

Justice Department Backs Nixon

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stripping the president of full power to impound funds would reduce him from chief executive to chief clerk, the Justice Department told Congress Tuesday.

Joseph T. Sneed, deputy attorney general, also said Congress has shown no signs it has the capacity to insure balanced budgets or control inflation.

Sneed testified before a Senate Judiciary subcommittee while the battle of the budget raged in both House and Senate.

The House Rules Committee cleared a bill to resurrect a popular farm program, the Rural Environmental Assistance program. House action is expected Wednesday.

And after a White House meeting with President Nixon, Repub-

lican congressional leaders quoted Nixon as saying he would take whatever steps necessary to keep his new budget intact. One leader predicted a substantial number of vetoes.

Sneed said the nation needs the impounding authority vested in the president to check over-spending by Congress.

"The exercise of this authority by the President to promote fiscal stability is not usurpation. Rather it is in the great tradition of checks and balances upon which our Constitution is based," he said.

Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr., D-N.C., and other senators said unrestrained presidential power to impound funds which Congress has told the White House to spend is not now either checked or bal-

anced. Ervin said the fact that other presidents had impounded funds does not make the action constitutional.

Sneed said it is his legal judgment Nixon has the power—derived from the Constitution and various acts of Congress—to kill entire programs or withhold any percentage of congressional appropriations without consulting Congress.

The farm program (REAP) was killed in late December by the Nixon administration on grounds it was a low priority item. The legislation cleared for House action would earmark \$225 million for the program during the year ending June 30.

Democrats on the House Agriculture Committee said Congress

should set spending priorities, not the president.

At a Senate Labor subcommittee hearing, the administration said that a new \$1.8 billion vocational rehabilitation bill was just as objectionable as a similar one vetoed by the President last year. Stephen Kurzman, assistant secretary in the health and welfare department, said the funds in the bill were far too high and would raise false hopes.

Corona Could Get Parole In 7 Years

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Juan Corona, convicted in the nation's biggest mass murder case, can be considered for parole after seven years even though he has been sentenced to 25 consecutive life terms in prison, state authorities said Tuesday.

"He can only serve one life," said Earl Halderman, a spokesman for the California Adult Authority, the state's parole granting agency.

Corona, 38, was sentenced Monday by Superior Court Judge Richard Patton in Fairfield, Calif., after a defense motion for a new trial was rejected.

Special prosecutor Ronald Fahy said later that the effect of the consecutive sentences would be to deny Corona any chance of parole because he would have to serve seven years of each sentence, or 175 years, before he could be eligible.

But state parole and other authorities said Tuesday that is incorrect.

Halderman said the law is that any sentence of consecutive life terms is treated as one life sentence. A state appeals court upheld that interpretation in 1945, he said.

Philip D. Guthrie, a spokesman for the State Department of Corrections, said the Adult Authority must begin considering parole after seven years of a life term is served. But he said he doubted Corona would be given serious consideration for parole until he had served a much longer portion of his sentence.

Resonance by Steve Grayson

Elton John is especially well-liked around A.M. His concert was probably the best G. Rollie ever saw. His new album, "Don't Shoot Me, I'm Only the Piano Player" has captured the musical energy that vibrates from his live performance.

It is fascinating to consider what Elton John felt like only five years ago when he was an overweight organist in a crummy English rock band. With all the music bouncing in his head, he knew he could be a star if he only had the chance. Like his song off the new album, "Teenage Idol" says,

"Every kid alive gonna know my name, An overnight phenomenon... I'm gonna be a teenage idol, no matter how long it takes— You can't imagine what it means to me. I'm gonna grab myself a place in history."

So Elton got after it. He advertised for a lyric writer and Bernie Taupin answered his newspaper ad. Taupin, who also had unfulfilled visions of grandeur, moved in with Elton and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John. For nearly a year the two dreamers collaborated in seclusion, then used studio musicians to produce their first album, "Elton John." The music was beautiful, everybody remembers "Your Song," but it was easy to get lost in the album's complexity.

However, the record did what John and Taupin had hoped for, they were able to book an Ameri-

can tour on its publicity. In concert, Elton John discarded his multi-layered songs on his stage and instead ripped through numbers like "Honky Tonk" and "Jumping Jack Flash."

His show was and is an exciting fusion of musical skill and sanity. At his A.M. concert, a picture of a sheep was displayed on his piano complete with a frame. True, it was an attractive sheep, but the picture still seemed a bit odd. But in the excitement, at times the sheep was the only person on stage wasn't crazy.

Anyway, back to "Don't Shoot Me." After his second album, "Tumbleweed Connection," "Madman Across the Water," and then "Honky Chateau." These latter two just didn't do it for him, and then "Honky Chateau" didn't have his characteristic enthusiasm. The single taken from "Honky Chateau," "Rocket Man" sold a million copies, but it beat minded me of the Monkees' after one listen you use it for frisbee with.

But "Don't Shoot Me" is on top, where Bernie Taupin's lyrics make sense, and importantly, they give us music. Elton has a permanent trio backing him up there and they do a fine job on album.

"Crockadile Rock" is the all over the radio, but it's really typical of the whole album. Elton has a permanent trio backing him up there and they do a fine job on album.

FDA Proposes Mandatory Cosmetic Ingredient Labeling

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration Tuesday proposed mandatory cosmetic ingredient labeling in an effort to reduce injuries and promote comparison price shopping.

The nearly 1,000 U.S. manufacturers in the \$6-billion-a-year industry would be required to list on the label all ingredients in their products by common or chemical name except in the case of bona fide trade secrets.

The proposal was made in a petition from the Consumer Fed-

eration of America and Georgetown University law Prof. A. Page. The FDA is publishing the proposal.

The FDA also is publishing its own proposal which in most cases would disallow trade secrets.

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