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Economists see no improvement

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Unemployment has hovered stubbornly around 7 per cent since last April, and administration economists expect no dramatic improvement during 1977.

New layoffs in the steel industry were expected to be reflected in the Labor Department's report today on employment in October — a month when employment normally reaches an annual peak.

Administration economists predict unemployment will go no lower than 6.5 per cent in 1977, or 6 per cent in 1978. These predictions promise only slight improvement over the 6.9 per cent rate in September.

Some independent economists even believe the administration's figures are too optimistic. They foresee a further economic slowdown — possibly even another recession — in 1978.

President Carter clearly is not satisfied with the current performance of the economy, particularly the U.S. labor market. Thus he has promised to propose

additional stimuli early next year as part of his tax reform bill.

Although the administration added several hundred thousand new jobs to the economy in 1977 under its public service employment and public works programs, these jobs have provided little hope for 7 million jobless Americans.

Moreover there have been an estimated 60,000 layoffs in the ailing steel industry over the past year, combined with some furloughs during October for autoworkers.

One of the options still open to Carter is the Humphrey-Hawkins "full employment" bill, which labor and black groups have been seeking for several years. Carter is now considering a compromise version of the bill.

Black groups pressed their case for Humphrey-Hawkins after minority unemployment returned to a recession high level of 14.5 per cent in August. Administration officials now believe that increase was a "fluke."

Minority unemployment fell back to 13.4 per cent in September.



Smiling service

Texas A&M President Jarvis Miller dined in Sbis Thursday night and was the guest of McInnis Hall. The hostesses for the dinner are, from left to right, Lynn Knaupp, a junior from Boerne, Debbie Broughton, a junior from Houston, and Nancy Shiring, a sophomore from Rockdale. The girls serve as hostesses for special dinners the dorm holds each month.

Battalion photo by Susan Webb

Councilman tries to get more lanes

By JEAN HENKHAUS

Unsuccessful attempts to put bike lanes along Texas Avenue may force bicyclists that road entirely.

Working with the College Station Safety Committee, Councilman Anne Hazen said she has been trying to sell the idea of putting bike paths along some of College Station's busiest thoroughfares. These include Texas Avenue, Jersey Street, University Drive and Texas Highway 30.

"We're probably going to have to prohibit all bike riding on Texas Avenue," Councilman Anne Hazen.

The reasoning for putting the lanes there is simple, said Hazen. Safety.

Bicyclists use those roads and they really have not been constructed for this use of use," she said.

The roads generally are without curbs and gutters, and merely "drop-off" along the side of the road, she added.

But the committee has run into problems, partly because these are all state roads, Hazen explained.

D.D. Williamson of the State Highway Planning Department said that there have been efforts to gain bike paths for the area using federal funding.

Using an accident cost-benefit ratio, the department determines the need for bike paths in specific areas in monetary values. Property damages that occur as a result of accidents allow about \$400. Personal injury equals \$3,400, while fatalities involving bikes amount to almost 80,000, Williams said.

Recently a "demonstration project" like this was sent to Washington to appeal for funds. The report and plan were considered, but was ousted in favor of three other plans submitted for this region. If the funds had been granted, the bike lane project would have been funded 80 percent federally and 20 percent locally.

Now there is a study underway to determine the future needs of bicyclists as the west campus expands. Williamson estimates that at least 20 percent of the campus population will be using the west side campus in the near future. This means that pedestrians as well as bicyclists will need to cross Wellborn road to get to classes. Williamson said he hopes to come

up with a system of getting students across the highway safely. Because of the rising costs of fuel, Williamson said he thinks more and more people will begin using bicycles.

Councilman Hazen said that students who are really interested in having bike paths created should get involved and let city officials know what they think.

TACB monitors industrial pollution

By SCOTT PERKINS

Industrial growth in the Bryan-College Station area may be restricted by the 1977 amendments to the Federal Clean Air Act.

This observation was made Thursday night by representatives of the Texas Air Control Board (TACB) in a meeting with citizens of the area.

The amendments require the state to designate which areas of Texas meet the national standards for each of five types of pollutants, and which do not.

