

Reagan's a candidate in 'eyes of the law'

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WASHINGTON — President Reagan Monday signed papers that make him a candidate for re-election in the eyes of the law, but stressed that he has not made a final personal decision to seek another four-year term in the White House.

In a letter to the U.S. Federal Election Commission, which oversees campaign law, Reagan designated a group called "Reagan-Bush '84" as his principal campaign committee and said it "will be of great help to me at such time as I may make a formal decision to seek a second term."

He conceded that the action makes him a candidate "in the eyes of the law," but said he wanted to preserve some "wiggle room" when asked if he was a candidate in his own eyes.

He told reporters he would make a formal decision on candidacy "possibly by the first of the year."

Republican National Chairman Paul Laxalt, who delivered the letter to the commission, said he expected the president to declare formally for re-election in December or January.

Besides signing a form authorizing the committee, however, Reagan added his own hedge in an accompanying letter.

Despite Reagan's reluctance to say so officially, White House aides have no doubt he will seek another term.

"My interpretation of the letter is 'yes, he is running,'" White House Spokesman Larry Speakes said Monday.

Last week Laxalt said formation of the campaign committee brought Reagan, who at 72 is the oldest U.S. president in history, within inches of candidacy.

Under election law, authorization of a campaign committee makes one an official candidate regardless of personal hedges.

Although Reagan is delaying a formal announcement of candidacy, his political strategists felt they could not defer fund-raising activity any longer.

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Frederick C. Luebke, professor of history and director of the Center for Great Plains Studies at UNL, will present the first of seven lectures titled "Three Centuries of Germans in America" today at 7:30 p.m.

The series, which will run until Dec. 6, will be in the auditorium of Bennett Martin Library, 14th and N streets every Tuesday evening.

For further information, contact the Center for Great Plains Studies at 472-3082, or the Lincoln City Libraries at 435-2146.

ASUN met with the Committee for Fees Allocation Thursday night to explain the functions of ASUN and its use of student fees.

Students enrolled for seven or more credit hours pay \$88.20 in student fees each semester. ASUN receives \$1.34 of this total.

ASUN's year-end report was also explained to the CFA.

CFA will meet Thursday with the recreation department.

Ground breaking ceremonies for the Pioneers Wilderness Bikeway were held Monday, Oct. 17.

Construction of the jogger and bike path will start this week with completion in three years.

Bikers will follow the path from South Street to Wilderness Park and end in Pioneers Park. The path may be extended from South Street to A Street.

The Pioneers Wilderness Bikeway is sponsored by the Southwest Lincoln Business and Civic Association.

Oktobertrek aids lung association

Twenty-nine bikers took a 100-mile ride during the weekend to raise money for the American Lung Association in the fourth annual Oktobertrek.

The riders, ranging in age from 15 to 37, started from the Lincoln Holiday Skateworld Saturday morning and rode to the Louisville Recreation Area where they camped overnight. They completed the return journey Sunday afternoon. Food for the bikers meals was donated by Russ's IGA in Lincoln.

Each participant was required to collect \$125 or more in pledges for the Lung Association. The riders will continue to collect pledges until Nov. 11, when the top fund-raiser will receive a Lotus Excel Bicycle, courtesy of Deluxe Bicycles of Lincoln.

Sharon Larson McAuliffe, spokesperson for the Lung Association, said Monday that this year's ride so far has raised \$5,307.

"The bike trek is a major fund raiser for the American Lung Association," she said. "Besides raising funds, we also feel the trek supports transportation other than automobiles, which means cleaner air and healthier lungs."

This year's Oktobertrek was sponsored by KHAT radio of Lincoln and on-the-road support was provided by Deluxe Bicycles and the Lincoln Amateur Radio Club.

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Affidavit: American sold missile secrets

SAN FRANCISCO — An American electronics expert, James Harper, Monday was accused of selling U.S. missile secrets, including first-strike defense plans, to Poland. An army expert described the plans as information of value beyond calculation. A 33-page U.S. government affidavit alleged that Harper, 49, received more than \$250,000 for the information.

The affidavits said the secrets related to the Minuteman intercontinental ballistic missile, a tank-launched rocket and ballistic missile defense research and development programs.

Mathematician wins Nobel

STOCKHOLM — French-born mathematician Gerard Debreu, a professor at the University of California at Berkeley, Monday won the 1983 Nobel Memorial Prize for economics. The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awarded him the \$190,000 prize for "having incorporated new analytical methods into economic theory and for his rigorous reformulation of the theory of general equilibrium."

NCAA case wins review

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court Monday agreed to review a lower court ruling that says the NCAA's tight control over the college football television schedule violates antitrust laws.

The universities of Oklahoma and Georgia had challenged that control. The two schools, along with other football powers, believe they can negotiate more frequent and lucrative TV exposure for themselves.

A federal district court and the U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the NCAA violated the law in selling exclusive broadcast rights for football games to ABC, CBS and Turner Broadcasting Systems Inc., which operates the Cable News Network. The NCAA appealed the decision to the Supreme Court. A ruling is expected next spring. The present television contract remains in effect until that ruling.

Arafat faces opposition

DAMASCUS, Syria — Guerrilla leader Yasser Arafat Monday faced a new challenge to his leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization when the head of its regular fighting arm joined rebels demanding his replacement.

Tarig al-Khodra, chief of staff of the Palestine Liberation Army, said he no longer recognizes Arafat as head of the PLO. His statement, carried by the official Syrian news agency SANA, came less than 24 hours after Syrian Defense Minister Mustafa Tlas branded Arafat a traitor and a slave of the United States.

Palestinian sources said Khodra's move marked a clearer move against Arafat by Syria, which has maintained a neutral public attitude to the dispute within Arafat's Fatah movement, the biggest PLO guerrilla group.

Weapons in East Europe

BONN, West Germany — A soviet general says Moscow has stationed nuclear arms beyond its borders in East Europe, a West German magazine said Monday.

Gen. Nikolai Chervov, senior member of the Soviet General Staff, was quoted by the magazine Stern as saying these missiles will be modernized if NATO goes ahead with a planned deployment of new medium-range missiles starting in December. Chervov also was quoted as saying that Moscow would deploy nuclear rockets within a 10-minute striking distance of the United States, but he ruled out Cuba as a possible site.

Blast destroys supermarket

CHARLESTON, W. Va. — A natural gas explosion destroyed a suburban supermarket near Charleston Monday, injuring 16 people. No deaths were reported in the blasts, which leveled the Foodland market in the tiny community of Davis Creek. West Virginia state police said the explosion occurred when nearby highway construction workers apparently ruptured a gas pipeline.