

Good Morning TOP of the NEWS

COOL AND COOLER. Mostly cloudy skies and a 10 per cent chance of rain are predicted for Tucson today.

Global

KISSINGER MISSION. While Syrian and Israeli gunfire continues along the cease-fire line, President Nixon announces that Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger will return to the Middle East to begin de-escalation talks with the warring countries.

COMMUNISTS JAILED. The Greek junta announces the arrest of 35 top members of the Communist Party and members of its youth branch, charging that the party - which is illegal in Greece - planned to overthrow the government.

National

ECONOMIC AID. President Nixon proposes a revision of the present federal system of economic aid to depressed areas.

FOOD-GIVEAWAY ORGANIZATION. Randolph A. Heist, whose daughter Patricia is being held by terrorists, announces the formation of an organization, Peoples-In-Need, to distribute \$2 million worth of food to poor people in California.

RECORD FOOD PRICES. The Agriculture Department reports that the average U.S. family spent \$1.27 for farm-produced food in 1973, up 17.3 per cent from 1972.

HUMPHREY DENIES GIFT. An aide to Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, D-Minn., says he did not give \$25,000 to the campaign of former Howard Hughes official Robert Mates.

JACK ANDERSON. Investigators for Common Cause have secured secret documents from President Nixon's 1972 campaign.

ARMY SLED. The American Civil Liberties Union brings suit against the Army in an effort to halt its systematic surveillance of servicemen and civilians in West Germany.

NON-CAMPAIGN FUNDS. Former New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, who is withholding a decision on the 1974 presidential race, can use any amount of his personal wealth to drum up support.

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TUCSON FUEL. Despite myriad arrangements for large-scale "black market" fuel deals, Tucson's gasoline supply continues to lag.

OLD PUEBLO TAKE-OVER. The City Council votes 3 to 1 to support the take-over of the Old Pueblo Transit Co. by the city.

ARCHBISHOPS OVER PARK. The location of the proposed Holywood Road park is disputed. Critics say development resulting from the park's location would lead to inflated land prices and abandonment of the Rincon Area Plan.

ZONING CHANGE BLOCKED. A tie vote by the Board of Supervisors on a motion to deny a zoning change makes it appear unlikely that a planned 30-acre, cluster-home development in the Catalina foothills will be allowed.

SCHOOL BOYCOTT. Westside parents protesting the scheduled closing of Davis Elementary School plan an indefinite boycott of the school as all 14 students remain home.

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Watergate Panel Decides To End Public Hearings

WASHINGTON — The Senate Watergate committee decided Tuesday not to hold further public hearings. The committee, which burst into the national spotlight last spring with spectacular television sessions, backed off the temperate stage Tuesday afternoon without fanfare.

The chairman, Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr., who became a celebrity during the height of the hearings, emerged from a half-hour private committee meeting and, standing in a corridor in the Capitol, read a three-page statement to reporters.

The hearings were being ended, the North Carolina Democrat said, because "the committee believes that it should be careful not to interfere unduly with the ongoing impeachment process of the House Judiciary Committee or the criminal cases which will soon be pronounced by the special prosecutor, on which the attention of the country appears now to be focused."

Ervin said that, between now and the end of May, the committee would continue to investigate various allegations, would pursue its court case to gain access to the White House tape recordings and would prepare its final report.

Later, by a voice vote, the Senate agreed to extend the panel's life until May 25. Samuel Dieth, the committee's chief counsel, said that in the weeks ahead the committee would release transcripts of private sessions with witnesses.

These matters include the circumstances surrounding the \$100,000 cash contribution given by agents of Howard R. Hughes, the billionaire, to President Nixon's friend, C. G. "Bob" Robson, and the contributions by the dairy industry to the Nixon re-election campaign.

Ervin said that Robson, who has refused to comply with a committee subpoena of certain documents, would be called to testify under oath by the committee's investigators.

In a related development, Chief Judge John J. Sirica tried Tuesday to end the public debate over possible findings of a court-appointed panel of electronics experts which is investigating subpoenaed presidential tape recordings.

After a weekend of reports in the press, statements by lawyers for President Nixon and his secretary, Rose Mary Woods, and comments by some of the electronics experts, Sirica called a meeting in his chambers in U.S. District Court. The tapes matter is before one of the Watergate grand juries.

Lawyers for all sides, the judge said in a statement issued later, "agreed that continued public comment on the grand jury's work by those who have any association with the investigation is inappropriate."

The judge said that public debate now can only hinder the grand jury investigation and that "once the grand jury is through, there will be time enough and opportunity for thorough public analysis."

He said several "precautionary measures" were agreed to by those at the meeting "to prevent the disclosure of matters which ought, for the time being at least, to remain confidential."

Those measures included having attorneys on all sides refrain from further public statements, cautioning the panel members along the same lines and advising the grand jury to disregard any speculation it might have heard.

James D. St. Clair, the President's special lawyer for the Watergate affair, Charles S. Rhoads, Miss Woods' lawyer, and the special Watergate prosecutor, Leon Jaworski, all attended the meeting.

Before the results of Sirica's meeting were made known, the presidential press secretary, Ronald L. Ziegler, commented briefly on a report on the tapes by Allan D. Bell Jr., a Virginia electronics and counterintelligence expert.

Bell told the New York Times he had reported to Elyse on Jan. 29 that the marks indicating erasures and recordings that the panel had found on a key June 30, 1972, tape recording, might have been caused accidentally through a malfunctioning part of Miss Woods' tape recording.

House Minority Leader Craig E. Davidson said the Legislature would be received from Friday until the 15th as leaders attend the Washington meeting, already a firm commitment on the Arizona congressmen's agenda.

Disruptors blocked exits from the Nugget Service Center, a large Atlantic Richfield Co. truck stop, in need for coupon-refueling of gasoline before April 15.

The energy bill that would give President Nixon the power to order gasoline rationing passed by a two-thirds margin after the Senate had rejected an administration-backed attempt to send the bill back to conference with the House.

PHOENIX (AP) — The Legislature adjourned its four-month special session on school finance Tuesday after giving formal approval to a package that will pump \$75 million in new state tax money into the public school system.

The vote shortly after 3 p.m. as after both houses had taken final votes on the three-bill package. There were Republican defections in both the House and Senate on the final vote, and each chamber spent more than two hours listening to legislators' praise or denunciation of the school financing.

Money to finance the program will come from a 1-cent increase in the state sales tax. "It's a one-shot deal, but the technique can be used again in later months," said Sig Hansen, a Federal Energy Office aide in San Francisco.

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