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## Reagan wins GOP support with choice of O'Connor

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WASHINGTON — President Reagan appealed to a wide range of his constituency — and won back many disaffected Republican women — with his choice for the Supreme Court, but he continued to alienate the far right.

The choice of Judge Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first woman on the nation's highest court was superb politics for Reagan.

It strengthens his credibility — he pledged early in his presidential campaign that one of his first appointments to the high court would be a woman. Reagan already has gotten more credit than most of his predecessors for keeping his campaign promises.

It wins back to his corner thousands of rank-and-file Republican women who were in near open rebellion over the administration's meager record of finding women for top jobs in Washington.

At the same time, it takes

away an argument from Equal Rights Amendment supporters that the ERA is needed because the Reagan administration is no friend of women.

But the nomination outraged the easily outraged Moral Majority, which vowed to fight the far right.

### Analysis

nomination on the grounds Mrs. O'Connor, while in the Arizona Senate, took stands indicating support for ERA and abortion.

One leader of the anti-abortion movement, theologian Harold O.J. Brown, declared: "Reagan is absolutely finished with pro-life people, absolutely. They are so betrayed by this that he will never have one bit of credibility."

In fact, Mrs. O'Connor was not a leader of the pro-ERA forces, nor did she ever advo-

cate abortion or vote to legalize it. The White House said she told the president she personally opposes abortion.

In short, Reagan found a modern woman who apparently advocates women's rights without feeling a need to crusade on the issue.

Reagan also found what he wanted to install on the court — a basically conservative jurist who believes the role of the court is to interpret and implement the law, not rewrite or enact it.

But the strength of the O'Connor nomination is in the message it sent to women. From the outset of his campaign, polls consistently showed Reagan to have a favorable rating by a majority of men, but an unfavorable rating by a majority of women.

The women's question was probably Reagan's greatest political liability. The maledominated world of politics tends to forget there are more women than men in the country.

## Canadians

### 'Gobbling' U.S. energy

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NEW YORK — In what some U.S. oilmen have branded "buccaneering," Canadians have been gobbling up billions of dollars worth of U.S. energy properties on both sides of the border.

Just one day after Congressional legislation was introduced to thwart such moves, Canada Development Corp. announced a plan to acquire the Canadian assets of TexasGulf Inc., the huge American-based energy concern. The same day, Francana Oil and Gas Ltd. of Calgary, Alberta, made a bid for Connecticut-based Amac Inc.'s 30 percent interest in Adobe Oil and Gas.

The previous day, the Montreal-based Seagram liquor empire bid \$2.55 billion for a 41 percent stake in Conoco, the ninth largest U.S. oil company. Conoco's chairman said the offer "escalates the continued Canadianization of America's natural resources to a new and more dangerous level" and filed suit to block the move. Two weeks earlier, Canada's Dome Petroleum Ltd. had succeeded in acquiring Conoco's controlling interest in Hudson's Bay Oil & Gas Co. of Canada.

Meanwhile, Cities Service, the 18th largest U.S. oil company, filed suit against NuWest Ltd. of Canada, which has a 7.2 percent stake in Cities and an eye on Cities' Canadian unit.

The list goes on, and most believe the buying spree is far from over.

"We'll see much more of this, I'm convinced," said Dr. Sanford Margoshes, an oil analyst at Bache, Halsey Stuart Shields Inc.

The impetus for much of the Canadian buying is Canada's controversial seven-month-old National Energy Program.

On the one hand, NEP, through its low ceiling on well-head prices and higher taxes, has spurred many Canadians to flee south across the border to drill where oil prices are higher and taxes lower.

On the other hand, NEP — whose goal it is to make its pet-

roleum industry 50 percent Canadian-owned by 1990 — gives firms majority-owned by Canadians huge incentives for exploration and development. Thus Canadian properties are far less valuable in the hands of Americans who are not eligible for the outright grants of 80 cents for every \$1 spent on exploration.

As a result, embittered U.S. oil companies which haven't already had their Canadian properties snapped up have been forced to consider selling or entering into some imaginative joint venture with Canadians to be eligible for the same incentives. Some of the larger U.S. firms may wait it out hoping, as one Canadian oil industry official remarked, that "sanity will eventually prevail" in Canada's energy policy.

Also banking on the same hopes are large Canadian firms who view this as an opportune time to buy up Canadian oil properties from Americans and other foreigners.

"It makes a lot of sense for the longer term since they can buy these assets at depressed current prices," said analyst Todd Bergman of Goldman, Sachs & Co.

