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**White announces**

**Voting plan apparently OK'd**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Secretary of State Mark White said Tuesday that a plan to implement new Voting Rights Act provisions in the state by distributing instructional information in English and Spanish to all potential voters has apparently found favor in the Justice Department.

He said the proposal was revealed at a meeting here where potential guidelines for incorporating amendments to the 1965 act in fall

elections were discussed. Texans vote on a new constitution this fall.

White objected to the plan as unnecessary and nearly twice as expensive as the election information project the state is starting this week. Texas is mailing a 24-page instruction booklet in English to 5 million households where the state's approximately 7 million voting age residents live.

White said the booklet carries a

statement in Spanish saying that the information is available in Spanish on request.

White said the proposal the Justice Department is considering would require that two copies of the booklet - one in English and one in Spanish - be mailed to each household.

"Their suggestion is merely to mail to all the people without regard to their need," he said. "It's an incredible waste of resources."

White said J. Stanley Pottinger, assistant attorney general in charge of the Civil Rights Division, did not make many comments on the proposal. But some of Pottinger's staff members indicated that "a high degree of proof is necessary to show that this would not be an acceptable way to proceed."

He said Judy Teichman of the San Francisco city attorney's office also objected to the plan. The city also has a large Spanish-speaking population that would be affected by whatever guidelines the Justice Department issues within the next two weeks.

White said the proposal apparently came from staff members of the congressional committees which wrote the 1975 amendments and who attended the meeting.

His primary objection is the cost. He said the state has spent about \$480,000 printing the 24-page booklet and that the publicity campaign planned to accompany the instructional information will push the cost well over \$500,000. The legislature allotted only \$600,000 for the voting information project and is not due to reconvene for another 1 1/2 years, White said.

"We have no funds to make this mailing. Without a call for a special session of the legislature, those funds will not be forthcoming," he said.

White said he is not even certain that Texas should be covered by the Voting Rights Act. He says so far, the Bureau of the Census has refused to explain to him the formula it is using for computing the state's voting age and Spanish-speaking populations.

He said the bureau should discard the estimate of 7.6 million potential voters it has used in some instances because the figure in-

cludes resident aliens, illegal aliens, lunatics and criminals, all of whom are ineligible to vote.

He asserted that a figure of about 6.5 million potential voters should be used.

Recently passed legislation extending the Voting Rights Act in the Southern states it covered also expanded coverage to include states with large non English-speaking minorities. The legislation renewed

a provision forcing the states to affect to clear any changes in the election regulations with the U.S. attorney general.

White said he was concerned that if Texas does not implement whatever guidelines the Justice Department sets, its election results could later be judged invalid.

He said the dispute could wind up in the courts, but he hopes it will not have to go that far.

**Science seminar slated**

A trio of health educators from Texas A&M University will host a two-hour behavioral science seminar Friday.

The 3-5 p.m. program at the Pizza Inn Restaurant discusses the roles of health and physical education in the behavioral sciences.

On the program are Dr. Richard Magill of the Motor Behavior Laboratory, speaking on theory and research of motor learning; Dr. Robert Hurley of the Health Education Program on health education as a behavioral science; and Dr. George Jessup of the Human Performance Laboratory on behavioral aspects of physical performance.

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**Meany, chiefs talk about grain**

WASHINGTON — AFL-CIO President George Meany and two maritime union chiefs met for two hours Tuesday with Labor Secretary John T. Dunlop, to discuss the union leadership's objectives to the sales of U.S. grain to the Soviet Union.

As the labor leaders and White House officials left the Labor Department, a spokesman for Dunlop said they would have no comment.

Later, Meany and Dunlop arranged to go to the White House for a meeting with President Ford, who requested the session before returning from a working vacation in Vail, Colo.

Also at the Dunlop-Meany meeting, a Labor Department spokesman said, were director William Seidman of Ford's Economic Policy Board, president Thomas Gleason of the International Longshoremen's Association, president Paul Hall of the Seafarers International Union and AFL-CIO secretary-treasurer Lane Kirkland.

Under orders from Meany and Gleason, after a meeting last week of the heads of all maritime unions, longshoremen in Houston refused to load grain bound for the Soviet Union. The shipments have resumed, however, under court order.

Meany had said he would block the shipments until he received assurance from Ford, agriculture Secretary Earl L. Butz and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger that Soviet grain sales would not harm either American consumers, facing higher grocery prices, or the American seamen, watching the grain move on Soviet vessels.

Butz' economists have calculated that the sales to date would contribute a 1.5 per cent boost to retail food prices over 16 months. But he has said that the unions' concern

over maritime subsidies and the amount of cargo moved in U.S. ships is the real issue.

The Soviet Union, which had been substantially out of the U.S. grain markets the last two years, re-entered them in July with orders to U.S. firms for a total of 9.8 million metric tons of wheat, corn and barley. A metric ton is about 2,200 pounds.

That brought Russian purchases from the new crops — which are at record levels but have suffered some weather damage — to a total of 10.3 million tons.

The Agriculture Department, meanwhile, reported that "beneficial rains" and favorable temperatures over much of the Corn Belt and upper Great Plains last week continued to provide badly needed moisture for feed grain crops.

"In the north central states, corn development progressed favorably, much ahead of 1974 and the usual level in nearly all states," the weekly weather and crop bulletin said.

**Bullock gives raid notices**

AUSTIN — Comptroller Bob Bullock served notice Tuesday that his raiders would be in the Corpus Christi and Laredo areas before Labor Day to "visit" outstanding delinquent taxpayers.

He gave no names or times. "In other cities some of them feigned surprise when I walked through the door," Bullock said in a statement. "Well, there's no excuse for that this time. They know I'm coming and they know who they are."

Bullock said any of the estimated 2,400 delinquents could get right with the comptroller by contacting his office in Corpus Christi and or his office in Laredo and arranging payment.

Bullock claimed he had already located more than \$1 million in back taxes in his raid in other cities "and probably scared up twice that amount from nervous delinquents."

**TAMU dean in Switzerland**

Dr. Earl Bennett, accounting professor and associate dean of business administration, has assumed duties at an international management school in Switzerland. He will be on a leave of absence from TAMU as visiting professor to the IMEDE, a management development institute, in Lausanne.

Bennett will serve on the staff of the Program for Executive Development. He will be chairman of a seminar on planning and control systems.

Bennett came to TAMU from the University of Texas at Austin where he was accounting department chairman and director of business research. Since 1965 he has written over 120 business cases, two casebooks and two texts.

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