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Suspect Charged in Coed Slaying

House Bill Eases Tax Bite on All but the Very Rich

WASHINGTON (AP) — Having completed a \$7-billion tightening of the Internal Revenue Code, House tax reformers declared a tax relief dividend for all but the very rich.

Specialists for the House Ways and Means Committee forecast yesterday that by 1975 the reforms drafted by the panel would balance out with about \$7 billion in new revenue and a like amount in tax reductions.

The first and biggest beneficiaries would be those at the low end of the income scale, but by 1975 all but the richest taxpayers—those with yearly incomes over \$100,000—could look for at least a 5 per cent cut, the committee reported.

The bill—described by one member as bigger than a mail order catalog—is scheduled for House debate starting next Wednesday.

On the benefit side are general rate reductions in 1971 and 1972, special allowances to take some 2 million poor families off the tax rolls entirely, and

tax cuts ranging up to 63 per cent in the lowest brackets.

The standard deduction, used by those who do not itemize would go up by 1972 from the present 10 per cent with a \$1,000 ceiling, to 15 per cent with a \$2,000 ceiling.

There are provisions to aid widows and widowers with children and single persons 35 or older who maintain households.

The maximum rate on earned income would go down from 70 to 50 per cent—but in the very highest brackets the reduction might be offset by crackdowns on tax advantages.

BIGGEST REVENUE RAISER

The biggest single revenue raiser is repeal of the 7 per cent investment credit on business outlays for equipment.

Perhaps more eye catching, however, is a slash in the oil and gas depletion allowance from 27.5 to 20 per cent, accompanied by trimmings in other tax preferences available to the petroleum industry.

A minimum income tax was devised for persons who might still, despite the pairing of separate tax advantages, have more than half their income sheltered from the tax collector.

Colombo Starts County Probe

Detroit Recorder's Court Judge Robert J. Colombo and his staff moved into the Oakland County Courthouse today to begin a one-man grand jury investigation into organized crime and alleged corruption of public officials.

A spokesman for the grand jury said that while the inquiry officially gets under way today, its early stages will involve organization.

Grand jury offices are located on the second floor of the new east wing of the county in space set aside by the county for the time a 10th circuit judge is added to the Oakland bench.

Judge Colombo was selected by a panel of visiting judges on July 1 to conduct the grand jury probe which was requested by Michigan Atty. Gen. Frank J. Kelley and Col. Frederick Davids, commander of the Michigan State Police.

The county's circuit judges normally would name the grand jury, but in this case, disqualified themselves in view of allegations that public figures they know may be involved in the investigation.

The probe was triggered by statements of underworld informer Peter Lazaros of Troy.

Lazaros, 2410 Dalesford, has accused public officials of taking bribes from the Mafia.

The petition requesting the grand jury, however, goes far beyond bribery, listing at least 14 various crimes to be investigated, including murder.

Blacks Find Hope—Together

(EDITOR'S NOTE — This is the second of three articles on Harambee Inc., a black nonprofit development corporation in Pontiac.)

By DIANNE DUROCHER

In the spring of 1968 a small group of black leaders, representing a cross section of the black community, met to discuss Pontiac's housing problems.

They decided to coordinate their resources toward the development of a single comprehensive organization in an effort to improve the city's South Side. Initial plans called for achieving new housing, commercial facilities and rehabilitation of old housing.

Embracing the philosophy of self-determination, the fledgling organization chose the name Harambee, a Swahili word meaning "let us work together." Incorporation was in August 1968 as a black nonprofit housing redevelopment and rehabilitation corporation.

Aided by the Pontiac Housing Study Committee, Harambee Inc. acquired "seed money" and a consultant from the Metropolitan Detroit Citizens Development Authority (MDCDA), an organization formed by private citizens to bring about low-income housing through non-profit sponsors.

Harambee recently purchased several



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AFTER ARRAIGNMENT — John Norman Collins (center), who is accused of killing Karen Sue Beineman, an Eastern Michigan University coed, on July 23, is led from Ypsilanti District Court after his arraignment today. At right is Ann Arbor Police Chief Walter Krasny.

