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President to review his economic policy

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WASHINGTON — President Carter, concerned that energy costs are fueling inflation in other areas, has ordered an accelerated review of White House economic policy, officials say.

In an unusual move that was not announced in advance, Carter Sunday night met for two hours with Treasury Secretary G. William Miller, chief inflation adviser Alfred Kahn, Energy Secretary Charles Duncan, domestic adviser Stuart Britton and several other officials.

There is concern about the evidence of an inflationary effect of energy spilling into other areas of the economy, to an extent that it has not done up until this point," said one White House official, who attended the session but asked not to be identified.

He called the unusual Sunday evening session "a follow-up" on a meeting Thursday with economic advisers Thursday.

The move was included because of the impact foreign oil prices have on inflation. "I don't think you would be misleading people by indicating some acceleration of a process of review," the official said.

He refused to discuss what was under consideration by the administration but he stressed mandatory wage and price controls were not under consideration.

"We know what a problem we have with inflation. We know the cause of it. We know why we're in this mess... there are no solutions that will relieve us of this problem without dealing with energy," the official said.

Consumer prices moved ahead 1.4 per-

cent in January — the largest jump in more than six years.

In a related development, Senate Banking Committee Chairman William Proxmire, D-Wis., announced his panel will hold hearings on the administration's anti-inflation program and investigate wage-price controls.

"Even though I and many other members of the committee oppose mandatory wage and price controls, I think they should be debated," Proxmire said in a statement.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, Carter's chief rival for the Democratic presidential nomination, released a letter to the president Sunday urging him to ask Congress for wage and price controls.

"A freeze and controls are essential to break the psychology of inflation and bring immediate short-run relief against increasing prices," Kennedy said.

Shortly before the economic meeting, Carter returned from Camp David and told reporters progress was being made regarding Iran, despite comments by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini that the hostages would not be released until April at the earliest.

"We're going through a period of intense activity, so there are very extensive and very difficult efforts being made to reach a successful resolution of this crisis," Carter said.

"I can say I am not cast into the depths of despair or pessimism. I think progress is being made, but I can't discuss any details of what we are doing," he said.

Civil servants join anti-Soviet protests

United Press International
Afghan civil servants have joined anti-Soviet protests in the capital of Kabul, reaching New Delhi said today.

The reports further indicated that the late Babrak Karmal, installed in the 1978 Soviet invasion, had failed to gain hold and was falling apart.

The Soviet press admitted for the first time Sunday that there was widespread anti-Soviet sentiment in Afghanistan and charged it was the work of "foreign spies" working "in accordance with the CIA plans."

The Cuban Prensa Latina news agency said "more than 220 weapons made in the United States, China, Britain and Pakistan" were captured in Kabul since a general strike began in the capital Thursday.

Another anti-Soviet demonstration was

reported continuing in the eastern provincial capital of Jalalabad, which is said to be nearly surrounded by Moslem rebels.

Well-informed sources in New Delhi said Saturday and Sunday — normally business days in the Moslem nation — were declared holidays by the Soviet-backed Afghan government to conceal the fact that civil servants failed to report to work.

The Soviet and Cuban news reports said a captured American, identified only as Robert Lee, admitted "American special services" were involved in the anti-Soviet protests.

Diplomatic sources in Islamabad, Pakistan, said Lee was a "world traveler" who had been pulled of the streets during the rioting.

But both the Cuban and Soviet reports said life was returning to normal in Kabul.

Survey says Americans content with status

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Fifty-two percent of American consumers contacted in a Gallup poll released today said they are fairly well satisfied with their financial status, and 83 percent said they are living within their means.

But a companion survey of selected Washington policymakers, made by the same organization, uncovered skepticism. 80 percent believe most Americans are

not satisfied financially, and only 22 percent think consumers are living within their means.

The two groups did agree on one thing — 60 percent in each poll said consumers are worried they are not saving enough money.

The polls were done for the Credit Union National Association Inc., a trade group representing U.S. credit unions.

The consumer poll conducted last September covered a representative sample of 1,537 persons nationwide. The Washington survey, conducted during the past two months, involved 11 members of Congress, 21 top congressional staff aides and 18 persons from various federal agencies and institutions, all of them, with a role in financial policy.

When asked if they considered themselves financially fit, most consumers said they were at least "somewhat" fit. And while 53 percent said having no more than a manageable debt was an important element of that fitness, only 13 percent rated "getting ahead" financially as necessary.

"Clearly, among consumers, how they handle their debt is a very important matter, and they feel that they are not doing such a bad job," the poll concluded.

On the other hand 84 percent of those in the Washington poll felt "people are borrowing at least somewhat more than they should, including 40 percent who say that it is a lot more than they should," the poll said.

The consumer survey found 52 percent "pretty well satisfied" with how things are going for them financially, and 31 percent "not satisfied." Eighty-three percent said they are "living within their means" while 14 percent said they were "buying too much and saving too little."

The Washington survey found 80 percent believe Americans are not satisfied financially, but 58 percent say at the same time that consumers are either a lot better or a little better off than they were a decade ago. Seventy-four percent of the policymakers believe Americans are "buying too much and saving too little" and only 22 percent think consumers are living within their means.

