

# Carter urged to placate Mexico

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Two senators urged President Carter yesterday, on the eve of his departure for Mexico, to make a more enthusiastic effort to get Mexican gas and oil for the United States.

With Iranian oil production cut off, the United States faces new oil shortages, and Carter promised Monday he would offer President Jose Lopez Portillo "a fair price" and good faith negotiations for developing newly discovered Mexican natural gas and oil resources.

However, Sens. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., and Edward Zorinsky, D-Neb., urged Carter in a joint letter yesterday

to reverse his "present negative policy" on Mexican fuel purchases.

Administration energy officials earlier said the proposed Mexican prices were too high.

Lugar and Zorinsky warned, "No amount of wishful thinking will make the United States energy independent."

"It is a grave mistake to pursue a policy which virtually writes off our access to a very large energy supply from a close and friendly country," they wrote.

"We urge you to reconsider your present policy and to take the first step

toward a relationship with Mexico based on mutual respect and self-interest."

In addition to gas and oil, another major point of difference Carter will discuss with Portillo in his three-day visit is the illegal immigration of hundreds of thousands of Mexicans to the United States each year.

In another letter to the president yesterday, Sen. Walter Huddleston, D-Ky., urged Carter not to make concessions on the border-jumping issue in order to gain access to Mexican energy sources.

"It is not possible to link the immigration and energy issues because

they involve entirely different considerations which must be settled on their own merits," Huddleston said.

He asked Carter to be firm on the question of curbing illegal immigration and tightening U.S.-Mexican border controls.

Carter was scheduled to leave the White House Wednesday morning, arriving in Mexico City shortly after noon. In addition to an opening discussion and luncheon with Lopez Portillo, he had several official functions to perform, including a wreath-laying at the monument to Mexican independence.

# Senate Leader will withhold SALT support

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Senate Democratic Leader Robert Byrd said yesterday he has his doubts about the emerging SALT II accord and will withhold his crucial support "until I read the fine print."

Byrd, whose opposition would be a staggering blow for President Carter, said he mistrusts the Soviets partly because of their "adventurism" in Africa and elsewhere — just the sort of "linkage" Carter is hoping to avoid.

The president and his strategists want the Senate ratification battle confined to the merits of the new

strategic arms limitation treaty and hope it will not evolve into a free-wheeling debate of Soviet foreign policy.

Republican leaders have indicated they will press on just such a debate. The administration is counting on Byrd and his Democratic lieutenants to thwart that move.

"I'm going to wait until I see the fine print," Byrd told reporters who asked his views of SALT II, said to be in its final stages of negotiation.

"I'm not going to buy a pig-in-the poke at this time. I have reservations because, based on our previous experiences with the Soviet Union, we have to make haste slowly when it comes to agreements... It's pretty hard to divorce in one's thinking the adventurism the Soviets are participating in in Africa, Vietnam and other places in the world. A piece of paper is worthless," he said. "We've seen that in a good many instances with Soviet leaders. I want to see what's on the paper and whether it's verifiable."

# Bank 'generous' to client

DALLAS (UPI) — With nothing more than a cool "thank you," the Republic National Bank of Dallas yesterday accepted \$75,000 from an honest customer who found it surprisingly difficult to give back the money accidentally put in his account.

George Killick, surrounded by blue-suited bank officials, security guards and even a representative from the U.S. Attorney's office, returned the money in 750 hundred-dollar bills.

As Killick stood quietly with one reporter at his side, a bank official quietly counted out the cash. When he finished, he turned to Killick and very professionally said, "thank you."

The counter then dropped all the money on the floor and had to pick it up.

The dropping of \$75,000 was the only levity in the finale of a story Killick thought was more than a little humorous.

On Feb. 5, three days after he had been turned down for a loan, he received the bank statement for his small Wee Haul Co. and found Republic had credited his account with \$75,000.

