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'Carter's made a mistake'

# U.S. should press OPEC nations, Clements says

**United Press International**  
AUSTIN — The United States should be pressing OPEC nations to lower prices instead of restricting American imports of crude oil, Texas Gov. Bill Clements said Monday.

"I think Mr. Carter has made a bad mistake," the governor told reporters at an impromptu news conference.

"We're on a razor's edge balance between what we're import-

ing on crude and our economic stability. We are going to have to create and produce more energy."

Clements said restricting oil imports will lead to a recession, eliminate jobs and create a no-growth situation.

"This country cannot stand a no-growth policy," Clements said.

Clements said the United States should tie prices for prod-

ucts it sells to members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to rising oil prices.

"There is a way we can fight back," Clements said. "We sell to these producing countries an awful lot of products. They are dependent on us for our technical assistance. We should tie those prices to the price of their oil."

"We should say, in effect, 'Name your poison; we can play that game too.'"

Clements said he is pleased at response to his push for a no-ties, no-coat style in Texas for the summer and predicted the trucker strike is tapering down.

The governor was presented with two T-shirts with outlines of neckties drawn on and the label, "Texas Dress Shirt" across the front.

Clements said it was a cute idea, but indicated he will stick with less casual sports shirts for his office attire.

The Texas governor ordered thermostats in state office buildings set at 76 degrees as an energy conservation measure and urged private businesses to follow suit.

The no-tie, no-coat edict, he said, was a symbolic way of reminding the public to conserve energy while making the higher office temperatures more bearable.

"I'm well pleased with the reception that the program has received," the governor said.

Clements said two weekend shooting incidents in West Texas are not sufficient cause for him to invoke emergency measures to deal with strife among truckers.

# Smuggling charges dismissed

**United Press International**  
SAN ANTONIO — A federal judge Monday dismissed conspiracy charges against a Virginia tobacco grower who had been indicted in one of the largest Mexican alien smuggling cases in recent history.

In a brief order, U.S. District Judge D.W. Suttle dismissed a two-count indictment charging R. Hart Hudson, president of the Virginia-Carolina Agricultural Producers Association, with conspiring and aiding and abetting the smuggling of aliens to his tobacco plantation at South Hill, Va.

Suttle cited a government motion for dismissal signed by Jamie Boyd, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Texas.

Boyd's motion, filed June 20, said simply that he was asking for dismissal "on the grounds that the government is no longer interested in pursuing prosecution of this case."

Boyd and his assistant, Daniel Maeso who had been in charge of the case, both were not available for comment Monday on why the government no longer wanted to pursue the charge against Hudson, who also was a co-founder of the group of about 250 tobacco growers formed to supply farmers with legal migrant workers. Hudson led the association in various disputes with the federal government over use of migrant labor.

The indictment against Hudson was returned by the federal grand

jury on March 27 and charged him with conspiring with Durwood Walker Woosley, 55, of Meridian, Texas, who admitted in federal court last month to having transported as many as 2,500 undocumented Mexican workers to Louisiana, Arkansas and as far away as Virginia.

U.S. District Judge Adrian Spears on June 21, the day after the government moved to dismiss the charge against Hudson, sentenced Woosley to five years in prison and fined him \$5,000 on his plea of guilty to transporting aliens.

In a statement to the court prior to sentencing, Woosley said he wanted to see the U.S. Immigration Service "do something constructive

about getting work permits for these people," saying the Mexicans were needed for agriculture work in the United States.

The indictment against Hudson charged him with a conspiracy to bring two aliens from Woosley's property at Meridian to Hudson's tobacco farm last Aug. 8, and that Hudson paid Woosley \$3,000 for his services.

Pat Maloney, Hudson's attorney, had argued May 25 in a hearing before Suttle that the government had violated Hudson's rights to subpoena witnesses by deporting to Mexico some of the 13 aliens allegedly found at the South Hill, Va., tobacco farm.

# Clement's wife proud to receive new coin

**United Press International**  
AUSTIN — Rita Clements said Monday she is proud to receive one of the new Susan B. Anthony dollar coins and supports the equal rights for women that the suffragette espoused.

The governor's wife told Texans for the Equal Rights Amendment she supports adding the ERA provision to the U.S. Constitution and would even be willing to campaign for it.

"I certainly plan to work with women for equal rights," Mrs. Clements said.

Although the governor's wife said she has not been asked to go to other states to push ERA, she said she would be willing to accept such invitations if the engagements did not interfere with her responsibilities in Texas.

Mrs. Clements also agreed at the request of Liz Carpenter to speak to Illinois Gov. James Thompson on behalf of ERA ratification in his state.

"We've certainly come a long way since the days of Susan B. Anthony. But we still have a long way to go as all of you in this room appreciate," Mrs. Clements told a mostly-female audience at the Capitol presentation ceremony.

Texans for ERA, a coalition of women's groups supporting the amendment to the U.S. Constitution, presented a framed edition of the new Susan B. Anthony coin to the governor's wife.

In addition to Liz Carpenter, former White House press secretary to Lady Bird Johnson, the spectators included Dr. Lorene Rogers, University of Texas at Austin president and the first woman named to head a college campus of that size.

Barbara Vacker, former ERA lobbyist and special assistant to President Carter's special adviser on women's issues, Sarah Weddington, also took part in the ceremonies.

# Death row inmate numbers high in Texas and Florida

**United Press International**  
WASHINGTON — State prisons in Florida and Texas had 221 convicts on death row at the end of 1978, nearly half the total in the entire country, the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration said Monday.

In an annual capital punishment report prepared from data collected by the Census Bureau, the government agency said 1978 ended with 445 death row inmates, 35 more

than at the end of 1977.

During the year, death sentences were imposed on 183 people, and lifted from 148 others. Five of those under death sentences are women.

Ohio removed 99 inmates from death row after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled its capital punishment statute was unconstitutional. A Colorado law also was struck down.

But Oregon, Maryland and Pennsylvania enacted death penalty laws in 1978. The report said 10 of

the 35 states with such statutes had no death-row prisoners on Dec. 31.

The electrocution of John Spengelink in Florida this spring was the first execution since 1977, and the first involuntary execution in a decade.

As of Dec. 31, southern states held 87 percent of the death row prisoners — including 121 in Florida and 100 in Texas, LEAA said.

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