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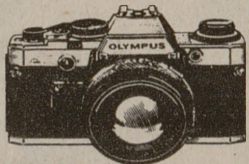
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## Another child disappears in Atlanta

United Press International  
ATLANTA — Police said today they are investigating the disappearance of a 14-year-old Atlanta boy, but the case has not been turned over to a special task force investigating the cases of 20 slain or missing black children.

Police released a photograph of Mario Andre Kirk, who lived in south Atlanta, site of most of the disappearances and killings.

He was reported missing by his mother last Thursday, the same day Curtis Walker disappeared. Walker's name was added to the official list of slain and missing children last Friday.

The boy's mother, Jimmie Nell Kirk, said the boy rarely attended

Columbia High School, where he was enrolled, and had run away "off and on" for the past year.

She said she thinks her son may be in Decatur with a man he had helped repair cars, but police have been unable to locate the man.

Mayor Maynard Jackson, meanwhile, said he is pleased to get federal assistance in social and

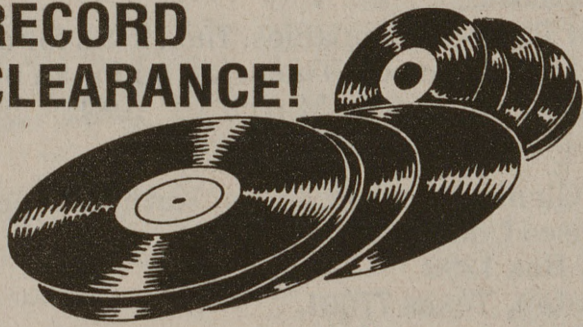
technical areas in the hunt for the child killer, but his hope of getting what he really needs — \$1.5 million in cash — is fading.

Jackson, who met Monday with the newly assigned federal services liaison in the cases of 20 missing and dead children, said he believed a meeting with President Reagan was still being considered,

but the prospects of receiving money looked dim.

A spokesman for Jackson said the mayor was grateful for the latest federal effort — to assist in providing counseling to those affected by the deaths of 18 black children and the disappearances of two more.

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## Governors support budget cuts but oppose cost shifts

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — The nation's governors Tuesday gave qualified support to President Reagan's proposed budget cuts, but said they will "vigorously oppose" attempts to shift the costs to state and local taxpayers.

After 24 hours of partisan haggling, the governors adopted a resolution that said, "We are prepared to accept budget cuts."

But they insisted state governments must have time to adjust to the cuts and increased flexibility in administering federal programs. They also urged the federal government move toward taking over all welfare and Medicaid costs.

In return, they agreed local governments should assume the current federal share of law enforcement, education and transportation.

Of the 49 governors attending the winter meeting of the National Governors Association, only Govs. William O'Neill, D-Conn., and Joseph Brennan, D-Maine, opposed the resolution.

"We won't know about \$6.3 billion in the cuts until March 10, and I'm not ready to give a blank check until I know where they are," said Brennan, referring to the date when Reagan is to announce the rest of his budget cuts.

It was evident some governors had different interpretations of what the resolution meant.

"This does not constitute an endorsement of any of the specific cuts," said Gov. Brendan Byrne, D-N.J., "We question some of them."

But Gov. Pierre DuPont, R-Del., said, "I don't think it's strong enough. I think it's time we stood up and recognized that we have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to address some of the fundamental problems facing this country."

Gov. Edmund Brown Jr., D-Calif., held out for language in the resolution saying, "We will vigorously oppose any attempts to shift costs to the state and local taxpayers."

"We don't want a tax shift and we don't want a shell game," said

Brown. "We don't want, just as the federal budget is going down, the state budget going up."

On Monday, the governors took their problems directly to Reagan, meeting with the president in private for more than an hour in the East Room of the White House.

Leaders of the National Governors' Association told reporters "it was obvious to us the president feels the preferable route is for the states to manage Medicaid and other welfare programs."

Gov. George Busbee of Georgia, the association's chairman, said, "We feel the president is trying to deal forthrightly with our economic problems and the governors are supportive of that effort."

He predicted they would be able to draft a bipartisan resolution of support for Reagan's program.

However, Busbee emphasized for the second time in as many days the states must be free from restrictions on federal aid if it is to be cut, saying reductions without "flexibility" were "totally unacceptable."

The strongest exchange during the East Room meeting was reported to have been between Reagan and Gov. Hugh Carey of New York.

"First cut spending like we did in New York, then cut taxes," Carey was quoted as saying. One observer said Reagan's face turned red and he told Carey he wanted to respond to his criticism "vehemently."

"Every time we've had a tax cut in this century, the economy has improved," Reagan was quoted as saying.

Carey later told reporters he believes Congress will come up with a "solid alternative" to Reagan's plan, which he described as "a package that's wrapped in pretty ribbons" but contains harmful cuts.

Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. of California said there was "a great risk" the president's proposal to limit Medicaid payments "will translate into a tax increase at the local level."

At the end of the meeting, during which Busbee said Reagan listened more than he talked, the president was quoted as saying, "We won't be able to meet all of your concerns, but we will deal with as many as we can."

In their talk with Reagan, the governors informally agreed to help him get "phase one" of his package — the program cuts — through Congress if the White House in return backed a "phase two."

Under the second part of the program the governors said they wanted the federal government to take over the entire cost of welfare, while the states would take over funding of programs like education.

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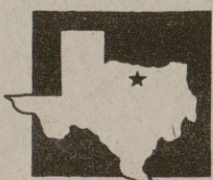
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