

# Ford willing to delay tariff hikes

WASHINGTON (AP) — When President Ford vetoes the bill which would block his oil import tariff hikes for 90 days, he will delay for 60 days his scheduled two monthly \$1-a-barrel boosts, White

House sources indicated Monday. Furthermore, these sources indicated, Ford will at that time — Tuesday — also defer for 60 days his equally controversial plan to remove price controls on domestic crude oil April 1.

The goal of both delay actions would be to give Congress time to produce an energy program. Such steps toward some compromise would avoid an energy-economic policy confrontation between the Democratic-dominated Congress and the Republican-held White House, these sources suggested.

The steps also would save political face for both sides and strengthen the President's hand in the veto showdown — especially in the Senate, where the outcome could be close.

The sources indicated the White House remained undecided Monday on precisely how to make the announcement, with options ranging from a prime-time television appearance to a low-key release by spokesmen as the message is sent to Congress.

The sources commented after top Ford administration officials and

Democrats who control the House Ways and Means Committee began searching through their rival proposals Monday, seeking the elements of an energy legislative compromise.

A comprehensive plan assembled by the committee's Democrats is a "definite move in the right direction," Treasury Secretary William E. Simon told committee Chairman Al Ullman, D-Ore., who agreed it is a "real basis for talking."

Meantime, at the White House, President Ford huddled with Republican congressional leaders on energy and the economy. A GOP senator indicated Ford would defer the second and third dollars of his controversial scheduled \$3-per-barrel oil tariff increase.

Ford plans an announcement Tuesday in reply to a Democratic proposal that he defer these higher tariffs while compromise energy talks are under way, a White House spokesman said.

The President has promised to veto the bill Congress sent him blocking the tariff hikes for 90 days.

House Speaker Carl Albert said there is no question but that the House will vote to override, but he

could not speak for the Senate, where the vote is too close to call at this time.

The President "is in the process of looking at all the alternatives right now and he has not reached a decision on" the matter of whether to defer the second and third dollars of the tariff hike, Simon told reporters. The first dollar went into effect Feb. 1.

White House spokesmen also insisted after the session with the leadership that Ford had not come to a decision. But Senate GOP Leader Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania said of the tariff deferral idea: "It is certainly possible, given a spirit of compromise, that something may happen there."

Scott said he left the session feeling there would be modifications in Ford's program.

Sen. William Roth, R-Del., issued a statement before the leadership meeting saying a proposal he made last week that further oil tariff increases be deferred for 60 days "is very likely to be accepted."

Simon and Federal Energy Administrator Frank G. Zarb were among Ford administration officials who were lead-off witnesses as the

Ways and Means Committee, which must originate all legislation involving taxes, launched two weeks of hearings on the energy issues. Simon and Zarb said Ford's proposals were preferable to a plan made public by committee Democrats on Sunday.

The Democrats' plan outlined by Ullman calls for a gradual tax hike to 40 cents a gallon by 1979 on excess use of gasoline beyond a family's average basic needs, with rebates through coupons or tax reductions; gradual imposition of oil import quotas as economic conditions permit; creation of a federal agency to buy imported oil; levy of an excise tax on new cars with heavy gasoline drinking habits; and a tax up to 85 per cent on petroleum producers' windfall profits.

Along with his special tariff program on imported oil, Ford recommended eventually replacing that levy with a \$2-per-barrel excise tax on all domestic crude oil and imported oil; imposing an excise tax of 37 cents per thousand cubic feet on natural gas, putting a windfall profits tax on oil producers, removing price controls on domestic crude oil by April 1, and taking price regulation off new natural gas.

## Bell operations may stay secret

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Public eyes may never see — nor should they — many pages of depositions dealing with operations of the nation's main telephone utility, its lawyers say.

State District Court Judge Peter Michael Curry said Monday that he would unseal the sworn statements

given in a \$29.2 million lawsuit against Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. only if lawyers for both sides agree to open them.

Southwestern Bell lawyer Jack Hebdon said, "We wanted to seal them from the first to let the court then rule on what evidence is admissible . . . what's not admis-

sible should go out the window as far as public disclosure is concerned."

Various American Telephone & Telegraph Co. AT&T and Bell system executives have given depositions in the libel-slander suit by ousted executive James H. Ashley and the family of T. O. Gravitt, who headed Bell's Texas operation until

he committed suicide at Dallas last October.

Hebdon said the depositions contained much which would be inadmissible at the trial.

Among items which Bell lawyers have contended are irrelevant to the trial are questions about Bell political activities, irregular financing procedures and allegedly deceitful rate-making policies.

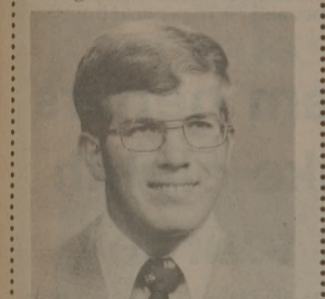
The first deposition filed was that of C. L. "Chet" Todd, vice president and general manager of Southwestern Bell in San Antonio.

Curry said if one deposition is opened, then all depositions would be opened. "I'm not going to open one and make them choose which ones they want. We're not going to play it that way," Curry said.

