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## Ford pledges veto of NY bail-out bill

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WASHINGTON — President Ford announced Wednesday that he will veto any bail-out legislation aimed at keeping New York City solvent, but he asked Congress to help ensure police and fire protection if the city defaults on its debts.

However, House Democratic leaders said later they are going ahead with legislation to aid the nation's largest city, including federal guarantees for the city's debts, which Ford specifically opposed.

"Without some loan guarantee authority, the City of New York can't get through the next few months," said Rep. Henry S. Reuss, D-Wis., following a closed-door meeting with House Speaker Carl Albert. Reuss, chairman of the House Banking Committee, announced the decision to proceed with legislation.

Ford maintained, however, that New York City has caused its own problems, and said its "bad financial management is unique among municipalities throughout the United States."

"Why . . . should all the working people of this country be forced to rescue those who bankrolled New York City's policies for so long — the large investors and big banks?" Ford said.

In a speech to the National Press Club, Ford proposed amending federal bankruptcy laws to prevent New York City's creditors from tying up the city's finances in lawsuits if the city defaults.

He said that would make it possible for the city to use what is left of its revenues, including federal revenue-sharing or special borrowing, to provide police and fire protection and other services.

New York Mayor Abraham D. Beame called Ford's proposal "nothing less than a declaration of default by the White House — a default of presidential leadership."

New York Gov. Hugh Carey also criticized the President's plan, saying, "The Ford formula would make New York City a ward of a federal court, with an appointed judge acting as federal marshal, instead of Washington acting as a guarantor while the city and state repair its fiscal integrity." He said he would again ask Congress for help.

Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., said Ford's proposals would shove the city into "incup status" and place it "on the federal government's back for years to come." Proxmire is chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, which is considering federal loan guarantees for New York.

Also expressing disappointment was Mayor Moon Landrieu of New Orleans, the president of the United States Conference of Mayors. He said Ford has ignored New York's relentless efforts to correct past financial mistakes.

"New York City is unique among cities because of its intolerable burden in meeting the welfare, education and service needs of an unbearably large number of poor in its population," Landrieu said.

In his tough-sounding speech devoted entirely to New York, Ford said the blame for the city's problems rests with those who have misled the people of New York for the last 10 years and that direct federal help would set "a terrible precedent" for the rest of the nation.

"I can tell you now that I am prepared to

veto any bill that has as its purpose a federal bail-out of New York City to prevent a default," Ford said.

Although city and state officials have said New York City may be unable to pay its debts as early as Nov. 14, Ford said he thinks it is still possible for them to take action that can prevent a default.

Ford said he foresees "no loss to the federal government whatsoever" from his plan.

But a presidential aide, L. William Seidman, did not rule out that some federal aid could be made available to the city in the event of a default if other revenues could not maintain essential services.

"We'd have to look at the circumstances at the time," Seidman said when asked about direct federal aid under those circumstances.

Ford's amendments would empower the U.S. District Court in New York to authorize the city to issue special debt certificates to meet its short-term needs, in the event of default.

But to obtain this help, the city would, with state approval, have to file a plan to repay its creditors. The new debt certificates would be paid out of future revenues ahead of existing creditors.

Ford also derided "scare talk" by some officials and bankers to "frighten the American people and their representatives in Congress into panicky support of patently bad policy."

"The people of this country will not be stampeded; they will not panic when a few desperate New York officials and bankers try to scare New York's mortgage payments out of them," he said.

It's estimated that about 60 per cent of New York City bonds are held by banks and large investors. The others are held by small investors.



### Dancing pumpkin pieces

Pumpkins — including this fragmented specimen — treated area kindergarten students to some early Halloween tricks Wednesday. The youngsters visited the Old University Hospital, which senior environmental design students had remodeled into a haunted house.

The dancing pumpkin pieces were designed and operated by students Brian Farrell, Sally Johnson, Dana Chamness, Jimmy Hicks, Jim Pope, Barbara Stevenson, Bill Lyons and George Lippe.

Staff photo by Steve Goble

## Koldus directs student life



The third in a series analyzing the administrative bureaucracy of A&M.

By **LEE ROY LESCHPER, JR.**  
Battalion Staff Writer

Every day 25,000 A&M students are affected in some way by Vice-President of Student Services John Koldus.

Dr. Koldus' job prescribes that he "is responsible for the development, supervision, and coordination of all aspects of the Student Life Program at A&M."

"What we're primarily trying to accomplish . . ." Dr. Koldus said, "is that the student comes to the institution primarily to have an educational experience. Our responsibility is to provide him with as fine an educational experience as possible. Which means we try to do all those things

which eliminate and reduce all the hassles involved with going to school."

Koldus reports directly to University President Jack Williams on Student Service matters. Koldus directly supervises the eight departments making up the Division of Student Services.

