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Nixon's Post-Freeze Program

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What's Going On Around The World

21 U.S. Combat Deaths Last Week

Americans were killed in combat in Vietnam last week, eight less than the previous week, the U.S. Command reported today.

But the command said the number of U.S. servicemen wounded last week was 117, up 70 from two weeks ago.

South Vietnamese and enemy casualties also increased, the allied commands said.

A U.S. spokesman, Maj. Richard Gardner, said he had no explanation for the rise in American wounded. It was "probably a matter of the reporting system," he said, meaning delays in reports from the field to headquarters.

The South Vietnamese Command

SAIGON (AP) - Twenty-one last week and 869 wounded, compared with 263 killed and 615 wounded reported a week earlier.

Allied forces reported they killed 1,739 North Vietnamese and Viet Cong last week, 406 more than in the previous

Some of the increase in casualties probably could be attributed to a surge in fighting on the Cambodia-South Vietnam border and to stepped-up Communist shelling attacks just prior to South Vietnam's presidential election last Sunday.

The U.S. Command said 16 Americans died last week from accidents and illness, a rise of 10 deaths over the reported 305 government troops killed previous week from nonhostile causes.

Lindsay Critical Of Administration

with Sens. Edmund S. Muskie and George McGovern, Mayor John V. Lindsay has charged the Nixon adprinciple "that the first responsibility of power is to the powerless.'

Each of the three possible 1972 the end of the New Deal," he said. Democratic presidential contenders spoke Wednesday evening before 2,000 liberals and Democrats at the annual dinner of the state's Liberal party, but Lindsay delivered the harshest attack on the administration.

"Let's tell it straight: This administration has become a government of the powerful by the powerful and for the powerful," said Lindsay, an old Liberal and new Democrat.

"It governs from behind closed doors rooms and not in the neighborhoods. It is as liberal.

NEW YORK - From a dias shared close to the rich and remote from the poor," he said.

Muskie said that American liberalism had failed to solve the nation's major ministration with abandoning the problems. "The blunt truth is that liberals have achieved virtualy no fundamental change in our society since

The Maine Democrat, not an announced candidate although he is the front-runner in most polls, called for a coalition of liberals with "hardhats and housewives and clerks-men and women who will support liberal principles if those principles give them programs they can trust."

The audience applauded Muskie's call after having sat silently as he charged that liberalism accomplished little since the 1930s. He said only 40 per cent of the in banks and air-conditioned board national electorate could be described

Border Battle Flares In Ireland

British troops and guerrillas fought a rare occurrence" for British troops to gun battle across the frontier between shoot into the republic. There were no Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic - army casualties in the incident. early today, army headquarters

The clash followed a surge of shooting, bombing and rioting in Belfast. In one period 10 explosions in 10 minutes occurred in the capital of the British

The border battle flared when a British infantry patrol spotted two men placing a package—later discovered to be gelignite—behind a customs post at Middletown, County Armagh. When challenged, the men ran toward the

republic.
"The soldiers pursued them and were fired on by automatic weapons from troops returned the fire.

TAST, Northern Ireland (AP) - The spokesman added it was "a very

A detective sergeant and civilian were shot and seriously wounded by two guerrilla gunmen who attacked them from the rear in a Belfast street early today, police reported. The assailants escaped.

One of 10 explosions in the city Wednesday night damaged buildings at Belfast's port terminal where ferries ply between Northern Ireland and England.

The latest warfare between British soldiers and gunmen believed to be members of the outlawed Irish Republican Army came as provincial Prime Minister Brian Faulkner prepared to fly to London for security across the border," the army said. The talks with the British government starting today.

matter what happens.'

salary improvements.

Utica Teachers Strike System

Chief stumbling blocks to settlement

on a new contract have been such issues

as class size, the hiring of special art

and music teachers for the lower

grades, more formalized dismissal

practices for non-tenured teachers and

Parry claimed the demands were

"unreasonable because of our tax base

situation. We've got demands drom

them (the teachers) that would cost us

about \$2 million to implement, and we

UTICA, N.Y. (AP) — Teachers struck that the schools would remain open "no Utica's 22 public schools today, a short time after overnight negotiations with officials on a new contract broke off. The Utica Board of Education said they served the Utica Teachers Association with a State Supreme Court order restraining the employes from

striking before the walkout. There was no clear picture immediately as to how many of the city's 750 teachers were taking part in the walkout, nor how many of the 14,000

pupils were preorting to class.

Schools Supt. Edward Parry said he called 60 substitute teachers to work and just can't afford it."

Nixon administration pleas, federal judges have temporarily halted longshoremen's strikes against West Coast

The judges Wednesday night directed strikers to return to work for 10 days, pending hearings on whether the moratorium should be extended the full

The West Coast walkout, at 99 days the longest longshoremen's strike experienced in the region, has idled 15,000 dockworkers and cost affected states

more than \$1.7 billion. The Chicago walkout of grain-elevator operators 35 days ago has kept 500 grainhandler members of the longshoreman's union off the job.

