

# Sees Work As Key To Welfare Cost

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Gov. Ronald Reagan says welfare in the United States has failed because it has no goal. The Republican governor has proposed a welfare overhaul program for California which he says can be a model for the nation.

Its purpose, he says, is "to see how close you can come to make welfare eliminate the need for itself." The key is found in one word: work.

Reagan's program includes a public work force for able-bodied welfare recipients who won't or can't get jobs or participate in job training projects. It would be something like the Depression era Works Progress Administration.

"If you check back to the pre-World War II days, you'll find that WPA, with all the jokes they may want to tell about it, was far more successful than it was unsuccessful," Reagan said in an interview Wednesday.

"And it had virtually replaced welfare." But since World War II the welfare system has grown with no purpose, the 60-year-old governor said.

"It's just gone on treating the problem as if all they're supposed to do is perpetuate these people on the dole."

Reagan calls it "social tinkering" by those who dream of a totally unpoor, undiseased society.

"I have no quarrel with the dream," he said. "I just think that some of the dreamers were impractical."

Reagan said his program would have real purpose, with welfare recipients earning their monthly checks by performing useful work—in the environmental field, for example.

"And I think, darn it, it's a benefit spiritually to the individual. I know everybody wants to sneer at this, all the do-gooders that howl about materialism and who are all too often the materialists themselves. They seem to think that just feeding someone and putting a roof over their heads is all that is required. But the recipients are human beings with the need to have pride, self-respect and things of the spirit."

At present, welfare rules prevent the state from requiring any of its 2.4 million recipients to work. The Reagan plan, facing a severe test in the Democratic-controlled legislature, aims to save \$740 million in federal, state and local funds in a welfare budget that now totals more than \$3 billion annually.

Reagan said he has seen no other welfare reform proposal, including President Nixon's family assistance plan, that would do anything but add to the complexity and intensify the dilemma of welfare. The governor said he opposes the idea of a guaranteed minimum welfare grant, such as proposed nationally in the family assistance plan, or any type of guaranteed annual wage.

Officials were intrigued with the guaranteed wage concept, Reagan said, because they thought it would do away with the welfare structure. But he said the idea developed so that "it didn't replace and simplify the whole structure. It just became an addition to the present hodge-podge of welfare."

Reagan said Nixon's plan started to be "what we all

dreamed about—a program that was going to place the emphasis on work. It was going to get them out into the job market. That was fine."

But by the time it got to Congress, Reagan said, it had been changed by the career bureaucrats in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. "We found that ... all the loopholes were still there that offered the incentive not to work."

Reagan said a total federal takeover of welfare, often supported by Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York, would result in an average welfare payment lower than the level now paid in the richer states such as New York and California.

"States like our own will wind up finding they will have to have their own welfare program on top of that federal program," he said.

Sources in New York say a welfare reform proposal being put together by Rockefeller may contain a requirement that all able-bodied recipients work, even if the state has to create jobs such as Reagan proposes.

Another idea is to give a ticket home to needy persons entering a New York State community where no suitable housing is available.

Reagan approved of that. "I've often said if I have to be poor, I'd rather be poor in the country than the city," he said.

## Centralia

### R-6 Filing Ends Friday

CENTRALIA — Tomorrow is the last day residents of Centralia R-6 School District can file for the school board.

Four persons have filed so far for the two positions open. They are incumbents Wendell Mustain and Charles H. Fountain, and Bill Henry and Melvyn Vance.

The district will not be required to vote on the tax levy, which remains the same at \$3.29.

The school board has raised the starting base salary from \$6000 to \$6200. Teachers with experience elsewhere may start at \$6400. Other teachers will get raises of \$400 this year for those with bachelor degrees. Those with masters degrees will get \$500 more. All the raises are dependent upon an increase in state aid.



NEW AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER — William McMahon and his wife, Sonia, leave Parliament House in Canberra, Australia, after one of the Liberal Party meetings that led to his being chosen head of the party and Prime Minister-elect of Australia. McMahon was foreign minister before the party vote. (AP Wirephoto by cable from Canberra)

## Johnny Carson Centralia Boy Is Recovering Held For Forgery

NEW YORK (AP) — Johnny Carson is recovering from a mild case of hepatitis and hopes to be back as host of the "Tonight" show March 23. An NBC spokesman said Wednesday Carson, who was hospitalized Sunday, had been taken off the infectious list by his doctors.

In his absence from the show Joey Bishop has been standing in.

### He'll Be St. Pat

ROLLA, Mo. (AP) — Sen. Stuart Symington, D-Mo., will be named honorary St. Patrick at the University of Missouri-Rolla festivities March 19. The occasion is the annual St. Pat celebration the school stages and Symington will be honored at the St. Pat's ball that evening.

