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Economist Klein: Kemp-Roth tax plan hasn't worked

By Jeff Goodwin

Nobel Prize winning economist Lawrence Klein criticized the economic policies of the Reagan administration Friday in a speech at the College of Business Administration.

Klein referred specifically to the tax cut bill co-authored by Rep. Jack Kemp, R-N.Y., and Sen. William Roth, R-Del.

Klein said the tax cut was modeled after a similar bill passed during the Kennedy administration.

"It (the earlier bill) had a great effect on the country, and the economy was stimulated greatly in 1964 and '65," he said.

But Klein said the recent Kemp-Roth tax cuts have not had the same effect.

"That was quarterback Jack Kemp's intention, but it hasn't worked. That is an example of what I would call the failure of supply-side economics."

Klein, an economics professor at the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, also criticized other aspects of President Reagan's economic policies.

"The White House would say, 'Hold a tight rein on monetary policy, keep the tax cut and let each country set their own monetary policies,' Klein said. 'I would say the opposite. I would favor a loosening of the monetary policy, doing away with the tax cut and uniting the countries of Western Europe, Japan and Canada in one policy.'"

Klein said sentiment in Congress does not favor eliminating or reducing the tax cut.

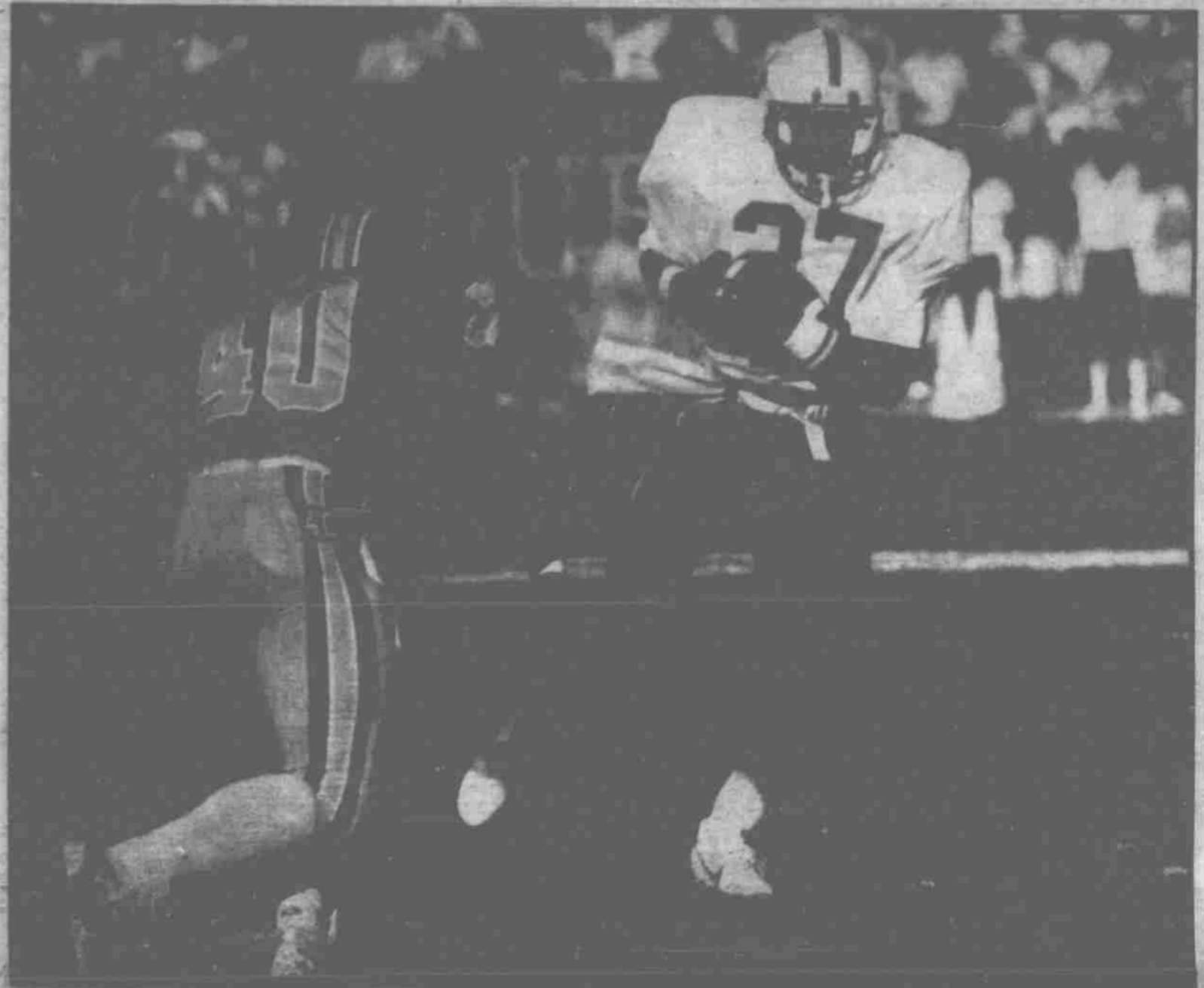
"I would say that right now there is more sympathy in Washington for fiscal policy associated with tax change rather than expenditure change," he said.

