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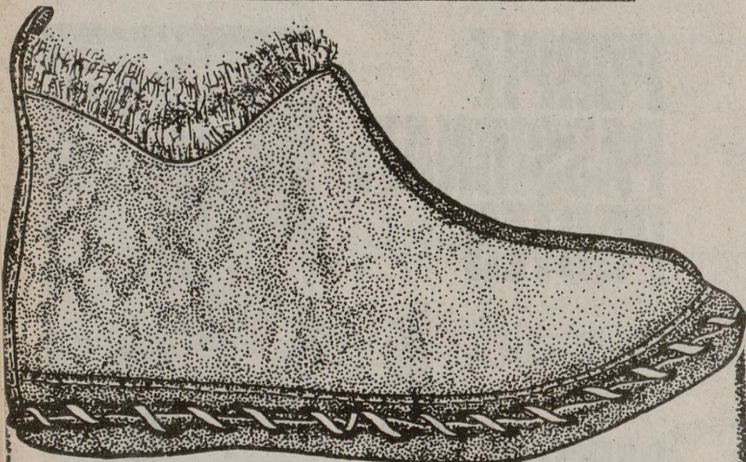


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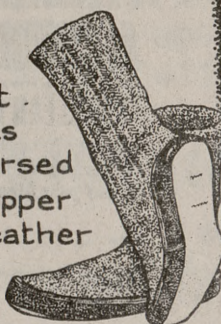
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## World and Nation

### President prods Congress to save tax overhaul plan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A rambunctious Congress, prodded by President Reagan to do his bidding, labored Tuesday over a deficit-reduction plan and year-end spending legislation, and struggled to save the president's cherished tax overhaul proposal from oblivion.

"He told us to finish our work," Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole of Kansas said after legislative leaders met with Reagan at the White House. "Everybody was friendly. Somebody wished him a merry Christmas. And he sort of hinted he'd be glad when we were gone."

Despite the evident good cheer around the polished mahogany table in the White House Cabinet Room, Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., said "nothing" was agreed upon. And House Republican leaders continued to rebel against Reagan's call to

vote for a Democratic tax overhaul bill later this week as a "first step" that can be substantially revised next year in the GOP-controlled Senate.

Negotiators for the House and Senate were near agreement on the deficit-reduction plan, designed to force a balanced budget by 1991 by triggering automatic cutbacks in defense and domestic programs if Congress does not gradually make the cuts on its own. But White House officials expressed continuing concern about the potential impact on the administration's defense buildup.

The deficit-reduction blueprint is attached to legislation needed by mid-week to extend the government's borrowing authority.

Another must-pass bill, a \$498 billion spending measure needed to finance most government programs past Thursday at midnight, moved

slowly through the Senate — an inviting veto target for the president.

Reagan and key administration officials continued their lobbying efforts on behalf of the tax measure. The measure varies markedly from the one the president submitted to Congress earlier this year, and many Republicans are opposed to it.

But Reagan sent lawmakers letters on Monday urging support for the plan as a necessary first step, and said if the Democratic-backed plan goes down to defeat, tax overhaul will be dead for several years.

But Rep. Trent Lott of Louisiana, the House Republican whip, said the party's leadership remains opposed to the measure for fear it would cause a recession and increased unemployment.

### U.S. support of Phillipine's Marcos protested

Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — Thousands of students and workers shouting "Revolution" marched Tuesday to protest U.S. support of President Ferdinand E. Marcos' palace where he was meeting party leaders Tuesday to discuss potential running mates for the February presidential election.

The 4,000 marchers waved flags and chanted slogans praising the surging communist New People's Army as part of their protest against alleged human rights abuses at U.S. support of Marcos' government.

Nearly 30,000 people held similar protests in the central Philippine cities of Legaspi, Bacolod and Iloilo. In Manila guards placed barbed wire across a bridge less than 100 yards from Marcos' palace. No violence was reported in any of the cities, but three demonstrators in Iloilo were arrested for distributing allegedly subversive leaflets.

A presidential news release said Marcos would name his running mate Wednesday, immediately after a convention of his governing Society Movement party formally proclaims him its official candidate. Prime Minister Cesar Virata and assemblyman Arturo Tolentino were the "front-runners" among Marcos' possible choices for running mate in the Feb. 7 special presidential election.

There is keen interest in what Marcos will pick because of the 67-year-old president's reported ill health. The Philippines has had a vice president since Marcos abolished the position in 1982.

Wednesday's convention comes three days after the collapse of efforts to rally behind a single candidate against Marcos, who has been in power 20 years.

Former Sen. Salvador Laurel filed his candidacy for the presidency Monday. Corazon Aquino, widow of assassinated opposition leader Benigno Aquino, announced she will file Wednesday.

## Human rights

### Argentine activists demand 'more trials of military leaders'

Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — With sentences passed on senior military leaders who presided over the "dirty war" in which 9,000 people disappeared or were tortured, political and human rights leaders are demanding justice for those who carried it out.

