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Conservatives call for Bell's dismissal

WASHINGTON

Two conservative leaders today called for the resignation of Education Secretary T.H. Bell for failing to "stop the flow of federal dollars to radical groups."

The two, Conservative Digest Publisher Richard Viguerie and Conservative Caucus head Howard Phillips, also urged Pres. Reagan to cut off all federal aid for "leftist groups" that oppose his policies.

Among the "leftist groups" they listed were the National Wildlife Federation, the National **Retired Teachers Association**, the AFL-CIO, Rev. Jesse Jackson's PUSH-EXCEL selfhelp program, Planned Parenthood of San Francisco, the National Organization for Women's Legal Defense and



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Education Fund, the American Friends Service Committee, the American Bar Association and the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Viguerie said Reagan should immediately replace Bell and freeze all grants to activist groups while converting grant programs into contracts.

The call for Bell's removal met with immediate reaction from Sen. Jake Garn, R-Utah, a conservative himself, who labeled the proposal "a cheap shot" and "a great disservice" to the conservative movement.

Viguerie, who also operates a conservative, direct-mail, fundraising operation, said in a news conference that, "De-funding the left should be our No. 1 priority in 1982.

"The ultimate success or failure of the Reagan presidency may depend on whether he can stop the flow of tax dollars to his opponents."

Viguerie and Phillips said their reseach had shown that the "left" groups they named, plus several others, were receiving or had gotten federal aid that helped them maintain staff and operate programs

Armed forces open Caribbean games

NORFOLK, Va.

The Navy says 60 warships, 350 planes and more than 45,000 troops will head to the Caribbean later this month in the largest naval operation ever planned for that area.

The maneuvers will emphasize command and control of forces in a simulated combat environment, Adm. Harry Train, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic Command, said Tuesday



The operation, called Ocean Venture '82, comes on the heels of an exercise involving 40 ships now being conducted in the same area.

Together, the war games focus considerable attention on the Caribbean, where Train said a "major chink in our strategic armor" exists because of the rapidly growing military capability of Cuba.

The Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Air Force, in addition to units from the Royal Netherlands Navy and Marines, and Puerto Rican and Virgin Islands National Guard, will participate in the exercise, Train said.

It will begin April 27 and continue through May 16.

Officials deny the U.S. exercise has anything to do with turmoil in El Salvador or the Argentine invasion of the British-claimed Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic.

However, officials concede the exercises are designed to show Cuba that the U.S. is capable of quickly protecting the sea lanes in that region.

Feds agree to take plant's nuclear core

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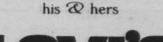
An agreement was signed today insuring that the federal government will dispose of the damaged Three Mile Island nuclear core once it is removed from the plant.

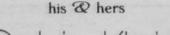
The reactor core won't be ready for removal until 1985. said Robert Arnold, president of General Public Utilities Corp., owner of the electric generating plant.

Meanwhile, GPU announced it has a \$25 million plan for repairing 8,000 to 10,000 steam generator tubes at the plant's undamaged reactor, TMI 1. Repairs should be completed by fall and the plant should be ready to be restarted before year's end, GPU said.

The tentative agreement on disposal of the damaged core from TMI 2 was signed today by officials from GPU and the federal Department of Energy in the office of Gov. Dick Thornburgh.

"The signing of the agreement should be recognized as a major accomplishment in establishing a plan for removal of radioactive wastes from TMI," said Arnold. The reactor was damaged March 28, 1979, in the nation's worst commercial nuclear accident. Assistant DOE Secretary Shelby Brewer said GPU must reimburse the department for the expected \$10 million to \$20 million cost of removing the core.





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Details of the contract between GPU and the Department of Energy will be worked out in the next six to nine months, officials said.



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