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# Clements says Carter hides Iran seriousness

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AUSTIN — Gov. Bill Clements Wednesday said the situation with Iran is more serious than the Cuban missile crisis and President Carter is making a mistake not telling the American people so.

"It's going to get worse before it gets better," said Clements. "I think the president is making a serious mistake in not advising the American public that this is indeed a very, very serious crisis."

Clements, who served as deputy defense secretary under presidents Nixon and Ford, declined to discuss in public what steps Carter should take against Iran but said he will go to Washington Friday to offer his advice to the White House.

Carter, his national security adviser, Zbigniew Brzezinski, and Energy Secretary Charles Duncan will meet with governors from across the nation from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday to discuss the Iranian crisis and implications of the cutoff of Iranian crude oil shipments.

"All manner of horrendous things could happen," said Clements, who as founder of the world's largest oil drilling company has had business dealings in Iran and most of the Middle East.

The Republican governor, an outspoken critic of Carter's policies on energy and many other issues, has been uncharacteristically reluctant to comment on the president's handling of the Iranian situation.

"This business is far too serious for me to be kibitzing about what our president is doing," Clements said. "It's not only unbecoming, it's not constructive to be 1,200 miles away and second-guessing what the president is doing in crisis management."

"You have to think back to the early 60s and the Cuban missile crisis, the Mayaguez incident with the seizing of that ship in the South China Sea and the Korean crisis over the shooting of the captain in the tree chopping incident," Clements said. "This situation in Iran is far more serious than all three of those put together."

Clements said he anticipates the Iranian situation will be a subject of discussion at the Republican Governor's Conference in Austin this weekend but plans to tell them, "My position is to lie down and be quiet and support the president. You don't have any other choice."

## Volunteers would be hostage

# Iran swap gathers speed

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AUSTIN — A remodeling contractor who says he is "tired of communism and cowardice" is gathering volunteers who want to swap themselves for the American hostages in Iran.

Ed Holdren, 35, said he has found volunteers and expects to increase the number to 60 within a day. Holdren said he plans to contact the U.S. State Department as the list totals 60 and discuss arrangements for the exchange.

The one condition the volunteers insist on, he said, is that "the State Department would have to agree to send in the Marines to re-

scue us eventually, even if it meant we would get killed.

"At least that way we'd save our country's reputation," Holdren said.

Holdren said most of the volunteers are "seasoned veterans with combat experience — former Green Berets, Rangers, paratroopers and Marines. They are extremely patriotic people."

Holdren served in naval intelligence during the Vietnam War.

Most of the volunteers do not want their names known unless a swap can be arranged, Holdren said. He said there are plenty of people ready to go, however, and his phone rang continuously Monday night after he

was interviewed about his plan on a local television station.

Lawrence Laake, 29, a maintenance engineer, said he is ready to join Holdren to uphold two constitutional principles he said are involved in the controversy. One, Laake said, protects Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi from being turned over to Iran and the other protects the Iranian students in this country and upholds their right to say what they want.

"If the State Department keeps dragging its feet, there might be violence in here (against the students) and that would be very unfortunate," Laake said.

# Dockworker boycott of Iran ships reaches Texas ports

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HOUSTON — A union leader has urged dock workers from North America to Texas to refuse to handle cargo bound for, or coming from, Iran.

Bill Raspberry, president of the International Longshoremen's Association's South Atlantic and Gulf District, issued the order by telegram Tuesday.

The longshoremen have always been very patriotic, very American," Raspberry said. "We can take steps to make sure that some others might not be able to take."

They have to worry whether

they're legal or illegal. This is a step we can take on our own. The telegram I sent said to boycott all Iranian cargo and ships until the hostages are released," Raspberry said.

Raspberry said the order was approved by IILA international president Thomas W. Gleason. The International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, stevedores and shipping clerks on the West Coast, took similar action.

The action Tuesday caused 90 dockworkers in Freeport to stop loading rice for Iran. Raspberry said he knew of no other cargoes in the Houston area that were affected im-

mediately, but he said much cargo eventually could be affected.

"There is a lot of Iranian cargo in the Port of Houston destined to go on some ships. My people won't load that cargo," Raspberry said.

Gleason said Friday in New York his members would not load or unload Iranian cargo at any port until the release of the hostages.

## Warning out on donating to anti-Iranians

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HOUSTON — The consumer affairs division of the Harris County district attorney's office has issued a warning to persons asked for contributions by groups that may be trying to cash in on anti-Iranian sentiment.

"If people give money, they're in effect giving gifts to these people," said Linda West, assistant district attorney for consumer affairs. "The people raising the money can use it to take a vacation to Aspen if they want to."

West said the groups passing out leaflets have not obtained the requisite city permit nor are they making promises about where the money will go.

## Houston mayoral candidate gets protection after shooting incident

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HOUSTON — Mayoral candidate Louis Macey will receive police protection during evening political appearances because shots were fired Monday into one of his campaign vans, police said.

Macey said Tuesday he does not believe the shots, fired while a campaign worker was alone in the vehicle driving through a predominantly black neighborhood, were intended for the campaign.


"You never can tell when there's a real nut out there," Macey said. "There was a bomb scare at our headquarters and our headquarters was broken into."

"The shooting incident we don't think was related to the campaign, but you add them all up and you feel like you ought to take every precaution you can."

South Houston officer had been convicted of official misconduct, a misdemeanor carrying a one-year jail sentence and \$2,000 fine.

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## S. Houston ex-cop gets probation for trying to trade favors for sex

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HOUSTON — A judge has placed a fired suburban policeman on one year probation for offering to destroy a woman's bad checks if she would have sexual relations with him.

Sgt. Robert E. Corbin, 49, was sentenced by State District Judge Frank Price Tuesday. The former

South Houston officer had been convicted of official misconduct, a misdemeanor carrying a one-year jail sentence and \$2,000 fine.

Barbara Morace, 24, testified Corbin met her July 18, 1978, showed her bad checks she had written and made sexual advances.

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