

White House pleased

Producer prices fall

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WASHINGTON — The fall in producer prices in March — the second monthly drop in a row — was hailed by the White House as "almost too good to be true," and brought predictions from economists of lower consumer inflation.

"I don't think there are any doubts within the economics profession that we have certainly turned the corner on inflation," economist Ronald D. Ut of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce said.

The March figures — including reductions in food and fuel prices — showed the first two-month drop in the index since January and February 1976.

"This is good news for the economy and for American consumers," White House spokesman David Gergen said. "The president's economic advisers believe these reductions in producer prices suggest further moderation in the Consumer Price Index in the months ahead."

Many economists predict an inflation rate of 7 percent or less, instead of 13 percent, over the next few years.

"As long as we can resist reflation policies in the area of our monetary policy, I think we are on the verge of a future in which prices are stable," Ut said.

But he noted that just as inflation helped some and hurt others, so does a decline in inflation.

"Continued declines in agricultural prices are going to create very severe hardship for farmers," he said.

Food and energy prices were

responsible for the decline of 0.1 percent in prices of finished goods at the final wholesale level in March, the same amount of decline as in February.

Two other indexes for goods at earlier stages of production also fell for two months running. Prices of crude materials dropped 0.9 percent in March and prices of goods at intermediate stages of production went down 0.3 percent.

It was the first time since February and March of 1967 that all three indexes had fallen simul-

taneously two months in a row. After half a decade of acute inflation that hit double-digit rates, economists do not expect prices to fall over any extended period.

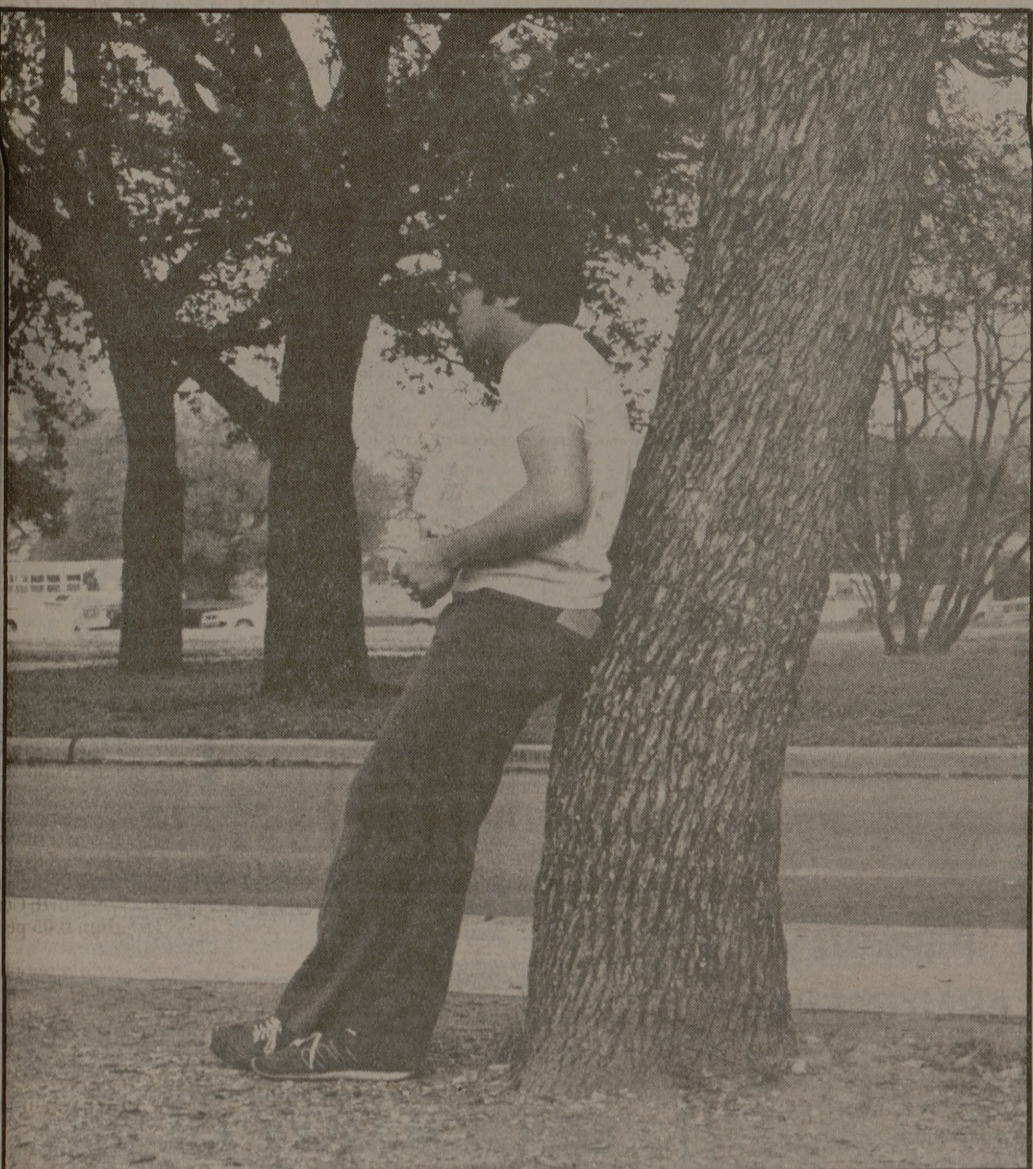
For consumers, inflation has subsided from 13 percent in 1979, 12 percent in 1980 and 9 percent in 1981 to an annual rate of about 4 percent during the past five months.

