

# Congress tightens belt

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WASHINGTON — "I believe in fiscal restraint as strongly as any member of this Senate," Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, promised his colleagues. Then he asked them to add \$100 million to the recommended 1980 budget.

Metzenbaum believed the Budget Committee's proposed fiscal plan gave short shrift to the nutrition program for the elderly.

But, like nearly every lawmaker to take the floor in three days of budget debate last week, he did not want to sound like a big spender.

Most requests for funds above the stringent committee recommendation were prefaced with calls for government belt-tightening.

And when two amendments adding \$400 million to the committee plan won Senate approval, the lawmakers trimmed other programs to

make up the difference.

The budget the Senate finally adopted is a plan born of "Proposition 13 fever" and the threat of a constitutional convention to require a balanced budget.

It cuts the federal deficit to \$29 billion next year and provides for a balanced budget in 1981; it would be the first balanced spending plan in 12 years. And it postpones tax cuts until 1982 in favor of putting the government back in the black.

The House begins work this week on its own, similarly austere version of the budget. It differs from the Senate version not so much in the bottom line, but in where spending cuts will be made.

Defense funds under the Senate plan would increase 3 percent over the inflation level; the House plan calls for a 2.4 percent hike.

The House plan provides more

generously for social programs and, unlike its counterpart, it recommends that revenue-sharing funds be dropped in 1980.

Budget Committee spokesman Jack McDonald and other House staff members believe the debate will be heated.

quick or easy, which might string it along into next week," he said.

Veterans Committee Chairman Ray Roberts, D-Texas, already has announced he wants to increase veterans benefits. And committee staff members say they expect other amendments to restore funds to social programs and beef up defense allocations.

The House plan would trim the federal deficit from an estimated \$34.3 billion in 1979 to \$24.9 billion in 1980. It sets spending at \$532.7 billion and revenues at \$507.8 bil-

lion.

The new Senate budget puts spending at \$532.6 billion, with revenues of \$503.6 billion.

The two plans also vary because the House and Senate used different economic assumptions to compute them.

The Senate basically adopted unemployment, inflation and economic growth rates figured by the Congressional Budget Office.

The House figures, developed by House Budget Committee staff after interviews with administration and private economists, are slightly more optimistic.

By law, the two chambers must reconcile their fiscal plans by May 15. The resulting, non-binding budget will be used by committees to fund legislation throughout the summer. A final budget will be adopted just before the 1980 fiscal year begins, Oct. 1.

# Reputed crime leader busted

**United Press International**  
SAN FRANCISCO — Joseph C. Bonanno, reputed crime syndicate leader, was arrested today on charges of conspiracy to obstruct justice in an investigation of the "laundering" of Mafia money through legitimate businesses, federal officials said.

Also arrested was Jack DeFilippi, 53, of San Jose, Calif., an employee of Bonanno, one-time head of a New York Mafia "family" now living in Tucson.

The two men were named in a

secret indictment handed down by a San Francisco federal grand jury Thursday.

They are charged with conspiracy to obstruct justice, and DeFilippi is also charged on six counts of perjury.

Federal officials said the charges involve attempts to conceal the books and records of four companies in San Jose, Calif., owned by members of Bonanno's family.

The grand jury is investigating

these companies, all now defunct, to determine whether they were used to launder Mafia money.

Evidence leading to Friday's arrests was apparently gathered in a recent FBI raid on Bonanno's residence in Tucson.

DeFilippi is charged with perjury because on six occasions he denied before the federal grand jury that he knew anything about the records or where they were.

## Program sets fire to set-fires

# Arson all washed up in Seattle

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SEATTLE — "The more you talk about arson, the less it occurs."

The speaker is James H. Dixon, an investigator for Seattle's arson prevention program which is being used as a model for other cities.

Under the program to publicize the danger of arson and ways to prevent it:

- Buses carry signs with such slogans as "put the heat on arson."
- Kids sport T-shirts with pictures of a creature dubbed "Sinder Sid the Arson Rat."
- A toll-free Arson Hotline operates 24 hours a day for anyone wishing to report a fire suspected to be arson-caused.
- A special police and fire department arson unit has been established.
- Insurance companies have put

up a \$5,000 fund for rewards for tips leading to conviction of arsonists.

—Athletes from Seattle's professional sports teams visit schools regularly in support of the "Sinder Sid" campaign to combat juvenile arson.

—Each fire battalion has a car available for arson patrol in high incidence areas.

—Businesses which, because of financial problems or economic conditions, might be likely arson targets are inspected regularly by fire marshals.

While arson nationally has become the fastest growing and most destructive crime, in Seattle the incidence of arson and resulting property loss have declined dramatically in the past three years.

A task force of business and governmental leaders was set up in

1975 to organize an attack on arson because Seattle faced the same problems of escalating arson loss as other large cities.

