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### **Priorities**

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Representative says national debt, trade deficit hurt U.S.

**Associated Press** 

AUSTIN - House Majority Leader Jim Wright said Monday the United States' three top priorities are reducing the national debt, making the nation energy self-sufficient and trimming the trade deficit with foreign countries.
"We have a tendency to rock

long fat, dumb and happy until a crisis has us by the throat and then lemand instant solution," Wright old the annual meeting of the Texas ndependent Producers & Royalty Owners Association.

Wright, D-Texas, said he was "not ne last word of authority" on President Reagan's recent tax proposal, but he added, "You can just be sure hatever it is today, it's going to be a little bit different if and when it omes out of the House.

Wright prefaced his remarks to the oil and gas producers by saying, I don't mind one little bit anybody telling folks up there (in Washington) anything I've done for this inlustry or for this state, because if I've got to hide the fact that I'm a fexan in order to become speaker of the House, then I'm not going to speaker of the House.

The petroleum producers reonded with applause.

Wright posed the question of "what are the big things, what are the principal priorities that confront this country today?"

**UT** prof's punishment upheld

NEW ORLEANS - A federal appeals court agreed Monday that the University of Texas had authority to reassign a graduate student who claimed the move was retaliation for political opinions she expressed while teaching a summer, 1981, course in American Government.

U.S. District Judge Fred Shannon had earlier thrown out the lawsuit filed by Kathleen Kelleher against President Peter Flawn and other university officials.

In its ruling Monday, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Ms. Kelleher failed to prove, as she claimed, that her reassignment denied rights guaranteed her by the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

The First Amendment guarantees a citizen's freedom of speech. The Fourteenth Amendment protects an accused's right to a hearing in a court of law.

"It is firmly established that the First Amendment's shield does not extend to speech and conduct amounting to insubordination directed at school officials," said the

As for the Fourteenth Amendment, the 5th Circuit said Ms. Kelleher failed to prove "that she was deprived of a liberty or property interest and that she was not afforded adequate procedural protection prior to or following the depriva-

Since she was an assistant instruc-tor without tenure, as well as other considerations, the appeals court held "that Kelleher had no such Wright said the third goal would be to reduce a trade deficit that could exceed \$140 billion this year. property right and was therefore not entitled to a hearing prior to depri-

Ms. Kelleher resigned and filed a grievance in 1980 after Government Department Chairman Charles Cnudde removed her from the class-

She claimed the removal resulted from her inviting two homosexuals to speak to her "Politics of American Culture" class. Two students had complained.

## 13 arrested, \$2.6 million seized in Customs cash smuggling bust

"The first one, I think most of us would agree, is that we absolutely

must do something to begin not only to reduce the annual deficits that

add to the national debt but some-

how to begin to reduce the national

debt itself before it consumes us all."
Following Reagan's blueprint,
Wright said, would run the debt to
more than \$3 trillion by 1988. To il-

lustrate the enormity of the debt, he said if someone had spent \$1 million a day since the birth of Christ, "he

still would not have spent anything like \$1 trillion."

The second major priority, he

said, is to try to make this country

energy independent, which is he

said just as important to our future,

and to our national security as the

For the first time in 71 years, we

"For American industry to mod-

are a net debtor nation — we owe

more money abroad than is owed to

ernize its aging industrial plants and

machinery and make us once again

competitive on world markets, we're

going to have to develop some sort

of plans where maybe there is a so-

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MIAMI — U.S. Customs inspecors seized \$2.67 million and arrested 13 people in May in an effort o cut the drug-money lifeline running from Miami to foreign traffickrs, officials said Monday.

Money smugglers tried to sneak he cash out of the United States in eddy bears, cereal boxes and candy vrappers in an effort to escape de-

'We can attack narcotics traffickrs through seizure of funds necessary to maintain their operations, aid Customs investigation chief

Guinn said the Miami effort is art of a nationwide drive to cut off he illegal export of money from the United States. While the lion's share the national crackdown was found Miami, seizures in other cities \$21,000 to \$405,000.

brought the May total to \$3.4 mil-

Those arrested are charged with failure to file currency transaction reports required by the government to take large amounts of money outside the country. Most of the money seized in Miami was bound for Colombia and Bolivia.

Miami agents have found cash concealed in a baby booster seat and liquid detergent.

bills, 34 to a roll, inside candy wrappers for English Toffee and Tootsie Rolls.

Guinn said the wrapping was 'professionally done."

Customs agents also found \$113,400 in gold concealed in canned goods.

The seizures have ranged from

"We are now continuing our investigation to see if there are any links" with known drug smugglers, Guinn said, but so far the cash seizures have not been tied directly to traffickers.

Some of the cash was found in commercial cargo and some was dis-covered as a result of "conversations and encounters" wih outbound passengers by Customs agents posing as fellow travelers, Guinn said. He said the program was

successful in May and will continue, but said agents know they are ntercepting only a trickle of the flood of outgoing money.

"I think we are probably only at the tip of the iceberg," Guinn said.

Totals seized in other cities were Dallas \$25,000; New York, \$31,000; and San Antonio, Texas.

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