

## Treasury post filled

ATLANTA (UPI) — President-elect Jimmy Carter today selected two more Cabinet members, Bendix Corp. President Werner Michael Blumenthal as treasury secretary and Rep. Brock Adams, D-Wash., as transportation secretary.

Carter called a 12:30 p.m. MST news conference to announce his choices, but sources here and in Washington said Carter confirmed ahead of time that he would submit the nominations of the two men for Senate confirmation.

Carter telephone Sen. Carl Curtis, R-Neb., in Washington to tell Curtis about Blumenthal.

And Detroit Mayor Coleman Young emerged from a meeting here between Carter and big city mayors to tell reporters that Carter had confirmed he would name Adams to the transportation job.

Carter has already named one Cabinet member and is expected to name two more at a news conference on Thursday.

Blumenthal, 50, is a former Kennedy administration international trade negotiator. He is a former Princeton professor, a refugee from Nazism and speaks with a slight German accent.

In the past, he has served as an official record diplomat envoy for the United States.

Adams, 49, was elected in November to his seventh consecutive term in the House from Seattle, where he spent most of his life after moving across country from his native Atlanta.

Adams is chairman of the House Budget Committee and has expertise in transportation matters as a member of the House Commerce Subcommittee on Transportation.

Carter has already named Cyrus Vance as secretary of state and is reported to be ready to name California physicist Harold Brown as defense secretary and Mrs. Jane Cahill Pfeiffer to be the first female commerce secretary.

All of the appointments must be approved by the Senate.

Blumenthal would replace Secretary of State William Simon and Adams would succeed William Coleman in the government's top transportation job.

Former Labor Secretary John Dunlop, reportedly high on Carter's list as a possible appointee to take the job once again, met with the president-elect today.

Carter Press Secretary Jody Powell said Carter planned another news conference in Plains, Ga., Thursday to name two more Cabinet appointees.

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(In Washington, a spokesman in Curtis' office said at midmorning that "the senator got a call this morning from President-elect Carter informing him about the Blumenthal appointment.")

Mrs. Pfeiffer's selection would be in keeping with Carter's promise to name women and members of other minority groups to high posts in his administration.

Mrs. Pfeiffer, 44, is a former vice president of International Business Machines and lives in Greenwich, Conn., where she is a consultant on government relations for IBM and other corporations. Her husband, Ralph Pfeiffer, is a senior vice president of IBM.



JANE CAHILL PFEIFFER  
... for Commerce spot?



W. MICHAEL BLUMENTHAL  
... Treasury secretary

## Hospital hikes spending rate

By GEORGE WILEY  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Memorial Hospital trustees Monday night approved a 1977 budget calling for spending about \$8.7 million, an increase of about 32 percent over this year's spending levels.

Under the final budget, the average cost to the hospital for each day's patient care will be about \$159.

At the same time, the hospital released its monthly financial report showing the institution has earned an operational surplus of about \$600,000 during the first 11 months of 1976. Most of the surplus would be spent rather than applied to next year's operating budget, hospital officials said.

The approved 1977 budget represents a slight increase, about two-tenths of a percent, over a preliminary 1977 budget released last month, despite sharp cutbacks in the proposed increase in nursing employees and the dropping of projected employees from other job categories.

The total number of full-time employees projected for next year, however, is still well above the number of employees projected for the end of this year.

In the preliminary budget, MVMH department heads had asked for a total of 80 new employees for 1977. In final form, the budget calls for the employment of 45 additional persons, about 29 of them on the nursing staff.

The additions to the nursing staff will come mainly in the medical and surgical care categories, although about seven nurses are due to be added to the emergency service staff.

The total number of employees under the new budget will increase to about 561, compared to this year's employment of about 456 persons, an increase of about 10 percent.

The final budget cutbacks in supplies,

maintenance, insurance and other categories. These cutbacks are offset, however, by the inclusion in the final budget of about \$290,000 for new equipment purchases and a "contingency" allowance of about \$24,000.

The patient revenues projected for next year in the final budget are about \$29,000 less than projected in the preliminary budget for next year, even though patient services remain at the same levels.

Hospital administrator James Rosenbaum said earlier that room rates are not likely to increase next year, although increases are expected in charges for X-rays, lab tests, operating and recovery room fees, therapy and other ancillary billings.

