



Hauling it on in

Battalion photo by Patrick O'Malley

This is one of over 200 rental trailers and trucks photographer Pat O'Malley counted passing this intersection at Texas Ave. and Hwy. 30 in one hour Saturday. Students were

moving into their fall quarters in preparation for the new semester beginning today and the abundance of rented trailers left little doubt they're coming prepared.

Southern governors oppose some of Carter's programs

UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL
SAN ANTONIO — Governors of Jimmy Carter's homeland have agreed for a critical review of the president's energy program and his handling of issues such as agriculture and the Panama Canal.

The agenda for the 43rd annual meeting of the Southern Governor's Conference emphasizes Carter's energy program, and is packed with items which oppose the program, particularly the continued price regulation of natural gas.

Governors of the nation's three major energy producing states — Louisiana and Oklahoma — pushed for adoption by the conference of a resolution urging Carter to phase out the price regulation of natural gas.

Speakers for the session include top executive officers for Exxon Co., U.S.A., General Motors Corp., and the E.I. duPont de Nemours & Co., Inc.

Bert Lance, director of the Office

attending the conference met yesterday afternoon, and the resolutions committee which will consider deregulation and other issues meets at 7:30 a.m. today — the first official item of business on the convention agenda.

There have been indications that some of the Southern governors believe Carter betrayed a campaign promise on energy.

South Carolina Gov. James B. Edwards said most of the Southern governors consistently have supported deregulation, and added, "I would hope that President Carter would support deregulation of natural gas as he said he would during his campaign."

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of Management and Budget, is scheduled to give the Carter administration's response to criticisms of its energy programs at the conference's closing business session on Wednesday.

The governors from 17 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands began arriving during the weekend, and attended social events yesterday evening.

Louisiana Gov. Edwin Edwards is expected to be the chief proponent at the conference of a resolution opposing ratification of any treaty that would reduce the United States' control over the Panama Canal.

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Briscoe sharply opposes Carter's Panama treaty

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SAN ANTONIO — Texas Gov. Dolph Briscoe said yesterday he agreed sharply with President Carter on the Panama Canal, his policy and illegal aliens — issues likely to prompt debate in the Southern Governor's conference convenes today.

Briscoe, the chairman of the 20th annual conference, said he is inclined to vote for a resolution by Louisiana Gov. Edwin Edwards urging Congress to reject the pending Panama Canal treaty. He also said a three-day convention should pass a strong resolution for deregulation of natural gas.

For Carter's policy allowing illegal aliens to settle in the United States if they have already lived here for five years, Briscoe said he did not know if the governors would support a resolution contradicting Carter, but said he is personally opposed to the policy.

"I think it is obvious that it has increased the number of illegal aliens crossing," Briscoe said.

He said the number of Mexicans which he thought at border check points has increased dramatically and that the number not caught is soaring.

"I won't solve the illegal alien problem," he said. "It seems to me we just encouraged additional illegal attempts to enter the United States."

Briscoe said during a wideranging hour news conference that he expects a "near unanimous vote" on natural gas deregulation resolution.

He said one or two governors might dissent, but declined to say if he had encountered any firm opposition.

"If we could get government reg-

ulation out of the picture, we could expect a greater supply," Briscoe said. "I disagree very strongly with the energy policy that's been adopted by this administration and proposed to Congress."

Briscoe said federal energy officials who drafted the Carter energy

Governors may block Carter's Panama treaty

UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL
SAN ANTONIO — Louisiana Gov. Edwin Edwards has asked his fellow southern chief executives to oppose President Carter's plan to turn control of the Panama Canal to Panama.

Edwards made the plea in a pre-filed 300-word resolution presented at the 43rd Southern Governor's Conference which opened yesterday in San Antonio.

The resolution said the economic stability of the United States and all other countries depends upon free and unrestrained access to the canal, and that access will be threatened if Panama has control of the canal.

Edwards' resolution asks the other governors to urge senators from their states to "oppose vigorously any treaty which would alter, remove or reduce the existing control" over operation of the 50-mile canal.

During a speech to a joint session of the Texas legislature, Edwards urged it and other state legislatures to let Carter know they oppose the treaty.

Hill blames Briscoe for excess spending

UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL
AUSTIN — Attorney General John Hill says Gov. Dolph Briscoe showed no leadership in controlling legislative spending this year and is causing "runaway government spending."

Hill, likely to be a candidate for governor in 1978, told the Texas Consumer Association's annual meeting Saturday that Briscoe pushed through his highway bill early in the 65th session of the legislature, then allowed the lawmakers to fight over the leftovers in the budget.

"After he accomplished that mission, which shows what a governor can do when he wants to, we ended up in special session over what should have been the No. 1 priority in the first place and that's education," Hill said.

He said Briscoe's lack of budgetary leadership produced a record setting budget and "not one penny was vetoed."

"Runaway government spending is as big a threat to the pocketbooks of Texas consumers as any con man or fast-talk salesman," he said. "By the time Gov. Briscoe finishes his present term state spending will have doubled under his administration."

The governor personally should participate in the budget-writing process to protect the interests of consumers, he said.

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the governor and the legislature and if one side breaks down then the others control."

Hill warned the state could be hurt badly by a national energy policy and urged the consumer group to develop a "dialogue" with the oil and gas industry. He urged them to consider the jobs and state revenues provided by the industry when advocating a national energy policy.

"That doesn't mean to be a lapdog. That doesn't mean being sensitive to their every interests," he said.

Hill recounted his consumer-oriented accomplishments while in office, including pushing passage of the Consumer Protection Act, the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. rate case and the Howard Hughes probate contest.

Regarding his political plans, Hill said he does not know what the situation will be.

"Frankly, I think many of you already got me in the race (for governor)," Hill said. "This is not the time or the place for making a totally political speech, although so far it has been pretty political."

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