

## Judge allows tents to stay

**United Press International**  
A judge blocked an attempt to bulldoze a shantytown of tents on the Boston Common, giving protesters camped nationwide in "Reagan ranches" their first legal victory in demonstrations that began five days ago.

Boston Mayor Kevin White, a Democrat and opponent of Reaganomics, said the modern Hooverville was "making a hell of a mess out of the Common" and a city lawyer argued the tents didn't meet legal requirements.

"I didn't know that the tents I camped out in in Boy Scouts had to meet all these requirements," a sarcastic Judge William Young said in ruling in favor of the protesters.

The judge said the tent city was protected under the constitutional right to free assembly.

While organizers of the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now celebrated the victory, the poor and unemployed huddled in at least 11 cities were cheered early Wednesday as skies cleared and brisk winds died down.

In most of the camps, temperatures were in the 40s and rain stopped, a big improvement over near-freezing tem-

peratures and steady rain earlier in the week.

Several depression-style Hoovervilles opened Sunday and demonstrators vowed to stay put until the general election Nov. 2, an off-year election seen as a referendum on Reagan's attempts to improve the economy.

Tent cities were up in Boston, New Orleans, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Houston, Denver, Columbus, Jersey City, and Little Rock and were spreading.

Another was opening later Wednesday in Memphis and still more were planned in Miami, Tampa, Des Moines, Dallas and Albuquerque by week's end.

Involvement by activists from the 1960s Vietnam war protests was also spreading. Longtime activist Dick Gregory rallied support in Pittsburgh and the Little Rock camp opened Tuesday with a speech by Benjamin Spock, 79, the baby doctor who was tried and convicted for helping youth avoid the draft.

"Reagan's policies are ruining the country," he said. "Unfortunately we are not going to be able to retire him in 1982. But we can do some things to make sure there is still a country to retire him from."

# Inflation, dollar power down

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WASHINGTON — The spending power of Americans is not eroding as fast as it used to, but it is still dropping, government figures show.

The Consumer Price Index for September went up by only 0.2 percent, a tiny ripple compared to the double digit inflationary waves of the recent past. So far this year inflation has fallen to a 4.8 percent annual rate, matching 1976.

But the Labor Department also reported Tuesday Americans' spending power declined by 0.3 percent.

The spending power — inflation-adjusted earnings — are calculated from three statistics, the month's inflation rate, the change in hourly pay and the length of the average work week.

Hourly pay, held down by recessionary pressures, slipped by 0.1 percent in September

while the length of the work week remained the same.

The leaders of the Republican and Democratic parties were quick to comment on the September inflation rate, in advance of the congressional elections Tuesday.

"By a curious coincidence," President Reagan said, "the last time we had that (4.8 percent) inflation rate was the last time there was a Republican administration here," referring to Presi-

dent Ford's 1976 White House tenure.

House Speaker Thomas "Tip" O'Neill responded with an equally partisan jibe, saying, "(President Herbert) Hoover could point to an inflation rate of zero in 1930 and a negative inflation rate of 2 percent by 1932," during the Great Depression.

This year's recession-fueled cuts in tax revenues and increased welfare costs swelled the

federal deficit for fiscal 1982 to a record \$110.7 billion, the Treasury Department said Tuesday.

The report on the government's money year ending Sept. 30 showed the most red ink ever, far beyond last year's \$57.9 billion and the previous high of \$66 billion set by the Ford administration in 1976.

The 1982 deficit was fueled mostly by the recession, which held down economic growth, and with it tax revenues.

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## Kate Smith blessed by freedom medal

**United Press International**  
RALEIGH, N.C. — Kate Smith, whose robust rendition of "God Bless America" touched millions of people in the troubled years of World War II, is the latest recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

President Reagan gave Smith the nation's highest civilian honor in a private ceremony Tuesday, hailing her for "the extra something that reaches out to the spirit as to the ear of the listener."

"Kate always sang from her heart, and so we always listened with our hearts," Reagan told the 60 people in Raleigh's Civic Center. "It has been truly said that one of the most inspiring things that our GIs in World War II in Europe and the Pacific — and later in Korea and Vietnam — ever heard was the voice of Kate Smith."

Smith, 75 and confined to a

wheelchair after suffering a diabetic coma and several strokes, did not speak. Wearing a black dress and fur stole, she looked straight ahead as Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., held her hand and Reagan spoke.

Smith's sister, Helena Steene of Raleigh, thanked the president on Smith's behalf, adding: "She is one of the greatest ladies I have ever known. She has always lived for her country."

Smith received the 209th presidential medal given since President Truman inaugurated the award. It is bestowed on those who contribute to national security, world peace or other endeavors.

Since its inception, the Medal of Freedom has gone to such figures as Pope John XXIII, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., and Bob Hope. A recent recipient was Reagan's Middle East negotiator, Philip Habib.

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