The suits were initiated on orders of President Nixon who cited the report of a special four-man council he had created under the Taft-Hartley Law to investigate the shipping situation. East and Gulf Coast dockworkers. also striking, were reported trickling

pectation of Taft-Hartley action but Nixon did not use the law in their dispute. Instead, he sent a team of federal officials to New York where it was hoped the dispute could be

The San Francisco court set Friday morning as the date for a hearing on the West Coast suit. In Chicago, Oct. 15 is the hearing date.

The government said continuation of the Chicago and West Coast tieups might "imperil the national health and safety." Agriculture Secretary Clifford M. Hardin said in an affidavit that Japan and other nations are concerned about the United States' ability to deliver agricultural commodities.

pearance in a federal court case.

Will Be Made Public Tonight Nixon unveils to the nation tonight his post-freeze economic package, 'a

productivity. When Nixon goes before nationwide television and radio at 7:30 p.m. EDT, he will strip away the mystery that has surrounded the program, popularly known as Phase 2, since he imposed the

complex program of wage-price

restraints likely to be based on

90-day wage-price freeze Aug. 15. This much is known: The White House has virtually ruled out any controls on profits, and has left the door open only slightly to ceilings on interest rates. Some sort of controls on medical costs is

The biggest question is how much wages and prices will be allowed to rise after the freeze expires Nov. 13. The White House has been super secret on this point, although economists are guessing wages would be allowed to go up 5 per cent.

Productivity-Worker output per man-hour, a gauge of the efficiency of the U.S. economy--is likely to be the key to the Phase 2 plan. Productivity has been rising at about 3 per cent a year.

But there is also a question of whether the wage guidelines should include a cost-of-living allowance to take into account price increases. How the program will be enforced is

just as big a mystery as the wage-price Government sources said the Cost of Living Council, set up by Nixon to administer the freeze, likely will continue

as the chief policymaking agency in

But beyond that, the alternatives range widely. Organized labor has called for a wage-price review board including members of labor, management and the public, with a

boluntary Phase 2 program. But Nixon says the program "will have teeth," will cover the entire economy, yet focus on major industries.

In other economic developments: ... —Federal judges, on request of the Justice Department, moved to temporarily halt a lingering West Coast dock strike and a month-old shipping tieup in Chicago.

—The Senate Finance Committee planned to start work today on a bill to cut business and individual taxes \$15.4 billion over the next three years. The bill, as passed by the House Wednesday, is a basic part of Nixon's Phase 1 pro-

-The Senate attacked another portion of Nixon's inflation-fighting program, voting to allow federal workers a scheduled Jan. 1 pay raise, but no more than allowed private-sector employes under Phase 2. Nixon seeks to delay the federal raises to July 1.

Market Rallies

NEW YORK (AP) - The stock

market extended the strong rally begun

late in Wednesday's session into today's

The 10:30 a.m. Dow Jones average of

30 industrials was up 5.77 at 906.32.

Advances outpaced declines by about

5 to 1 among issues traded on the New

The rally Wednesday began after the

White House announced that President

Nixon would detail plans of Phase 2 of

his new economic program at 7:30 p.m.

tonight. Traders were taking positions in

anticipation of favorable acceptance of

York Stock Exchange.

Heads For Senate Hearing



of the Regional Development Branch of the Department of Treasury and Economics, Ontario, tells Alexandria Bay conference Wednesday that planning by local and regional groups is vital to the economic growth and en-

Joseph A. Romola, chairman of the St. Lawrence-Eastern Ontario Commission, which sponsored the conference, and at right, State Senator H. Douglas Barclay.

expires Nov. 13.

of one per cent lower.

Wholesale Price Index Declines; Largest Drop Since October 1966

WASHINGTON (AP) - Wholesale prices dropped for the first time in nearly a year in September-the first full month of President Nixon's wageprice freeze—and the decline on a seasonally adjusted basis was the largest in five years, the government said today.

The Wholesale Price Index went down three-tenths of one per cent to 114.5 of its 1967 base, meaning it cost \$114.50 on the average last month for wholesale food and industrial goods worth \$100 four

The Bureau of Labor Statistics said the decline was four-tenths of one per cent when seasonal factors were figured in, the largest such drop since October of

The report said that most of the decline was in items not covered by the price freeze, principally raw farm products and imported goods that are subject to Nixon's temporary 10 per cent

tax surcharge. It said that because of these items, the

"Unlike in the House, the Senate rules

permit any amendment to be offered,'

he said. "And I know there is a temp-

amendments to a bill they know the

Long has said he hopes to get the bill to

The House bill, in the first three years,

It provides a 7-per-cent investment

For individuals, the present \$650

personal exemption would be boosted to

\$750 in 1972 instead of 1973 as now

tax credit for companies spending on

would reduce taxes by \$5.7 billion for

business and by \$9.7 billion for in-

President will sign.'

dividuals.

the Senate late in October.

index can continue to go up or down this month and next despite the freeze which

dustrial price index in more than three years. Wholesale food prices frequently fluctuate sharply because of weather and crop conditions. The over-all Wholesale Price Index

The report said wholesale food prices

dropped 1.4 per cent and that a broad

range of industrial raw materials and

manufactured goods averaged one-tenth

It was the first drop in the key in-

was 3.2 per cent above a year earlier. The seasonally adjusted drop of fourtenths of one per cent in September compared with an average monthly increase of four-tenths in the previous

six months the report said. It said the decline in industrial prices was largely due to higher rebates for 1971 motor vehicles, widespread declines in machinery and equipment prices and a drop in lumber and wood products that had been trying for the

previous eight months. Prices were also lower for auto tires and tubes and crude rubber.