The consumer survey found that 54 percent said they "hardly ever" have bought something they later thought they really couldn't afford.



Aggies net SWC championship

It wasn't easy, but the Texas A&M University basketball team did what everyone said at the beginning of the season it would do: win this year's Southwest Conference championship. The Aggies defeated the Houston Cougars, 82-72, on Friday to earn the crown. It is Coach Shelby Metcalfe's fifth conference title, and it made him the first SWC coach to win the

title in three different decades. The team will now sit out the first round of the conference tournament which decides which team will represent the SWC in the NCAA tournament. For more on the Aggies' win, and on sports in general, see pages 11 and 12.

Photo by Pat O'Malley

Service held for Sorenson

A memorial service for Dr. Anton M. Sorenson, Jr. was held Saturday morning at the First Baptist Church in College Station.

Sorenson, a professor at Texas A&M University for 25 years and a leading national authority on animal physiology, died suddenly Wednesday at his home in College Station.

Sorenson had turned 55 earlier this month.

A winner of the Texas A&M Faculty Distinguished Achievement Award for teaching in 1968 and recipient of the Annie Stevens Piper Foundation award as one of the 10 outstanding teachers in the state in 1970, Sorenson was also elected this month as president of the American Society of Animal Scientists Southern Section.

A native of Granger, Texas, he earned a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M in 1949 and master's and doctoral degrees from Cornell University before returning to Texas A&M as an assistant professor of animal science in 1955.

Sorenson is survived by his wife, Annie; a daughter Susan Dee of Mettled, Florida; a son Walt of Phoenix, Arizona; his mother, Mrs. M. Sorenson of Waco and five grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Memorial Funeral Chapel in College Station.

Upstart U.S. hockey players earn gold, nation's applause

United Press International
LAKE PLACID, N.Y. — The upstart U.S. team that won America's first hockey gold medal in 20 years temporarily took the nation's attention away from the Persian Gulf crisis, the Summer Olympic boycott, and even Eric Heiden.

The Americans, who scored a stunning upset over the favored Soviet Union Friday night, came from behind with three goals in the final period to defeat Finland 4-2 Sunday and win the gold.

The Soviet Union earned the silver medal by beating Sweden 9-2. Sweden was awarded the bronze medal.

The Winter Olympics officially closed Sunday night at the new Olympic Fieldhouse before a standing-room-only crowd of 9,000 in an eclectic pageant mixing solemn words from Lord Killanin with the jazzy tunes of Chuck Mangione.

U.S. hockey coach Herb Brooks said it would be a long time before his 1980 squad was forgotten.

"This team startled the athletic world," Brooks said after his team's heart-stopping victory. "As years go by, you'll remember these people."

The victory brought a phone call from President Carter — who has called for a boycott of the Summer Games in Moscow because of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan — and both Brooks and team captain Mike Eruzione of Winthrop, Mass., spoke with the President.

"Tell the whole team we're extremely proud of them," the president told Brooks. "They played like true champions. We're so proud."

It was the 12th medal overall for the American Olympic squad, including a record five gold medals won by speedskating sensation Eric Heiden, clearly the individual star of the Olympics.

East Germany, which won more medals (23) than any other country, won the four-man bobsled event in the only other medal competition on the final day of the Games.

With the closing of the Winter Olympics, the status of the Summer Games remained in doubt. So does the status of the 1984 Summer Olympics scheduled to be held in Los Angeles.

"The question of whether Los Angeles can stage the 1984 Games has been frequently discussed in the past few days," Willi Daume, a former IOC vice president and a candidate for IOC president when Lord Killanin steps down, said Sunday.

"Certainly, the games will be in great danger if the White House does not drop its boycott plans and its idea of alternative games," he said.

Daume said the White House plan for a so-called "counter-Olympics" was "a crazy idea."

At Sunday's closing ceremony, Killanin, head of the International Olympic Committee, said he believed the Olympics "proved we can do something to improve the mutual understanding in the world."

Then, perhaps in a reference to President Carter's call for a boycott of the Summer Games in Moscow, he added: "If we could all come together, it would be for a better world — and will avoid the holocaust which may well be upon us if we are not careful."

Marine loses post for pose

United Press International
CHICAGO — Bambi Lin Finney says she thought being in Playboy magazine was "the essence of being pretty" so she sent them a picture and a letter.

It got her into the magazine but out of the Marine Corps.

Finney, of Grayslake, Ill., was Sgt. Finney until just a few days ago. She got an early discharge when a picture of her, out of uniform and most everything else, appeared in the April edition of Playboy.

She was honorably discharged Feb. 21 from her post in Twenty-nine Palms, Calif., "for the convenience of the Marine Corps," according to a Corps spokesman.

Finney was featured with six other women in other branches of the services in a "Salute to the Armed Forces," in the April issue which has been mailed to subscribers.

She was in five photos, fully clothed in four of them. The fifth shows her in front of a pool with a see-through blouse and a red bikini bra hiked up around her neck.

She chose not to fight the discharge, she said, because, "They could get nasty."