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By The Associated Press **Building bridges**

Mexico City-President Jose Lopez Portillo of Mexico says he is willing to serve as a bridge-builder to help the United States improve its relations with the rest of Latin America. "It would give me great pleasure to be a vehicle for harmony," he said in an interview with The Associated Press. Portillo, who is scheduled to meet with President Carter in Washington next month, also indicated a willingness to assist the United States in resolving its disputes with Panama and Cuba.

Carter's way 'best'

Washington-President Carter told Democratic congressional leaders today that his is "the best way" to perk up the economy, and asked them to act swiftly on his package of tax rebates and limited public works spending. He also sought early action on his request for authority to reorganize federal agencies subject to con-gressional veto. He asked for emergency legislation to cope with what he called "a very serious problem with natural gas."

Kelley to retire

Washington-Clarence Kelley intends to retire next

Jan. 1 as director of the FBI the Senate was informed Tuesday. Sen. John Danforth, R-Mo., said during debate on the nomination of Atty. Gen.-designate Griffin Bell that Kelley wrote him of the decision on Monday. "I have concluded that the letter is a voluntary act on his (Kelley's) part and does reflect what he wants to do with his life and is not in response to pressure from Attorney General-designate Bell or anyone else," Danforth said. After reading Kelley's letter and talking to him, Danforth said, he has decided to vote for Bell.

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