For the federal deficit to be eliminated, the private sector must provide some of the investment needed to relieve the public sector, Klein said.

He also said the high unemployment rates of the past few years have caused economists to revise their opinions on the level of unemployment in the country.

"Economists used to talk about 4 percent unemployment, but recently they have started to upgrade the level of acceptable unemployment to 6 percent," he said.

Klein's speech was sponsored by the College of Business Administration's Visiting Scholars and Executives program.



Staff photo by Craig Anderson

Nebraska's Irving Fryar (27) looks up field after catching a Turner Gill pass in the first quarter of the Husker's 34-13 victory Saturday. Fryar caught 7 passes for 95 yards and 2 touchdowns. ABC named him player of the game. Story on page 10.

UNL Student Watch Group patrols campus to prevent rape

By Lauri Hoppie

Armed with flashlights, two-way radios, and fluorescent orange vests, four UNL students began the first patrol of the Student Watch Group Sunday night.

In teams of two, one male and one female, the group will patrol areas designated as high risk for the rest of the school year. High risk areas were determined from a survey taken of UNL students last spring, said Watch Group president Troy Lair.

Lair, a senior in political science and communications, began the patrol in Area B with Barb Bauer, a sophomore in the College of Arts

and Sciences. Area B includes Ferguson Hall, Love Library and South of Memorial Stadium, Lair said.

Debbie Bodtke, a senior in social work, and Joel Sorenson, an undeclared freshman, began patrolling Area A, which includes Harper-Schramm-Smith, the railroad tracks and Nebraska Hall.

The teams will patrol for two-hour shifts from 7 p.m. until 1:15 a.m. Sunday through Thursday.

Chemical engineering sophomore Steve Bray, the first dispatcher on duty, said the aim of the group is to be "extra eyes and ears" for campus police instead of actually enforcing the law.

Kumalo: Violence part of liberation

By Kris Mullen

Violence is a part of the South African blacks' fight for liberation, and the question is, how much blood will be shed before blacks are free, a black South African journalist said Friday.

Dumisani Kumalo, who fled South Africa in June 1977 after police harassment, now lives in Brooklyn, N.Y., and is affiliated with the American Committee on Africa.

He told a UNL political science colloquium that violence is a means for blacks to be liberated.

"Violence that comes with a liberation movement is very sad," he said.

Enough blacks and whites already have been killed in conflicts in South Africa, where apartheid — the separation of races — is law, Kumalo said.

"Unfortunately some people won't give up until they are pushed to a certain point," he said.

"There's not a country on the African continent where freedom was gift-wrapped," he said. Black South Africans are not relying on the United States for their freedom. But the blacks' resistance is made more difficult because Americans are supporting apartheid by investing in companies that exploit blacks in South Africa, he said.

Kumalo was in Lincoln to testify at the legislature's Retirement Committee hearing on investing public pensions in companies that do business in South Africa.

At the hearing Friday morning, state Sen. John DeCamp of Neligh proposed that Nebraska invest more money in companies that do business in South Africa.

"Instead of taking \$10 million out, put \$100 million in," said DeCamp, one of four senators who recently visited South Africa.

To support his theory that divestment would hurt black South Africa, DeCamp played a recorded speech made by black Zulu leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

"Economic stagnation will swing the course of events in this country away from forceful controlled but peaceful change to uncontrolled violent change," Buthelezi said.

But Kumalo said Buthelezi works for the South African government and is not a leader of the 22 million black South Africans.

Kumalo also disagreed with Buthelezi's statement that divestment is the only plan to violent change. "The revolution is coming anyway, whether we divest or don't divest," Kumalo said.

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