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## Nixon To Ask More Education Help for Vets

By NORMAN KEMPSTER  
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WASHINGTON — President Nixon yesterday told Congress that he will seek an 8% increase in veterans' education benefits, at a cost of about \$200 million, in his budget proposals next week.

In a special written message delivered while he remained at his Camp David retreat in the Western Maryland mountains, Nixon also renewed an earlier government request for automatic cost-of-living increases in veterans' pensions.

THERE WAS little in the way of new legislation in the message, the third that Nixon has sent to Congress since the lawmakers resumed their session Jan. 21.

Nixon said his total budget request for veterans' benefits would be \$13.6 billion. The President noted that the spending would be \$3.9 billion above the request for the 1969 budget. He did not mention, however, that the proposal was only \$400,000 higher than the request for the current fiscal year.

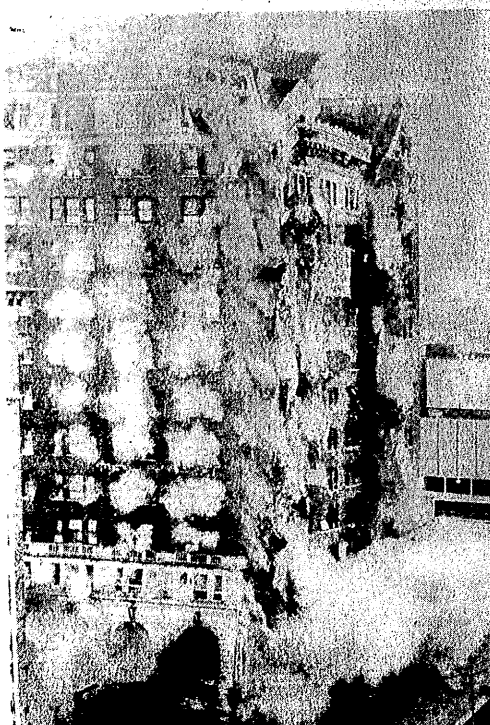
Although the White House said this was the first time Nixon personally had proposed cost-of-living boosts in veterans' pensions, the Veterans Administration's pension chief, Odell Vaughn, suggested such a plan last June in testimony before a Senate veterans affairs subcommittee.

A SPOKESMAN for the committee said it had repeatedly requested additional information on the proposal but that it was never provided. However, the committee proposed that Congress pass a five-point bill in benefits, that Nixon signed and which took effect Jan. 1.

As part of yesterday's message suggesting ways to "repay the debt America owes to those who have served," Nixon proposed returning the Veterans' Day holiday to Nov. 11 instead of the first Monday in October.

The President's special messages, coupled with the State of the Union address he will deliver in person tomorrow night, are key components in the current White House campaign to counteract the Watergate scandal by dramatizing Nixon's determination to get on with the job of the presidency.

NIXON SAID yesterday he



—AP Wirephoto

## History Meets Dusty End

BIRMINGHAM — A section of the Tutwiler Hotel meets a dusty end when strategically placed charges blow out supporting columns and the section of the building falls in on itself. The site is the future home of a bank office building.

## Tumultuous Welcome Given Brezhnev in Cuba

From Wire Reports

Soviet Communist party chief Leonid Brezhnev flew into Havana yesterday for a week-long official visit to Fidel Castro's Cuba.

A main north airport welcome was telecast live and in color to Moscow via the new Intersputnik satellite

linkup between Cuba and Russia.

EN ROUTE to Cuba, flying just off the U. S. Atlantic Coast after his jet made a refueling stop in Newfoundland, Brezhnev wired greetings to the people of the United States and expressed confidence relations between the United States and the Soviet Union "will be developing further."

Stepping off his plane in Havana four minutes after 3 p.m. CDT, Brezhnev was greeted by Prime Minister Fidel Castro, who embraced him.

Fifteen Cuban domestic radio correspondents described the crowds which lined the streets from Jose Marti Airport to downtown Havana. "Millions of Cubans have shown their solidarity," said one reporter from a perch atop the Havana Rivera Hotel.

Others estimated the crowd at one million and said a cheer went up at the airport when Brezhnev alighted from his jet.

THE OFFICIAL visit, which had been originally expected to take place last December, is Brezhnev's first trip to Cuba. Plomirov, Soviet ambassador to Havana, said the Soviet

Union four times, last came to the Soviet Union in December 1972.

The visit of the Soviet leader, which diplomatic sources in Moscow say will

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## State Mental Hospitals 'Could Lose Millions'

By FRANK SUTHERLAND  
—Central State and the other psychiatric hospitals in Tennessee stand to lose "many millions" of federal dollars if they are not accredited by 1977, the commissioner of mental health said yesterday.

"By 1977 most federal funds will be tied to accreditation," Commissioner Richard Treadway told a legislative subcommittee. "Many millions of dollars will be lost—funds that we now receive—unless we get accreditation."

ONLY ONE of the eight state hospitals — Tennessee Psychiatric Hospital and Institute at Memphis — has been accredited. Those eight hospitals received a total of \$15 million in federal funds this year.

Treadway outlined the "progress" and "problems" in the Mental Health Department as he presented his proposed 1974-75 budget to the Senate's General Welfare and Environment Committee.

