

The Rockies

Judge voids U.S. uranium pact

Associated Press

DENVER — Nearly \$7 billion in uranium supply contracts around the world are in question because a federal judge voided a government pact this week.

U.S. District Judge Jim Carrigan agreed with three uranium producers that the new Energy Department utility services contract violated congressional prohibitions. The ruling declared such contracts

Contract violated federal rules

void and went into effect immediately after it was issued Thursday.

The three uranium producers — Western Nuclear, Corp. of Lakewood, Energy Fuels Nuclear Inc. of Denver and Uranium Resources Inc. of Richardson, Texas — filed suit in December 1983.

They said DOE's new contract policy, which took effect in January 1984, hurt domestic uranium production, opening prices to collapse but encouraging cheaper imports that could gain half of the U.S. market.

The Justice Department has not decided whether to appeal, said DOE press officer Gus Butler on

Friday.

Randy Sabo, former assistant to the president of Western Nuclear, said the Energy Department, which exercises uranium for U.S. and other producers, began a \$2 billion expansion to meet projected demand after the 1973 Arab oil embargo.

But only about 102 of 250 nuclear power plants planned in the early 1970s will be built by 1985.

Mercenaries

Pro soldiers and dreamers hold meeting

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Mercenaries and Walter Ringer, looking for a fight, and weapons dealers with the hardware to accommodate them, got together to swap tales, show off paramilitary techniques and brew through survival gear ranging from high-power firearms to camouflage underwear.

The sixth annual Soldiers of Fortune Convention and Combat Weapons Expo '85, sponsored by Soldier of Fortune magazine, drew hundreds of veterans, mercenaries, arms dealers and fervent anti-Communists to join the gamblers and vacationers at the Sahara Hotel.

The five-day event ended Saturday.

Among the items displayed by 150 exhibitors were laser gun sights, dart guns, ammunition of all types, bullet proof vests and a wide range of knives, including some with brass knuckles and others that can be fired from their handles.

The participants immersed themselves in shooting matches, knife classes, freerunning demonstrations, parachute jumping and repelling down the side of the high-rise hotel.

The convention suffered a real-life casualty Friday when Carl Nutter of Las Vegas died after his parachute failed to open during a demonstration, but the danger in the activities did not seem to deter the participants.



Amid the glitter of Las Vegas, professionals displayed the steel tools of war at the Soldiers of Fortune Convention and Combat Weapons Expo '85. Both mercenaries and dreamers attended the five-day event.

"This always draws the Walter Ringer crowd," said Jim Freedland, referring to the fictional character, as he displayed an 8-inch-long, 45-caliber, semi-automatic pistol capable of firing 50 rounds at a clip.

Freedland, 31, a former Chicago police officer, said he works off and on as a freelance military adviser for government troops in El Salvador. He said he makes the occasional forays south without pay be-

cause "I really hate communism."

Asked about the market for his menacing weapon, which is made by Military Ammunition Corp. and can be sold to virtually anyone of legal age who doesn't have a criminal record, Freedland grinned.

"They're mainly toys," he said. "A lot of our customers are navy-

type, types, paramilitary, people like that."

Lamm takes offers for new career

Associated Press

DENVER — Gov. Richard Lamm still hasn't decided what he'll do when his third term ends in 36 months, but one possibility is a faculty post at the University of Colorado at Denver, a school official confirmed.

"I would love to have Dick Lamm on my faculty," Marshall Kaplan, dean of UCU's Graduate School of Public Affairs, told the Rocky Mountain News. "He's an outstanding professor and an outstanding intellect. He's published more books than most of my faculty."

Kaplan noted that his school has not made a commitment to creating a "provost's chair" position, which could cost \$1.2 million to \$1.5 million to endow.

Lamm said a meeting post in just one of many options he's considering after he leaves office in January 1987.

Order member tells of shame

Associated Press

SEATTLE — A former member of the Order, testifying in the racketeering trial of 19 alleged members of the white supremacist group, says he felt partly to blame for two murders he said were committed by the band's adherents.

"I was a member of this group, and regardless of whether I actually pulled the trigger, I am partially responsible," Denver, Dew Pa-

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Court rules ASARCO polluted area

A federal court judge has ruled in a top priority case that ASARCO Inc. is responsible for ground and water pollution from its Glenview plant.

How the hazardous wastes will be released and how much it will cost to remove them must be decided at trial, according to the ruling by U.S. District Judge Jim Carrigan Friday. How ASARCO will prevent further pollution and what damages the company will pay also must be decided.

The judge responded angrily after state attorney Michael Imwinkelried said ASARCO had refused to allow state investigators on the site to gather additional soil and water samples. Carrigan told ASARCO's attorneys to cooperate or he would issue subpoenas against them.

Littleton

Police dog victims sue city of Aurora

Eight men attacked and bitten by police dogs at an Aurora nightclub last Thanksgiving have filed a \$2 million lawsuit against the city of Aurora, police officials and several police officers.

Each of the eight men seeks \$1 million in punitive damages in addition to \$500,000 in compensatory damages. They claim their constitutional rights were violated during the attacks.

The attacks by the dogs occurred last Nov. 21 and early Nov. 22 at the Mardi Gras nightclub. Police K-9 handlers were called to the 32 beer bar to help control a crowd estimated at 2,000 people. Eleven people were bitten by the four dogs involved.

Aspen

Man found not guilty of drug charge

A jury has decided that a restaurateur wasn't guilty of cocaine possession, even though authorities found 11 grams of cocaine wrapped in 30 small packets on the floor of the restaurant's office.

Earlier, another jury found the man's wife guilty of cocaine possession in the same incident.

James Lewis, 41, told the court he found the cocaine in a bath room last October, on the same day he was about to leave for vacation. He said he was distracted by a barbed-wire fence and other enterprises and hid the drugs in his basement because he "was not in deal with it when I got back."

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