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# MEXICO 



Economic woes may spell doom for banks

By STEVE STOYANOW
"The situation is intoler able. I will not allow the country to come apart in my hands. We will act with decisiveness and firmness." So said Mexico's President Miguel de la Madrid as he addressed his nation during his inaugural speech back in December of 1982. That same line from Madrid's address was also used by Wayne Cornelius (UCSD professor of political science and direct or of the Program in US-Mexican Studies) to open a discourse he presented to the World Affairs Council of San Diego on Jan 11. Cornelius presentation. titled "The Mexican Succession: Problems and Prospects," dealt with the economic problems now facing Mexico and the consequences those problems might bring about.

With the close of 1982, the Mexican people were faced with an annual inflation rate of 100 percent. zero economic growth, and the second highest foreign debt in the world (behind Brazil). $\$ 83$ billion.
How did Mexico reach this nadir of economic chaos? How did it fall from potentially did it fall from potentially becoming one of the worlds wealthier nations in 1977
(when former president (when former president Lopez Portillo announced the discovery of vast reservoirs of oil) to being one of the most economically depressed in 1983?
According to Cornelius, the answer is twofold. First. Mexico anticipated huge increases in government revenues as a result of increased oil exports. The government calculated that.
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no more than $\$ 14$ billion According to Cornelius. "It was this large gap between expected and realized oil revenues that plunged Mexico into a liquidity crisis by the summer of 1982." This crisis, Cornelius says led to Cornelius says, led to the governments witholding of payments on the $\$ 83$ bilion foreign debt, and to the devaluation of the country's currency. (The peso has been devalued four times since August of 1982.
With the devaluation came a "massive flight of capital to the United States," according to Cornelius, as Mexicans feared their money was no longer safe in Mexican banks In response to this "flight. the government (then headed by Lopez Portillo) nationalized the banks (the first time in Mexican history) in order in
staunch the flow. risis. Cornelius says Mexicu was "forced" to accept a 84 ? billion bail-out loan from the International Monetary Fund (MF). Unfortunately for lexico. one major stipulation of the loan agreement was that stiff austerity measures had to be introduced into the Mexican economy Govern ment subsidies on consumet goods and services had to be eliminated, resulting in higher prices for the Mexical consumer.
Some financial experts helieve the austerity measures will hurt the Mexican conomy even more severely Arecent business Week articie dan. 10), states experts warn programs - designed to help debtor nations get theit please furn to page 6

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## MEXICO

continued from page 1 economic houses in order could plunge the borrowers into deep recession In a nutshell, Mexico's current economic crisis resulted from the government embarking on a massive and expensive development crusade, based on overly optimistic oil revenue projections. Cornelius summed it up in two short phrases: "Mexico had been living beyond its means," and government planners moved too far too fast.
Upon his election, President De la Madrid, in order to deal with the economic crisis, implemented certain meas ures designed to bring the economy back under control. Some of the more important ones were:

- The dismantling of the currency exchange controls implemented by the Lopez Portillo administration and the establishment of a free market exchange rate. The administration hopes this will eliminate the black market competition for American dollars, hard currency that the government drastically needs in order to pay the foreign debt;
- The lifting of government price controls on 4,700 of the 5,000 or so commodities under government control. This was welcomed by the private business sector because of the price advantages subsidies gave to state-owned busines. ses:
- A 15 percent increase in the Value Added Tax, a form of sales tax that accounts for slightly under half of all government tax revenues. This was done in lieu of raising personal and corporate income taxes.
- A constitutional Mexico will stating that economy," ensuring that parts of the economic sphere will be of the economic sphere will be private enterprise. Cornelius points out that this amend points out that this amend-
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from Mexico's political left from Mexico's political left door on any chance for the

Mexican economy to become purely socialist in nature In addition to these legal measures, one non-legislative and controversial action taken by the government asked its foreign creditors (some 1,400 ) foreign creditors (some 1,400 to change Mexico's "shortterm" debts into "medium term" debts. This would allow Mexico to pay the interest on those debts due between 1982 and 1984 (some $\$ 20$ billion) over a period of eight years, with a four year grace period The controversy lies in asking for the "short term" debts to be changed to "medium term," effectively asking for a moratorium on paying its debts. So far, foreign banks have given the Mexican government a moratorium on its debts since August of last year and the country has not paid its creditors since that paid its creditors since that time. Some financial analyst. believe that such morator jums, in the long run, could be detrimental.
One analyst was quoted in Business Week as stating "The most unnerving scenario is that of major debtors declaring a moratorium on payments. Mexico has already asked for a grace period on interest payments. Diminish ing oil revenue and worsening ing oil revenue and worsening poverty could yet prompt it
leaders, some observers fear leaders, some observers fear to apply the moratorium solution to its entire debt load.
If Mexico were to declare that it was not going to pay back its loans (although this is unlikely), many fear the $\$ 83$ billion lost would throw the world into a severe depression. much like the one of the 1930s Those concerned with Mexico's economic stability have expressed concern about how that economic stability will affect the country. political stability. There has been wide discussion as to whether economic conditions will get so bad as to warrant a possible take-over by the possible
military.
Cornelius expressed the view that Mexico is still "very far" from a military take-over He believes that for a militar take-over to occur, there would
have to be "widespread rioting and other forms of civil disorder, and the current government would have to convincingly demonstrate that it had lost total control of the country. But. Cornelius adds, this is not to "imply that there is no possibility of a breakdown of the Mexican political system. These are times of great danger in Mexico."

