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 SUBJECT: Newspaper Articles

Please find attached recent articles that appeared in our local newspaper. Again, I believe you will find them to be of interest.

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Bryan adds his name to those protesting nuke waste in Nevada

RENO — More than 1,200 persons, including Gov. Richard Bryan and his wife Bonnie, signed an open letter to President Reagan Saturday asking him to stop efforts to locate a high-level nuclear dump in Nevada.

Bryan told a picnic party that 85 percent of the nuclear waste was generated east of the Mississippi River but all of it was ticketed for burial in the West.

The open letter campaign was started by Rep. Harry Reid, D-Nev., who said Reagan was Nevada's "only hope" to stop the Energy Department from selecting the state as the site for the radioactive burial grounds.

Last weekend, 2,000 people in Las Vegas signed the letter. Reid said it would be carried to rodeos, parades and churches to solicit signatures. "I have great confidence in President Reagan," said Reid, a candidate for the U.S. Senate.

"He listens to the people. He's a populous president," Reid said. But the president, said Reid, has been "receiving the wrong vibes from the rest of the public. He doesn't know how we feel."

The Energy Department has selected Yucca Mountain (about 100 miles from Las Vegas), Deaf

Smith County in Texas and Hanford, Wash., as the finalists for a nuclear dump.

Reid noted there were efforts in Congress last week by Nevada, Washington, Texas and Oregon to stop any money for the Energy Department to continue its studies. But he said the opposition only raised 68 votes in the House. And a similar measure died in the Senate Energy Committee on a 9-9 vote.

The state selected, under federal law, can veto the site, but it can be overridden by Congress. Reid said 68 votes are not enough to sustain any veto by Nevada.

Both Reid and Bryan said they were happy Rep. Barbara Vucanovich, R-Nev., has changed her mind on the issue and was one of the first to offer to sign the open letter. Bryan called on Republican Sens. Paul Laxalt and Chic Hecht to join for a unanimous Nevada delegation.

Reid said when the signing campaign is over, he will ask President Reagan for a meeting to present the letter. He recalled that in 1864, Nevada then sent the longest telegraph in history at that time signed by those petitioning President Lincoln to become a state.

"We must fight," Reid urged

the crowd. "We have no choice."

Reid said he has not yet asked his Senate opponent, Republican James Santini to sign the petition. Santini says he was an early opponent of the nuclear waste dump, while he served in Congress eight years.

Reid said, "Nevada doesn't create any nuclear waste. Why should we have to store it for the rest of the people?"

Reid said Washoe County was the first to recognize the dangers of nuclear waste with residents knowing it would be hauled on trucks and railroads through western Nevada to Yucca Mountain.

Reid aide Larry Werner said the 1,200 signatures were proportionately more than in Las Vegas and showed the deep sentiment in the Reno area against nuclear waste.



Rep. Harry Reid, right, leans over to talk with Gov. Richard Bryan