Ypsi Man Arrested at State Police Lab

From Our News Wires

ANN ARBOR — A 23-year-old State Police crime lab employee was charged today in the brutal slaying of Karen Sue Beineman, one of seven young women found slain in the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti area in just over two years.

John Norman Collins of Ypsilanti stood mute less than two hours after his arrest was announced. He was arraigned on a first-degree murder charge in Ypsilanti District Court. He was ordered held without bail.

Asked at a news conference whether Collins also had been questioned in any of the other slayings, Davids declined specific comment, saying only investigation of the others is continuing. District Judge Edward Deake said a pretrial examination for Collins will be held within 10 days.

Davids, who took over-all charge of the investigation earlier this week to seek a solution to the seven unsolved slayings, said Collins "looks like the composite sketch" of a motorcyclist last seen with Miss Beineman.

The Eastern Michigan University coed vanished July 23 and was found last

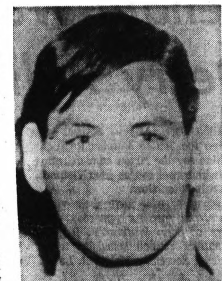
Saturday in a rural roadside ravine, strangled and her face battered beyond recognition. She was 18 and had enrolled as a freshman last June.

Two others among the seven victims also were Eastern Michigan coeds. Two also were from the University of Michigan at nearby Ann Arbor. One was a high school dropout and another was a junior high school student.

STATE TROOPER'S NEPHEW

Collins is a nephew of Cpl. David Leik of the Ypsilanti State Police Post, and Davids said it was a report from Leik that his house had been "disturbed" that led to Collins' arrest.

Collins had access to Leik's home, while the latter was on vacation, and had been feeding the corporal's dog



JOHN NORMAN COLLINS
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Surtax Effort Pushed in House

WASHINGTON (AP) — House leaders, blocked in an initial effort to rush through a Senate-passed bill extending the 10 per cent surtax through Dec. 31, are hoping to get the measure to the White House early next week.

All 100 members showed up yesterday as the Senate approved the six-month extension, overriding the plea of President Nixon that a full year continuance is necessary to dampen inflation.

An attempt to complete action on the bill in the House last night before the surtax withholding rates expired was stymied when objections were raised, forcing Democratic leaders to put off voting until Monday.

Even though the surtax officially died June 30 and the withholding rates expired at midnight, Commissioner Randolph W. Thrower of the Internal Revenue Service urged all employers to keep taking the levy out of employee's paychecks since both houses of Congress have passed surtax extension bills.

"This will maintain the withholding that many employers will need to meet their tax obligations assuming passage of the legislation," Thrower said in a statement.

vacant parcels of land in the city's southwest section valued at about \$500,000. Development plans for several of the sites were unveiled last week and hopes are that construction will be under way next fall.

"From the very beginning we had faith that Harambee would succeed," said Joseph Durant, the organization's treasurer and one of its founders.

Harambee represents a comprehensive effort by the black community to change its own image, said Charles M. Tucker, Harambee's president.

In September 1968, Harambee Inc. applied for and received a \$66,640 grant from the Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit which was used to hire an executive director and clerical staff.

A 27-member board of directors, comprising a cross-section of residents from the black and Latin American community was later set up, along with an

advisory board of more than 40 indigenous persons.

Harambee has employed four black architectural firms to design its planned developments and hopes to use local black subcontractors, builders and tradesmen wherever possible, Tucker said.

Last summer Urban Design Development Group Inc., an all-Negro consultant firm retained by Harambee, surveyed residents of the area and drew up a plan for the city's southwest section which houses about 40 per cent of Pontiac's black population.

The project area is bounded by Orchard Lake Road, Franklin Road, Pontiac Municipal Golf Course and the Clinton River.