Under the amendments, if Brazos County is designated an "attainment area" (one which meets the national standards) a limit would be placed on how much more pollution could be added by new industries.

"In effect, you can seal the growth of an area," said Steve Blackhurst, an engineer with TACB.

The meeting, which was held in the Bryan Utilities Building, was part of an effort by the TACB to inform the citizens of Texas of the amendments and their effects, and to ask for help in designation of "attainment" and "nonattainment" areas.

"It's a complex issue, and we don't have a lot of time to decide on it," Blackhurst said.

TACB is supposed to make recommendations to the state by December 7 so they can be reviewed and sent to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by February 7. Blackhurst said that since the TACB was holding the public hearings, they would probably not make the December 7 date.

Blackhurst said that current recom-

mendations would give Brazos County an "attainment" rating in all five categories. These are the amounts of particulate matter, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, photochemical oxidants, and nitrogen dioxide in the air.

According to the amendments, if an area has an "attainment" rating, any industry wishing to move into the area must undergo testing to determine how much pollution it will add to the area before it can start construction. A measurement of the air quality of the area must also be taken. This data must be gathered over a period of one year.

As it stands now, any area which does not have an air quality monitoring system is considered as being an "attainment area." Brazos County is such an area.

Blackhurst suggested that if such an area wishes to attract new industry, it might consider setting up its own monitoring system. He pointed out that this way, the area would have an air quality standard ready, and the industry would not have to wait the one year for readings to be taken. The TACB has said monitors in the state are currently located in areas where pollutant levels are expected to be highest, and due to the high cost of the monitors, the cost to additional information ratio would not be enough to justify more monitors.

However, Blackhurst warned that if an area set up the monitor, it may find that its rating is actually one of "nonattainment."

If an area receives a "nonattainment" rating it must take steps to lower its pollution level, or be in jeopardy of losing federal EPA funds. In addition, any new in-

dustry wishing to move into the area must persuade some existing industry to lower its pollution output so the addition of the new industry will not raise the overall level. The problems there are obvious, Blackhurst said. He explained that the existing industries could refuse to lower their pollution output, and lock-out new industries.

CIA director faces sentence

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Richard Helms, former CIA director and ambassador to Iran, today faced a judge's decision on whether he should go to jail for not fully and completely revealing covert U.S. efforts to influence a Chilean election.

Helms, in a bargain with the Justice Department which averted a public trial, pleaded no contest to a pair of reduced federal misdemeanor charges. The department said it feared a public trial might jeopardize national secrets. It also recommended that Helms receive a fine but no jail term in exchange for the no-contest plea Monday.

But U.S. District Judge Barrington Parker publicly announced he was not bound by the agreement between Helms and federal prosecutors. The maximum possible sentences were 12 months in jail and a \$1,000 fine on each of two misdemeanor counts filed against the 62-year-old Helms.

The possibility that Helms would not receive a jail sentence set the stage for a debate on newspaper editorial pages.

Some questioned the appearance of a "double standard" of justice. A standard in which the poor go to jail and influential former officials like Helms, do not.

Attorney General Griffin Bell has defended his decision to file a reduced charge that Helms would accept without trial rather than risk having to produce secret documents for the defense.

The charges accused Helms of failing to give full and complete answers when questioned on two occasions by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in 1973 about CIA activity in Chile in 1970.

While Helms indicated that the CIA had not been involved, it was later revealed the CIA funded various individuals and groups in Chile in an effort to prevent election of the late Salvador Allende as president.

Bell pointed out that Helms believed he was bound by his oath as CIA director and a contract he signed on leaving the CIA, pledging he would never reveal any sensitive information about operations of the defense agency.

RHA backs proposal to dedicate grounds

By CAROLYN BLOSSER

The Resident Hall Association (RHA) voted last night to send a letter to Dr. John Koldus, Vice President of Student Services, requesting that the grounds surrounding the Memorial Student Center be

officially recognized as a memorial. Lynn Andrus, RHA Vice President, proposed the resolution which passed overwhelmingly with a voice vote.