The 1977 budget includes about \$18,000 to be paid radiologists before the X-ray doctors get their newly-approved separate billing procedure underway. Once that procedure is instituted, however, the patient will have to bear doctors' X-ray fees as an expense additional to regular hospital charges.

This year the hospital projects about \$191,000 to be paid in doctors' fees. These fees would show up as part of the patient's regular hospital bill, but next year the X-ray patient will receive a separate bill from doctors. The hospital plans to increase its X-ray fees by 10 percent.

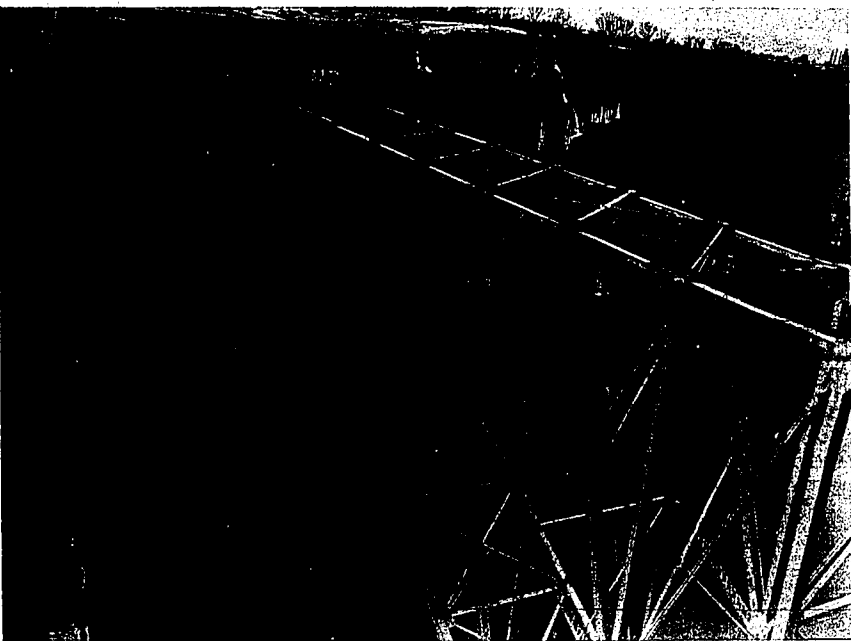
The final budget shows the average length of patient stay projected, about 8.6 percent from this year's 4.4 days to 4.8 days next year.

The budget projects the average occupancy for 1977, at 126.3 beds, or about 10.5 percent higher than this year's estimate.

The final 1977 budget includes a cash carryover of only \$164,000, despite the fact the hospital shows a net income gain for the first 11 months of this year of about \$600,000.

According to assistant administrator John Hayden, most of that surplus has either been spent for new equipment or is being carried in accounts receivable and other non-cash funds.

"The profit the hospital shows has been used to purchase equipment for the hospital and is tied up in accounts receivable and inventory, the prepaid expenses, warrants and contracts payable," Hayden said.



## Only skeleton left

BARE SKELETON of steel is revealed as the Old Perrine Adams Bridge's roadway decking is removed. Pilement removal of the bridge's girders will begin soon. The old bridge

is scheduled to be completely dismantled by February. (Times-News photo by Lou Freeman)

## Large City of Rocks monument scored

By SHANE O'NEIL  
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Idaho Gov. Cecil Andrus today opposed the 32,000-acre plan for a national monument at the City of Rocks south of Oakley.

A letter from Andrus was read at a special hearing of the Senate Interior Subcommittee on parks and recreation, with Idaho Sens. Frank Church and James McClure attending.

Andrus said his office favors a core area of about 3,000 acres for a national monument, with a buffer zone of up to a mile, depending on the terrain.

He said total acreage would be about 6,000 acres.

He also said he could support a narrow corridor to follow the pioneer trail going through the City of Rocks, but he has "no received information justifying such a large parcel as the 32,000 listed in past Senate proposals.

Officials from the Idaho Fish and Game Department supported Andrus' stand. Representatives of the Cassia County Historical Society spoke in favor of the national monument, but did not specifically advocate inclusion of the 32,000 acres.

A majority of those in the courtroom in Burley appeared to be against withdrawal of such a large area from multiple use and possible development for agricultural purposes.

Fish and game representatives said the area in which the City of Rocks is located ranks third of 13 areas in the Magic Valley in size of deer harvest.

