

# Bentsen says lower interest rates needed to solve country's problems

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DALLAS — Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, said Tuesday the nation's economic recession may have bottomed out as President Carter has said but an improvement in the economy may be stymied by high interest rates.

In Dallas to speak at a national affairs briefing of the Texas Association of Business, Bentsen said the government must provide incentives for individual savings to increase the level of capital available for mortgages in the country.

"There is no way the economy can improve if interest rates continue to increase," he said.

Bentsen is chairman of the Joint Economic Committee and a member of the Senate finance committee.

He said a bill he introduced in 1979, effective January 1981, would provide such incentives by increasing the exemption of taxes on savings interest.

"Individuals can exempt \$200 of their interest on savings from taxes and on joint forms, \$400," he said.

"It isn't as much as I wanted, but it was as much as I could get."

Additionally, the senate finance committee's economic bill would provide 3 percent across the board tax cuts, exemptions to offset the increases in social security taxes and reduce part of the penalty faced by married couples in filing joint returns.

"The American public faces an \$86 billion increase in taxes next year. Our bill will not reduce their present

taxes but will offset the increases they face," he said.

Bentsen said the president's economic bill was in many areas similar to the senate bill.

"I think ours is the better bill. I think ours will pass and the president will not veto it," he said.

The economy must emphasize productivity and sound economic management for the United States to gain stability on the world market again, he said.

## Tactics called 'Carterism'

# Bush: Carter using innuendo

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MIDLAND — Republican vice presidential candidate George Bush, returning to the city where he started in the oil business, said Tuesday President Carter has resorted to a "campaign of innuendo."

Appearing with Gov. Bill Clements at a campaign barbecue that drew about 1,000 supporters, the former Texas congressman criticized Carter's anti-Reagan comments made while campaigning Monday. He said Carter was using shoddy tactics

that he referred to as "Carterism."

Later Tuesday Bush and Clements were to appear in Plano at the dedication of a new city hall.

During a campaign tour Monday, Carter said if Reagan is elected president, the nation will be factionalized.

"Each passing day of the campaign it seems that the man who holds the highest office in the land demeans that office by attacks on his opponent, Gov. Reagan," Bush said.

"Last week there were president's advisers were restrain his instinct for representation in his campaign. Judging from Mr. Carter's appearances in Milwaukee yesterday (Monday), obviously haven't been too good."

"Call it Carterism, then any other word in the American lexicon to describe Carter's irresponsible use of rhetoric in this campaign."

# Latins say alien bill is unfair

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CORPUS CHRISTI — The national president of the League of Latin American Citizens said Tuesday LULAC is pressing for a veto of a bill sponsored by Sen. Lloyd Bentsen giving permanent resident alien status to a group of Canadian Mennonites who settled in West Texas.

Ruben Bonilla said LULAC members object to the bill because it does not include similar status for the undocumented Hispanics in the United States.

Bonilla, a Corpus Christi attorney, said he sent a telegram to Carter on Monday, expressing LULAC's opposition to the bill and asking him to veto it.

"In its simplest form," Bonilla said, "the legislation is inequitable. If we are to grant amnesty for Mennonites, why not for Mexicans as well?"

Bentsen, D-Texas, sponsored the private bill which already had cleared the House and passed the Senate last week.

It would give the 653 Mennonites permanent alien resident status after the members of the group purchased land in Texas several years ago, came to settle the land but could not pay for it because others of their number were unable to immigrate.

Since then, members of the group have been confounded by problems of citizenship and economics.

"LULAC congratulates Sen. Bentsen for his compassion in trying to come to grips with the difficult economic dilemma of the Mennonite population of West Texas," Bonilla said.

"The bill to grant permanent resident status to the 653 is certainly deserving of support, in principle. However, because it seems to favor the economic well-to-do at the expense of the poor and unsuspected Mexican undocumented worker, we are calling upon President Carter to veto the bill," he said.

"It would be far more appropriate to issue a general moratorium on deportation of any Mexican immigrant until such time as the Select Commission on Immigration Refugee Policy returns its findings to Congress in early 1981."

"The Mexican undocumented worker is as thrifty, as industrious and as law-abiding as a Mennonite," Bonilla said. "Both the Mennonite and the Mexican are productive residents of this country and, therefore, both should be considered for permanent resident status."

# Dallas man carries out suicide plan

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DALLAS — A 46-year-old man who three weeks ago failed to carry out the second half of a murder-suicide plan, killed himself Monday to avoid being rearrested for slaying his wife.

Four warrant officers went to rearrest Phillip Edward Brinson Jr., but he refused to surrender, fired a shotgun blast into the ground to keep the officers away and then committed suicide.

Brinson, an electronics technician for the Dallas school district, had been free on \$10,000 bond, but a justice of the peace had ordered the bond increased to \$50,000 after the suspect had threatened to kill Mrs. Brinson's son from a previous marriage.

On Sept. 17, Brinson's wife Joy, 44, was found shot to death on their living room sofa. Police found Brinson lying in bed with a sheet pulled over his head, and a cocked pistol and a suicide note on the bedstand.

Officers found liquor bottles throughout the house and said Brinson killed his wife but passed out before he could commit suicide.

Mrs. Brinson's son, Michael Karnes, said Brinson had blamed their marital problems on her children.

When the officers went to rearrest Brinson, they found plywood barricading the front door.

"He raised the window and the officers told them they had a new warrant for his arrest," said Capt. A. D. McCurley of the Dallas County Sheriff's Department. "He said he'd get dressed and come out."

Instead, Brinson grabbed his 12-gauge shotgun and fired through the door.

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