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# Carter decontrol plan loses in test vote

WASHINGTON — House Democrats Tuesday expressed overwhelming opposition to President Carter's plan to phase out price controls on domestic oil.

The test vote loss by a margin of nearly 2-1 at a Democratic Caucus meeting was seen as a deep embarrassment to Carter, who wants to let energy prices increase sharply to encourage development and bring conservation.

The issue before the caucus was a resolution sponsored by Rep. Toby Moffett, D-Conn., putting House Democrats on record against decontrol. Decontrol is the major part of Carter's energy plan.

A motion to table that resolution was rejected, 153-82.

The caucus recessed for the day, putting off until today an actual

yes-or-no vote on the resolution. But Tuesday's test vote was thought to be decisive by its wide margin.

After the vote, Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., said: "This was a repudiation of the president's policy. A complete and total repudiation. Just as Lyndon Johnson had to deal with Vietnam and Richard Nixon had to deal with Watergate, Jimmy Carter has to deal with this."

House Democratic Leader Jim Wright, D-Texas, shouting and waving his arms, urged the caucus to reject Moffett's resolution, which he called "deeply embarrassing to the president of the United States."

"It takes some guts to do it and I hope the members of this caucus have the guts to do what is right," Wright yelled.

Moffett said he and other backers

of the resolution supported Carter's 1977 energy policy and helped it through Congress, so "this is not a group trying to make the president look bad. We would like nothing better than to help him rise from the political dead."

The test of the Moffett move will come when the issue reaches the full House. Moffett intends to offer

the stop-decontrol plan as an amendment to a Department of Energy authorization bill.

Republicans are thought likely to be heavily for Carter's decontrol, and the question will be decided by how many of the 159 Republicans join Democrats in going against Moffett.

Oil prices were put under controls by a 1975 law. That plan allowed domestic oil prices to increase only with inflation, while foreign oil prices have risen meanwhile. Next month, the plan would give Carter greatly expanded power to phase out controls, and in September of 1981, controls would end altogether.

## Appeal denied; execution on

RAIFORD, Fla. — A federal appeals court Tuesday rejected a plea to save condemned killer John Spenkelink from Florida's electric chair, leaving only the U.S. Supreme Court — where he has lost three previous appeals — to save him from execution.

Attorneys for Spenkelink and another death row inmate, Willie Darden, made frantic efforts to block their Wednesday executions which would be the first in the United States since Gary Gilmore was executed by a Utah firing squad in January 1977.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans denied both an appeal on behalf of Spenkelink and a motion for a stay of execution, leaving only the U.S. Supreme Court. Spenkelink's lawyers said they would go before the high court for the fourth time.

Darden's appeal has been heard by the high court once and it was rejected. But his attorney, Robert Harper, planned to seek a stay of execution before U.S. District Court Judge Terrell Hodges in Tampa, Fla., later today. He also planned to file a second appeal with Florida's Supreme Court in Tallahassee.

About one-third of the inmates at the Raiford prison refused their morning meal Tuesday in apparent protest to the executions.

## British settlement uncovered

WASHINGTON — Patrons digging on a riverfront plantation 10 miles east of the town has uncovered the British domestic settlement uncovered in America, a Williamsburg archeologist says Tuesday.

Ivor Noel Hume said he and associates so far have found post-hole remains of a walled fort, one row — and the start of a second row — of many houses, a cemetery and wealth of artifacts including visored helmets and a gun loaded with lead shot.

The settlement, founded in 1670, was called Wolstenholme and was home to more than 200 settlers sponsored by the Virginia Company of London. Wolstenholme was the seat of a 21,500-acre plantation known as Martin's Hundred.

Updating a report issued last year, Hume wrote in the June issue of the journal *Historical Geographical* magazine a male skeleton found in a last decade, according to the Firestone Tire Co.

The company said that, because more pressure in auto tires reduces rolling resistance and therefore helps achieve better gas mileage, tires in the 1980s will be built to accept higher pressures.

Until recently fuel economy was not an important consideration in tire construction, the company said. However, radial construction and other recent advances in technology permit higher air pressure without sacrificing ride quality. Firestone said its tests show radial construction tires inflated to 35 pounds increase gas mileage percent.

He said the fort outlined by holes filled with ash and debris been Wolstenholme's refuge. "Most significant of all was slowly expanding pattern of holes on our map. New lines fences took shape, another another yard, then at the cluster of 14 graves, extending from the fort to the river.

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