

# State office closes, 2 officers indicted

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AUSTIN, Texas — Don Adams does not expect to make any friends that he intends to make sure the Governor's Office of Migrant Affairs as he said, "shaken down" and straightened out.  
Adams has posted armed guards at the office entrance, changed all locks on the doors, ordered all phone calls the agency routed through his personal secretary, banned use of Spanish in office conversations and cut off all payments from the agency's budget.  
"This is public money," the former East Texas legislator explained. "I'm not going to turn loose of public money until I'm sure it's a proper expenditure."

Gov. Dolph Briscoe named Adams to take over his migrant affairs office last week when the agency's executive director and another top administrator were indicted for forgery by a Brownsville court of inquiry.  
Adams summarized: "We're shut down right now. I would hope by the end of next week that this agency is in operation again. I would hope by the end of the month we'd be back in full operation. Then I can go back and tell the governor I've done what he asked — shaken this office down and straightened it out, imposed a management system and money controls."

## Officers training school starts 6-week course

Basic certification training for area law enforcement officers starts today at the Research and Extension R&E Center in Bryan.  
The 240-hour, six-week course equips new police officers with basic skills and knowledge to carry out their duties.  
John Otterstad will instruct the Law Enforcement and Security Training Division course at the Texas Engineering Extension Service (EES) division's headquarters. EES is part of the Texas A&M University System.  
The division headed by Chief Ira E. Scott will also have basic certification courses under way at Deer Park, Arlington, Houston, San Angelo, Floydada, Abilene and Huntsville.  
In addition to the rookie police training, the division has a Polygraph

Adams, 39, joined Briscoe's staff Jan. 1. He resigned from the legislature Dec. 31 to become the governor's chief legal counsel.

The former Jasper, Texas, senator had acquired a reputation around the Capitol as a strict administrator who is not afraid to tackle the stickiest political morass and refuses to bend rules regardless of the circumstances.

"He's a real S.O.B.," said one political observer. "But he's real up front about it. If he's going to do it to you, he'll tell you to your face."

Adams headed the Senate Administration Committee when longtime Senate Secretary Charles Schnabel was indicted and eventually pleaded guilty to official misconduct.

Schnabel had convinced most senators to keep him on until Adams began notifying his colleagues of each impropriety uncovered in an unflinching watch of Senate operations.

Adams installed time clocks for Senate workers, imposed iron-clad rules on purchases and insisted on strict accounting for all government property.

The strait-laced, tobacco-chewing legislator also played key roles in the 1976 impeachment trial of District Judge O.P. Carrillo of Duval County and initiation of the seldom-used address procedure that forced Su-

preme Court Justice Donald B. Yarbrough to resign in 1977.

Adams wasted no time getting started on his latest house-cleaning assignment.

He marched into the Governor's Office of Migrant Affairs minutes after Briscoe announced the appointment and stopped one employee from leaving with a cardboard box full of audit records.

"I don't want anything that's in this office leaving without my permission," Adams said.

A capitol security guard is posted at the door. Anyone entering or leaving the office — including agency employees — now must sign a log showing who he or she represents and when they entered and left the premises.

Adams said the officer is not so much a guard as a check on traffic in and out of the office.

"I did not have anyone to set out there and see who was coming in and out of the office," he said. "It's been all my secretary could do to keep up with the phone calls."

Adams also ordered two desks moved into his office for the assistant director and an auditor to sit under his watchful eye.

"I'm just very cautious," he said. The ban on the use of Spanish, he said, also was a precaution.

"I don't speak Spanish. It's simply a matter of security for me. I want to be privy to the conversations in this office."

Adams' order halting the flow of money from the office brought howls of protest from some individuals involved in the government-funded programs to assist migrants.

"I've asked two auditors from the Criminal Justice Division to look at each of the contractors and tell me in their professional opinion whether each grant is a proper request and that they are entitled to the money under their contract with us," Adams said.

Trainees successfully completing the course will meet requirements set by Texas law for peace officer certification. The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education specifies minimums.  
The headquarters certification course continues through Feb. 24.

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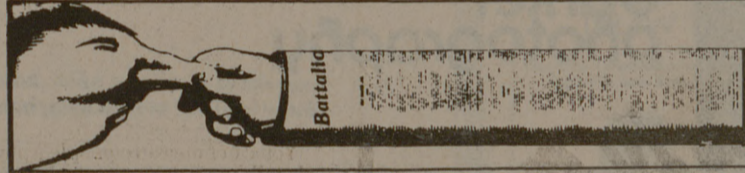
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