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Gov. Mark White and wife Linda Gale pledge their allegiance to the flag on the steps of the Capitol building in Austin, prior to his inauguration Tuesday as the 42nd governor of Texas.

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## White promises aid for Texas education

by Denise Richter  
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AUSTIN — Increasing the salaries of school teachers will be the first step toward putting a new emphasis on education in Texas, Gov. Mark White said during a soggy swearing-in ceremony at the Capitol on Tuesday.

"We must demonstrate to our teachers that they occupy an honored place in our society," White said. "Second-class citizens will not turn out first-class minds."

More than 8,000 people braved 45-degree weather and a steady rain to watch Chief Justice Jack Pope of the Texas Supreme Court administer the oath of office to White and Lt. Gov. William Hobby.

During the gubernatorial campaign, White frequently criticized former Gov. William Clements' lack of concern for education during his single term as the state's first Republican governor in 100 years.

"Our goal must be to build the best system of education that the mind of man can devise — from first grade through graduate school — and make that system responsive to the needs of every boy and girl in Texas," White said.

"Education is not a luxury, it is a necessity. Tomorrow's economy will have no place for an unskilled or semi-skilled person."

White outlined eight "foundations

for greatness" — emphasizing education and human resources — designed to help Texas become the industrial and financial leader of the United States.

"Blacks, Mexican-Americans and women have not been given the

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opportunity to participate fully in our society," he said. "The future can't afford such a waste. We will never be so rich that we can squander the talents of a single human being."

Other "foundations" cited by White included environmental protection, upgrading of highways, equality for all citizens, renewed ties between business, labor and government and a crackdown on crime.

"They are not partisan foundations," White said. "They are not dedicated to narrow self-interests. They are foundations upon which we can all build our futures."

White also reminded the Legislature that he does not believe new taxes should be levied during the current legislative session.

"No civilization has ever been able to afford everything it wanted," he said. "We are no exception. We must learn to live within our means."

After the ceremony, White led a

procession to the governor's mansion where he fulfilled a campaign promise by breaking the lock on the mansion gates.

Because of renovations, the mansion was closed to visitors during most of Clements' administration. During the campaign, White promised to reopen the mansion if elected.

He had no trouble finding the tools for the ceremonial cutting — he received at least six pairs of bolt cutters from supporters throughout the state.

Breaking the lock symbolized "opening (government) to and for the people of the state, to whom it rightfully belongs," White said.

The Aggie Band, Parsons Mounted Cavalry and a detachment of cadets from the Ross Volunteers, the governor's honor guard, represented Texas A&M University at the day-long festivities.

Members of the Ross Volunteers formed the ceremonial saber arch for the inauguration, and the band and cavalry participated in the inaugural parade down Congress Avenue.

The celebration started Monday night with a \$50-a-plate Democratic Victory dinner. Two formal, \$50-a-person balls — one for north Texans and one for south Texans — and a \$5-a-person informal ball open to the public were held Tuesday night.

## Habib reportedly calls for soldiers in Lebanon

United Press International  
U.S. envoy Philip Habib called for removing American soldiers at early morning stations in south Lebanon to meet Israeli demands for security arrangements before withdrawing troops, it was reported today. Israeli Foreign Ministry officials declined to comment on the report in a Hebrew language newspaper Ha'aretz, which said Israel was insisting its soldiers staff at least three military stations. Ha'aretz said today Israel was de-

manding its own soldiers sit in the monitoring stations in southern Lebanon to prevent the return of Palestinian guerrillas to the region.

The newspaper said Habib presented the plan to meet Israel's demand for security arrangements in southern Lebanon prior to the withdrawal of its forces from the war-torn nation.

In Beirut, the right-wing Phalange Party newspaper Al Amal said Syria has asked Lebanon for security arrangements in the strategic eastern

Bekaa Valley before withdrawing its troops from Lebanon.

It said the Syrians have agreed to a simultaneous withdrawal with Israel if given specific security guarantees in the Bekaa Valley to match those demanded by Israel in south Lebanon.