Simultaneously, other Canadians have bought up oil properties and drilling rights in America. Industry figures show 150 drilling rigs have been moved to the United States over the past year.

Joe Horler of Canada's Independent Petroleum Association, says the reason is simple: net return on a barrel of oil after taxes, royalties and operating expenses is up to 10 times higher in America.

On June 25, U.S. Reps. Bob Whittaker, R-Kans., and Mike Synar, D-Okla., introduced legislation to thwart such takeovers, including a provision which would restrict Canadians from buying more than 5 percent of a U.S. energy firm until the issue can be fully studied.

They also introduced a resolution urging President Reagan to give the issue highest priority at the U.S. Canadian economic summit conference in Ottawa July 2021.

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## Navy proposed massive plan to match Soviet naval power

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WASHINGTON — The Navy, riding the high tide of the administration's emphasis on defense, has proposed a massive five-year shipbuilding and aircraft procurement program to meet the goal of matching Soviet naval power by the end of the decade, Pentagon officials say.

The plan entails building 143 ships, including two more nuclear-powered aircraft carriers and a shot at the 4 additional nuclear attack submarines, plus 1,890 planes between 1982 and 1986 — a 75 percent increase over what the Carter administration proposed, the official said Tuesday.

They said the Navy also plans to reactivate four Iowa-class battleships for use as cruise-missile carriers and two aircraft carriers, \$500 million each, the Oriskany and Bon Homme parish is in the parish.

The proposed buildup, which has been submitted to Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger for approval, would cost about \$120 billion — more than half the entire 1982 billion proposed defense budget for fiscal year 1982.

Although Weinberger is not expected to make a formal decision until he prepares his fiscal 1983 budget later this year, he is certain to endorse the Navy program because it supports the administration's goal of building a naval force that can match Soviet seapower.

In testimony before Congress, Navy officials have said U.S. seapower has been endangered by increasing Soviet naval strength, diminishing America's ability to keep supply lines open to Europe, Asia and the Persian Gulf in the event of war.

The buildup would enable the Navy to reach the administration's objective of 600 ships by 1987, at which time it plans to enlarge the fleet still more with newly designed vessels that could include light carriers, the officials said.

The Navy plans to increase the number of carrier battle groups from 12 to 15.

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what we have now," he said.

The Navy would like to double the size of the present fleet to about 1,000 ships, including 22 carriers, to establish what officials termed a "prudent risk force" — one able to give the admirals sufficient power projection to contain the Soviet navy in port.

"It would meet the requirements with acceptable risks," one official said.

The proposed fleet expansion goes 80 percent beyond what Jimmy Carter's Pentagon proposed — from 80 to 143 ships — and raises aircraft procurement by 70 percent — from 1,091 to 1,890 planes, the officials said.

It would include 14 new attack submarines instead of seven, bringing the number of the \$500 million nuclear boats to 100 by the end of the decade.

There also would be nine frigates, instead of one under the Carter plan, and nine amphibious vessels and six destroyers.

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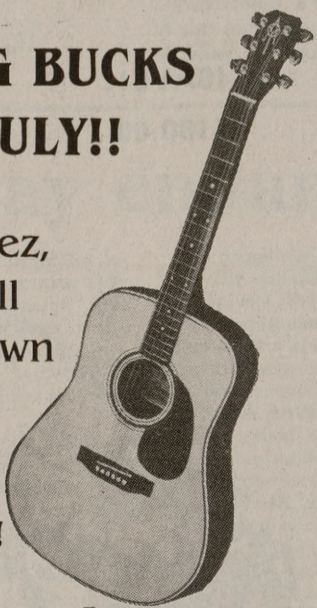
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## Biggest ever fruit crops expected now

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WASHINGTON — Record-setting crops of some popular fresh fruits are expected during July — and they are likely to be good food buys.

Both California and South Carolina anticipate record peach crops, say marketing specialists for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

In addition, the Georgia peach crop is larger than last year's.

California also expects record crops of nectarines and plums and Florida a record lime crop.

Other fresh fruits in plentiful supply for July are oranges and lemons.

Beef and pork supplies are expected to be only adequate, according to USDA's monthly Food Marketing Alert, but broiler-fryers, turkey, eggs and milk and dairy products will be plentiful.

So will major canned, noncitrus fruits, including peaches, pears and fruit cocktail; raisins and dried cranberries, rice and dried beans.

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