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CARTER SETS 1977 GOALS FOR ECONOMY

Plans 6% growth rate, 1.5% unemployment cut

From The Register's Wire Services
WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Jimmy Carter said Tuesday he has set goals of a 6 per cent growth rate for the nation's economy and a 1.5 per cent unemployment reduction for the administration in 1977.

At a news conference in the Capitol held between meetings with congressional leaders and committee chairmen, Carter said that by inauguration day, Jan. 20, he will have prepared "a comprehensive program for the stimulation of the economy and the reduction of unemployment."

However, Carter said it would be "a mistake to presuppose that a tax cut would be my approach" to stimulating the economy. He did not, however, raise a tax cut.

Carter made a positive impression on both parties as he outlined his policy pledges to Congress on unemployment and domestic policy.

"The businessmen had been so fed that he intends it to be a long haul," said Senator Charles Percy (Rep., Ill.).

Transition Staff
There were several developments in what Carter called "another very exciting day in the life of the President-elect."

Carter named 132 persons to his transition staff, giving a strong boost to the shape and direction of his administration. The list named Carter veterans and newcomers and appeared more liberal than had been expected, especially in the economic sphere about a quarter ago.

Some active businessmen and the list was studied with leading public interest agencies. The average age was about 34.

Two senators said Carter was willing to listen to a proposal that the name Secretary of State Henry Kissinger be special envoy to the Middle East next year.

Carter is expected to announce the list of candidates for most major Cabinet and White House posts in the next week to 10 days, his aides reported.

But Carter said he would be slow in making his major cabinet appointments. Before he makes any major appointment, Carter said, he will consult with the chairmen of the Senate committee responsible for the confirmation. In some cases, he said, he might accept a nominee of two or three capable appointments.

Carter said the last secretary of agriculture would be a Midwest farmer with no farm experience.

The Los Angeles Times said Carter plans to appoint The Heritage Foundation, an Atlanta, Ga., banker and fiscal conservative, to the Cabinet-level post of director of the Office of Management and Budget.

The Boston Herald American said Carter's choice for secretary of state was narrowed down to three persons: Democratic Senators Edmond Muskie of Maine and Alan Cranston of California, and Democratic Representative Andrew Young of Georgia.

Carter also said he expects Arthur Burns to complete his term as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

Meanwhile, United Auto Workers President Leonard Woodcock said he will not take a Cabinet post under Carter.

During his meetings with congressmen, Carter said he had long known



"You wouldn't want to take over a little early, would you Jimmy?"

Gunman robs Pulaski bank, thanks hostage with \$2,000

Thanks \$2,000

By EILEEN QUINCY
A five-foot-tall hooded man in his early 30s, who acted as if he might have taken lessons from Bonnie and Clyde, pulled off the first known bank robbery in Davis County history Tuesday.

The two men being held Tuesday night in southern Iowa and northern Missouri.

The Pulaski pickup was the ninth robbery of a financial institution in Iowa in the past month.

"We really have no explanation," said water resident FBI agent Dick Morris in Des Moines who asked about the rank of robbers.

"There is just no common thread running through them," he said.

The other eight robberies have occurred in Des Moines.

Anyone with information about the Pulaski pickup is asked to call the FBI call at (402) 264-2111 or the Davis County Sheriff's office at (319) 664-2265.

According to the FBI, the sandy-haired hooded man, dressed in blue jeans and a sweatshirt, entered the bank about 11:20 p.m. and ordered a shotgun and wearing a stocking mask.

After getting the money, he forced the three persons in the bank into the vault where they were trapped for 45 minutes before another bank employee, Lela Sherman — the only person other than the gunman who has the combination — could be found.

While the three captives screamed for help, the robber calmly walked east door to John's Dix station, where he forced Walter Whelan to drive out of town with him in Whelan's green pickup truck.

The hooded man has been in a good mood. He released Whelan to seven miles from the old Memorial Chapel three miles east of Pulaski (about seven miles from Bloomfield) and gave him \$2,000 for his trouble, according to the FBI.

At the church, the hooded man said he was waiting in a 1969 white Pontiac, Whelan said, and had long known

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Assassination probe
The chief counsel of a House committee investigating the assassinations of President Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. promises independent probe that will not rely on the FBI or the CIA. — Page 4A

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A South Street was selected at a hotel where Patty Hearst and her attorney were having a drink Monday night. — Page 18A

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Harvard's oldest freshman ever

By EDWARD B. FISKE
He was very new.
Harry Gerb is the second generation in his family to go to Harvard. The first was his son.

