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FORD

In a wide ranging news conference today at Hollywood, Florida, President Ford expressed little hope that Congress would approve his anti-recession tax cut by next month as he had ^{wished} ~~hoped~~.

Now - ~~news says~~ ^{now says} The President [^] it most likely will be delayed ~~until~~ until June.

He was in Florida as part of his national campaign to sell the American people on his energy and economic program - some phases of which are meeting ^{much} ~~stiff~~ opposition in Congress.

Also, today, some fifty thousand spectators ~~were on hand~~ ^{were on hand} ~~watched~~ ~~the President~~ ~~at the first hole~~ in Fort Lauderdale as the President teed-off in a golf match with Jack Nicklaus, Jackie Gleason and Bob Hope.

The President ^{sent a booming} ~~started with a flourish - lifting~~ [^] ~~a one~~ hundred ninety yard drive down the fairway ^{drove with his} ~~that actually went~~ farther than Nicklaus' opening shot. Did Nicklaus [^] hold back a bit? Of course not! Pres. Ford's score for the round? We haven't heard,

ECONOMY

~~There were~~ new ~~in~~ indications ~~today~~ that some prices are coming down and - ~~hopefully~~ - deflation is setting in.

^ One of the nation's best known retailers - J C Penney - announce^s a sharp reduction in the price of mens clothing by as much as twenty-five percent.'

In another area, Major refiners rolled back the wholesale price of grocery sugar - some reducing it to as low as thirty-eight cents a pound.

AIR FARES

But the cost of flying to the Caribbean, Central and South America is going up. The C A B approving a boost in ~~such ~~commercial~~ commercial air~~ fares ~~ranging~~ from four to eight percent - with higher fuel costs given as the reason.

ROCKEFELLER

Vice President Rockefeller ran into a ^{lot}~~storm~~ of protest ~~from the Senate floor~~ when - as presiding officer - he sought to speed up ^{Senate} action on the filibuster bill. Nelson)

Rockefeller ordered a vote on the measure while Senator Allen of Alabama was standing on the floor - shouting for recognition. ^{All of which} ~~This action~~ brought ~~strong~~ rebukes from Southern Democrats and some republicans - including Barry Goldwater and Senator ~~■~~ Ted Stevens of Alaska. Whereupon the Vice Pres. ~~Rockefeller~~ apologized - saying he had failed to recognize ^{Sen.} Allen because some had complained of "dilatory" tactics in bringing the filibuster reform bill to a vote.

RAILROAD

The bankrupt Penn Central Railroad ^{seemingly} due to
cease operations this weekend - ~~apparently~~ won a
last minute reprieve from Congress - with the
Senate passing a bill ^{for} that ~~provides~~ emergency financial
help.

The measure - already approved by the House -
provides nearly three-hundred-fifty million in grants
and loans for both the Penn-Central and the Erie -
Lackawana ~~Roads~~ - but mostly for the Penn-Central.
Senator Vance Hartke of Indiana warned his colleagues
that the jobs of one hundred thousand rail employees
are at stake and that every state in the Union will
be hit by a Penn-Central shut down.

MID EAST BOYCOTT

The President of Syria, - Hafez Assad, - today laid down his conditions for ~~a~~ ~~Middle~~ ~~Eastern~~ peace. ~~and~~ They have a familiar ~~message~~ ring. Condition one! - total Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories. ~~And~~ condition two - creation of ^a ~~the~~ Palestinian homeland. Hafez Assad also took the occasion to criticize Secretary Kissinger's step by step approach to peace - saying ~~that~~ it failed ^s to take into account the Palestinians - the people who will determine the question of peace or war.

In Washington, the ^{U.S.} ~~United States~~ corp of engineers admitted that no personnel of the Jewish faith are being used in its construction projects - ~~now under way~~ in Saudi Arabia. ^{This} ~~This~~ policy - ~~says the engineers~~ - is in compliance with ~~the Saudi Arabian government's wishes.~~ ~~The disclosure~~ ^{out} came during a Senate hearing in which

~~Senator~~ Church of Idaho displayed a list of fifteen ~~hundred~~ hundred American business firms said to be boycotted by the Arabs who object to their business dealings with the Israelis.

At the same time, a Jewish civil rights group = B'Nai B'rith -- charges that a number of other U.S. ~~United States~~ business firms have bowed to Arab pressure and no longer deal with Israel. And in Florida, President Ford said reports of Arab discrimination against Jewish owned American banks are being investigated, ~~and that appropriate action will be taken if proven true.~~

HYPNOSIS

In Tel Aviv - a sixteen year old girl was finally brought out of a deep hypnotic state - a ~~trance~~ trance which had kept her immobilized for six days.

The girl - Yaffa Suissa -- had been hypnotized twice last week at a school party and ~~numerous~~ doctors were unable to bring her out of ^{it} ~~the trance~~.

Finally, psychiatrist Dr. Morris Kleinhaus of ~~the~~ Jaffa - ^a hypnosis expert ~~was~~ was called in and he restored her to ~~reality~~ reality with five hours of gentle, but firm, commands.

And now -

HAIR CUTS

We hear long haired young men are now flocking to the barber shop to get one of those old fashioned hair cuts? Association President Richard Plumb says barber shops - for the first time in ten years - are good business investments. And they say there's a shortage of barbers in nearly every large city - with applicants standing in line to get into barber school.