

# '82 inflation may be lowest in 10 years

**United Press International**  
WASHINGTON — Consumer prices went up only 0.2 percent in September, the Labor Department said Tuesday, and economists said 1982 may finish with the lowest inflation rate in 10 years.

annual basis has reached only 4.8 percent. Before seasonal adjustment it was only 4.2 percent, department analysts said. Analysts said that it matches the 1976 rate, lowest in the past decade.

ing analyst of the government's Consumer Price Index, said of the September figure, "Ten years of accelerating inflation have been reversed. It now appears that the CPI for 1982 will increase at the lowest rate since 1972."

The September increase, reflecting a series of falling prices, would amount to an annual inflation rate of only 2.1 percent, department analysts said.

If price moderation continues, as government analysts expect, 1982's annual rate could drop to the lowest since the 3.4 percent rate in 1972.

The September slowdown was helped by actual production declines in a wide variety of goods and services, including mortgage loans, houses, fuel oil, gasoline, tires and vegetables.

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# Reagan wants time, hope

**United Press International**  
RALEIGH, N.C. — President Reagan Tuesday urged Americans to vote their hopes, not their fears, and asked for more time to solve the unemployment problem.

In remarks prepared for a Republican rally at Raleigh's Civic Center, Reagan lashed out at Democrats, saying, "We are clearing away the economic wreckage dumped in our laps."

"We have begun to handcuff the big spenders, get the federal government off your backs, promote economic recovery and put you, the people, back in charge of your country again."

Reagan said his "still young" economic program has already helped the economy.

"Do you think that program deserves a little more time to fix the one remaining

problem — unemployment — so we can put people back on the job, and get America back on her feet?" he said. "In that case, I urge you, when you are in that voting booth next Tuesday, vote for your hopes, not your fears."

Reagan went to North Carolina, home of conservative Republican Sen. Jesse Helms and the powerful \$10 million Congressional Club, to promote Helms-backed congressional candidates at a rally. He also conducted a fund-raiser expected to bring in \$70,000, met with 11 Southern GOP chairmen and presented singer Kate Smith the Medal of Freedom.

Reagan, whose 1976 North Carolina presidential primary victory was his first of the season and kept alive his political hopes, also mentioned two of Helms' favorite subjects, abortion and school prayer, in his remarks.

Reagan's speech opening the final week of the campaign was a composite of themes he has sounded in several weeks on the political trail — a strong defense of his policies.

"Together, we have pulled America back from the edge of disaster," Reagan said. "Of those five critical problems that we inherited — runaway spending, runaway taxing, double-digit inflation, record interest rates and high unemployment — we have already made solid progress on four, and that's a pretty good beginning."

He said unemployment remains far too high. But he added that the downward trend in inflation — September's figure released Tuesday was just 0.2 percent — and declines in interest rates will drive unemployment "back down to single digits too —

and then we'll have delivered the knockout blow to the recession once and for all."

The Raleigh trip was the first of two Reagan will make this week as a prelude to a \$500,000 weekend campaign television commercial, which will also visit Wyoming, Nevada, New Mexico and Montana.

In North Carolina, because of the huge financial draw of Helms Congressional Club, Republicans think they might win five seats now held by Democrats. Helms and his club also hope to help Bill Henderson fight off a reelection challenge.

Reagan praised in his remarks for all 11 GOP candidates, singling out challenger Jim McIntyre and Ed Johnson as "dedicated, principled conservatives," and former governor of war Red McDaniel as "a true American hero."



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# Bishops support N-freeze

**United Press International**  
WASHINGTON — A committee of Roman Catholic bishops is urging a freeze of nuclear weapons at a minimum deterrence level as a step toward progressive disarmament in-

volving "negotiated bilateral deep cuts."

The committee Monday released a second draft of its controversial 110-page pastoral letter, "The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response," which the nation's 300 Catholic bishops will debate in their annual meeting next month. It will be voted on at a special meeting to be called next spring.

"As clearly unsatisfactory as the deterrent posture of the United States is from a moral point of view, use of nuclear weapons by any of the nuclear powers would be an even greater evil."

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the draft letter said. The bishops urged removal "by all parties" of nuclear weapons from border areas such as Europe, deep cuts in the nuclear arsenals of both the United States and Soviet Union, and support for a comprehensive test ban treaty.

"In light of the evidence which witnesses presented and in light of our study, reflection, and consultation, we are sure of one moral imperative we should declare: a rejection of nuclear war," the draft letter said.

But it said there is "much less clarity how we translate a 'no' to nuclear war into the personal

and public choices which move us in a new direction."

The bishops' committee which has been working on a pastoral for more than a year said the clerics are "skeptical" of the U.S. policy of deterrence "but not to the point where we can simply dismiss its implications."

It said that if deterrence only to prevent the use of nuclear weapons, "then proposals go beyond this objective and encourage war fighting capabilities must be resisted. We must continually say 'no' to the nuclear war."

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# Ron Jr. back on job

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NEW YORK — President Reagan's son, Ronald Jr., who collected unemployment while laid off as a dancer at the Joffrey Ballet, has returned to work, a ballet spokeswoman said.

Reagan and other members of the Joffrey Ballet were called back to work Monday, the spokeswoman said.

Reagan, 23, was spotted on an unemployment line Oct. 13, the day his father spoke to the nation about the economy in a televised address.

The president's son collected at least three \$125 unemployment checks while out of work during what Joffrey officials described as a planned layoff.

The contract between the Joffrey Ballet and the union only guarantees 30 weeks of work a year.

Reagan said when he was off he decided to go on unemployment rather than money his parents offered.

"Why should I take money?" he asked reporters. "Nobody else in the dance company is running to their parents and taking their parents' money."

"Let's make it clear. The tire company was laid off, everybody is collecting unemployment," he said two days later he was seen on the unemployment line.

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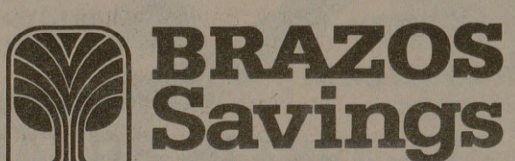
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