

Clements credited in A&M recruiting

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HOUSTON — Vice President George Bush, one of a raft of Republican luminaries supporting Bill Clements for Texas governor at a Houston rally, said Clements was a major cog in Texas A&M University's recent faculty-recruiting venture.

Monday's visit marked the third time Bush has been in Texas in the past five weeks.

In Dallas and Houston, Bush praised Clements as the force behind the strongest state economy in the nation.

"He's developed an economic climate that's second to none, and I have traveled to most states in the union," Bush said, adding the gov-

ernor was "responsible for attracting outstanding faculty members from across the nation."

Texas A&M's recent recruitment of Nobel-Prize winner and Harvard professor Sheldon Glashow has drawn considerable publicity of late, but Texas A&M president Frank E. Vandiver has said such recruitment has been going on for a long time.

"Viva Clements!" Bush shouted to a crowd of 300 in Houston's downtown Tranquillity Park. "Bill Clements will be re-elected because he has been a great governor for all Texans."

Connally, Sen. John Tow-

er R-Texas, and Rep. Bill Archer of Houston joined Bush and Clements on the platform.

Clements thanked the crowd and said: "Are we going to have politics as usual? Our polls clearly indicate Texas is saying 'no.' We want to preserve what we have in Texas."

Bush, Connally and Tower joined Clements earlier Monday at a Dallas rally where Clements attracted a larger lunch-time crowd of 1,100 supporters.

Clements' wife, Rita, predicted a 60 percent vote for her husband in Dallas County and victories in other areas.

Gulf 'bomber' seeks delay

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HOUSTON — A defense attorney asked for a delay in sentencing a Durango, Colo., man who pleaded guilty to transporting five bombs to a Gulf Chemical plant as part of a multi-million-dollar extortion attempt.

U.S. District Judge Gabrielle McDonald wanted to set sentencing for Timothy Keith Justice on Dec. 14. Justice's lawyer asked that sentencing be postponed until after the trials of four other Durango residents accused of trying to extort \$15 million.

Justice, a former police reserve officer, pleaded guilty Monday to two federal charges resulting from the extortion attempt. He plea bargained with the government in exchange for his testimony against four other defendants.

Justice admitted cutting a hole through a security fence at Gulf Oil Chemicals Co.'s Cedar

Bayou facility near Baytown Sept. 26 and planting five bombs under chemical tanks.

"I plead guilty," he said to the charges of transporting explosives and using an interstate telephone line in an extortion conspiracy.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Ron Woods said prosecutors picked two of the 12 indictments against Justice that would send him to prison for no more than 15 years.

The maximum sentence for the two charges is 15 years in prison and a \$20,000 fine.

Other defendants in the case are Jill Vurpillat Bird, John McBride, Michael Allen Worth, and Ted D. McKinney. The offenses they are charged with carry a maximum sentence of 105 years.

A 13-page indictment against the five defendants revealed details of the group's actions that only could have been provided by someone on the inside of the

group. Lawyer David Duncan of Durango said Justice revealed his part in the extortion attempt after he was arrested by the FBI Oct. 6.

"He deeply regrets having been involved in this case. It's his hope he can complete his time in prison in time to see his children before they are grown," Duncan said.

If Justice is sentenced to the full 15 years, he could spend less than four years behind bars before being paroled.

Justice's wife was in court Monday and watched as Woods cited the state's case against her husband. Woods explained the plea bargain to the judge.

"The government has agreed with the defendant and his attorney that he would plead guilty to (two counts), and persist in his plea. The government will dismiss the rest of the indictments at the time of sentencing," Woods said.

"He (Justice) has agreed to testify in all cases and against defendants in the Gulf Oil extortion case."

Justice, as the prosecution key witness, was held in a station unit of the Harris County jail under an assumed name.

Bird's lawyer was in the courtroom. Bird is the common-law wife of the alleged mastermind of the plot, McBride. She pleaded innocent to the charges and released on bail.

McBride, who is being held in a jail in Laramie, Wyo., was jailed in Phoenix, Ariz., after being arraigned. They are on \$1 million bond each.

Authorities found the bombs Justice placed in plant within days of when executives received an extortion letter. Officials feared the bombs existed when the plot was foiled by the arrest of Worth and McKinney in Arizona.

Clements' yard anti-GOP site

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AUSTIN — Demonstrators jeered and waved banners in a rally at the mansion of Texas Gov. William Clements, assailing his heavy campaign spending and support of President Reagan's economic policies.

"Clements, Clements, he's no good, get him out of the neighborhood," about two dozen demonstrators chanted Monday in front of his official residence.

The protesters also conducted a door-to-door neighborhood canvass to seek support for Democrat Mark White.

They later pitched tents at the "Reagan Ranch," erected last Friday to dramatize the nation's economic problems under the Reagan administration.

Mansion guards locked the gates at the front of the building and monitored the protest, but there were no confrontations.

A spokesman for the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now said the demonstration was part of a nationwide protest of "Reaganomics" that began two weeks ago and spread to more than 30 camp-out rallies.

The four-day camp-out was aimed at reminding people of the "Hoovervilles" in the 1930s, said organizer Holly Blake. The

weekend protest also included a soup line, a candidates' forum and a march to the state Capitol.

"We're here to demonstrate what our needs are," said ACORN member Gussie Houston. "We need jobs, more jobs and better jobs."

"Governor Clements has identified himself as a Reaganite and ACORN wants to know if he has amended his ways," she said. "Governor Clements has refused to respond to Reagan Ranch issues so we are taking the issues direct to him."

Houston said ACORN wants more state funds allocated to welfare, the creation of public works jobs, the establishment of a citizens' board to oversee eminent domain proceedings and an elected Public Utility Commission.

Clements was campaigning in Dallas at the time of the demonstration.

The governor was chastised in posters for spending a record \$11.8 million in his re-election bid.

The protesters carried posters saying: "Show Clements \$12 Million Does Not Buy An Election," "Does It Really Cost \$12 Million, Bill?" and "Clements Is Not The Best Politician \$ Can Buy."

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