Economic plan threatens state

SACRAMENTO (UPI)—Democrats and a major state employees group warned today that Gov. Ronald Reagan's proposed state economy plan could pitch California into an even more serious fiscal dilemma. State department directors, meanwhile, immediately started implementing orders to reduce general fund spending.

Included in programs abolished was a bid call for $200 million worth of state parks and roads. A $100 million contract to purchase land in the new state of a large new prototype water drilling plant.

The Republican governor, faced with a $15 billion budget deficit this year, ordered a limited freeze on hiring, certain construction projects, equipment purchases, and out-of-state travel and contracts with outside management firms. “More cutting, squeezing and trimming could well have the reverse effect,” asserted L. S. Smith, general manager of the California State Employees Association. “It would propel the state's economy downward.”

He said the public should be warned that the “pay cut will mean reduction in the level and quality of services provided by state employees,” and even and the CBEA islands to “fight for justified (pay) increases.”

Pope assailant termed insane

MANILA (UPI)—The government Tuesday formally charged Benjamin Mendosa y Amor, a Bolivian artist, with attempted murder for allegedly trying to kill Pope Paul VI in a knife attack when the pontiff arrived here last Friday.

If convicted, Mendosa, 39, could be sentenced to 18 years in prison. A psychiatrist who examined him said Mendosa suffered from paranoia and should be confined in a mental hospital.

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ME meeting for Poly Royal

An organizational meeting of the Mechanical Engineering Department's Poly Royal Committee will be held Wed. Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in Science A-4.

The meeting is to be held to develop a theme, plan demonstrations and select sub-committee chairmen. According to Richard H. Atwood, the meeting will be held at the headquarters of the National Bureau of Investigation, and will take place at the Poly Royal Committee's headquarters.

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His goal: a foot-long knife in his pocket. The weapon was found in his possession after he was arrested and placed in a mental hospital.

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Europe's NATO bid

BRUSSELS (UPI) - European defense ministers agreed Tuesday to step up their contributions to North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Overall defense costs in Europe by nearly $1 billion, allied defense sources said.

Their aim is to head off recent European protests against US and British air and sea forces from Western Europe.

The boosted European spending includes increased defense contributions totaling $400 million and increased force contributions equivalent to $450 million over the next five years, the sources said.

The man-and-money package will be presented to US Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird at a meeting of NATO defense ministers Wednesday.

West Germany and Britain were among the countries which had earlier expressed opposition to increased Western European defense costs. But the two nations agreed last week to accept the increased US defense cost requirement.

Britain and West Germany would like the amount of the increased US cost to be divided among the allies.

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Farms gone

Editor:

In his frequent letters to the editor I have given my views on the aspect of agriculture that Bruce Shaw carefully studies. That is, the people themselves, the workers who produce crops and goods from a small and medium farm operation and way of life to that of the large, impersonal, corporate conglomerates.

Mr. Shae attempts to lead us to believe that the precarious position of today's remaining family farmers is mainly a result of factors such as: farmers-workers demands for higher wages and enforcement of existing health and safety laws. This is not true, it is only one small example.

Furthermore, this is true of all American agriculture. It is true of all American agriculture.

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And while we're at it, have a little discussion of relevancy in education. I must admit that I have my own personal grudge but is common among many who have similar grudges. As a home economics major I hope to go into social work. Home Ec majors are required, among other things, to take General Ecology. Now I mean no offense to the Bio Sci Department, but really, as a major and how many times in the course of a normal day will I be called upon to dissect a frog? I can go to the point myself. But this is only one small example. Let's make every major relevant, let our department heads, our administrators, and get a few well-qualified Teaching Assistants to iron out some of the irrelevances rampant in our educational system.

At most universities and some of the better colleges, students are given just basic guidelines for general education purposes and to give them their own discretion as to what they will do with what they practically make their own education. In this way they get their own experience with the environment which is surrounding them. If we have a long way to go yet to provide the kind of education I think of when I hear "why?" then the educational process ceases—and it will well Cal Poly to Ford Motor Company for another big factory.

Encouraging to see. But what the American package has not yet accomplished is that the troops divided themselves into select groups. Instead of us, it must mean to us that we want to accomplish something at all—let's try to build a new world, but let's do it together.

Both of our country and the world in which turmoil, we as students must fight our own battles for ourselves. For your own sake, don't allow yourselves to be stagnated, don't go without the lights, and lock the door. If you doubt something, don't let it slide—stand up and demand to know "Why, goddamn you?" And then find out what YOU can do to make an answer.
Botanist on Genesis

by Art Tyree

How the findings of science square with the teachings of the Bible is a frequently raised issue when studied in the biological sciences. Dr. Robert J. Rodin, who teaches in the Biological Sciences Department here, has working insights into both the Bible and science, and shared some of them in a campus interview.

Rodin had been on the faculty here since 1953. He received his Ph.D. in botany at the University of California and participated in an African expedition for that university. He has taught botany at Forman Christian College, Lahore, West Pakistan, and at the University of Delhi in India.

He has a number of papers and a book, in a number of professional societies, and is listed in American Men of Science.

Interviewed in his office, Rodin brought his extensive professional background to bear on the relevance and accuracy of the Bible for a society deeply influenced by science.

Question: How do your convictions as a Christian relate to your commitment as a scientist?