Each student services department is headed by an administrative director. Each director develops and separates his own set of programs, coordinated by Koldus.

Three administrators make up the vice-president's executive staff. Associate Vice President Howard Perry acts as second in command in the Student Services office. Perry directs budget and personnel management, and coordinates communications and research for the division.

Assistant Vice President Ormond Simpson is in charge of all military programs on campus. This includes the Corps of Cadets, military ROTC programs, veterans affairs programs, and the Aggie Band. General Simpson also works with Alvin Lueddecke, executive vice president, on most campus landscaping and construction.

Administrative Officer Robert L. Melcher works with Lueddecke on Univer-

sity parking. Melcher also handles security procedures and special assignments from Koldus.

Student services activities involving other divisions within the University are coordinated by Koldus with Vice-Presidents of the other four divisions.

"Anything having to do with business affairs and money, I relate to Mr. Tom Cherry (vice-president for business affairs)," Koldus said. "Anything having to do with academics, I relate to John Calhoun (academic vice-president)."

Financing for student services programs comes from a wide variety of sources. Primary funds come from student service fees charged students during registration prior to each semester. The 1975-76 Student Services budget is projected to receive about \$785,000 from service fees.

The eight departments under the vice-president of student services cover most non-academic matters involving students at the University.

Director of Student Affairs Charles Powell is in charge of all student housing on campus, as well as the Residence Hall Association which directs most matters involving on-campus students.

Student Affairs also encompasses discipline of students violating any University rules. The office also handles residence hall maintenance.

Chief O. L. Luther's University Police force acts as joint campus security, criminal enforcement, and traffic control agency. The force also handles various administrative legal duties and on-campus emergency assistance.

Student Legal Advisor Ken Robison heads a relatively new department of Student Services. During September Robison advised 238 Aggies on legal questions ranging from tenant-landlord disagreements to criminal action. He also refers students to local attorneys through the Brazos County Bar Association.

MSC policy and activities are directed toward student cultural and social opportunities provided jointly through the MSC Council and Directorate. Director Wayne

## Standing on buses prohibited by new education regulations

By **PAULA GEYER**  
Battalion Staff Writer

Standing in the aisles of a moving school bus is "always unsafe," A&M Consolidated School Superintendent Fred A. Hopson said last Thursday.

Hopson said the district currently has students standing in buses on two bus routes and is trying to alleviate that situation in order to meet new Texas Education Agency (TEA) regulations.

The new regulations will require all students to be seated on school buses.

No deadline has yet been set by the TEA for the elimination of standees.

With the addition of the two new buses that were ordered by the district Oct. 20, the standee problem should be eliminated, Hopson said.

It will take approximately one year for the buses to be delivered.

The buses will cost \$12,918 each and can seat 72 passengers, three to a seat.

The school district currently owns 11 buses, six in "medium" shape and five in "air" shape, Hopson said.

Two mini-buses seating 16 students each have also been ordered and were supposed to arrive in August. Only one has been received by the district, Hopson said.

The two buses to arrive next year will be used to replace one of the older buses and the other will be used as a spare.

Hopson said the district has not exceeded the state legal limit of 96 passengers on a 72-passenger bus.

The two routes with standee problems have 76 students and 72 students riding buses.

Hopson said 72 students cannot sit on a 72-passenger bus because older children usually take up too much room to seat three children per seat.

Hopson said if the district has to comply with the new TEA standee regulation before next year, school bus routes in the city

might have to be eliminated. Rural routes would not be affected by the new regulation.

If city routes are cut students will have to

walk, ride bicycles or rely on transportation provided by their parents.

Hopson said he strongly felt the city routes would not have to be cut.

### Recovery slips

## Market index low

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government's index of economic indicators dropped for the first time in seven months, a sign the economy is not recovering as rapidly as expected.

The Commerce Department said its composite of a dozen individual statistics slipped nine-tenths of one per cent in September after climbing eight-tenths of one per cent in August.

Victor Zarnowitz, the University of Chicago Business professor who helped redesign the composite index in May, said even if the figures continue falling for another month or two, "that will signal not a decline but a slowdown."

"I would not be surprised to see some slowing down in the rate of expansion," Zarnowitz said. "And that is all it means. I don't see anything worse than that."

Most analysts say it takes three successive months of movement in any direction for the index to establish a signal of any turnaround. Seven months into the recovery from the 1970 recession, for example, the index started a four-month up and down fluctuation which resulted in an over-all drop of two-tenths of one per cent. Yet the recovery proceeded steadily.

In the September report, 11 of the 12 items in the composite index were available, and six showed declines.