Israel said it invaded Lebanon June 6 to end the threat of guerrilla attacks on its territory from southern Lebanon. It was not immediately clear how many stations the Israelis want established.

## Watt asserts reservations affect Indian development

United Press International  
Indian leaders say Interior Secretary James Watt oversimplified and exaggerated Indian problems by asserting that reservations have hampered Indians' social development. One tribe in Wisconsin immediately voted to urge President Reagan to force Watt for his resignation. In an interview taped for broadcast today on Satellite Program Network based in Tulsa, Okla., Watt contended the 1.4 million Indians who live on reservations maintained by the government, experience overwhelming social problems, including drug use, alcoholism, unemployment, violence and venereal disease. "Every social problem is exaggerated because of socialistic government policies on the Indian reservation," Watt said. "If you want an ex-

ample of the failure of socialism, don't go to Russia — come to America and go to the Indian reservations."

Watt's spokesman, James Baldwin, said later Watt was not criticizing the reservation system, but criticizing the role of the federal government over the affairs of Indian governments.

Watt, whose department includes the Bureau of Indian Affairs that supervises the nation's reservations, said Indians have been "trained through 100 years of government oppression to look to the government as the creator, as the provider, as the supplier, and have not been trained to use the initiative to integrate into the American system."

The Lac Courte Oreilles tribal governing board, representing one of 11 reservations in Wisconsin, voted unanimously Tuesday night to re-

quest that President Reagan ask Watt for his resignation. The board said Watt has betrayed the trust between the federal government and Indian tribes he had promised to uphold in his oath of office.

George Henkel, director of the Montana United Indian Association, said reservations are "socialistic" only because they have been forced on the Indian people. "Therefore, for many Indians, it is their only refuge, so feelings of socialism among Indians is encouraged."

Henkel said one reason there are so many social problems on reservations is, there is so little economic and business development, and said the government has done very little to encourage such economic activity on reservations.

## Guestrooms flood

The guest room area of the second floor of the Memorial Student Center was flooded at 5:30 p.m. Monday when a three-inch, chilled waterline burst to supply water to air conditioning units broke.

The leak was repaired within a half hour, said Steven M. Hodge, director of the University Center. Damages are being assessed and clean-up operations are in progress.

Hodge said he hopes the area will be back in operation within a week.

## Panel may raise retirement age

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — Americans born after 1949 would have to wait an extra year to retire under a proposal that probably will win endorsement of a majority of the president's Social Security commission, well-placed sources say.

The proposal, which would raise the retirement age to 66 and the early retirement age to 63, will probably win at least seven votes on the 15-member commission, and possibly up to 10, sources said Monday.

The proposal would not be part of the official report of the National Commission on Social Security Reform, which recommends payroll tax hikes, a six-month benefits freeze and taxing benefits of upper-income pensioners to save \$169 billion by 1990.

But those recommendations erase only two-thirds of Social Security's 75-year cash shortfall. The commission agreed to disagree on how Congress should come up with the rest of the money. Commission Chairman Alan Greenspan said he and others would recommend hiking the retirement age.

The retirement age proposal, circulated in draft form Monday by commission staff, would close the gap by:

—Raising the 65-year retirement

age by one month a year, beginning in the year 2000, until it reached 66 in 2015. Americans born in 1938 would have to wait an extra month to retire; those born after 1949 would wait a full year.

—Raising the early retirement age, now 62, gradually to 63 the same year. Early retirees now collect 80 percent of the full benefit. Americans could still retire at age 62, but would get an even lower check.

—Raising the retirement age further after the year 2020 by linking it to increases in the average lifespan.

—Leaving eligibility unchanged for Medicare at age 65 and for disability benefits.

Congressional leaders promise President Reagan they will push for quick approval of the \$169 billion bipartisan Social Security bailout, but other key lawmakers say the package may not get through unscathed.

In a conference call to congressional leaders, Reagan said the plan "will provide a real boost to the American people in these tough times," White House spokesman Larry Speakes said.

The House Select Committee on Aging scheduled a session next week to hear from groups representing the elderly, some of whom are expected to oppose the plan.

