

Street lights don't always lower crime

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WASHINGTON — Brightly lighted city streets lessen the fear of crime — but there is no "statistically significant evidence" it actually reduces crime.

A study by James Tien of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, financed by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, said crime stayed at the same

level or increased in certain well-illuminated areas.

"Evidence is now unclear on whether better lighting reduces or merely displaces crime — sending a would-be burglar, car thief, or purse snatcher to a more poorly lighted area," it said.

But it added that "while there is no statistically significant evidence that street lighting im-

pacts the level of crime ... there is a strong indication that increased lighting ... decreases the fear of crime."

The report found robbery in street lighting projects decreased in Kansas City, Mo., and Washington, D.C.; stayed the same in Harrisburg, Pa., and Portland, Ore., and increased in Balti-

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Alien solution economic

By SALLY DREYFUS
Battalion Reporter

Latin America causes problems for the United States in the form of illegal aliens, the chief official of the Agency of International Development for Latin America said Monday. And the solution to the problem lies in economic, not police action, he said.

More than six million undocumented workers (illegal aliens) are in the United States, and more than one million enter the country annually, Abelardo Lopez Valdez told the Committee on Awareness of the Mexican American Culture.

"This problem will get worse because the population is expected to double within the next 25 years," said Valdez, the highest ranking Mexican-American in the State Department.

One-half of today's population of Latin America is surviving on less than \$250 per person per year.

Valdez said illegal aliens come to the United States to escape poverty and to look for economic freedom.

"The only way to solve the problem of the undocumented worker is not through fences or beefing up the immigration police because it's not a police problem.

"It's a poverty problem and an economic problem. And it's a problem no one country will be able to solve alone," Valdez said.

"The Hispanic-American community can serve as a dual interpreter to the United States. It has in the past been occupied with economic problems and last year it played a critical role in the Panama Canal debate."



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AID official Abelardo Lopez Valdez

America is the fourth largest Spanish-speaking country in the Western Hemisphere, after Mexico, Argentina and Colombia.

Valdez predicted that the United States will become more active in Latin American affairs.

"I think you'll find a much greater involvement in domestic and

foreign politics in the future, certainly in the 1980s," Valdez

Mexico - U.S. talk 'success'

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RACINE, Wis. — Ambassador Patrick Lucey believes the February summit between the presidents of Mexico and the United States was a success, and no failure he said the news media both countries portrayed.

Lucey, keynoting a conference Mexican and American journalists said Sunday night the summit us in a position to make progress issues that have needed attention for a long time.

He said the media called it a "disappointment" because it didn't meet the "expectation" the media had set for it.

"Once an atmosphere of high expectation has been created, the press seems unable to be satisfied with anything less than confirmation of its own predictions," said Lucey.

The former Wisconsin governor who is reported in line for a high position in the area of American-Mexican relations, said he felt the summit had achieved at least the tangible results — resumption of negotiations on the purchase of Mexican natural gas; creation of a commission to recommend immigration policy, and the possibility of increased trade between the two countries.

Lucey said coverage of the summit was tainted by what he thought was an error by the media in interpreting Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo's remarks at a luncheon "as a social slur rather than as the serious political commentary they represented."

He said the Mexican president was trying to convey an "accurate reflection" of the feeling of Mexicans about the United States and the difficult job this country is achieving full cooperation between the two.