COLUMBIA — A 17-year-old Centralia youth has been arraigned in Boone County Magistrate Court on charges of forgery and attempting to cash a \$1,000 check Tuesday at the State Bank of Hallsville.

Mark A. Twillman, a student at Centralia High School, will appear for a preliminary hearing into the charges March 19 at 1:30 p.m.

The youth allegedly entered the bank Tuesday morning and signed a counter check with the name of a well-known Hallsville farmer, but when the teller left to check the account record and signature, the youth fled.

Authorities apprehended Twillman at Centralia High School late Tuesday after police in a Highway Patrol air plane spotted the pickup truck in which the youth allegedly fled.

## Hunt Killers Of 3 Soldiers In Ireland

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — The hunt was on today in Northern Ireland for the slayers of three young British soldiers. Detectives believe they were surrounded while drinking in a pub, marched outside and murdered.

The three bodies were found still warm Wednesday night on a lonely lane on the west side of Belfast. All had been shot in the back of the head. The two children who found them and raised the alarm were taken to a hospital in shock.

Roadblocks were thrown up throughout the province in search of a small red car believed used by the killers.

Security forces attributed the killings to an extremist wing of the outlawed Irish Republican Army, guerrillas sworn to unite Protestant Northern Ireland with the Roman Catholic Irish Republic. The two feuding IRA wings denied having anything to do with the deaths.

The soldiers, two of them brothers 17 and 18, were members of the Royal Highland Fusiliers, a Scottish infantry brigade. The third man was 23. They were unarmed and in civilian clothes.

An army spokesman called it "the worst crime" in two years of violence in British-ruled Northern Ireland. The deaths brought to six the number of British soldiers slain, and 50 other persons have died in factional clashes between Catholics and Protestants since August 1969.

Nothing like it had happened to British troops since Jewish guerrillas in Palestine kidnaped and hanged two British sergeants in 1947.

"I am shocked and horrified by the cold-blooded killing of these three young men," Prime Minister James Chichester-Clark told newsmen. The British Cabinet held an emergency meeting in London.

Hard-line Protestants in Chichester-Clark's Ulster Unionist party were expected to renew demands that the army and police take tougher action against known leaders of the IRA.

Informed sources in London believed still more troops would be sent to Northern Ireland, boosting its present garrison of 8,500.

In Dublin, the killings were condemned by the Irish Press, newspaper of Prime Minister Jack Lynch's Fianna Fail party.

## Top Editors Quit Harper's Magazine

NEW YORK (AP) — Six top editors of Harper's magazine have resigned in a dispute with the owner and publisher. The resignations came Wednesday after a lengthy meeting with John Cowles Jr., chairman of the board of the magazine, and followed the departure of Willie Morris as editor in chief last week.

Those resigning were Managing Editor Robert Kotlowitz; contributing editors David Halberstam, a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter; Larry L. King, John Corry and Marshall Frady, and poetry editor John Hollander.

According to various accounts, there was no acrimony at the meeting but the editors criticized the publisher, William S. Blair, and offered to find financing to purchase the 121-year-old monthly.

Cowles said however that Blair would remain and would pick the successor to Morris, according to the accounts, adding that the magazine was not for sale.

## Premier Lon Nol Out Of Hospital

HONOLULU (AP) — Cambodian Premier Lon Nol, recovering from a stroke, has been moved from Tripler Army Hospital to a guest house.

He is alert and well rested and looks forward to returning to his full duties very soon, his doctor, Dr. Kang Keng, the Cambodian minister of health, said Wednesday.

## Driver Killed

HANNIBAL, Mo. (AP) — A motorist was killed and two passengers slightly injured early today in a one-car accident on the south edge of Hannibal.

Police said the driver of the car, William R. Failor Jr., 28, of Hannibal, was dead on arrival at a hospital. The car left Missouri Route 7, overturned and went down an embankment.

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## Godfrey Calls SST 'Nonsense'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supersonic jet liner opponents including radio and television personality Arthur Godfrey say federal funding of the SST is an obscenity and its promised jobs are "palpable nonsense."

"The world needs an SST now about as much as we need another load of moon rocks," Godfrey told the Senate Appropriations Committee Wednesday.

"When Americans want a plane like that," he said, "they'll finance it themselves."

Representing the Coalition against the SST, Godfrey said the planned \$1.3 billion federal funding for two SST prototypes "is an obscenity" in view of other national needs.

Arthur Okun, chairman of former President Lyndon B. Johnson's Council of Economic Advisors, told the committee President Nixon's argument that the SST will mean 50,000 aerospace jobs is "nonsense and palpable nonsense."

Okun said many federal programs create jobs and there is no evidence that the SST will create any more than other federally-funded programs such as health, manpower or urban renewal.

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