"There have to be more trials of military leaders now," human rights leader Emilio Mignone said Tuesday. Cases are pending against hundreds of other officers.

On Monday a civilian court found five former members of ruling military juntas, including two ex-presidents, guilty of human rights charges stemming from the abduction, torture and disappearance of suspected leftists in the late 1970s.

Four other former junta members were acquitted.

The court ordered life imprisonment for former President Jorge Videla and Emilio Messera, a former navy commander. Former President Roberto Viola was sentenced to 17 years; ex-navy commander Armando Lamburschini to eight years, and Orlando Agosti, former commander of the air force, to 4½ years.

It acquitted Gen. Leopoldo Galtieri, who was president during the Falkland Islands war with Britain in 1982, after the campaign against subversion ended.

Also acquitted were Jorge Anaya, former navy commander, and two former chiefs of the air force, Omar Graffigna and Basilio Lami Dozo.

Human rights groups called the verdicts too lenient and said all nine

should have been found guilty.

Julio Strassera, the chief prosecutor, said the sentences were lighter than he had hoped, but "beyond the question of whether the penalties are appropriate or not, there is one extremely important thing in the court's decision, and this can now no longer be debated — the existence of a criminal plan."

The court said it found overwhelming proof that the military systematically kidnapped, tortured and killed in an attempt to wipe out leftist subversion.

A commission named by President Raul Alfonsin, whose inauguration in December 1983 ended nearly eight years of military rule, said at least 9,000 people disappeared during the campaign, which the military called the "dirty war."

# LOUPOT'S OFF CAMPUS CONNECTION

## HOLIDAY CRIME: AN UNEXPECTED SURPRISE

Christmas vacation is a time of unexpected surprises; some will be good and some may be bad. After finishing exams most students will be leaving town for the holidays. This means that many apartments, mobile homes, duplexes, or houses will be unattended for several weeks. With so many students away during the holidays, some homes become prime targets for burglary. Although some apartment complexes provide security for their tenants, others do not. The types of security that do exist vary from one complex to another.

In order to protect your belongings from theft, you should begin immediately by taking steps to insure their safety. Renter's insurance is one type of protection for your personal property. Here are some additional security steps which might be taken.

- 1) Strong locks are the single best deterrent to break-ins. Use a rod "double lock" sliding glass doors or windows.
- 2) Do not leave hidden keys outside your home. If you can find them, so can an intruder.
- 3) Never leave notes indicating that you are away.
- 4) Keep an inventory of your valuable possessions, including serial numbers, brand names, and model numbers. Send a copy to parents or a relative in case your copy is destroyed. You might also take photographs of valuable items. This is good support for your insurance claims.
- 5) Operation I.D., a program supported by the local police departments, enables one to protect personal property by engraving an identifiable number on the object. Engravers can be checked out from the University Police.
- 6) If possible, take all valuables with you - especially stereos, TV's, cameras, typewriters, and bikes.
- 7) You may wish to use an automatic (on-off) timer on a lamp. Timers can be purchased for as little as \$7.00.
- 8) Stop all deliveries including mail and newspapers.
- 9) If possible, ask a trusted friend to watch your home. Leave a number where you can be reached in case of an emergency.
- 10) Don't panic if your apartment has been entered. Contact the police immediately. Do not "tidy up." Even the smallest detail might provide valuable information for the police.

We urge you to check with your apartment manager or property owner prior to the installation of any security device and for additional security steps.

We hope that you have no unexpected surprises when you return to Aggie-land. For brochures and other information on crime prevention, contact the police department, or come by the Off Campus Center located in Puryear Hall. Drop by or call between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, 845-1741. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



## Cold Weather Energy Tips



As outdoor temperatures continue to drop indoor heating costs will continue to rise. The following tips can help reduce energy consumption and help those monthly utility costs down:

- 1) Lower thermostats to 68° during the day, and 60° at night. If the settings reduce the temperature an average of 6°, heating costs should be around 15 percent less.
- 2) Clean or replace the filter in force-air heating systems every month.
- 3) Keep draperies and shades open in sunny windows; close them at night.
- 4) For comfort in cooler indoor temperatures, use the best insulation available - warm clothing.

These and other energy saving tips can be found in the "Energy Savings for Apartment Dwellers" brochure. This brochure is available at the Off Campus Center. If you are interested in saving energy stop by our office for this brochure.

## AN AGGIE TRADITION

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During his years as a student at Texas A&M, "Army Lou," as his friends call him, began selling clothing to other students and later opened a cafe. Several years later he became involved in the book business. As Loupot's bookstore grew so did Army Lou's reputation as being a friend of Aggies.

This column, the "Off Campus Connection," is another example of Army Lou's continued support of Aggies. With his assistance the Off Campus Center is able to provide this monthly column especially for off campus students.

It is easy to see why Army Lou has become a special Aggie tradition. His friendship is priceless and his dedication unmistakable. Thank you, Lou, from all of us!

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