

Broomfield cool on China accord

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The United States has resumed normal relations with mainland China, but according to Congressman William Broomfield (R-Birmingham) no one with the possible exception of President Jimmy Carter knows what it means for U.S. trade, defense and the future of tiny Taiwan.

"Right now the effects are unclear," said Broomfield, ranking Republican on the House International Relations Committee. "We've received absolutely no information on the recognition," he said.

Broomfield asked how the recognition would affect America's defense obligations to 17 million Taiwanese. He asked if the move

might encourage Japan to rearm.

He said he "did not feel he could comment" on the effects of recognition of "Red" China.

"I'm bothered by the lack of information. What I know is what I've read in the newspapers. That isn't much," he said.

BROOMFIELD PLACED blame for lack of information on the White House.

"I got a call about two hours before (the announcement) telling me the president would be making a major foreign policy announcement. It's one thing to be notified. It's another to be consulted," the Birmingham Republican said.

"The suddenness of the decision

surprised me. "I had no idea this was developing. Several weeks before (the announcement), a reporter bottomlined me and asked, 'I didn't think anything was on the front burner,'" he said.

"I don't know if anyone on the Hill (Capitol Hill), outside maybe of some Democratic leaders, knew of the decision," he added.

THE INTEREST and anger piqued by the recognition of China, after 30 years, will result in Congressional inquiry, Broomfield said. He did not say when hearings would be scheduled.

"I'm not going to second-guess the president. I'm not questioning the motives now," he said. "I'm sure the information will be forthcoming," he said.



REP. WILLIAM BROOMFIELD
Congress mystified

Wanna be an architect?

Lawrence Institute of Technology (LIT) will offer a special pre-college slate of courses designed to introduce high school students to architecture and interior design.

LIT's school of architecture, which is sponsoring the new program, will begin the Saturday offerings Feb. 3. Students will be able to take up to three basic drafting and design courses. The courses, LIT spokesmen said, are the same as those at the architecture school's introductory level.

Registration will be held through Feb. 3.

"Students will be given an opportunity to discover their own talents in the

field and judge for themselves if they have the necessary aptitude for studying architecture at the college level," an LIT spokesman said.

High school juniors and seniors with at least a "B" average are eligible for the program. Tuition will be charged separately for each of the classes. Tuition for the design courses will be \$60. The school of architecture estimates that students may be required to spend an additional \$100 for supplies.

According to LIT Public Relations Director Bruce Annet, students who complete the courses with an "A" or "B" will be given college credit.

O&E, Guild ink first contract

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers has its first contract with Local 22 of the Newspaper Guild of Detroit.

Guild members in the editorial department late Monday voted 39-14 to ratify a two-year pact. It is retroactive

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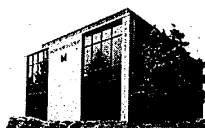


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