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Reagan's energy plan criticized by Nader

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WASHINGTON — Consumer advocate Ralph Nader says President Reagan's nuclear energy plan is a boondoggle to save a dying domestic nuclear industry with taxpayers' money.

Nader called for an immediate shutdown of all nuclear power plants, a moratorium on new construction and a ban on nuclear exports. He spoke at public hearings Friday on the president's program by the House subcommittee on oversight and investigations.

The administration plan would speed up the licensing process for nuclear reactors, lift the ban on commercial plutonium reprocessing, let the Department of Energy purchase plutonium from private suppliers and allow the military to buy commercial spent fuel

for conversion to weapons-grade plutonium.

Nader said the plan "is all that stands in the way of the collapse of nuclear power in the United States." He accused Reagan of turning the Department of Energy "into an arm of the nuclear industry."

But a nuclear physicist, Dr. Edward Teller, praised the plan, calling it "the first significant step in dealing with the energy shortage."

Nader criticized the administration for "massively increasing the federal nuclear budget," including the Clinch River Breeder Reactor project, while cutting billions from Social Security, school lunches, and dozens of other social programs.

Three Mile Island was a multi-

billion dollar warning, a glimmer of the catastrophes — both economic and radioactive — which await the continual myopia and procrastination that has characterized congressional avoidance of this energy tragedy for too many years," he said.

Teller said the plan would "serve both economic stability and peace." He said the United States must find substitutes for oil, and do so with all possible speed.

Teller said the Soviet Union is threatening the North Atlantic Treaty Organization by encircling the oil-rich Middle East and increasing its control of Western Europe's major oil sources in order to make that continent critically dependent on energy controlled by the Soviet Union.



Staff photo by Colin Valente

They're Off!

About 50 people braved the cold and participated in the Intramural Funrun, a 3.1 mile mini-marathon, Saturday morning at 9. The event was open to all students and

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ST. LOUIS — Authorities are investigating a complaint that McDonald's restaurant awarded

its \$300,000 grand prize in a sweepstakes contest to the wrong woman. McDonald's gave the \$300,000

check Friday to Judy Heitkamp, 24, of suburban Manchester. Heitkamp said she received the instant winner stamp Oct. 15 at a restaurant in suburban Maryland Heights.

The odds of receiving the only grand prize stamp were said to be one in 416,670,000.

However, a second woman who lives in the nearby suburb of Berkeley said she received the grand prize stamp weeks earlier but unwittingly surrendered it to a co-worker, who refused to return it. The woman, who was not identified pending possible legal action, had filed police complaints before learning Heitkamp was getting the prize money.

"The woman who was awarded the money is not the same woman she claims took the stamp from her three weeks ago," said Prosecutor George "Buzz" Westfall of St.

Louis County.

The Berkeley woman said she received the stamp with bread at a drive-through window. She said the order girl saw the stamp and screamed, "You got it, you got it," but she drove off intending to check the stamp in the "passage booklet."

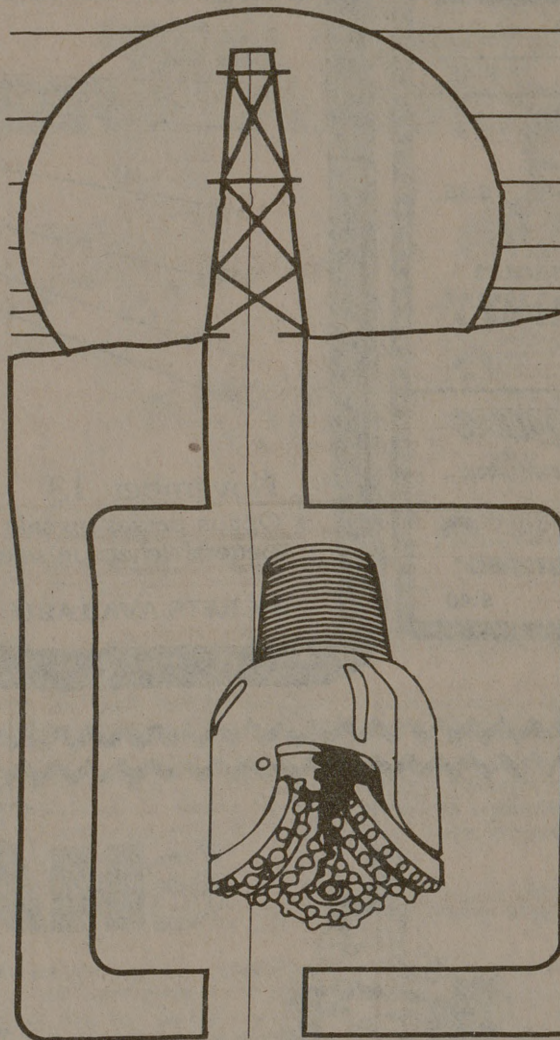
Heitkamp, who plans to be home with the winnings, said she didn't know the lady who filed the complaint and didn't get the stamp from another person.

"I got it honestly and squarely," she said. "I'd hate people to tell me I didn't."

The Berkeley woman filed complaints with Berkeley and Louis County police over what she said was theft of the stamp. She said she attempted to find the order girl who saw the stamp, but restaurant officials were uncooperative.

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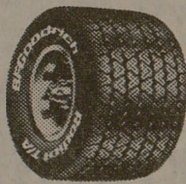
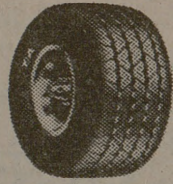
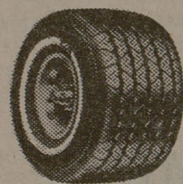
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