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Clements to ask for session on tax relief

United Press International
AUSTIN — Gov. Bill Clements said Saturday he will ask a special session of the Legislature to consider passing new tax relief measures to ease the burden on Texas citizens, and said a state budget surplus may reach \$1 billion by the time he convenes the special session.

Clements earlier had said he would ask the session to consider bills dealing with initiative and referendum, and legalizing electronic surveillance by the Department of Public Safety in drug related cases.

In remarks Saturday to a meeting of the State Republican Executive Committee, Clements predicted those three topics will be issues in every state political race in Texas next year, and urged SREC members to urge local candidates to utilize the issues to the fullest extent possible.

"They're going to be the keystones to what happens in the 1980 elections in Texas," he said.

Clements said his wiretap proposal is a necessary tool to combat the growing drug traffic in Texas, and sharply criticized its opponents.

"You hear are a lot of bleeding hearts talk in terms of invasion of

privacy, and that's nonsense," Clements said. "We're talking about a very tightly structured surveillance that will be used for drug cases only and is a tool that we must have to combat a \$3 billion business of drug traffic."

"Yes, we are going to invade the privacy of some people, and they happen to be criminals that are in the drug business, and we are going to lock them up."

Clements said he and his staff are considering 18 or 19 different proposals for ways to return surplus tax funds to Texans in the form of tax relief, but have not yet agreed on a single plan to recommend to the Legislature.

"Comptroller Bob Bullock advises me we are accumulating a surplus of several hundred million dollars. Depending on when I call the special session, it could be in the magnitude of \$1 billion," Clements said.

He has said previously he would call the special session in either March or September.

During a question and answer session with SREC members, Clements said the crisis in Iran is the most serious the nation has faced since Pearl Harbor, and added, "this crisis in its implications could be more serious than that one. We're talking about something that has horrendous implications."

The governor urged the GOP leaders to take active roles in the party's presidential primary campaign, but warned them, "In the process don't get yourselves so worked up that you stab somebody else in the back."

"We're not out here to do each other in, but to elect a Republican president in 1980, and that's what it's all about."

Texas city cooperative nervous as shah arrives

United Press International
SAN ANTONIO — The arrival of the shah of Iran in the city that calls itself "the cradle of the Air Force" stunned the mayor, generated sympathetic nervousness in some residents and produced some tough talk from military personnel.

Mayor Lila Cockrell learned from UPI Sunday morning that the shah, whose presence in the United States triggered the hostage crisis in Tehran, had been transferred from a hospital in New York to Wilford Hall Hospital at Lackland Air Force Base.

"All I could say as mayor is that the city of San Antonio and certainly I as mayor are supporting the president in this crisis and we will do everything we know how to be supportive of the decision made by our national administration," she said.

"I will be in touch with the city manager and be certain that we are fully alert. The shah is protected by military security. Just what civilian assistance will be needed I don't know. But we will take whatever steps might be indicated."

"I am not saying we are either pleased or displeased. This is a national emergency and I plan to support the president."

San Antonio is the site of five major military installations, including the Air Force bases of Kelly, Randolph, Lackland and Brooks and the Army's Ft. Sam Houston. The city is the largest settlement of active and retired military personnel in the nation, due largely to the good weather and the numerous services available at the bases.

Public relations spokesman Lt. Mike Terrill said Lackland AFB has 29,800 to 30,000 airmen, making it the largest "people base" in the Air Force, and that San Antonio has the largest military population in the United States, including 60,000 airmen at the four bases, 18,000-20,000 military retirees, and about 10,000 soldiers at Ft. Sam Houston, headquarters for the 5th Army.

Terrill said military personnel and dependents make up one-third of San Antonio's population.

A young basic trainee waiting at a bus stop expressed total support for the shah.

"If we back down now, then we'll have to go down again and again. Anything Carter wants to do all right with me," said the man who did not want to be identified.

Airman 1st Class Peggy Wilkins, 26, of the Lauderdale, Fla., a technician at Wilford Hall, said if she was aware the shah was there, said, "I mean I work there. Being in the medical field, if a needs treatment, what better place than Wilford Hall? It may cause a little disturbance here in San Antonio, though. I feel this way: here's a human being."

However, Wilkins indicated the shah should turn to Iran and face any charges. "He ought to back on his own, if he has any heart."

Residents of the city, reached at random by telephone expressed nervousness over the shah's presence, particularly because of a moderate amount of tension in the city due to the Tehran crisis and previous demonstrations by civilian Iranian students or Americans.

"The Iranian students will be a little more than usual," said Lindsay Rockwood, 17, a student at St. Mary's Hall. "I don't think he (the shah) should be in the United States. He has received his treatment and should go somewhere else."

Mark O'Neill, 32, a businessman, expressed trouble.

"We've had a tense situation in San Antonio. Iranian students have had rallies in front of the Alamo. The public thinks that as visitors they have certain rights, including public assembly. I see problems."

Dr. Richard Waldman, a dentist, said, "I think should not stay in this country, but where the shah can he go? There's no place he can go but Egypt. I don't want him to go Egypt. I don't think there will be trouble in San Antonio; that seems to have settled down."

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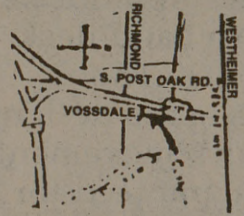
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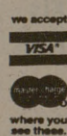
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The hospital has more than 60 separate facilities, including a dental clinic, veterinary services, an eye bank and organ transplant center, and a professional staff in excess of 3,000, including nearly 400 doctors,

400 nurses, 110 bio-medical corps and medical services officers, 1,800 enlisted medical technicians and more than 500 chaplains.

The hospital was established in 1942 but was rebuilt in 1967 to accommodate 500 more beds. Another building, another five-year building program was begun in 1976 to provide floor space from 480,000 square feet to 1,228,000 square feet.

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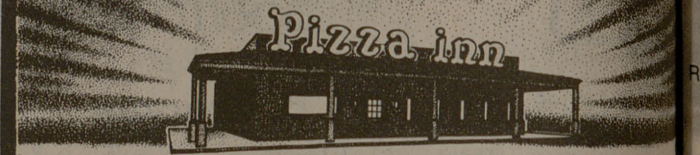
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