

Carter given peace laurels

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Abzug job successor sought

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adopted, the requirements could add from \$20 to \$45 to the price of a power mower, or about \$189 million a year, the staff said. But the change would result in thousands of fewer injuries and reduction in health bills by about \$189 million, it said.

The proposal, which comes after more than five years of study, will be recommended to the five commissioners later this month.

The recommendation calls for walk-behind rotary power mowers to be equipped with a system which prevents the blade from spinning as the user has his hands on the controls. Once the contact is broken, the blade would have to stop within three seconds.

The staff said there are two ways to accomplish the three-second stop: either a device which kills the engine, or a clutch-type mechanism which allows the engine to keep operating but disengages the blade. Mowers using the first approach would have to be equipped with a power restart device.

William Kitzes, who headed the CPSC staff which made the recommendation, said at least two manufacturers are already turning out mowers with clutch mechanisms.

The proposal would also require mowers to be built in such a way that the human foot would not come in contact with the blade when it is under the rear or into the chute where the grass is blown out. The staff report said 77,000 persons are injured each year by coming into contact with the blades of walk-behind mowers. Nearly 100 of those injuries result in the amputation of a finger or toe, said the price of the average mower might go up by \$35, meaning over the 8-year-life of the average mower, the consumer would pay about \$4.40 per year to buy \$5.30 in injury protection.

Sadat, Begin may get Carter peace call again

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 WASHINGTON — President Carter says "I will not hesitate" to call Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israel's Prime Minister Menachem Begin together again to peace treaty in the Middle East.

"If necessary, I will not hesitate to invite President Sadat and Prime Minister Begin to meet with me again to get a peace treaty between Israel and Egypt," Carter said.

Vice Premier Teng of China to tour U.S.

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 ATLANTA — The White House announced Sunday Chinese Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping would make a nine-day tour of the United States beginning later this month.

Leonard Woodcock, head of the U.S. liaison office in Peking, will accompany the Chinese leader.

The tour, announced while President Carter was in Atlanta to accept the Martin Luther King Jr. Non-violent Peace Prize, begins with a stop in Washington D.C. on Jan. 29-31. Teng will be in Atlanta Feb. 1-2.

The Chinese leader will be in Houston Feb. 2-3 before making his final U.S. stop Feb. 4-5 in Seattle. Carter announced in December Teng would make the visit in keeping with the decision of the United States and China to establish full diplomatic relations.

of King. Carter spoke in the Ebenezer Baptist Church pulpit where King's funeral was held in 1968.

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"I'm honored and happy and privileged to be on the same stage with the greatest president in the world," King told the gathering. "I'm with him and I'm going to continue to be with him and I ain't gonna let nobody, nothin', turn me 'round."

"I know him close up, I know his heart."

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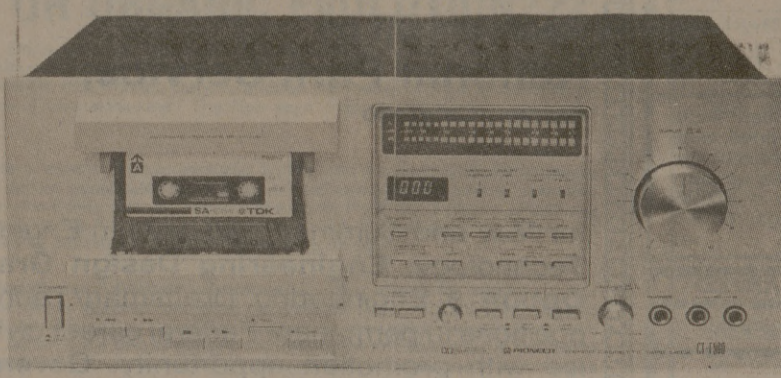
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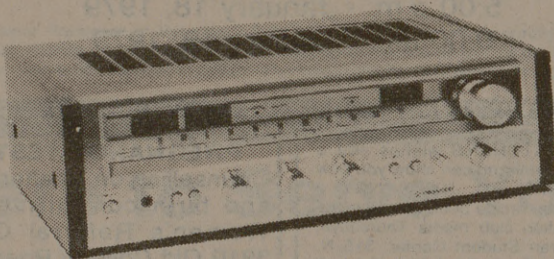
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