The letter to Koldus, written by RHA President Joe Nixon, asks that the MSC grounds be officially memorialized "to those Aggies whose lives were taken in the defense of this nation's freedom. The MSC is an important means of expressing the students' gratitude to those generous Aggies."

The letter states that the beauty of the Student Center is enhanced by the well-kept lawns and facilities and "it would be a terrible misfortune if Aggie spirit were allowed to degenerate with the disintegration of the grass."

In other action RHA decided to develop long range plans to utilize the grounds surrounding the Quonset Hut and build softball fields, volleyball courts, shooting ranges and picnic areas.

Discharged principal holds staff hostage for 4 hours yesterday

United Press International
DURHAM, N.C. — A discharged principal held his faculty at gunpoint for four hours and threatened to kill them Thursday. He was talked into surrendering by the school superintendent who once served as a Secret Service bodyguard for President John F. Kennedy.

"My instincts told me he was very serious and the wrong move could have backed him off," said Frank Yeager, the

superintendent of Durham County schools.

Yeager, along with 31 other persons, was taken hostage by Clarence Carl Blanton during a meeting at Bethesda Elementary School. Yeager had just announced Blanton would be replaced.

Blanton, in his 50s, released all his hostages except Yeager and Assistant Principal Alexander Gerald after four hours. He

surrendered to Yeager about 45 minutes later.

He was charged with one count of kidnapping and admitted to the Duke Medical Center for psychiatric examination.

Children were not at the school because of a teacher workday. The ordeal took place without the knowledge of police. They were not summoned until Blanton surrendered.

Blanton was armed with a 12-gauge shotgun, a .38-caliber pistol, a .22-caliber pistol and a hunting knife. Yeager said he threatened to kill two women teachers, who had complained about him to the central office. He also threatened to cut off the hands of three others.

Yeager said Blanton told them he had a "message from God" to kill the hostages.

"The only thing I know is that he's been under a lot of pressure lately," Blanton's wife said after the incident. "I think his mind just snapped."

Blanton spent 24 years in public schools as a teacher and principal. He had been principal at Bethesda since 1968.

Carter expected to compromise

United Press International
WASHINGTON — President Carter is expected to decide in a week or so whether to endorse a compromise full employment bill. The bill is now backed by both the Congressional Black Caucus and White House.

It is believed the revised Humphrey-Hawkins bill would set an interim goal of around 4 percent unemployment, later moving toward full employment. It would

emphasize creation of jobs in the private sector as the primary way to cut joblessness.

Carter also plans an address to the nation on energy Tuesday night.

A high administration source told UPI "we are about a week away from a final decision" on the Humphrey-Hawkins bill.

Carter said in a 1976 campaign position paper that he would strive to cut unemployment to 4 percent or less by the end of his first term.

A&M is 'real cow college'



By KIM TYSON

Battalion Campus Editor

Some call Texas A&M a cow college, and after Thursday's performance, it's no wonder.

News of an invasion of two-horned beasts rang through classrooms when two heifers and one steer escaped from a meat judging class.

One trampled through a row of bikes in front of the Commons dormitories and munched some of the hedges in front of the building. Glenn Ferris, area coordinator for the dorms, said approximately 35 students gathered to help catch the beast.

"It created some excitement and a little diversion for everybody," Ferris said. He said he was concerned about whether the cow would come through the plate glass windows.

That particular animal was cornered by some students and hauled back to the pen.

Another took off and clattered around the library,



leaping from flower bed walls and parading down the Corps quadrangle. The steer ended up hiding behind a large bush. A number of suggestions were offered for methods of "capture."

Laughs and yells rang out from the rooms upstairs. "Are the KK (University Police) going to give her a ticket for not having a parking sticker?" quipped one cadet.

A loud "whoop" went out after some 30 bystanders coaxed the cow from her hiding place. Wide-eyed and mooing the cow bolted across the quad, weaving through the crowd. It eventually took refuge in another bush. Finally, the steer was nabbed with two ropes secured to its legs and five people sitting atop.

The third was last seen heading toward A&M Consolidated Middle School off Jersey Street.

The cattle were being appraised by the class for before-slaughter meat quality.

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