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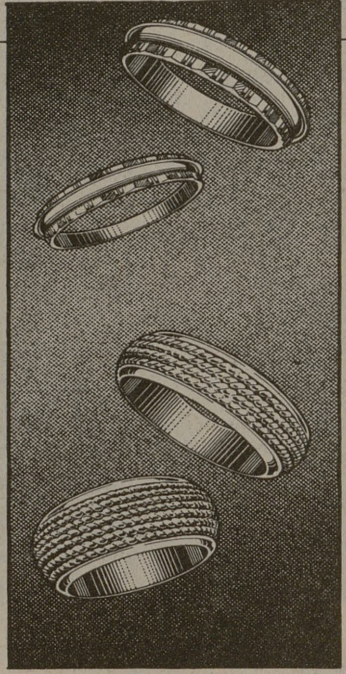
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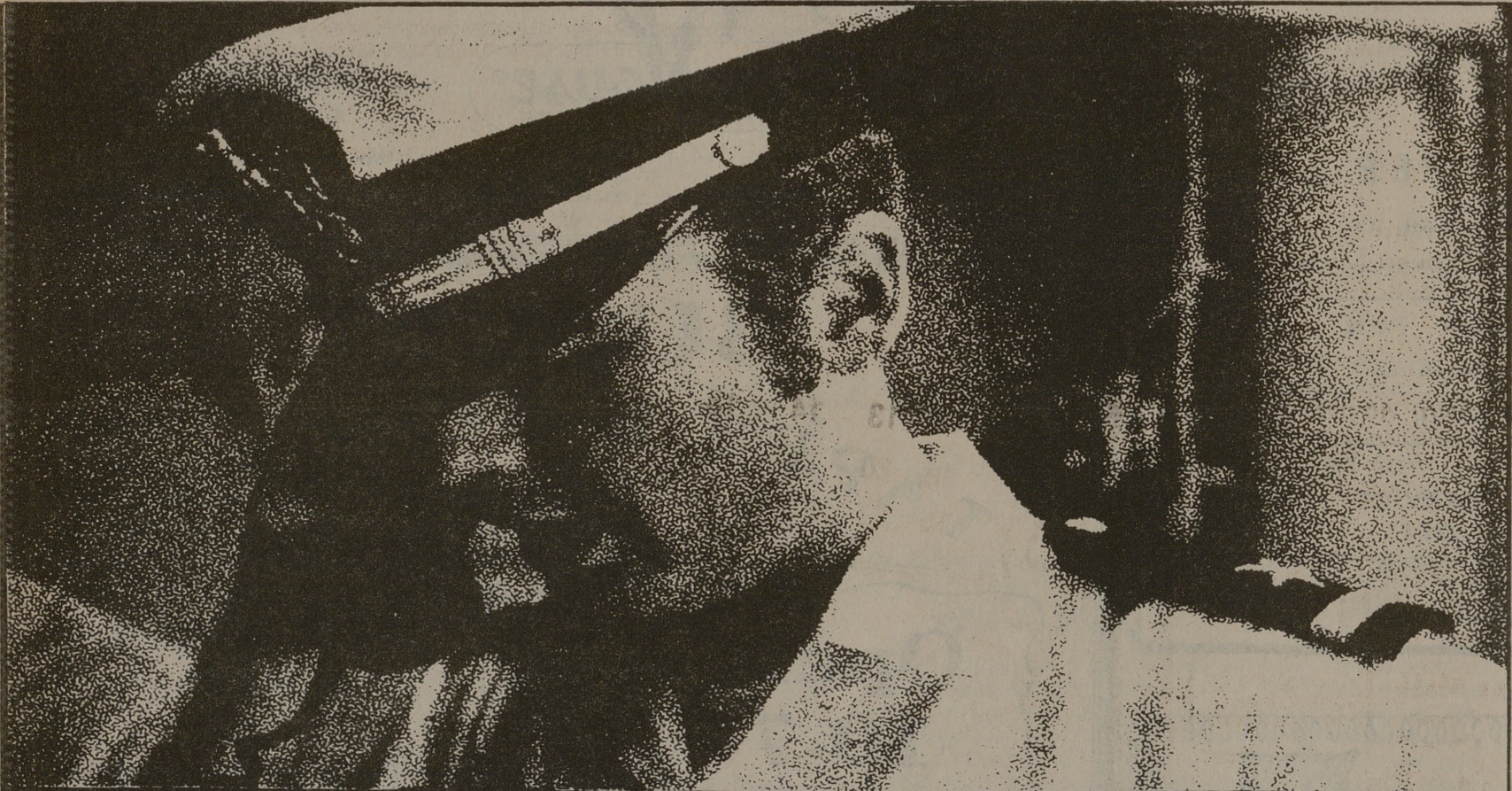
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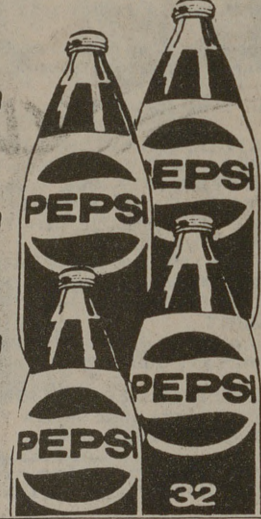
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