"It was a reaction to a crisis," said Tom Brace, who represented business on that task force and has since become state fire marshal. "Our arson problem was bad, though not as severe as in Detroit or (New York City's) south Bronx."

The statistics show that in the four years prior to organization of the task force, property loss due to arson had climbed from \$620,000 in 1971 to a projected \$4 million in losses in 1975.

The statistics since then indicate the impact of the program. In 1974 there were 662 arson fires in the city with a loss of \$3.2 million. In 1977 there were 518 arson fires and a loss figure of \$1.8 million.

While cases of arson in most major cities remain unsolved, or even undetected, Seattle's arrest rate in arson fires runs close to 50 percent.

"The key message is that if you start an arson fire in Seattle, you stand a good chance of being caught," said Hugh Maguire, a spokesman for the Seattle Fire Department. "And if you are caught, you stand an even better chance of going to jail."

"We attempt to be highly visible. People who might be thinking about setting a fire think again."

When 500 copies of a thick manual on the Seattle program were printed in response to requests from other cities, they were snapped up in a few months.

# Nuclear accident: trauma lingers

**United Press International**  
HARRISBURG, Pa. — Three Mile Island was safely shut down Saturday, the first month anniversary of America's worst nuclear power accident, but people in the Susquehanna River Valley say the trauma of the near-catastrophe lingers.

Richard Vollmer, a high-level official of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, said the new cooling process designed to put the nuclear reactor in the equivalent of "cold shutdown" was successful.

"We're certain it's working. I would describe it as very stable and safe," said Vollmer, who was put in charge of NRC operations at the plant while the regular chief, Victor Stello was absent to attend to a personal matter.

Vollmer said experts knew the new core cooling system was working because temperatures in the reactor dropped steadily at first and then leveled off as expected. The hottest part of the core was at 323 degrees Fahrenheit.

Vollmer said engineers will work to isolate the cooling system entirely from the outside world so that no radiation carried off from the uranium core in the cooling process will get into the air.

"When that's done, we can walk away from it and just think about ultimate recovery of the plant," said Vollmer. He would not estimate how long the isolation plan would take, but estimates were a minimum of a month.

The shutdown means that the water in the reactor's critical cooling

system is circulating by natural convection rather than by use of a huge pump.

The NRC decided to go ahead with the final shutdown plan Friday, five days ahead of schedule, because gauges for the pump cooling system that were important in a pre-cooldown phase issued "erratic readings."

Rather than use backup instruments, the NRC believed it was safe to turn off the pump at 2:07 p.m. Friday.

Heat in the damaged uranium core will remain over 212 degrees Fahrenheit — the maximum temperature under normal circumstances — for some time yet, Stello said. That's one reason officials hesitated to use the phrase "cold shutdown."

Workaday life in the vicinity of Three Mile Island, 10 miles south of Harrisburg, resumed its pace. Robert Reid, who as mayor of Middletown spent hectic days reassuring alarmed citizens, went fishing.

# Korean family reunited — split in war in 1950

**United Press International**  
PYONGYANG, North Korea — With tears streaming down their faces, a 36-year-old Korean-American and his mother and sisters were reunited Saturday for the first time since he left North Korea and followed the retreating U.S. Army south 29 years ago.

Ko Young II, operator of an automobile body repair shop in Annandale, Va., came to North Korea as an interpreter for the American team at the 35th World Table Tennis Championships.


In this heavily politicized Communist country, Ko saw his mother and two sisters for the first time since 1950 in front of a battery of reporters and cameramen for an hour.

Ko was only 7 years old when he left and they did not recognize each other at first. They sparred for two or three minutes, talking about their long ago home near the China-Korea border before the doubts vanished.

The reunion symbolized the tragedy of divided families that overtook Korea when it was separated into Soviet and American occupation zones at the end of World War II. About 10 million Koreans were separated from their families because of the hostilities between the two Koreas.

Ko and his father left North Korea together and followed the retreating American Army into South Korea after China intervened in the 1950-53 Korean War.

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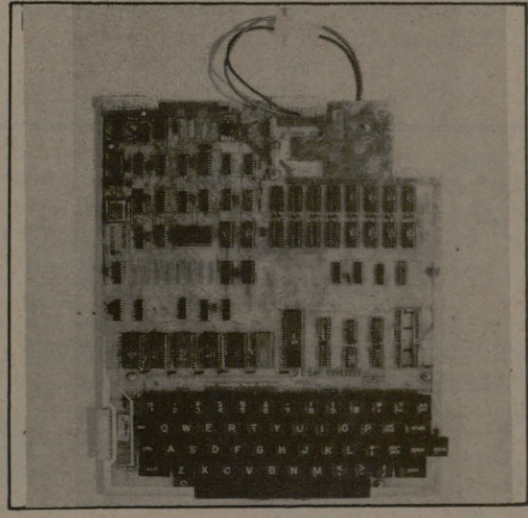
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