

Clements, Portillo discuss border problems, energy

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AUSTIN, Texas — Gov. Bill Clements, back from his two-day trip to Mexico City to confer with President Jose Lopez Portillo, says he and the Mexican chief executive had productive discussions on aliens, drug trafficking, border affairs and energy.

"The proper word is accord," Clements said shortly after his return Wednesday. "I found that in a conceptual sense, without getting into details, that President Lopez Portillo and I were in accord on all four issues."

"I am convinced there can be a meeting of minds between the United States and Mexico concerning their energy reserves whereby the U.S. can buy from Mexico at a fair market price their oil and gas," he said.

Clements said he hopes President Carter can work out details of such transactions during his visit to Mexico next month.

The governor said he and Lopez agreed to work on reviving the "bracero" program, which allows aliens temporary U.S. work permits. Clements said he will contact governors of New Mexico, Arizona and California and the Mexican border states to discuss the program and other issues.

"Our starting point will be similar to the bracero program, and that's a good starting point," he said. "President Lopez Portillo is in accord with this."

Clements called his energy discussions with Lopez Portillo and Jorge Diaz Serrano, director general of the Mexican national petroleum company, very productive. At the request of the city of San Antonio, Clements suggested an electricity-for-gas swap to Portillo.

"I can say that President Lopez was taken with the idea and felt it

should be explored in greater detail," Clements said. "He felt that was exactly the kind of mutual interest project that Mexico would like to work out, not only with neighboring states but other countries."

Clements said documented Mexican aliens working in the United States under any type of bracero program should be paid a fair wage,

but declined to speculate what that wage should be. He said that was not discussed in his meetings with the Mexican president.

"The president of Mexico was much surprised when I told him that in our judgment we have approximately 3 million of these people (illegal aliens) in Texas at the present time," Clements said. "He had no idea of the magnitude."

Sickness dangerous as bullets in Rhodesia

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SALISBURY, Rhodesia — The collapse of security combined with the assassination of doctors and veterinarians has created mounting fears that disease could become as lethal as bullets in this nation's war-torn countryside.

Measles, once kept at bay by inoculations, has started to claim a rising number of children's lives in the tribal trust land. Rabies and malaria cases also are on the increase, as well as the number of deaths from ailments and injuries that would not have been fatal with prompt medical treatment.

Even harder hit has been the tribesmen's economically and socially important cattle herds. Within the past year alone more than 350,000 cattle have died from tick-borne fevers formerly controlled by dipping. Others have been infected with the dread sleeping sickness by tse-tse flies that have crossed the border in the absence of spraying.

Agriculture and medical officials blame the crisis on a deliberate guerrilla policy to erase white presence in the trust lands by killing missionaries, doctors and veterinarians.

"This is another way of disrupting the government by promoting the social and economic disintegration of the country," said Dr. Andy Norval, the nation's top tick expert. "It is pure biological war and far more effective than if Moscow had actually provided the terrorists with laboratory-bred bugs to throw around."

He described the destruction of the tick eradication dipping tanks as one of the most damaging aspects of the war. This is particularly true of the subsistence black herdsmen, many of whom have seen disease reduce their small, life-sustaining herds by half since the vets deserted the trust lands.

As a result of guerrilla attacks on private hospitals, the number of doctors in the countryside has slumped from 70 to 17, leaving 104 empty mission stations that used to provide medical care.

Crewcuts the style here

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DETROIT — Sgt. Russ' Barber Shop is a place you go to get your hair cut — not styled — and the shop's paraphernalia and decor don't disguise the fact.

The doorman urges all those who enter to "Get Wildroot Cream Oil." Inside, a 1913 calendar bannered with a pinup of "Sweet Sue" is perched alongside an aging photograph of the late heavyweight boxing champion Rocky Marciano.

The walls are covered with memorabilia: Army medals and

commendations, pictures of fishermen with prize-winning catches, a campaign poster from an old local Teamsters election.

The house specialties are \$3 crewcuts — 50 cents cheaper for retirees — and \$2 shaves from an old-fashioned brush cup. There are no hair dryers or curling irons on the premises.

The owner, Russell M. Vanderport, 60, is a retired Army sergeant whose 23 years in the service included combat duty as an infantryman in World War II and as a medic in Korea. His

regular customers call him "Sarge."

"Russ gets the kind of people who haven't flipped out," said Harry Kushnir, a lifelong customer who runs a nearby service station.

Among Vanderport's steady customers are a former Detroit Tigers' batboy and a retired CIA colonel.

"You look 20 years younger," Vanderport tells customers as they leave barber chairs. The chairs came with the store when it first opened 59 years ago.

"It doesn't make sense for me to get into styling," Vanderport said. "That's not what my clientele is looking for."

"A lot of these places are ripoffs. They just cut your hair, take your money, and there's no conversation or anything."

"We talk to the customers, we know their names, we ask about their relatives. It's like one big, happy family," he said.

"The ones that have moved out always come back to the old neighborhood. And they bring their grandchildren," he said.

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