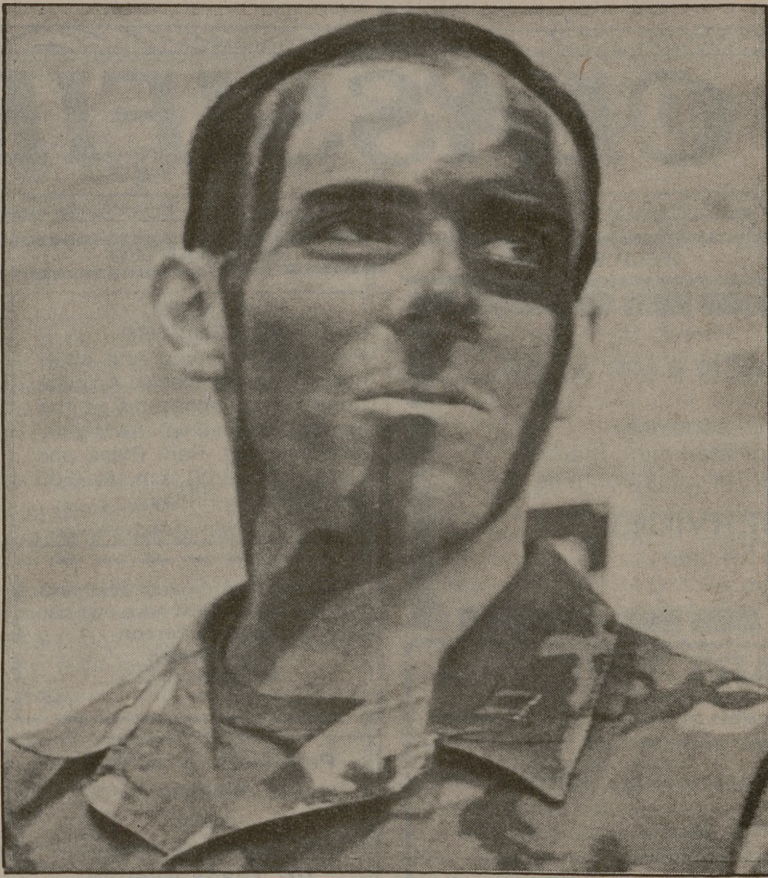


# Speed change backed

**United Press International**  
**CHEYENNE, Wyo.** — The chief author of a bill raising Wyoming's highway speed limit to 65 mph, a move threatening receipt of more than \$50 million in federal funds, says the measure has struck a nerve. "There has been a groundswell of support for this," Sen. Cal Taggart said Tuesday, after the speed limit bill won second-reading approval. It passed its preliminary test 16-13 Monday and a final Senate vote is scheduled Wednesday. Taggart, who told his fellow lawmakers it is time Wyoming stood up to the federal government on the 55 mph speed limit, said he expected more members to vote in favor of the bill during today's final rollcall. Sixteen votes are needed for final passage in the 30-member Senate. "We've been on the phone all day with about every state in the Union," Taggart said Tuesday. They say they're 100 percent behind it."



**Marines recruit**

**Capt. Dave Calati of the U.S. Marines displays full camouflage while on campus to recruit for the Marines. Calati was in the MSC on Monday.**  
 Battalion photo by Lynn Blanco

# Clements and Portillo agree

**United Press International**  
**MEXICO CITY** — Texas Gov. Bill Clements said Wednesday that in a "conceptual sense" he and Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo agreed on the issues of energy, illegal aliens, the "Tortilla Curtain" and drug trafficking. Clements, during a news conference which followed his 45-minute meeting with the president and ended his two-day visit to Mexico, said the two did not go into detail on the four primary issues. He said their staffs would discuss details later. "I can say with no equivocation that in a conceptual sense we are in accord on all four issues," Clements said. "I hope the meeting will significantly contribute to a continuing better relationship (for Mexico) not only with Texas but also with the other border states of the United States."

Clements said he suggested to Lopez Portillo that Texas swap electricity for Mexican gas. "In a conceptual sense, President Lopez was taken with the idea and said that it should be explored in greater detail," Clements said. Clements rejected the construction of a "Tortilla Curtain" — a physical boundary between the United States and Mexico to keep illegal workers south of the Rio Grande. "I believe the 'Tortilla Curtain' is not constructive and is no help in building better relations," Clements said. "The status of the undocumented worker must be changed with full realization. They must receive proper treatment, given better living conditions and fair wages." After the meeting, Clements returned by private plane to Austin where he had scheduled a news conference late Wednesday.

# Carter says state of union sound but must build 'new foundations'

**United Press International**  
**WASHINGTON** — At the mid-point of his term, President Carter says the state of the Union is sound but Americans must build a "new foundation" for prosperity at home and peace abroad. In a nationally televised and broadcast State of the Union address Tuesday night to a joint session of the 96th Congress, the president unveiled no dramatic new proposals but urged improvement of programs already on the books and reduction of federal controls. Carter dismissed the beliefs that Americans must choose between inflation and recession; confrontation or capitulation. Instead, he said, the United States can achieve prosperity by conquering inflation, and peace by perseverance and by completing a strategic arms limitation treaty. But he promised he would not agree to any SALT agreement that cannot be verified, nor sign any agreement "unless our deterrent forces remain overwhelming." Senate Majority leader Robert Byrd said that Carter's message was: "We must approach social problems in a fiscally responsible way." The running theme throughout his address was based on the "new foundation" slogan, but he told Americans that, despite the woes of

inflation and a decade of social upheavals, many of them have never had it so good. "Tonight, there is every sign that the state of our Union is sound," he said. "Our economy offers greater prosperity to more of our people than ever before. Our liberties are secure. Our military defenses are strong and growing stronger. And more importantly tonight, America is at peace." On foreign policy, Carter broad-brushed most of the world's trouble spots, including Iran, saying "our country is working for peaceful solutions to dangerous conflicts." But he laid heavy stress on the need for a SALT agreement to "reverse the costly and dangerous momentum of the arms race." Saying it was important that the American people understand the nature of SALT II, Carter said the treaty is "not based on sentiment. It is based on self-interest of the United States and the Soviet Union" to reduce the threat of nuclear war. He called his austerity budget, already under attack by liberal Democrats and labor leaders, "stringent but fair," and told the Congress: "This budget is a clear message that, with the help of you and the American people, I am determined to bring inflation under control."

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