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# **INS releases immigrants**

judge.

At one point, more than 2,400

people were in detention last year,

either awaiting an asylum ruling, ap-

pealing a ruling, or awaiting an ap-

bearance before an immigration

The Immigration and Natualiza-

tion Service is seeing an upsurge in

apprehensions of Central Americans

and is running out of detention space, Jerry Sewell, director of the INS' Harlingen District, said Thurs-

Sewell, however, said he was not

'Detention space is a problem and

authorized to elaborate on whether

the agency had changed its policy

that had prohibited asylum-seekers

BAYVIEW (AP) - Immigration processed. officials say they are releasing hundreds of Central American immigrants from detention centers in South Texas because they are run-

ning out of detention space. Attorneys and others had specu-lated that hundreds of people were being released from the centers bethe government expected an influx of refugees from war-torn El Salvador.

But Immigration and Naturalization Service Commissioner Gene McNary said Thursday, "There is no connection between anyone who is released and any anticipation of a need for space because of the possi-ble influx of Central Americans." However, he added, "We would

like to have the space to meet such an influx if it happens.'

Hundreds of detainees have been allowed to leave South Texas over the past two weeks, a departure from the no-travel policy put in place last Feb. 21 after thousands of refugees arrived in South Texas from Nicaragua and El Salvador.

The law allows those without immigration documents to stay if they can prove they fled their homelands for political and not economic rea- day.

INS officials forbade the immigrants from leaving South Texas because most never reported to immigration officials when they reached from leaving South Texas unless other cities. Instead, the immigrants granted asylum. were sent to detention camps while their applications for asylum were we're trying to develop ways to solve

# **Clements** opposes repaying counties for cost of prisoners

ties now paying to house prison in- When you talk about the counties mates who can't get into the state you're talking about the state.' corrections system because there's Clements noted that the state no room can forget about getting reimbursed by the state, Gov. Bill Clements said Thursday.

settlement.

Officials in Harris County and other counties in Texas routinely have been billing the state for millions of dollars in costs for holding in their county jails thousands of convicted criminals who have nowhere to go because state prisons are full.

"They're going to just have to bear with us and shortly we will have the situation in balance and the problem will be solved," Clements said. "In the meantime, they're inconvenienced. It is costing some money but we also have those same problems at the state level. It's a common problem that we're going to have to put up with here for a chert time." short time.

suggestion that it was unfair to counties that they had to pick up the tab for state prisoners.

HOUSTON (AP) - Texas coun- the structure of state government.

Clements noted that the state has more than 25,000 prison beds under construction, a program he said was unprecedented in the nation.

"That program will take care of said Clements, adding that he also was ruling out some kind of partial give the relief to our county prisons give the relief to our county prisons that is required," he said. "I know that you're badly overcrowded here in Houston as they are in Dallas and Fort Worth and several other metropolitan areas.

'I know it's working a hardship on these metropolitan counties. But I would hope also that you would have little patience and let us get these prisons built. In the meantime, be patient, be calm, take it easy.

On other matters, Clements said he doubted whether lawmakers would be able to resolve education finance and judicial election matters in a single special legislative session he's called for next month. "I'm not the least optimistic we're

going to solve this in one legislative Clements bristled, however, at the session," he said.

> Clements refused to say what kind of education package he would favor

it," Sewell said. Tim Block, a paralegal worke with the Harlingen-based Proyed Libertad (Project Liberty) legal office for Central Americans, saidh knew of a group of 75 Salvadora released Monday and another grou of 90, primarily Nicaraguans, p leased last week on their recogn

Block said he suspected the IN was "cleaning house" to prepare for a wave of immigrants from war-ton El Salvador.

'They asked us if we had any fan ily with addresses in the Unit States, and said we could leave a go to them if we did," Daniel Salaz an 18-year-old Nicaraguan head for Miami, who had been in deter tion about a week, said Wednesday

Salazar and two other Nican guans walking out of the INS' Por

They said they were required or to promise to present themselves immigration authorities at their U destinations, but did not know wh they were released.

### Airline adds new overseas flight routes

DALLAS (AP) — American Airlines announced Thursday a revamping of its European serv ice by saying it was adding additional flights. But because of the rapidly expanding international operation plus the lack of air planes to serve existing routes, the airline will be be forced to cu services to some cities.

In addition to London routes gained in recent deals with Trans World Airlines and Texas Air World Airlines and Texas Air Corp., American said it would add non-stop flights from Chi-cago to Glasgow, Munich and Dusseldorf, giving the For Worth-based carrier 145 flights i week to Europe, a 22 percent in-crease crease

"We believe the restructuring will make us a stronger, more vi brant competitor in the Europea market place," said Mike Buck man, vice president of sales. "We're determined to make American the leading U.S. carrie in the European market." Analyst Mark Daugherty wit

Dean Witter Reynolds said the move "just underscores their as gressive ambitions to secure and implement U.S.-European service prior to 1992 or '93" when many interior European trad

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Isabel Service Processing Cem near Port Isabel said they we called in groups of about 40 and the they could leave the Lower Ri Grande Valley without paying the \$3,000 bail set when they were de tained

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barriers fall. Even with the expansion Buckman said international ope ations business will amount to only about 15 percent of the carrier's business.



The county, in case you all have as long as a task force he appointed forgotten, is a piece of state govern- was still trying to come up with recment — formally, factually and ommendations. Whatever he fa-otherwise," he said. "County govern- vored, however, would not result in ment is the lowest denominator in higher taxes, the governor said.

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