Rodin: I see no conflict. In science, there is a search for order, and a unity which I see as the product of a plan for creation. If there were not just an accident, I would expect to see more chaos in nature than I find now. If one were to consider the laws of statistics as applying, for instance, to the accidental origin of one living cell, it would be such a fantastically large number, it would in reality be an impossibility by my interpretation.

Professor Matchett, who is the director of the Max Planck Institute of Plant Physiology in Tubingen, Germany, who is trying to create life in a test tube, has stated, "Over 100 substances are found in a primitive cell, and it takes an average of 10 enzymes to synthesize each substance. The theory of accidental life, as proposed by biologists, is hopeless, and becomes nonsense."

Rodin: First of all, I would say the archaeologist has shown the historical validity of many aspects of the Bible, William Purcell, a professor of Semitic languages at John Hopkins University and his students have studied the origin of languages of the middle east, and their studies verify the validity of Scripture, including its cultural aspects, not just its historical aspects.

Personally, as a scientist, I believe the prophecies of the Old Testament, including the prophecies of the Messiah, as fulfilled in the New Testament, are one of the strongest proofs to this pragmatic generation.

The Scriptures were written before science developed. We should remember that it was written as a spiritual book to teach man his relationship to his Creator, not as a scientific text. As Dr. Bernard Ramm has said, it is "scientific." or written without regard to science.

I only wish that more people who are turned off by the church would not throw the baby out with the bugs, but would objectively march the Scriptures to find a meaningful faith.

Q: Hasn't the teaching of evolution shown the Bible to be unreliable?

Rodin: I'd say no. If the book of Genesis were to be taken literally, one might answer "yes." But, words like "day" in Genesis had a considerably different meaning to the ancient Hebrew people than in our culture, and it could have meant periods of millions of years of time.

The fossil record, over hundreds of millions of years in forming, reveals the same order of creation as found in the book of Genesis. That is in itself a miracle, since the book was written over 3000 years ago in the pre-scientific age.

I think that the main impact of Genesis is to show that God was the creator and that we need to have an understanding of why we were created. Probably the most important aspect of Genesis is to show that man was created for fellowship with God, but because of free choice, man chose otherwise, and I think many of the world's troubles today are the result of man's choices, so that he continues to fail to have real fellowship with his creator.

Fortunately, man can come back into this relationship with God through His Son Jesus Christ.

Your blood wanted today

The annual Cal Poly blood bank will be held from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. today (Wednesday) at the hospital site of the Health Center. Members of Cardinal Key, a National honor society, have donated their time for taking appointments, and the Cal Poly Women's Club is doing the clerical work.

This college is a member of the Tri County Blood Bank, which covers Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo counties. As a member of the blood bank, a person covered by the Cal Poly Fund is able to draw emergency blood at any time. Dr. Billy Mounts, Health Center director, listed those who are covered by the Cal Poly Fund as the recipient.

Mounts stated that the fund covers about 100 units of blood each year, and the current drive is being staged to try to repay what has been drawn in the past year.

Writers must be 18 years of age, must not have eaten four hours prior to donation, must not have had any recent illness, and must not have received any recent immunizations.

Anyone wishing to give blood, unable to do so this time may donate blood at the mobile blood bank which can be found at the Monday Club (Montery at Grand) on every other Wednesday. Donors should donate to the Cal Poly Fund as the recipient.

Mounts said, "This is an excellent time for those who have drawn on the bank in the past to have friends help them replenish what they used."
Pakistan fund builds daily

The "Food Pant for Pakistan" has added $374,30 to the Pakistan Disaster Relief Fund. A total of $854 was donated by the students at the University of California, Los Angeles.

The fund now totals $3,803.13.

Students holding meal tickets for the College Dining Hall were given the opportunity to pass up their evening meal last Tuesday. The Pakistan Student Association here began a drive to assist victims of the cyclone and tidal wave in East Pakistan. Nov. 14, 1973.

Enter the New Folk: A seven-member singing group coming to this campus tonight at eight p.m. for a free College Theater concert. Combining the message of today with the music of the folk era, the New Folk will present 75 minutes of fast-moving entertainment.

Sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ, the same organization that presented magician Andre Kole in September, the New Folk are currently on an 18-month tour of the United States. They have appeared on many college and university campuses, before the military, and on many television shows, including "The Mike Douglas Show." To date they have cut three albums, with a fourth due next month.

Due to the nature of the New Folk, there is a continuous change in personnel. The New Folk of 1970-71 vintage are a very select group. Tryouts are held each June at the International Headquarters of Campus Crusade for Christ in Arrowhead Springs in San Bernardino. From more than 100 New Folk aspirants, seven were chosen to proclaim the CCC message.

Campus Crusade for Christ has been called by many as one of the most dynamic and penetrating student movements of this generation. With a staff of approximately 500 on hundreds of college campuses in and more than half of the major countries of the world.

New Folk sing out

The Music Department has announced that it is opening a second section of band for the Winter and Spring Quarters for students who are interested in participating in a band ensemble on a limited basis.

The Regency group is known as the "Concert Band," and it is under the direction of William V. Johnson, Director of Bands at Cal Poly.

The band will meet Tuesday's and Thursday's at 4 p.m. in room 218 of the Music Speech and Drama Building. The activity is worth one credit and is listed in the new catalog as MUS 112-D.

All students who have had band experience are invited to join; no audition is required. Instruments will be provided, if necessary, free of charge.

Band openings

The Concert Band has an opening for a section of the band for the Winter and Spring Quarters. Interested students should contact the band director, William V. Johnson, at the above address.