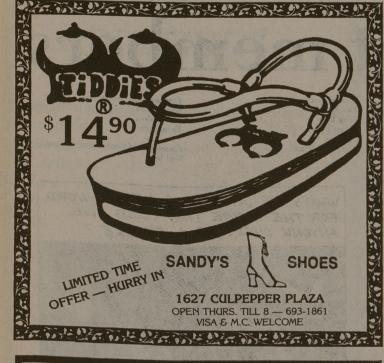
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# Connally says Reagan best qualified

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United Press International HOUSTON — Former Texas Gov. John Connally started a news conference Thursday by announcing plans to campaign for Republican presidential candidate Ronald Reagan, but he really wanted to answer fellow high-powered Houston lawyer Leon Jaworski.

When introducing Bush at a downtown rally Monday, Jaworski urged Texans to ignore "also-rans who marched up to the altar of public opinion with large campaign chests and who are now back home licking their wounds. They once laughed at George, but now George has the last laugh

Connally — prosecuted by Jaworski's Watergate team, but acquitted of charges that he, as Treas-ury secretary, accepted a payoff for backing higher milk price supports November Florida straw poll and the quitted of charges that he, as Treas-

me, that Mr. Jaworski's PR (public relations) people told him he needed a hype of some kind so he could get back in the news," Connally said. "That's the only justification I know for such a remark.

"I thought it came with poor grace and bad judgment for Mr. Jaworski to make the statement that he did, and I'm not going to respond in kind.

"The only two contests where we really locked horns, his candidate came in third behind Gov. Reagan and me, and that was in Florida and South Carolina. I think when it's all over we're all going to be also-rans,"

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South Carolina primary, where both lost to Reagan. But Bush's Texas chairman, Hal

DeMoss, listed Puerto Rico, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Vermont as places where both Connally and Bush were on the ballot and Bush finished ahead of Connally. Connally attacked Bush's claim he has more experience for the White House than Reagan.

Reagan's "background and experience far exceeds that of his only opponent. They're not even compa-rable," Connally said.

"He (Reagan) was governor of a state for eight years. He knows issues better than anybody in terms of taxes, inflation, energy, bureaucra-cy. A governor must deal with a legislature

"George cites a long list of appointments. But you have to dis-

tinguish between appointments and achievements," Connally said.

'In my opinion, the best training a presidential candidate can have is to be governor of a major state.

Connally said President Carter, a one-term governor of Georgia, might be "the exception that proves the rule," but Connally also said he did not consider Georgia to be a major state.

Connally, who traveled to Dallas and Tennessee with Reagan Thurs-day, said he had not discussed, did not want and would be "reluctant" to accept any post in a Reagan adminis-tration. But he stopped short of saying he would not serve.

"It's presumptuous of me to just say, 'Well I'm not going to do it. That doesn't sound good and doesn't set well.' I've restrained myself from

Connally predicted Reagan win Texas handily, but said i likely would win "eight or 10gressional districts." Texas ha congressional districts.

> Connally said Reagan's family ong with California oil and gas pri tion, California agriculture and fornia water shortages qualifie to face the same issues and pro ir ho in Texas.

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"I don't know of any majorim in Texas that he (Reagan) do have a familiarity with, and in

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knows more about that any candidate in the race including fellow Texan, Mr. Bush," Com said.

# Nuclear site unsafe **Power company fined**

United Press International ARLINGTON — The Nuclear Regulatory Commission Thursday proposed fining Houston Lighting & Power Co. \$100,000 for noncompliance with safety regulations in construction of the South Texas Nuclear Power Station near Bay City.

The NRC also said the utility should show cause why its construc-tion permit should not be suspended in 90 days because of the allegations.

The items of noncompliance were identified during an investigation conducted between Nov. 10, 1979, and Feb. 7, according to Clyde Wiser, director of public affairs for the NRC regional office. The items were related to the quality assurance prog-ram of one of the utility's principal contractors, Brown & Root Inc.

The investigation also revealed evidence that radiographic tests of piping welds were conducted in a manner which did not meet the requirements of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) code. Testing of safety-related pipe welds and conformance with the AMSE code is required by NRC regulations.

In a letter to the utility, Victor Stello, director of the NRC office of inspection and enforcement, said, .similar items of non-compliance

and substantiated allegations of harassment and lack of support of Q.C. (quality control) personnel have been the subject of previous NRC correspondence with you and indicate that your past corrective ac-tions on these matters has been incomplete and ineffective.

"Although these problems have been to a great extent associated with Brown & Root quality assurance program implementation, as licensee, you have prime responsibility for correction. The deficiencies in the Brown & Root program were so extensive that they should have been readily detected.

readily detected. migration and Naturalization & means fewer illegal aliens will The potential fine for all 22 items ported from the state, an imof noncompliance cited is \$372,000. However, under federal law, the tottion official said. Pete Reyes, district director al fines for any 30-day period cannot exceed \$25,000. Consequently, the proposed fine is \$100,000 to cover Albuquerque and El Paso offices, said Wednesday the the 120-day period the NRC investi-

was forced to ration its gasoling plies because of a tighter a gated the utility. budget. "This will cut the number of In addition to the proposed civil penalty, Stello served on HL&P an order to show cause why the con-struction permit for the South Texas Period thendd in the immigration officers will deporting illegal aliens," Rever He also said officers might be lenient in deciding who the

Project should not be suspended in send out of the country. 90 days. Until corrective actions with He said the Border Patrolh the quality assurance programs are asked police agencies to arrest aliens only if they have comm implemented, the company and Brown & Root will also be required 'moral crime.



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