

Inflation cut by '82?

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration, with the help of a California consulting firm, is predicting that its economic program will cut inflation in half by the end of 1982 — a forecast that flies in the face of what most conventional economic seers are saying.

The largest companies that predict future economic activity expect inflation to decline very modestly over the next two years, from 12½ percent last year to about 9 percent or 10 percent in 1982.

The administration, however, has been relying on forecasts by the Claremont Economics Institute, a small firm based near Los

Angeles, which predicts that inflation could drop to around 6 percent by the end of 1982 if President Reagan's program of tax and spending cuts is approved by Congress. By 1983, inflation could fall to 5 percent or lower, Claremont is projecting.

Other private economists are expressing considerable skepticism about that rosy forecast. In Congress, some disbelieving economic experts reject the forecast privately as "garbage" and "absolutely insane." The ranking Republican on the House Ways and Means Committee, Rep. Barber B. Conable Jr., describes it as "very optimistic."

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Hostage Dwyer may leave today; delay 'bad luck'

By The Associated Press

American writer Cynthia B. Dwyer's release from Iran was delayed yesterday by lack of a travel document, but the State Department said the problem apparently was resolved and said she might leave tomorrow.

Mrs. Dwyer was detained at the last minute Monday by Iranian authorities and the plane that was to carry her to freedom after nine months in prison on espionage charges left without her.

Swiss Ambassador Erik Lang in Tehran described the problem as "lack of a travel document." He said the problem was not serious, "just bad luck. It was lost or disap-

peared. We hope to find a solution in time for tomorrow. If not, the next day."

A few hours after Mrs. Dwyer was detained in Tehran, the State Department was notified officially that the problem with her exit papers had been cleared up, a department official said in Washington.

Lang said Iranair is flying tomorrow to Kuwait or Dubai in the Persian Gulf and Mrs. Dwyer could be on that flight. Airline sources in Tehran said the flights to the Persian Gulf are not regularly scheduled.

The next scheduled flight by the Iranian airline is Wednesday to Istanbul, Turkey and Frankfurt, West Germany.

Meantime, the 49-year-old freelance writer was under Swiss care in Tehran.

Her departure appeared settled when a Revolutionary Court convicted her Sunday of spying in Iran, sentenced her to the nine months she had already served and ordered her deported.

But Swiss officials, who represent U.S. interests in Tehran, said the Iranair flight to Vienna, Austria left without her because of the problem with travel documents.

Airport employees said Mrs. Dwyer boarded the plane before it took off. But later, Swiss officials reported she had been detained, missing the flight.

Suit may alter county jail fees; city prisoners could be refused

COLFAX—A Whatcom County lawsuit that would declare booking and housing charges for city prisoners in county jails illegal could cause Whitman county jails to change their policy and procedure, said Whitman County Sheriff Dalton Lewey.

Lewey said the county now charges no fee for prisoners arrested under state charges. Prisoners charged with breaking city ordinances, however are charged with a booking and housing fee.

The possibility exists that Whitman County would have to refuse city prisoners if it is held the charges are illegal, said county commissioner Vernon Henning.

He said the suit now pending in Whatcom County would require a "contractual relationship" between the cities within the county and the county.

Henning feels any arrests made by the state patrol are the responsibility of the state and the county should be reimbursed for the fees. But the state does not recognize this responsibility, Hen-

ning said.

Lewey said for the time being there is no problem with Pullman city prisoners. Since the abolition of the court system in Pullman, offenders will be booked on state instead of city charges.

In Whatcom County, a lawsuit has been filed by city officials which may have a potential impact throughout Washington. City officials have challenged the fees imposed for booking and housing city prisoners at the Whatcom County Jail.

Officials filed the suit which asks booking and housing charges be declared illegal. The suit also seeks a permanent injunction barring the county from refusing to accept city prisoners.

Whatcom County recently began charging the city of Bellingham \$25 for booking city prisoners and \$21 a day for housing the prisoners at the county jail.

Officials for both sides of the suit say if charges are upheld other counties in Washington could take similar action.

Tickets on sale

Tickets will go on sale today for the Sweetheart Ball to be held Saturday, Feb. 14 in the CUB Ballroom.

Scott Miller, Residence Hall Association president, said the band will be "Sumpin' Else." Dress will be semi-formal, and pictures will be taken, he said.

Tickets will be on sale at all dining halls and room 316 of the CUB through Thursday. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Calendar

GO CLUB meets tonight at 7:30 at N.E. 615 Campus St. All Go players and beginners welcome. Instruction at 7:30, games begin at 8.

AIR FORCE ROTC OPEN HOUSE today from 11 to 3 in Thompson 8. Everyone welcome.

ALPHA KAPPA LAMBDA BIG SISTERS meet tonight at 6 at the house.

DELTA SIGMA PHI LITTLE SISTERS meet tonight at 5:30 at the house.

MAYFEST COMMITTEE meets tonight at 6 on CUB third floor.

FENCING CLUB meets tonight at 7 in Smith Gym 21 for the first meeting of the year. All officers urged to attend. All interested persons invited. Meeting also on Fridays at 5:30.

INTERCOLLEGIATE KNIGHTS meet tonight at 6:15. Pens and patches are in and photo album on display.

GPSA SENATE meets today at 4 in CUB B11. Tax matters will be discussed; public invited.

HORSE SHOW TEAM meets Thursday at 5 at Hilltop Stables to discuss tryouts.

RHO-NU NURSING CLUB has a mandatory meeting tonight at 7 in Todd 105 to discuss the upcoming blood drive.

LDS INSTITUTE will conduct a Student Homemaking Night tonight at 7 at N.E. 715 B St., including basket arrangements and home decorating.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION meets tonight at 6 in the Koinonia House.

GAY PEOPLES ALLIANCE meets tonight at 7 in CUB 224 to discuss a new meeting format with special program to be announced.

THE FILM "THE JAPANESE SWORD as the Soul of the Samurai," with introduction by Barbara Coddington, interpretive curator for the Swords of the Samurai Exhibition, will be shown at noon in the CUB Gridiron Room.

PARTNERSHIP IN EQUINE Therapy and Education is looking for persons interested in helping with a horseback riding program for the handicapped at its meeting today at 4:30 in Clark 122. If unable to attend, call Joan at 335-2205.

APPLICATION DEADLINE for Federal PACE exam is Friday. Applications and information available at Career Service and Placement Center, Ad Annex 107.

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