On the negative side were a higher layoff rate, a smaller growth in cash and

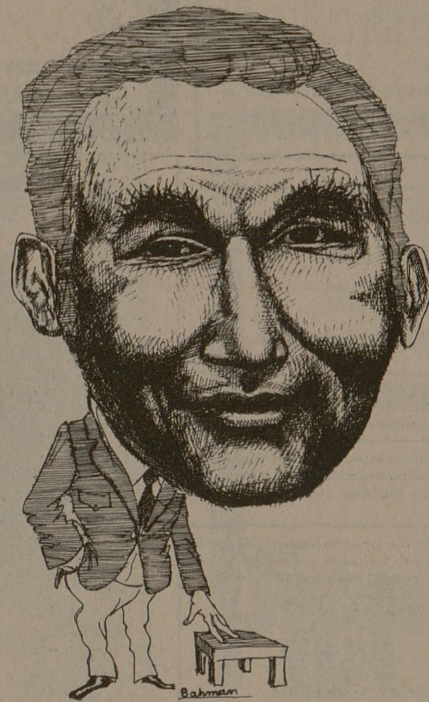
other assets easily converted into cash, reduced levels of spending on factories and equipment, lower stock prices, a smaller volume of orders for new goods and a shrinkage in the supply of money in circulation after adjustment for inflation.

The five indicators showing advances were a longer average work week, a smaller increase in wholesale prices, faster formation of new businesses, a higher volume of new building permits issued and a slowdown in deliveries of supplies, which is taken as an indicator of quickening business activity.

In other recent statistics, industrial production, total economic output, employment and corporate profits are all headed up. Zarnowitz's expectation of a slower but sustained growth in the economy is in line with the general expectations of economists.

But most economists expect that the growth in total economic output, or Gross National Product, for example, will settle down to an annual rate of 5 per cent to 8 per cent after the 11.2 per cent jump at an annual rate for the three-month period ended in September.

The government also said Wednesday that the nation's trade activities measured in the balance of payments accounts were in surplus by \$2.3 billion for the three-month period ending in September. The figure compared with a \$3.3 billion surplus in the previous quarter.



Stark and his staff advise MSC student president Jane Logan on action taken by both groups.

The Council is a joint student, faculty, former-student group which determines policy for the use of the MSC. The Directorate consists of chairmen from each of the 18 MSC committees, working together to coordinate committee activities.

As Director of Student Activities, Dr. Carolyn Adair oversees operation of over 380 student organizations, ranging from academic honor societies to Student Government. The Student Organizations Board, chaired by Adair and made up of three students and faculty members representing 7 or 8 basic club categories, sets basic criteria for student organization operation and determines annual club allocations of MSC Bookstore profits.

Col. Tom Parsons' job as commandant of the Corps of Cadets is probably the oldest of any Students Services department. Col. Parsons directs operation of all Corps programs as well as coordinating ROTC operations on campus.

Drs. Claude Goswick and Wade Birch have similar positions as respective directors of Health and Personal Counseling Services. Under Goswick, the Health Center treated almost 10,000 outpatients during September.

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Bonfire cutting begins at daylight Saturday. Cars in the cutting area need to be kept to a minimum; all personnel should ride out in the trucks.

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**FRIDAY NIGHT THE BASEMENT** will present a special Halloween program beginning at 8. In addition to the regular musical bill of fare, the evening will feature magic and ghost stories. Saturday night Don Sanders of Houston will be featured along with Bad Brown, Bob French and Byrd Larburg.

## Texas

**THE BODIES OF TWO LOUISIANA** MEN and about 800 pounds of marijuana were found near the wreckage of a light plane near Waller yesterday.

A Department of Public Safety spokesman said a map found in the wreckage indicated the plane took off from the Pacific coast of Mexico and was to have landed near Tomball.

**A GOVERNMENT STUDY** reported yesterday that one out of every five American adults is functionally illiterate and unable to cope in today's society.

**REPRESENTATIVE BARBARA JORDAN, D-TEX.**, will receive the "Faith in Humanity Award" today from the National Council of Jewish Women.

She is being recognized for her work on the House Judiciary Committee and "as a leading proponent of individual rights," the council said.

## National

**A GUNMAN**, tentatively identified as Eddie Watkins, 56, seized seven women hostages and held off police at a West Side bank in Cleveland, Ohio, yesterday after his robbery attempt failed.

Two of the hostages have been released and the police are negotiating with the robber.

**REPRESENTATIVES OF PRO HOCKEY AND BASKETBALL** in Washington Wednesday said that legislation lifting the ban on television blackouts of local sold out games does financial harm to sports clubs.

The proposed law would make permanent the law prohibiting home games of professional football, baseball, basketball and hockey from being blacked out on local commercial TV if they are sold out 72 hours in advance. In addition, the bill would change the 72-hour cutoff for postseason games of baseball, basketball and hockey to 24 hours.