

## Northwest has viable waste plan

SEATTLE (AP) — While Northwest states have reached agreement on how to handle their nuclear wastes, the rest of the country is having major problems coping with the issue, a national conference was told here.

Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Hawaii, Utah, and Montana have ratified a "regional compact." It provides that the Northwest's low-level radioactive garbage will continue to be buried at Hanford in Eastern Washington. But waste from outside the region will be barred after 1986.

And so far, other regions can't agree on how to get rid of their wastes.

"The upper Midwest has no disposal site, and no state has come forward to offer one," Pat Costello, an aide to Idaho Gov. John Evans, told the conference Tuesday.

"The Rocky Mountain region has no existing site, particularly since the Beatty (Nev.) site has been closed down by the government of Nevada," Costello said.

Currently, Hanford and one other site, near Barnwell, S.C., must take all of the nation's low-level radioactive garbage.

However, Washington and South Carolina officials have declared they will not continue to serve the whole country.

## Psst, Ron . . . it's Brazil, and forget about Bolivia

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) — Pres. Ronald Reagan made a verbal slip-up when he toasted the people of Bolivia — instead of Brazil — at a dinner hosted in his honor Wednesday by Brazilian Pres. Joao Baptista Figueiredo.

Realizing his mistake as soon as the word was out of his mouth, Reagan then compounded the error by saying, "That's where I'm going." Bolivia is not on the agenda for

his four-nation Latin American tour.

Closing a lengthy toast, Reagan said:

"To President Figueiredo, to the people of Bolivia — that's where I'm going — to the people of Brazil and to the dream of democracy and peace here in the western hemisphere."

During the day, Reagan, armed with a decision to ease the impact of U.S. sugar quotas on the ailing Brazilian economy, plunged into sensitive talks with Figueiredo and emerged pledging renewed U.S. support.

"We have come to some agreements about future cooperation," Reagan told reporters after a 90-minute conference with Figueiredo at the Palacio do Planalto, the modernistic presidential palace.

Reagan, who arrived here Tuesday night at the start of a four-nation Latin American tour to promote democracy and strengthen relations, said he looked forward to "working with Brazil on their economic problems as well as our own." He did not elaborate.

However, as the two leaders met, Reagan's press office announced he had signed a proclamation waiving U.S. quotas for sugar used to produce gasohol and alcohol for industrial purposes.

Although Reagan administration officials had warned in advance that this would not be a trip in which there would be U.S. handouts at every stop, the gesture was seen as symbolic of the administration's efforts to ease the trade protectionism Figueiredo has decried.

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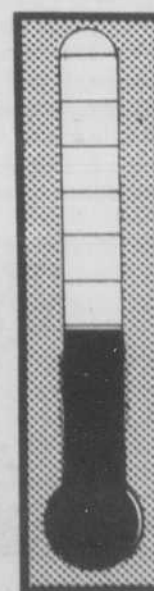
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