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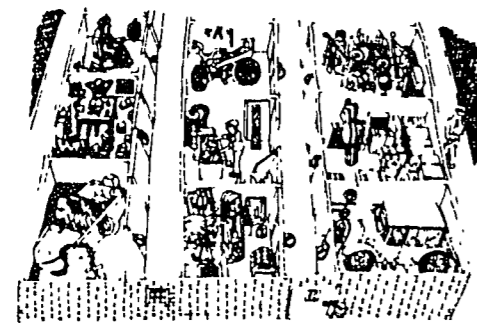
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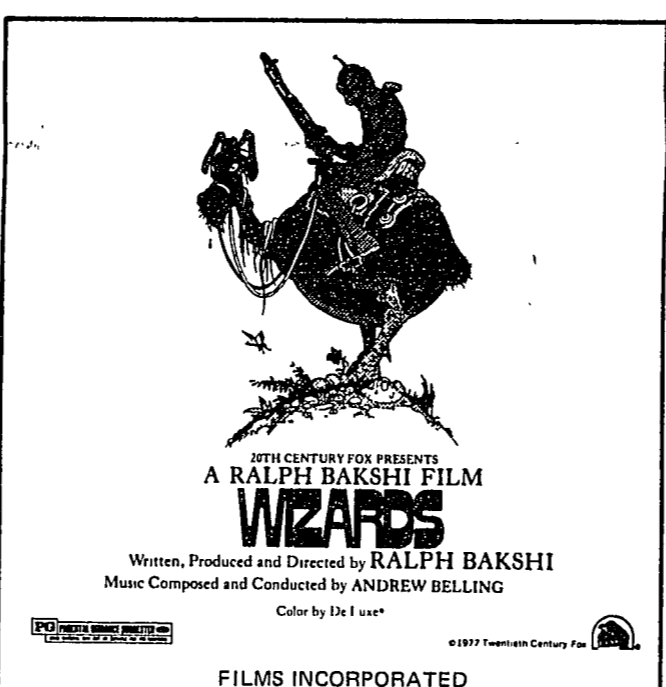
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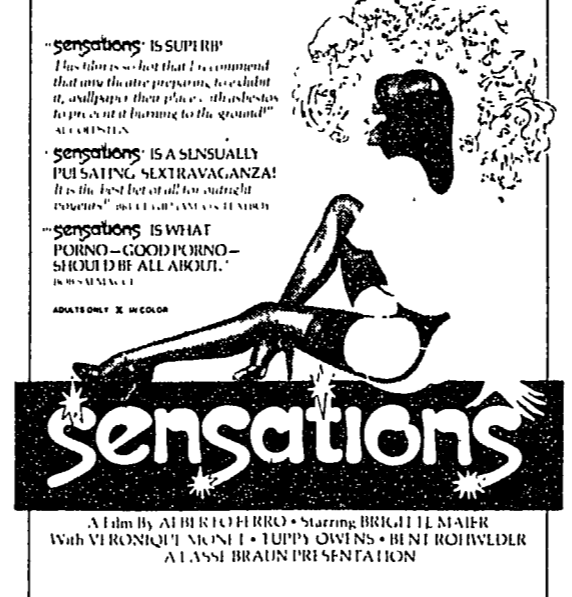


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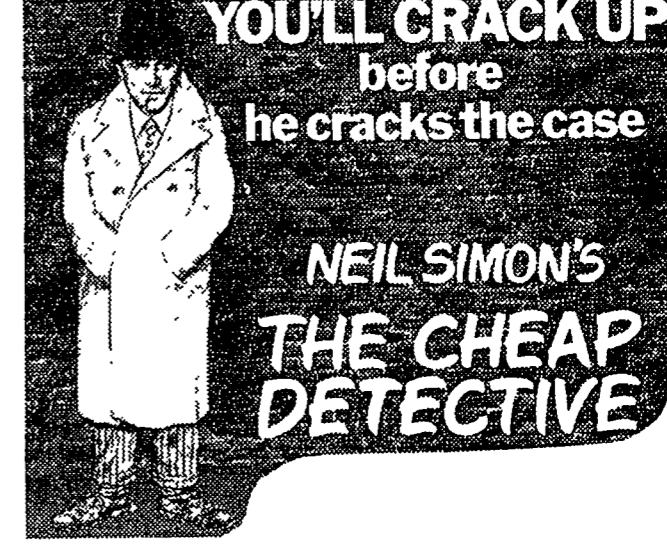


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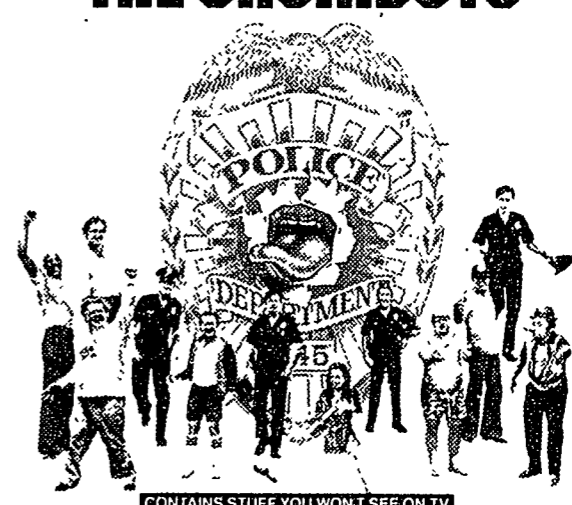


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