## Clements' appointments may not be returned to White

from staff and wire reports

Debate over the right of former Gov. Bill Clements to make lame-duck appointments has been a priority issue in the first week of the legislative session, but now it appears that Gov. Mark White does not have the support he needs to have all the appointments returned to him.

Although White hasn't taken the issue before the Senate yet, some of White's Senate backers have said that he doesn't have a majority of the 31-

member Senate on his side.

Sen. Ray Farabee, D-Wichita Falls, said Tuesday that White's only hope in the battle is to have some of Clements' board of regents appointments returned to him. Included in those appointments are two new Texas A&M regents, acclaimed geologist Michel Halbouty and former Texas House speaker Bill Clayton, and one reappointment to the board, John Blocker. The regents were sworn into office last week in Austin.

White said Tuesday that he has not yet decided whether to ask the Senate to return all the appointments, but a White supporter said White is unsure about the vote, even on the regents appointments.

The debate over the appointments started when a group of Democratic senators announced their opposition to Clements' 105 lame-duck appointments. Clements claimed he was fulfilling his duty as governor, while opponents claimed he was trying to extend his political power.

## A&M to host lecture series on NATO, Western alliance

By Robert McGlohn  
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Former President Gerald Ford, former German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and former British Prime Minister Edward Heath will be at Texas A&M on April 4 as part of a special lecture series.

The discussion, entitled "NATO and the Western Alliance," will be held in Rudder Auditorium and moderated by Ted Koppel of ABC's "Nightline."

The program replaces one that was to include former U.S. secretaries of state Henry Kissinger, Alexander Haig, Dean Rusk and Edmund Muskie. That program fell through; however, the former heads of state and Koppel have signed a binding contract that commits them to the appearance, said Dale R. Tampke, chairman of the MSC Endowed Lecture Series Committee.

The committee hasn't given up on the original program but has put it on the back burner for a while, Tampke said.

Carlyne Mertens, who is in charge of fund raising for the program, said the committee plans to raise \$80,000 for the event. Tampke said that because of an agreement with Harry Walker Inc., the agency

that represents the former heads of state and Koppel, he could not reveal the individual fees each speaker will receive.

"(But) it's a pretty expensive program," he said.

Despite the title of the committee, the MSC Endowed Lecture Series Committee does not have an endowment. But Tampke said he hopes the publicity of the April 4 program will help solicit one.

Mertens and Tampke said they do not anticipate any problems in raising the necessary money.

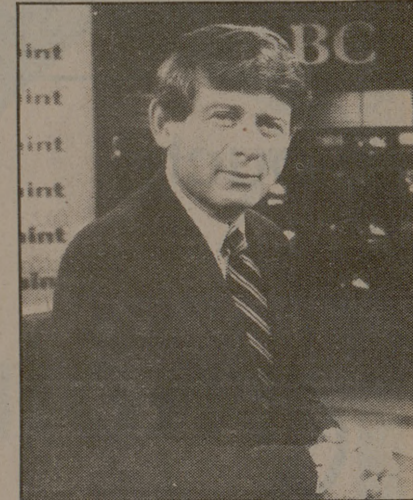
The \$80,000 is being raised by the MSC Enrichment Fund, which Mertens directs as part of her duties as vice-president for development of the MSC Council.

A March 25, 1980, program featuring Nobel economists Milton Friedman and Paul Samuelson prompted the idea for an endowed lecture series, Tampke said. The program, which dealt with the economic responsibility of government, was sponsored by the MSC Great Issues Committee.

The endowed lecture series committee hopes to sponsor at least one similar program a year, Tampke said, and hopes to be able to pro-

duce such programs on a semester basis in five or six years.

"We're a university," Tampke said. "We're in the business of educating people. And part of that education is, if not the acceptance, at least the acknowledgement of different ideas. And we're bringing these ideas to campus."



Ted Koppel



Gerald Ford



Helmut Schmidt



Edward Heath

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## forecast

Overcast skies today and a bit nippy. A 60 percent chance of precipitation with a high of 49. ENE winds at 9 to 18 mph. A 50 percent chance of rain tonight and a low of 39. Thursday's high will be 48 with a 60 percent chance of rain.