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## Moore . . . 'having a little fun'

AUSTIN (AP) — Sen. Bill Moore, D-Bryan, who frequently was at odds during the recent unsuccessful Constitution Convention with Speaker Price Daniel Jr., got official sanction Monday to organize a search party in Daniel's behalf.

Moore said later that his tongue-in-cheek resolution was "just having a little fun."

The Moore resolution, which was approved by the rest of the Senate

without dissent except that Sen. Don Adams, D-Jasper, asked to be shown as "present," said that whereas Daniel "is now at Liberty, in more ways than one, having withdrawn at least temporarily from the political scene to practice law in his own hometown . . ."

Then the resolution ended with the resolve that the Senate "in rec-

ognition of his past services, take the lead in sending out searching parties to discover the Hon. Price Daniel Jr. and ascertain if he plans any future political activities or whether he prefers to continue running his trotlines on the Trinity River and its tributaries."

There was no debate or comment from other senators.

## Bulletin board

- TUESDAY**  
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERS meets in room 103 of Zachry Engineering Center. Pictures will be taken at 6:30 followed by the meeting and speaker Galen Mills at 7 p.m.  
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS meets at 7:30 p.m. in room 203 of Zachry. Dr. Tom Weir will speak.  
PAN AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION meets at 7:30 p.m. in room 501 of the Rudder Tower.  
EAGLE PASS HOMETOWN CLUB meets at 8 p.m. in the MSC Lounge to elect officers for next year.  
AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION STUDENT CHAPTER AUXILIARY meets for a panel discussion on being "Mrs. Veterinarian" at 7:30 p.m. in room 201 of the Vet School.  
AGRONOMY SOCIETY will meet at 7:15 p.m. in rm. 105A of the Agronomy Bldg.  
ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY SOCIETY will meet at 7:30 p.m. in rm. 305 of Fernier Bldg.  
NATIONAL ASSN. OF BIOENGINEERS will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Zachry.  
ISSHINYU KARATE CLUB will meet at 6:30 p.m. in C. Rolfe White.  
MID-JEFFERSON COUNTY HOMETOWN CLUB will meet in the Oak Forest Trailer Park recreation rm. at 7:30 p.m. New officers will be elected.  
A&M WHEELMAN will meet at 7:30 p.m. in rm. 230 of the MSC.  
CHEMISTRY DEPT. will present N. J. Handshaw seminar entitled "The Biosynthesis of Fatty Acids" at 5 p.m. in rm. 231 of the Chemistry Bldg. "Empirical Description of Vapor-Liquid Critical region based upon Coexistence Data" will be the title of a seminar at 5:15 p.m. in rm. 227A of Zachry.  
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERS will present "How to Conduct Yourself in an Interview" at 7 p.m. in rm. 103 of Zachry.  
HORTICULTURE SOCIETY will meet at 7:30 p.m. in rm. 104 of the Plant Sciences Bldg.  
AG COMMUNICATIONS CLUB will meet at 7:30 p.m. in rm. 021 of the Reed McDonald Bldg.
- WEDNESDAY**  
SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS meets at 5 p.m. in room 7 of Zachry Engineering Center for yearbook picture and a business meeting.  
EL PASO HOMETOWN CLUB meets at 7:30 p.m. in Lounge B in the Corps Area.  
PRE-VET SOCIETY meets at 7 p.m. in room 203 of Zachry for yearbook pictures and a short meeting.  
SENIOR CLASS COUNCIL meets at 7:30 p.m. in room 502 of the Rudder Tower.  
CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT hosts a graduate lecture by Prof. Kenneth J. Klambunde of the University of North Dakota at 4 p.m. in room 231 of the Chemistry Building. Topic is "Organic Chemistry of Metal Vapors."  
METEOROLOGY SEMINAR features Dr. J. J. Stephens of Florida State University at 1 p.m. in room 210 of the O&M Bldg.  
AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS DEPT. will present a seminar by Dr. A. F. Spilhaus titled "Potential Food Production from the Sea and the Growth in Population" at 1:15 p.m. in rm. 226 of the Library.  
ECONOMICS DEPT. will present a seminar by M. O. Reynolds entitled "A Model of IQ, Occupation, and Earnings." The seminar will be at 3:30 p.m. in rm. 209 of the Harrington Center.  
CHEMISTRY DEPT. will present the following seminars: 11 a.m. Faculty recruiting seminar in rm. 1032 of the Chemistry Annex. 2 p.m. "Approaching Enzyme Models with Crown Ethers" in rm. 1032 of the Chemistry Annex. 4 p.m. "Organic Chemistry of Metal Vapors" in rm. 231 of the Chemistry Bldg.  
ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY seminar on "The Role of the Manufacturer's Representative" will be at 3 p.m. in rm. 305 of Fernier.  
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING will present a lecture entitled "Applications of acoustic Emission in Evaluating the Stability of Geologic Structures and Materials" in rm. 102 of Zachry.  
GRADUATE LECTURE will be presented by Dr. Walter Rundall at 4 p.m. in rm. 204 of the Harrington Center.

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