

### Unrecorded bill spoils 700 lbs. meat

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CARUTHERS, Calif. — For two weeks now, workmen have been trying to get the smell out of Merl Clemens' house.

And they've got at least another two weeks' work before Clemens, his wife and three children move back in — if they ever do.

The Clemens returned from a three-week vacation June 8 to find that the power in their rural home, 20 miles southwest of Fresno, had been shut off, causing 700 pounds of frozen meat to thaw and rot.

Just before leaving, Clemens slaughtered and froze a steer, two hogs and 20 chickens he had raised over 2½ years to combat rising market costs.

A Pacific Gas & Electric Co. spokeswoman said the company shut off the power because Clemens' \$74, two-month utility bill, which he paid on time at another district office before leaving, was not recorded. Clemens, 34, said the stench that greeted him was unbelievable.



### Nothing like the Marx Brothers

Mitch Kidwell (left) and Bruce Portz find time to relax watching a Marx Brothers movie on one of the video tape television monitors in

the MSC. Both Mitch and Bruce are senior engineering majors from Killeen.

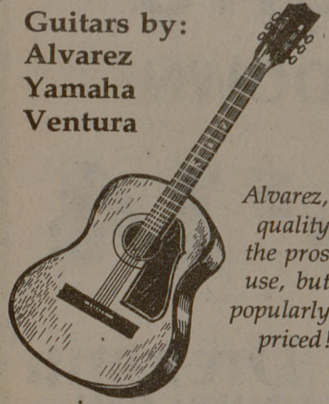
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## Republican views of Nixon talk differ

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FRANKFORT, Ky. — Republican leaders across the nation are divided on the question of whether former President Nixon will become a more visible political figure after next Sunday's speaking engagement in Kentucky — the first such speech by Nixon since he resigned in August 1974.

A survey of GOP leaders by UPI shows a difference of opinion concerning Nixon's appearance in Hyden, Ky., to dedicate a recreational complex.

Some view Nixon's speech in the tiny mountain community as a sign he wants to resume a more public life, but others are not sure the speech can be taken to signal a trend toward a more "public" Nixon.

Vern Neppi, Independent Republican State chairman in Minnesota, said the decision by Nixon to resurface in Kentucky during the holiday weekend was not an individual decision by the former president. Instead, he believes some Republicans

would like to see a more public Nixon.

Hawaii's Republican state chairman, Carl Mirikitani, believes Nixon is on the road toward more public appearances.

Rep. James Jeffords, R-Vt., believes Nixon is using the Kentucky trip to ease back into the public light.

Tennessee Republican Chairman Tom Beasley said he believes Nixon's speech will be followed by other public appearances.

Other party officials are not sure the speech can be seen as a trend for Nixon's future and some are skeptical the former president is making any attempt at an active political life.

Steve Roberts, GOP state chairman in Iowa, said his indecision stems from appearances Nixon has made in the past year.

Frances Shipman, a national committeewoman from New Mexico, said Nixon may decide to see how he is greeted this weekend by the public and the media.

## Senate votes to reduce funds for foreign nations

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WASHINGTON — The far-reaching effects of California's Proposition 13 still linger in Congress, and not even President Carter's warnings could stop the latest cut-backs.

The Senate Monday approved a 5 percent across-the-board cut that pared \$70 million from a \$1.83 billion bill for aid to less developed countries, part of the president's foreign aid request for fiscal 1979.

On Sunday, Carter warned that congressional reluctance to pass full foreign assistance measures placed the United States in an embarrassing position in the world. He noted only three-tenths of 1 percent of the U.S. Gross National Product goes to foreign aid.

Meanwhile, urban lawmakers are threatening trouble on an emergency farm credit bill approved by House and Senate conferees

Monday because of an unrelated section they say will raise consumer beef prices.

The legislation, which goes back to the House and Senate for approval, includes a provision that would make it easier for the cattle industry to set up a beef promotion fund.

Rep. Fred Richmond, D-N.Y., warned that the provision may jeopardize the bill because the cattle industry will pass on to consumers the cost of the fees to support the fund. This could increase the price of meat by \$50 million "in one fell swoop."

In other action Monday, the Senate approved legislation setting up a presidential commission to recommend ways of protecting Americans from harmful medical and behavioral experiments.

The commission would cover experiments done by all agencies of government, including the Pentagon

and the CIA, whose drug testing is suspected of causing civilian deaths. War maneuvers were revealed in committee hearings.

A Justice Department spokesman said that the recent Supreme Court ruling authorizing police to search newsrooms with warrants may have a "chilling effect" on freedom of the press. John Keeney testified that threat from the federal government is minimal, but conceded that the Department could do little more than set an example for the local law enforcement agencies.

Energy Secretary Schlesinger denied charges that his agency ignored the results of consultants' study on what transportation charges could be levied on oil down the Alaska pipeline. Schlesinger said the material study has value, but he had used it to set public policy.

## Deranged watchman takes ax to tourists, murders two

United Press International

MOSCOW — A mentally deranged night watchman who "felt like killing someone" attacked three elderly Swedish tourists with an ax Tuesday on the steps of the Intourist Hotel, hacking two of them to death and seriously wounding the other.

The attack took place in full view of hundreds of tourists and passersby who gasped in horror as he decapitated an elderly woman, bashed a man with the ax, wounding him severely, and then left the weapon imbedded in the head of another man who was taken away apparently dead.

One Soviet official asserted the attacker Alexander Nezhinsky could have been inspired by the "Son of Sam" killings in New York.

Witnesses first said two persons were killed, but the official Tass news agency reported only one of the victims died. It described the husky ax murderer as "mentally deranged," said he was detained by the militia and that an investigation is underway.

According to witnesses, the victims were leaving the hotel at about 12:40 p.m. Hotel officials said they were Swedish tourists staying at the Sevastopol hotel.

According to one witness, the man followed the tourists from the hotel and pulled a large ax from a bag. Others said he ran up to them on the street, already carrying the ax.

A Soviet militiaman immediately responded when he heard the screams, but he was unable to get near the man until all three victims had been felled. The drivers then helped the militiaman subdue the man.

Nezhinsky, a tall, muscular man weighing about 220 pounds, could face death by shooting if found sane enough to stand trial.

Witnesses said the man appeared to be a "schizophrenic." They said moments after the attack, he was talking calmly to police a few moments later while he was thrown in an ambulance and taken away.

The attack left the steps of modern hotel covered in blood. Workers used pipes, landscaping dirt to sweep up blood. The dirt was taken in wheelbarrows. Then it was washed down the steps.

Clifford May, a correspondent for Hearst Newspapers who was at the hotel, said he arrived at the scene about five minutes after the attack.

"By the time I got out of the street the cleanup had begun," he said.

"One body was being put in an ambulance, another was covered with a sheet, a third still lying on the stairs, the embedded in his head."

## Contempt citation dismissed for congressman who couldn't w

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DENVER — A Superior Court Judge Tuesday ordered the dismissal of a contempt of court citation against a state lawmaker who was

fined \$150 for heeding the call of nature.

Judge Charles E. Bennett said County Judge Raymond Jones committed a reversible error in citing Rep. Sam Zakheim, R-Denver, for contempt for going to the bathroom while waiting with a panel of prospective jurors to be called for jury duty.

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