There were higher prices for electric power and natural gas, metals, and some clothing.

Cotton, wool and some textile products declined in price.

Food price declines included vegetables, eggs, livestock, grains, fish, meats, sugar, animal feeds, fats and oils, the report said.

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Dock Workers Back To Work: No Progress In Coal Strike

WASHINGTON (AP) - Responding to back to work at some ports, in exdocks and the Port of Chicago.

80 days allowed by the Taft-Hartley

Meanwhile, the soft-coal-industry strike of some 100,000 miners in 20 states continued without a sign of progress. Negotiations were to resume today after halting early Wednesday afternoon so United Mine Workers President W. A. miles an hour today, diminishing to light "Tony" Boyle could make an ap-

WASHINGTON (AP) One day after Treasury Secretary John B. Connally, if House passage, the Senate Finance Phase 2 of the administration's Committee opened hearings today on a economic program will contain \$15.4 billion tax cut bill which President provisions to hold down interest rates. tation for senators to offer their Nixon is counting on to help revive the They were not included in the 90-day wage-price freeze.

House Passes Nixon's Tax Cut Bill

The committee chairman, Sen. Nixon plans to announce Phase 2 Russell B. Long, D-La., said he planned details tonight on nationwide radio and to ask the first scheduled witness, Long said in a prepared statement he

thinks the House-passed version still does too much for business and not enough for individual taxpayers. "In its present form this bill appears

to be too much of a 'trickle down' operation, with too little of it ever getting down," he said. Business would get seven times as much in new permanent tax reductions.

cuts previously approved by Congress. new economic program."

the President's plans. Analysts said the upsurge in prices could be expected to continue today. Early prices in motors included Chrysler up ¼ at 31%; Ford, ahead ½ to 72; General Motors, up 1/4 at 84%; and American Motors, up 1/8 at 8%.

Big Board prices included: Scott Paper, off 1/8 at 191/4; Litton Industries, down 1/8 at 261/4; Occidental Petroleum, up 1/8 to 15; Bunker Ramo, off 1/8 at 71/4; Armstrong Cork, down 1/4 to 421/8; and City Investing, up 3/8 at 2034. No Pickup.

WEATHER

Clearing and quite, cool tonight with scattered frost, lows in the upper 20s to mid 30s. Partly cloudy to sunny and continued cool tomorrow, highs in the 50s. Winds southwest to west 10 to 20 and variable tonight, northwest seven to 15 miles an hour tomorrow.

new plant and equipment but slows a fast depreciation allowance put into effect by the Treasury. retroactive to Aug. 15, the 7-per-cent excise tax on autos and the 10-per-cent he said, while the chief benefits for individuals would amount to speedups in tax tax on light trucks.

Nixon expressed gratitude Wednesday for House passage of the bill and added that prompt Senate hearings are "another welcome indication of the bipartisan congressional support for the

taxes. The limit now is \$1,000.

The first \$1,300 of income for povertylevel families would be exempt from

Wilderness Boy Back In Civilization

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) - A 14year-old boy who lived in a wilderness 37 days after he fled from his home when he accidentally wounded his twin sister with a shotgun blast has a temporary new home in a juvenile shelter.

William Floyd Merrick left his home in fright Aug. 24 and lost 20 pounds living off the land. Authorities say he spent part of the time with a band of hippies in a wild area near his Atlantic Beach

His sister Bonnie died three days after she was shot, but Merrick didn't know

"He was greatly disturbed when he learned of his sister's death," said Lucy Farley, a juvenile court counselor. "He said he had not known what had hap-

Patrolman D. P. Green found Merrick last Friday walking through sand dunes along the ocean.

"He was kind of puny," Green said of Merrick. "He weighed about 80 pounds and his pants were too big for him. I bought him a hamburg and Coke before we went to the station, and he inhaled

Green said he didn't realize Merrick was the boy who had shot his sister until they reached the police station and asked if there had been any trouble at

"He started crying," Green said. "All of a sudden I knew this was the boy who shot his sister. We got to talking and he

Merrick said he and his sister were going through the door to go shoot the gun when he tripped and the gun fired. Authorities said the teenager told them he then helped his sister onto a couch, called an ambulance and ran.

Authorities said the sister told the same story before she died. "He's not charged with any delinquent

act," Juvenile Court Judge Clifford Shepard said. "It was an accidental "He's in our jurisdiction as a

runaway," Shepard said. "We are trying to work out a placement with a

Green said Merrick's stepfather came to the police station when the boy was found but said, "I can't keep him. He'll