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DOE to go out with a bang

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HOUSTON — Although President Reagan plans to do away with the Department of Energy, one branch of the DOE is going to exit with a flourish — prosecuting 2,000 oil pricing violations accumulated over the past seven years.

Economic Regulatory Administration, said the agency has 11 months to prosecute or settle the cases.
During the past seven years, the agency has spent \$320 million to recover \$1.1 billion in price violations and Hanzlik said he feels \$1 billion to \$5 billion more can be recovered.

"We have a statutory responsibility to pursue these and we will," Hanzlik said. "These companies have never been pressured before, but now they will be. This is the final push."
The highest priority among the pending cases is companies and individuals who have violated regulations in reselling oil, Hanzlik said. About 250 cases are pending in that category — Hanzlik's office has settled one.

plex and presents a great deal of latitude (for traders and oil companies). Most of the cases have never been tested in court."
Hanzlik said many oil companies are working with the agency to clear the cases but other companies aren't being as cooperative. He cited Exxon USA as one of the uncooperative companies.



"After prices skyrocketed, lots of persons got into the trading business overnight," Hanzlik said. "Some made huge fortunes and some were legitimate. But, some weren't and (these people) charged more than they legally were authorized to."
Hanzlik said the agency admits its regulations were not always clear.
"The law is extraordinarily vague," he said. "It is very com-

"We will defend each and every one," she said. "We think we took the proper course of action and we intend to prove it in court. We will not compromise."
Hanzlik also was firm.
"We have no intention of letting these people off the hook," he said. "We will settle these cases on a fair and equitable basis. If they don't want to and they want to fight, they face years of litigation. It's their choice."

Christmas letters begin for Mail Call volunteers

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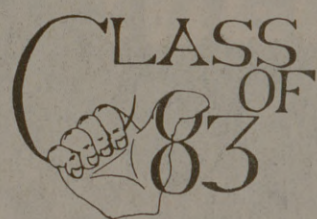
Imagine spending Christmas away from home — away from home-cooked food, relaxing by the fire, drinking eggnog with your family and enjoying warm conversation on Christmas Eve.
For many American military personnel on duty in the United States and around the world, this Christmas will be their first away from home. Armed Forces Mail Call provides a way to brighten up Christmas and boost morale for many of these military volunteers.
"We never get enough letters," said Lee Glen, director of Armed Forces Mail Call at Fort Bliss.
An overseas USO wrote that a sailor initially met his fiancée after receiving a Christmas card from her through Mail Call, Glen said.
Since persons sending letters to Mail Call will not know to whom they are writing, Glen said, the letters should tell something about the writer's family, interests, hobbies, etc.
Glen also said writers should include their names and complete mailing addresses inside each card and on the outside of each envelope in case the recipient wants to send a thank you letter.
Glen said groups and organizations send packages of letters every year during Christmas time.
Postage isn't required for every card and letter because they are forwarded in packages by Mail Call to the various bases and posts, he said. So, rather



than buy and lick all those stamps, persons and groups participating in the program are asked to send 15 cents per card to help pay the cost of forwarding postage and other operating expenses.
If a person has a friend or relative in military service who would appreciate extra mail during the Christmas season, he can send Mail Call the soldier's name and military address, and Mail Call will direct mail to the person selected, Glen said.
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