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## Food Prices Key To Phase

WASHINGTON (AP) - Presilent Nixon cited food prices Monday as the potential key to success of his Phase 3 economic rogram — a largely voluntary effort to keep the lid on inflation after wage and price controls are disbanded.

Holding a farewell meeting with members and officials of the Phase 2 Pay Board and Price Commission, Nixon pledged continued government efforts to hold down increases in supermarket prices.

His comments were relayed to newsmen by Donald Rumsfeld, outgoing director of the Cost of Living Council who joined other onomic officials in the Cabinet

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Room session.

Rumsfeld said the President told the group that wage and price controls helped check inflation without inhibiting growth of the economy but that it is important that the mandatory controls be lifted so the economy can move back toward a free market system.

"Food prices are a key to making Phase 3 work," Rumsfeld quoted Nixon as saying. He added that the President, in referring to the new program which depends largely on voluntary compliance, vowed that he in-

tends to make it work.

The food industry remains under mandatory controls, as the

health and housing segments of the economy. In addition, the administration has taken steps to bolster food supplies by loosening imports and easing crop day: planting restrictions.

Meanwhile, Secretary of the Treasury George P. Shultz told 800 industry executives Monday that inflation of 2.5 per cent by the year end is "an ambitious but an attainable goal" under Phase 3. He said that is partly because of the President's fiscal clampdown on the government.

Shultz addressed a conference on Phase 3 rules and standards arranged at the administration's request by the United States Chamber of Commerce. Nixon's

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top economic spokesman had just come from a 2½-hour grilling be-Senators from farm belt states criticized fund cuts in Agriculfore a congressional committee. ture Department spending. At a In related developments Mon-Senate Agriculture and Forestry Committee hearing, Sen. Harold

The White House said the President is holding back \$8.7 backs are "arbitrary, crippling billion in budget funds in reserve. and illegal."

## **5th Grade Students Plan Model City**

Students from College Hills Elementary School in College Station participated last week in a program on the A&M campus sponsored by the Urban Planning Department of the College of Architecture. Claude Davis, professor of

Urban Planning, said the pro- a problem to homeowners in the gram was an experiment to see how fifth-grade students would go about planning a new city. "Some of the kids really sur-

prised me," Davis said. "They really went at the task of laying out the model city with a surprising show of maturity."

The students were given model buildings, autos, and airport structures. They added folded pieces of paper with printing on them to form houses, hospitals, restaurants, and other business and private dwellings found in a community.

They held group discussions to decide placement of housing, business districts, hospitals, and park facilities, then transferred their decisions to large-scale maps.

"The students decided not to put hospitals next to railroad tracks or airports," Davis said, "but one group ignored the dangers of building on a flood plain. The same group placed a zoo near a residential area, but then decided noise and odor would be area. "What the experiment showed

more than anything else was that youngsters are somewhat aware of the need for good planning in a community. They found out that everyone has a different idea about building location."

Davis said future exercises with area students would be better planned, and more model structures would be added to the Urban Planning Department's collection.

Davis feels that, by exposing the students to a planning situation, he and the faculty of the Urban Planning Department will stimulate interest in the students for further pursuit of the subject when they return to their classes.

## Headlight Glare May Aid In Driving, Says Report

glare from headlights coming at you from down the road may be uncomfortable, researchers reported Monday, but the bright light may actually help your driving.

lights at night has a much greater psychological effect on motorists than the physiological or actual visual effect, the researchers reported.

According to a number of studies conducted around the country, they added, under most driving conditions, two drivers meeting each other can see farther ahead if both are using high rather than low beams.

The research group, the Southwest Research Institute of San Antonio, Tex., said the probable cause of most night-time accidents is failure of headlights to light this low beam deficiency when

LOS ANGELES (P) - That New York. The study was conducted for the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Glaring headlights do disturb opposing drivers, and the distance at which an object can be seen is reduced, but the reduc-Glare from motor vehicle head- tion is not as great as squinting. drivers might fear, the institute reported.

A pedestrian, Hemion said, can be seen alongside the road, with no approaching traffic, at 810 feet with high beams, 430 feet with low beams.

With another car approaching, he said, with the same lights, the pedestrian is visible for 430 feet with high beams, 360 feet with low beams.

"The government," Hemion said, "is presently considering the adoption of a new headlighting mode, particularly to improve

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