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Inflation Leveling off

Economy continues upswing

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — With inflation leveling off last month, government economists now look to the latest unemployment figures for further confirmation that the economy continues to recover from recession. Unemployment rose three-tenths of 1 per cent to 8.6 per cent of the labor force in October after four months of decline. But administration economists said "special factors" were involved and hoped the downward trend would be resumed in November.

The Labor Department releases the latest job figures today. Even if the employment picture again shows continued improvement, joblessness is forecast to remain above 7 percent through 1976. The job figures follow the Labor Department's report Thursday that wholesale prices leveled off last month for the first time since June. Inflation moderated earlier this year, reflecting the effects of recession. However, prices surged again during the summer and early fall, prompting concern that new inflation was in the offing.

Wholesale prices rose at an annual rate of 13.5 per cent in the three months ended in October, and consumer prices also showed signs of acceleration. But administration economists maintained that these increases were only temporary and that the underlying inflation rate was about 6 or 7 per cent. "Anyway that you look at it, I think it's good news," said Commerce Department economist James L. Pate of the November price report. In other economic news, the Commerce Department reported Thursday that the nation's businesses plan to increase spending in the first half of 1976 on the capital goods and facilities which are necessary for expanded production and job opportunities. The department estimated the in-

crease at 5 per cent reaching a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$119.5 billion. Capital spending has been flat this year. And the volume of goods which that money will buy, which involves taking inflation into account, will probably remain stable or perhaps increase over the first six months of next year, according to department officials.

Meanwhile, growing consumer confidence and some early Christmas shopping boosted November retail sales, the nation's major retail chains reported. Several companies noted that unusually warm weather delayed sales of such seasonal items as snow tires, antifreeze and winter clothing.

Big names in showbiz

Associated Press
LORAIN, Ohio — Benny and Billy McQuire figure they are a cinch to become the biggest names in showbiz. Between them they weigh 1,460 pounds.

The 28-year-olds, listed by the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's largest twins, say they are assured of national television appearances and are planning to return to the night club circuit they left about nine years ago.

"Right now we're working on getting a pair of tuxedos to wear in our act," says Billy, at 720 the lighter of the two by 20 pounds. "It's no easy task. An average pair of everyday pants cost us about \$125 to \$150, and that's with a discount on material."

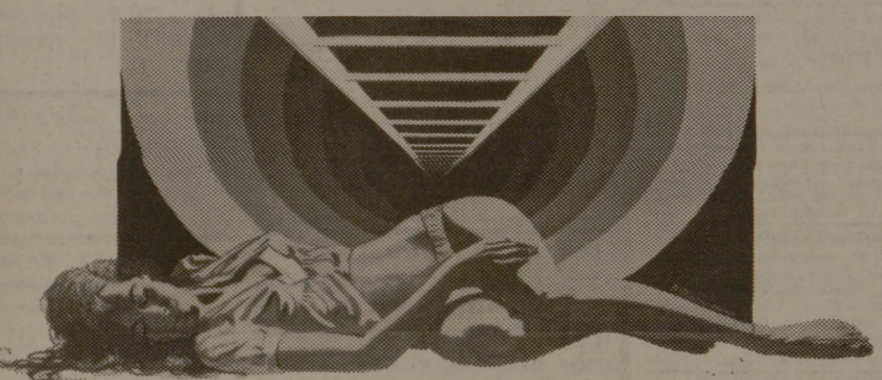
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Scott won't run again

Associated Press
PITTSBURGH — After 33 years in Congress, Hugh Scott has decided to end his elective political career. There was no fanfare, no exit in a blaze of glory, as the 75-year-old Philadelphia lawyer called it quits at a Pittsburgh dinner honoring another Pennsylvania Republican.

There was also no news conference, which he had often used with consummate skill to make his point during the 16 years he served in the House and the 17 more in the Senate where he has been Minority Leader since 1969. He has 13 months to go in his present term.

In a brief, written statement Thursday night he said he would not seek re-election next year, alluding to his already long service to his state and his country and to a desire to spend more time in rest and recreation.

Never once did Scott mention the current controversy raging around him, centering on charges he knew about illegal cash contributions to him from the Gulf Oil Corp. for almost two decades. Scott has been generally silent

since the Gulf story broke, but his office released a response on the subject. It said:

"I have never knowingly received any corporate funds from anybody, anytime. I am not going to have any further statement."

Scott did not discuss the Gulf case with reporters Thursday, but he alluded to it in remarks at the dinner. "Anyone who lays a hand on me, let them beware. The courts are for that purpose."

Although Scott did not amplify on that statement, sources said he indicated to a closed meeting of Republican leaders that he would consider libel actions should he continue to be accused of wrongdoing.

The Watergate special prosecutor's office is investigating the allegations that Scott received \$10,000 a year in cash from Gulf, along with other Gulf money matters.

Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller, who came to Pittsburgh for the dinner honoring Pennsylvania Republican leader George Bloom, said he was not concerned about the reports and charges that Scott had failed to respond to them. "I haven't

seen anything of any substance that he did not comment on forthrightly, simply and flatly," the vice president said.

But there are some who say Scott, who tagged himself "The Affable Tiger," was more a cat who ran out of his political nine lives.

Scott's biggest undoing was his hawkish support of the Vietnam war and his staunch defense of both President Richard M. Nixon and Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, who both quit in disgrace, forcing Scott to make a 180-degree turn and cry apologetically that he had been used and lied to.

But despite his lame duck status, Scott isn't withdrawing completely.

"I will campaign in 1976 as hard as I know how to elect President Ford and our Republican candidates at all levels," Scott said.

His friends say he hopes to be a strong voice at the Republican national convention next summer in Kansas City, possibly as chairman of the Platform Committee, which would create the policy for the party's presidential candidate. Sen. Robert P. Griffin, R-Mich., the assistant minority leader, and Sen. John G. Tower, R-Tex., are considered likely candidates to succeed Scott in the leadership post.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

THE ASSOCIATION OF ARAB STUDENTS will meet Friday at 7 p.m. in room 308 in Rudder Tower.

THE CHESS COMMITTEE will meet Friday at 7 p.m. in room 601 in Rudder Tower.

THE ANIMAL SCIENCE GRADUATE CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held Friday at 7:30 p.m. in room 212 in the MSC.

THE VIETNAMESE STUDENT ASSOCIATION will meet Friday at 8 p.m. in room 504 in Rudder Tower.

THE INDIA ASSOCIATION will meet Saturday at 7 p.m. in room 113 in the Biology Building. The movie "Victoria No. 203" will be shown. Admission will be \$1.50.

THE A&M WHEELMEN will meet Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Rudder Fountain.

THE WILDLIFE & FISHERIES SCIENCES WIVES CLUB will have its Christmas Party Saturday at 8 p.m. at 1211 Lancelot Circle, College Station. For information call Carolyn Tucker at 846-6724 or Brenda Parker at 693-3232.

TAU BETA PI will meet Monday at 5:15 p.m. in room 203 in Zachry.

THE PAKISTAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION will meet Saturday at 6 p.m. in room 308 in Rudder Tower.

Fire hazards increase during Holiday season

Extra fire hazards in the home during the Christmas season increase the chance of accidents, says the

Texas Medical Association (TMA). Christmas trees, candles and heating devices present special hazards, the association says.

Christmas trees can be easily ignited by faulty wiring on lights, carelessly flicked cigarette ashes or by youngsters. The TMA says by anchoring the tree in wet sand or setting it in water can cut down the danger of fire. Electrician's tape can make light repairs safer or new lights with the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) approval adds extra safety, the TMA says.

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