Gerb is 63 years old and, as far as can be determined, is the oldest student ever to enroll as a freshman at Harvard. Every weekday he takes a tennis tote that has been converted into a book bag and goes off to pursue a Harvard diploma with students at least 45 years his junior.

He does in a way that would have made John Harvard proud.

"When I retired, I decided that keeping my mind in shape would be more fulfilling than changing a golf ball," he explained in a recent interview. "I didn't want these much courses that most schools serve up to older students. I thought the discipline of meeting the requirements for a regular degree would be a more worthwhile experience."

Mistaken for Professor
Gerb is a short, pleasant man who, with his beard, pipe, turtle-neck shirt

and sports coat, is usually taken for a professor.

The guests don't usually ask me for my I.D., he said.

He was born in Philadelphia and shortly after graduation from West Philadelphia High School, had to drop his studies to help support his family. He took courses at various times, but never completed a college degree. For more than four decades Gerb worked as a reporter and editor, as speech writer for W Averell Harriman as information director for the New York State Department of Labor and, for 18 years until his retirement, as public relations director for Martin E. Segal Company, an actuarial concern, in Manhattan. On the side he wrote more than 100 radio and television spots, numerous magazine articles and nine books, mostly on Jewish religious and culture.

Gerb and his wife, Violet, lived in Tuckahoe, N.Y., where they raised their two children. Their son, John, went to Harvard but dropped out in 1948 in the spring of his senior year. He completed his studies elsewhere and

Could 'holiday killer' be responsible for 2 Waverly slayings?

By JACK ROVELSON

Waverly, Ia. — The person who murdered two attractive young women here within a year may be a "holiday killer" who strikes again at Thanksgiving.

This possibility is raised in an FBI "psychological profile" of the 24-year-old slayer of Sheila Ann Deming, an 18-year-old Waverly cocktail waitress, and 20-year-old Lisa Peak, a sophomore at Wartburg College here.

Peaking disappeared a year ago, the day after Thanksgiving. Her nude body was found the month later in a ditch near Shell Rock.

Peak was last seen alive Sept. 6 — Labor Day. Her nude body was discovered the next morning in a ditch near Shell Rock.

Both women had been strangled, and probably sexually assaulted. Authorities are convinced they were killed by a sane person. Iowa Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BICI) agents identified the slaying and said they will call for a "thorough review" of the current Iowa gift law when the legislative session begins.

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MISSOURI FLU CASE BOOSTS SHOTS DRIVE

Advertising blitz urges prompt vaccinations

From The Register's Wire Services
NEW YORK, N.Y. — The head of the state flu vaccination program unveiled a nationwide advertising campaign Tuesday and said he hoped news of a Missouri man getting the flu virus would have a "positive effect" on the program.

There were some indications of renewed interest in getting the flu shots in some areas. In New York City, Tennessee, for example, flu shot health officials questioned in a nationwide check said it was too early to tell if the case would have any effect.

In New York, the city health department said its switchboard was flooded with 30,000 calls. Francis J. Imperato, in charge of the city's influenza program, said information and instructions were given to about 1,000 of callers — all that could be handled.

In Nashville, Tenn., the three main clinics reported administering double the number of inoculations at the Woodhull Clinic, officials said 202 influenza shots were administered Tuesday, compared with 90 on Monday.

The interest picked up when government scientist Tuesday said they are getting a "good" 22-year-old Missouri man has become the first case of an emergency shipment of 1.2 million doses of vaccine to meet an increased demand by other Missouriians.

But counting the military, only 19 million Americans have been immunized before the case was reported.

A spokesman for the government vaccination program said laboratory tests performed by the federal Center for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta, Ga., confirm that antibodies against the disease have been found in the blood of Larry Harrison, a 22-year-old Missouri man from Concordia, Mo. Harrison, who has recovered with no ill effects, had the virus in mid-October.

He said his symptoms were a sore throat, a cough, a temperature of 100 to 101 degrees and a slight rash on the chest. He said he was never "too sick."

Harrison said the attention he is getting is more bothersome than the flu itself. "I've got a television crew in my kitchen," he reported when contacted at his home during the lunch hour.

No Proof
The spokeswoman said there is no proof the virus is the same virus which made Harrison ill. One reason is that Harrison's blood contained antibodies against a second strain of flu, one of the strains that it is difficult to determine whether it was the same strain as the virus that was at fault.

Last winter, while virus flu killed one person, a Victoria flu flu killed two for the deaths of about 1,000.

A spokesman for the CDC said the two flu strains are very similar. Besides fever, chills and headache, a flu victim may have a dry cough and general aches and aching, the spokeswoman said. The only way to confirm it (same flu) is laboratory tests.

There is no specific treatment for flu, although doctors generally use aspirin to relieve fever. — FBI

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