According to Cornelius, in order to strengthen the country's political stability the amount of government corruption prevalent under Lopez Portillo must be reduced. He points out that the De la Madrid administration has already undertaken such a task. Some of the more significant measures taken to reduce government corruption include:

- A law making it easier to
prosecute government
officials for most forms of corruption. This law stems from a campaign developed by De la Madrid commonly called 'Renovacion Moral'
- A law establishing a cabinet-level department called the "Controloria," which is basically the overseer of the Renovacion Moral Cornelius describes it as a "super watchdog"
- A banking law that would allow 34 percent of the wores allow 34 percent of the shares of all national banks to be privately owned. De la Madrid believes this will more or less "democratize" the banking system.
Cornelius stated that even if De la Madrid's programs succeed in stabilizing the Mexican economy, the country will still have to face its huge foreign debt. And that the interest on this debt alone will consume nearly three-fourths of the 1983 oil export revenues,
which will severely restrict Which will severely restrict
the future development of Mexico. But, Cornelius adds, Mexico's success not only relies on its domestic success; it depends heavily on the recovery of the world economy as well. If the world economy does not significantly improve within the next six years. economic recovery in Mexico may fail.
Closing his address Cornelius told the Council that there is currently an attitude among the people of Mexico that "We re all in this together." But he warned also that if De la Madrid fails, he may turn out to be "Mexico's last constitutional president. Conversely, Cornelius expressed hope that if De la Madrid succeeds in overcoming the current crisis, will allow for a "long period of political stability.


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by Tim Downs


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## The Good Humor Men

## "Video/TV:Humor/Comedy" exhibit at Mandeville

## By RONA HU

In "Art Punks," a video performance piece by Ermest Gusella, the degeneratelooking leader of a three-piece band explains in a catchy little tune that he will do anything for a good review. He will jump out of twelfth story windows, crawl through broken glass, drown or generally maim himself, just as long as he can see his name in print. Gusella may not do all those things himself, but as a director/performer of video comedy, he certainly deserves the good reviews: his pieces are hilarious.
The same can be said of the rest of the exhibit at the Mandeville Art Gallery, "Video/ TV:Humor/Comedy," now being shown until January 30. There are almost eight and a January 30 . There are almost eight and a
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with support from the National Endowwith support from the National Endow-
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from slapstick to sophisticated comedy, from off-the-wall to downright bizarre And though individual performances might not appeal to everyone, any viewer who stays for an hour or so will find something genuinely funny.
The eight-plus hours of tapes are di-
vided into separate programs, accor-
ding to general categories. The most popular of these programs is the one on Musial/Comedy. Most of the works are short from about two to eight minutes, so this is an especially good program for sampling a variety of video artists.
The first piece on the program, "Guitar Piece" by Pier Marton, is two and a half minutes of a man smashing himself over the head with a guitar. When the instrument finally breaks, he then begins hacking at the little pieces, until he's left gnawing on a single string. "Ear to the Ground by Kit Fitzgerald and John Sanborn takes a more positive approach to music: it features a modishly dressed man, complete with tinted

glasses and fedora hat, playing his drumticks all over the city - on telephone booths, on gates and doors and signposts, and on the sidewalks and streets. He goes and on the sidewalks and streets. He goes
along drumming out intricate rhythms along, drumming out intricate rhythms
without ever missing a beat, until he finally goes bopping off into the sunset - a cool, upbeat performance if there ever was one. Some pieces had good music: "Selections from $360^{\prime \prime}$ by Julia Heyward, for example, or Twinart's "Instant This, Instant That," (Music by Taste Tests) which shows a set of identical twins going through a day of "push a button, processed food, turm a dial, instant mood" and putting Sugar Twin in their identical instant coffees. Followers of nouveau music may be familiar with the Residents, a San Francisco group who contribute four francisco group who contribute four
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Love," "The Act of Being Polite," and "The Love," "The Act of Being Polite," and "The
Simple Song." In Laurie Anderson's "Language is a Virus," a punk-looking person with a dubbed-in baritone voice promises some "Difficult Music"; "So sit bolt upright in that straight-backed chair! Button up that top button!" Then the voice delivers such profound lines as Vol. 2, No. 3 January 20, 1983

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Red Wedding. $\qquad$ One of the most exciting bands to come out of los Angeles will bless
UCSD with an appearance Saturday. Be there.

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## Vladimir Vissotsky

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Another look at Artfest
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