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Reagan adviser says oil not gone

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HOUSTON — Michael T. Halbouty, the chief of President-elect Ronald Reagan's transition energy team, says he understands, as an oilman himself, what most frustrates the petroleum industry in its efforts to make the United States energy self-sufficient.

"What we have had in the past, and still have, is overregulation and a desperate shortage of reason in the processes by which energy and environment policies are drafted, adopted and enforced," he told a luncheon meeting of the Natural Gas

Supply Association Tuesday.

"There is a strong feeling of a positive attitude that the new administration will formulate a viable energy policy which would strengthen the nation," said Halbouty, a graduate of Texas A&M University. "Energy is the foundation upon which our total strength is built."

Halbouty, emphasizing he was speaking as a private citizen, called for letting the free market operate in the oil industry, unfettered by government regulation. He said rising prices would expand production, increase conservation and properly re-

ward the most efficient producers of new energy.

Halbouty said Americans should reject the idea that they are running out of oil and gas.

"I refute this pessimism," he said. "As an earth scientist and petroleum engineer, I unequivocally declare that significant oil and gas reserves remain to be found in this land of ours."

"I would like to stress — as I have many times in the past — that the United States has no energy shortage. The United States has the potential to produce as much oil and

gas in the future as we have in our entire history.

"Our gas potential in the United States is not only vast, but huge," Halbouty said.

Halbouty ridiculed President Jimmy Carter's energy policy.

"What has been done is to impede production and curtail production," Halbouty said. "The government has acted on the principle that the way to deal with energy is to do away with it."

"Conservation does not mean non-

use. It means optimal use over time. Energy resources are valuable only if they are produced and consumed."

Halbouty called "unfounded" fears that oil and gas exploration and production damage the environment.

"Years of experience in the United States and abroad have demonstrated the industry's capability to find and produce oil and gas with little or no significant damage to the environment," he said.



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Defense begins in Miami cop trial

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SAN ANTONIO — Charles Veverka, the former Dade County, Fla., policeman accused of violating the civil rights of a black insurance executive beaten to death by officers, is guilty only of following his superiors' orders in filing a false report on the incident, his defense attorney says.

Attorney Doug Hartman said in his opening argument in the federal trial Tuesday that Veverka, 30, spent 10 hours writing a fake report about the Dec. 17, 1979, case of Arthur McDuffie because he was told to do so by three of his superiors.

Prosecution witness Mark Meyer, a former Dade County Public Safety officer, testified he was the first to reach McDuffie but left so he would not have to handle the case's paperwork. His action meant the job fell to Veverka.

Meyer said he saw McDuffie perform an unsafe start from a Miami traffic light. He said his sergeant, Arthur Diggs, initiated the chase which took him to a confrontation at an intersection with McDuffie.

He said the cyclist stopped and said, "I give up." Meyer said he stepped from his patrol car, pointed his pistol at McDuffie and said, "Freeze."

Veverka, the second officer to arrive, pulled McDuffie from his motorcycle but lost him when "six or eight" other officers swarmed around McDuffie.

Meyer said McDuffie was hit several times with "Kel-lites (heavy flashlights) and nightsticks" and his motorcycle helmet was ripped from his head. Meyer said the beating continued until blood poured over McDuffie's face.

The former policeman said he did not participate in the attack and did not see Veverka taking part in it once he was pushed aside.

Meyer said officers then drove over the bike to make it appear the rider had been injured in a collision. McDuffie died of head injuries four days later.

Veverka testified earlier this year in the trial of five former policemen involved in the attack. Acquittals of the five by an all-white, all-male jury resulted in riots that took 18 lives in Miami and did property damage exceeding \$100 million.

Veverka's trial is being heard by a jury consisting of four Mexican-American men, one Mexican-American woman, one black woman, two white men and four white women.

The trial was moved from Florida to Atlanta to New Orleans and finally to San Antonio, where the racial climate was deemed stable by federal officials.

Woman gets sheepskin 46 years late

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SAN ANTONIO — A Waxahachie woman will receive her diploma from Trinity University at the winter commencement Sunday — 46 years late.

Fay Farrar Stockton and her husband, Bragg Stockton, finished studying for their degrees from Trinity when the university was located at Waxahachie during the depression. Graduates were charged for sheepskin diplomas in those days.

"We spent the money for his diploma," Mrs. Stockton said recently. Trinity President Ronald Calgaard arranged for her degree to be granted at winter commencement.

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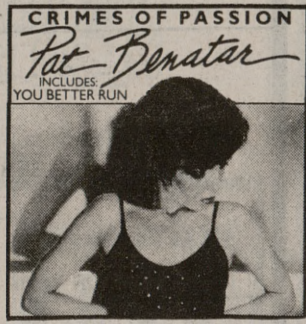
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