LONGTIME RESIDENTS

Results of the survey, which polled 13 per cent of the area's 10,000 residents found that most of the household heads

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Life on Mars? Pictures Dim Odds

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The odds against life on Mars lengthened today as scientists studied Mariner 6's closest-ever pictures of the Red Planet, showing a meteorite-battered surface much like the moon's.

Black-and-white photographs televised across 58 million miles last night disclosed such utter desolation that the most optimistic could hope for the presence of unseen living organisms.

There were huge and ancient craters, many with sharp-edged smaller craters inside; mountainous highlands, precipitous slopes, crack lines and scattered rubble — but no hint that the mysterious planet harbors life or even did.

Scientists who plan to send surface-scratching unmanned landing craft to Mars in the 1970s were cautious in their comments on the possibility of life.

Said Dr. Robert Leighton, physicist-astronomer heading a study of the pictures: "The camera system was never expected to provide an answer to the question of life on Mars. It is expected if there is life on Mars it would be in microscopic form or a low order of vegetation."

The photographs, many snapped with a telephoto lens as the 850-pound spacecraft swept within 2,130 miles of the Martian equator, covered a dark equatorial band some scientists have thought might bear vegetation because it seems to dim in the spring.

What the spacecraft's two cameras saw, however, were scenes like American deserts where dark mountain ranges rise from wastelands of bleached sand.

There were no clouds and no signs of a haze which some observers have theorized might be evidence of moisture in low places. Leighton commented: "The blue haze that some say is on Mars may not exist. The surface features are very clear."

The televised images, some showing craters estimated as small as a few city blocks across, were an hour late appearing on monitor screens at Jet Propulsion Laboratory and some did not show at all.

A spokesman said early today the problem was only that a single code signal was unexplainably missing in the transmission either from Mariner or in equipment at Goldstone. Scientists restored the pulse which allowed them to arrange data they already had on tape into the missing eight pictures.

Scientists will get a second chance at taking close-ups of Mars when Mariner 7, five days behind Mariner 6, makes a similar flyby Monday night.

Silent for several hours Wednesday after apparently being knocked askew by a small meteorite, Mariner 7 at last report was operating normally and scheduled to begin taking approach pictures tonight.

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Fisher Div. Stalls Its Steel Buying

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors Corp.'s body-making Fisher division has told U.S. Steel Corp. to hold back shipment of steel under its newly announced higher prices.

Fisher Body division's purchasing division wired U.S. Steel yesterday to "withhold processing and shipping under new prices, pending reevaluation of the competitive situation with respect to steel prices."

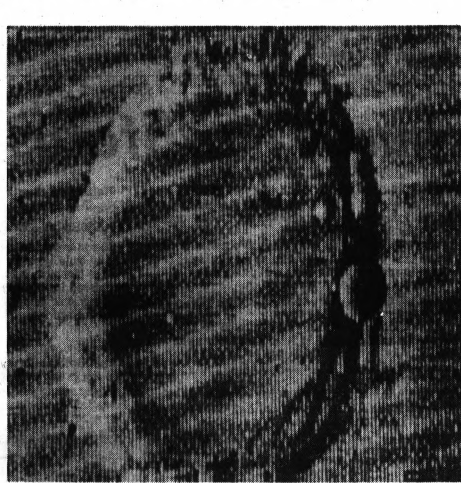
Chrysler Corp. said, meanwhile, it is "buying at a normal pace to meet production needs." It declined other comment.

U.S. Steel announced Wednesday price boosts averaging 4.8 per cent on flat-rolled steel which is a major component of automobile bodies, refrigerators and many other appliances.

Inland Steel Co. and Armco Steel Corp. also raised prices but not to the full extent of U.S. Steel's increase.

The government hasn't raised any objection to the price boost as it has on occasion in the past.

"Resistance from the government is nothing compared to opposition from GM," an industry source commented.



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RUGGED SURFACE OF MARS — Mariner 6 last night beamed back this photo of a crater taken as it flew past the Red Planet. The area shown is about 20 miles wide. It was taken when the U.S. craft was 2,500 miles away.

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