruling Class* stars Peter O'Toole, in a demanding role as the 14th Earl of Gurney, who arrives fresh from an insane asylum to claim his inheritance. Jack Gurney (O'Toole) is a gentle soul whose only fault is to believe himself to be Jesus Christ, and so he dresses in robes and sandals and sleeps on a wooden cross.

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