Economists agree the recession helped bring this rate down. A sampling of several of the major, private economic

forecasting organizations shows that — in varying degrees — they expect some of this improvement to remain even after the recession is over.

At the final wholesale level, food prices edged down 0.2 percent after rising 0.5 percent in February. Eggs, pork, dairy pro-

ducts and fresh fruit and vegetables all declined. Coffee prices rose more slowly. Beef and veal continued to rise, and fish prices turned upward.



staff photo by David Fisher

Just waiting for my bus

Waiting for the shuttle bus can be hard on the feet. Here Saul Enriquez rests against a tree while he waits for his bus to arrive. Enriquez is a sophomore from Houston majoring in microbiology.

40 years later, veterans revisit WWII battle site

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MOUNT SAMAT, Philippines — About 2,000 Filipino, American and Japanese veterans returned to Bataan Saturday to observe the 40th anniversary of their epic World War II battle.

Sweltering under a burning tropical sun, the balding, paunchy former adversaries climbed 1,800-foot Mount Samat, the key position in the Allied defense of the Bataan peninsula.

Bataan fell to the Japanese April 9, 1942, two days after Mount Samat was captured.

The 2,000 veterans, whose nations now are strong allies, exchanged memories of the fierce battles which led to the surrender of the 76,000 American and Filipino soldiers to Japanese invaders.

Sam Moody, a retired American officer from Longworth, Fla., who survived Bataan and the infamous "death march" to the Japanese-run Capas prison camp 37 miles away, recalled that the mountain used to be covered by a jungle.

"At least people are remembering what we did in those days," he said of the elaborate "altar of valor" with a cross of concrete and steel towering 300 feet above the peak of Mount Samat.

Filipino President Ferdinand Marcos, a much-decorated war veteran himself, was to address a grand rally Sunday in Manila, highlighting the week-long "reunion for peace," which began Wednesday.

Several American veterans

warned that the United States must stay alert to what they said was the growing power of the Soviet Union.

"I think the biggest danger the world faces today is that the United States has lost its credibility as a power," retired Col. Edwin D. Ramsey of Los Angeles said. "I think we should be building up strength, so that there would be no reason for miscalculation on the part of any other nation."

Ramsey said he believed Japan should strengthen its military capability. He called the Tokyo government one of America's mainstays in Asia.

Dick Fellows, a retired brigadier general from San Pedro, Calif., said Bataan fell because the Allies were unprepared.

"That's what's wrong with us then, and that's what's wrong with us today," Fellows said. "I don't think we're quite ready (for war) as we'd like to be."

IUD class-action case progresses

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SAN FRANCISCO — Manufacturers of the Dalkon Shield birth control device must inform women who have sued the firm that all punitive award claims will be settled in court, a federal court judge has ordered.

U.S. District Judge Spencer Williams ordered A.H. Robins Co. last week to send notices — at the company's expense — to about 6,000 women who sued the firm for injuries charged to have been inflicted by the intrauterine device.

The Dalkon Shield has been withdrawn from the market.

The women suing the company banded together in a class-action suit at the order of the judge several months ago. Williams said he would decide all claims.

He said if the company was found liable for injuries incurred, he would hold a second jury trial to determine whether punitive damages should be awarded.

He said he would rule on damages suffered by women across the nation, in an attempt to control the growing number of lawsuits filed against the manufacturer.

Attorneys for several women who say the class-action will prevent them from getting the large monetary awards they deserve have appealed the order in the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Williams issued the order to ensure that each woman who

suffered from using the Dalkon Shield would be able to get some award from Robins if their lawsuits were successful, and to assure that Robins would not be bankrupted by all the legal actions.

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