

Teng's forthcoming visit to Washington starts policy 'horsetrading' in Congress

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WASHINGTON — The news of U.S.-Chinese relations, what it portends politically and diplomatically, is in the spotlight as the nation's capital prepares for the coming visit of Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping.

The new Congress primarily was concerned with the political implications, and several members introduced legislation to bolster Taiwan's security. The White House, as expected, said envoy Leonard Woodcock would be named the first U.S. ambassador, and a State Department conference heard discussions prospects for trade with China.

Three senators introduced measures kicking off the expected horse-trading over China policy: Sens. Dick Stone, D-Fla., and Bert Dole, R-Kan., introduced separate bills to give Taiwan's status diplomatic status, which would lose March 1 when the United States and China exchange ambassadors. Dole's bill also would permit Taiwan to maintain an official liaison office in Washington.

Dole introduced a nonbinding resolution calling on the United States to take all necessary measures to assure Taiwan's defense if Peking attempts a forcible takeover.

Sen. Harry Byrd, I-Va., introduced a resolution requiring the President to invite Richard Nixon to a White House dinner.

Nixon invited to White House state dinner

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WASHINGTON — President Richard Nixon invited Richard Nixon to a White House dinner honoring China's vice premier because "it would be like the decent and proper thing to do," a White House spokesman said Tuesday.

President Nixon took the first step toward normalization with China, White House press secretary Jody Powell told reporters.

Powell said Nixon has accepted the invitation, but he said he does not think Mrs. Nixon will be able to attend.

Powell also said former President Gerald Ford were invited to dinner for Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping, but they are touring the Middle East and may not.

Nixon invited former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, who made the first breakthrough trip to China. Kissinger promptly accepted.

Powell explained that Nixon and Kissinger had "taken the first steps" toward U.S. recognition of China.

"This visit is very symbolic of the completion of the recognition," he said.

Asked whether the White House might invite Nixon, who stepped from the presidency following the Watergate scandal revelations, would offend some Americans, the secretary said.

"There isn't any decision that the president has made that wouldn't offend some people mad."

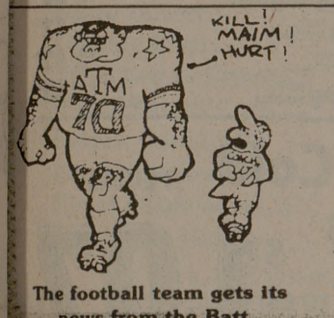
Working couples taxed most

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NEW YORK — The two-check household, in which both husband and wife work, has become one of the major economic phenomena of the 1970s, according to Money magazine, but the publication says tax problems for such couples are immense.

The January edition of the magazine says such working couples pay 55 percent more than their paycheck counterparts, but that the second earner in a family is the most heavily taxed of all Americans.

"The first dollar of a working woman's income is taxed at the same rate as the last dollar of her husband's," Money says. "If, for example, he earns \$25,000 and she earns \$10,000, her salary effectively starts being taxed in the 43 percent bracket."

The magazine quotes the Bureau of Labor Statistics as saying "total assets of two-salary families are less than those with only one wage earner."



Senate to have a role in any official decision to end a defense treaty. The resolution was written in general terms, but clearly aimed at preventing the 1954 U.S.-Taiwan defense pact from lapsing.

Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., recently filed suit in federal district court to stop the termination of the U.S.-Taiwan pact.

At the State Department, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance told a conference on trade with China and Taiwan the administration is moving ahead on plans to create a private corporation to handle relations with Taiwan on an informal basis.

"The corporation is to be known as 'The American Institute.'"

"The administration also is developing legislation to extend informally 60 executive agreements and treaties with Taiwan."

"With these new arrangements in

place, we expect Taiwan to continue to prosper," Vance told the businessmen.

All these proposals will be referred to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which plans extensive hearings. Aides said Monday an effort will be made to craft two bills — one dealing with Taiwan's security and the other on trade relations.

Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, just back from a trip to China, told a news conference Peking is willing to accord Taiwan "full autonomy," but their ideas seemed to go "more to appearances" than to any substantive change in the present situation.

He said China's apparent price for "full autonomy" is to lower the Nationalist Chinese flag, raise the Communist flag, and declare Taiwan part of the People's Republic of China.

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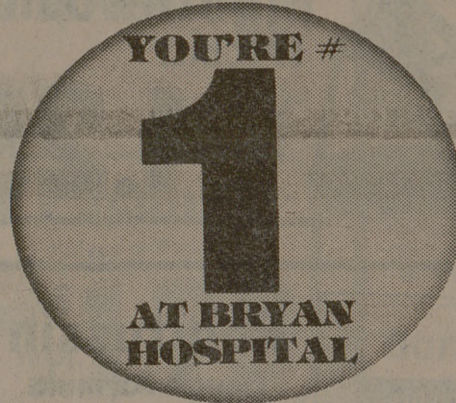
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