They said 1,500 permits were issued this year and hunters had 61 per cent success. They supported Andrus' proposal for a narrow buffer zone of one-tenth to one-mile, but asked that hunting be allowed in that buffer zone.

They said the high country behind the City of Rocks is critical deer area.

Asked by Sen. McClure if they could support grazing for the area, fish and game officials said their long range plan is to increase the deer herd by 30 percent by 1990.

And "some adjustment" should be made in continuing the existing grazing practices in the City of Rocks area.

Keith Amende, president of the Cassia County Historical Society, and Mike Feller, past president, appeared on behalf of the society prior to the noon recess.

### Rhodesia meeting in recess

GENEVA, Switzerland (UPI) — Britain adjourned the Rhodesia Conference today after two months of inconclusive discussions and set Jan. 17 as the target date for a resumption.

Ivor Richard, the British chairman, will conduct a diplomatic shuttle in Africa after Christmas in an effort to persuade all sides to accept a compromise plan for the transition of Rhodesia to black majority rule before the conference reconvenes.

Accompanied by a small group of aides, Richard will meet with all the black nationalist leaders, the presidents of the African "frontline" states surrounding Rhodesia.

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## McClure on fence over fossil beds

By BILL LAZARUS  
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HAGERMAN — After several hours of hearing mostly negative testimony, Sen. James McClure "couldn't say" Monday whether he would support establishing a national monument at fossil beds near Hagerman.

Early in 1975 the Idaho Republican introduced a bill to the U.S. Senate to create the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument. But he said in an interview he had proposed the measure to serve as "a vehicle to get discussion going."

The discussion at the four-hour congressional hearing in Hagerman on the national monument proposal was largely critical, although several persons supported protecting the fossil beds and a number advocated a national monument.

Dick Cook, a Hagerman rancher whose father discovered the fossil beds in about 1920, called for protecting the site and establishing a museum in another location. But he opposed a national monument.

"Anytime you publicize anything people come in and destroy it... I think the thing to do is preserve the fossil pit," he said.

Steve Miller, Twin Falls, representing the Idaho Trail Machine Association, opposed the regulation that would limit the area to bikers. He said the national monument proposal would cost too much and those who support it were in "pursuit of government funded, self-serving, idealistic projects."

"Whenever we get a beautiful place that we want to set aside, everyone fights it... They don't want to share this. Have we become so small?" Mrs. Faye Coates, Hagerman said. "We have a great thing out here and we should share it with the whole country," she said.

Bob Erkins, Bliss, had a similar viewpoint. "If you don't set things aside, the next generation won't have them to set aside... Who knows? You may find the bones are useful for grinding up and making bricks and we'll have a whole new industry there. But I don't think that is what we want," he said.

"There's not one valid reason for a park or national monument in this place. A park or national monument down there would grow and destroy our way of life," Robert Gardner, Hagerman, said. He said, however, that areas of "scientific value" should be set aside.

"I feel this park will hinder orderly development of the best arid land in the western United States," Keith Munsee, Twin Falls farmers, said.

"This important area should not be recycled into agricultural soil," Bowler, Bliss, said. She, along with her husband, supported the national monument proposal.

"I'd rather see it now as it was 20 years ago with no trail bikes and no power lines. But that's impossible... The quickest way to destroy something is to turn the people loose on it," Gene Padgett, Hagerman, said.

McClure held the Hagerman hearing on behalf of the parks and recreation subcommittee of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee. After the testimony, McClure said he will not know what he favors for the Hagerman fossil

beds until more public hearings are held.

He said, however, he would likely re-introduce his national monument bill in the next congressional session to promote further discussion of the matter. The existing bill will die automatically at the end of this session.

About two years ago, shortly before McClure introduced his existing bill, the National Park Service released a "feasibility study" on the site.

According to the study, the fossil beds, located along a four-mile bluff on the west bank of the Snake River, date back 35 million years. Beaver, muskrat, otter, horse, swan, duck, ground sloth, saber-tooth cat, camel and turtle fossils are among those fossils found.

The study went into detail on the possible creation of a national monument. It suggested substantial tourist facilities such as a tramway or ferry to take visitors across the river to the fossil bluff.

During the hearing, however, McClure said no plans are being proposed and said he is looking for suggestions on what to do with the site.

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