"The commissioner said that, among many other things, the state must hire 1,500 additional employees to meet accreditation standards. His proposed budget for next year would include 107 of these additional employees.

OF THESE 107, 28 are scheduled for Central State, he said. He said 300 are needed to accredit the institution. Central State now receives about \$17 million which would be in jeopardy if the hospital is not accredited, Treadway said.

The governor has submitted a budget of \$95.6 million for next year, an increase of nearly \$9.2 million over this year. However, Treadway said, more than \$6.6 million of this increase is to continue existing programs

and only \$2.5 million is for "improvements."

The commissioner said in his original presentation to the governor's staff, he asked for 826 additional employees—more

than half of the 1,500 figure needed for accreditation — but that number was trimmed to 107 in the governor's final recommendations.

Sen. Ray C. Albright,

R-Chattanooga, asked Treadway whether the proposed budget would move the hospitals toward accreditation.

"WE HAVE been working," (Turn to Page 2, Column 4)



—Staff photo by J. T. Phillips

## An Extremely Popular Bill

Legislators huddle around the desk of House Minority Leader Tom Jensen to sign an administration proposal calling for increases in workmen's compensation benefits. Introduction of the bill was timed to coincide with a gathering in Nashville of labor leaders, many of whom were in the House gallery last night. Story on Page 2.

## Carmichael Challenged on Deaf Unit

By MARSHA VANDE BERG  
State Education Commissioner Benjamin Carmichael was challenged yesterday to explain why his department has taken no steps to build a facility for deaf children in the Nashville area.

Rep. John Hicks, D-Nashville, cited a 1972 act passed by the General

Assembly which provided that a branch of the West Tennessee Services for the Deaf (in Memphis) be built in Davidson County in connection with the State School for the Blind.

"SINCE LEGISLATION has been established to build a branch of the West Tennessee Services, I want to ask why

it hasn't been done," said Hicks.

Carmichael replied: "No it hasn't been done yet. And I'm not going to build one if I can help it."

Hicks' complaint came during a hearing by the House Ways and Means Committee on Gov. Winfield Dunn's

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## Honorable Dissent Respected: Friend

State Welfare Commissioner Fred Friend released a statement yesterday in response to a story which appeared Saturday in the Tennesseean.

The story quoted Mrs. Carolyn Walker, president of Church Women United in Nashville, as saying criticism of the State Welfare Department should not be based on dissenting from Friend's pol-

up next week of all recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children assistance.

Here is the text of Friend's statement.

Not in the interest of furthering controversy that has been generated by propaganda for partisan purposes, but in order that the people of Tennessee may have full information I want to make a few brief statements concerning personnel practices and procedures in the Department of Public Welfare throughout

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## Palm Sunday Paper Sale Record Eyed

The chairman of the Children's Hospital Palm Sunday Paper Sale said yesterday the sale has a goal of breaking all previous records in raising funds for Children's Hospital.

"All the many charitable drives in this community, this is among the most important as it goes for the health of everyone's children," said Mrs. Henry W. Hokey.

THE SALE, set for April 7, is sponsored annually by the Friends of Children's Hospital and uses tabloid papers donated by the Tennesseean.

Mrs. Hokey and Edward C. Nelson, chairman of the Children's Hospital Board, announced the appointment of seven key tabloid sale chairman yesterday. They are: Fred Long, Bill Singer, chairman for Middle Tennessee; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woods, chairman for the Adams County; and Mrs. Harold J. Jackson, chairman of advance gifts for

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# Cubans Welcome Brezhnev Visit

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# Russian Official Offers To Sell Grain To U.S.

NEW YORK (AP) — A Soviet trade official offered to sell grain to the United States to help replenish grain stocks that have been diminished as a result of heavy exports over the last two years.

Vladimir S. Akhimo, a visiting deputy minister of foreign trade, said at a news conference that there would be no problem in the wake of last year's bumper grain crop in the Soviet Union to help tide Americans over until the 1974 harvest as brought in. He did not mention prices.

AKHIMOY MADE his comments after leaders of the baking industry warned that a wheat shortage this spring could drive the price of bread as high as \$1. Officials of the U.S. Department of Agriculture have described such a situation as "irrationally" although conceding that some wheat imports might be needed.



Commissioner Richard Treadway. Training programs still inadequate.

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# Akeman Case Defendant Asks Release

By JERRY THOMPSON  
A writ of habeas corpus has been filed seeking the release of one of the suspects charged in the murder of David (Stringbean) Akeman and his wife, Estelle.

# 2 Nashville Firms Sued By Builders

Six Georgia subcontractors sued Dobson and Johnson, Inc., and Third National Bank in a federal court here yesterday charging the Nashville defendants with "a conspiracy to defraud."

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# CRIMINAL COURT Judge

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# Harley Haskell Mitchell

SCOTTSVILLE, Ky. — Services for Harley Haskell Mitchell, a farmer of Adolphus, Ky., will be at 11 a.m. today at Tom Crow and Son Funeral Home.

# Survivors include his widow

Mrs. Iler Perry Mitchell; a son, Danny Mitchell; Adolphus; two sisters, Mrs. Rosie Garrison, Franklin, Ky., and Mrs. Edna Bowman, Indianapolis; three brothers, Ezra and Erik Franklin, and Charles Mitchell, Fairland, Ind., and a grandchild.

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