Inexhaustible energy supply?

Laser fusion gets federal boost

Laser fusion is not a high-prority item in the national energy plan, but it has Rep. Carl Pursell's (R-Plymouth) wholehearted support.

Fusion, Pursell says, could "help to free the United States from its risky wager on foreign energy sources."

Pursell and the rest of the House Science and Technology Committee

occur. Encephalitis may result in con-valsions, mental retardation or deaf-ness. About one in 10,000 children with measles die from the disease. Dr. Polkowski noted that the disease and its complications can be prevented through immunization, and that most outbreaks involve unvaccinated or improperly vaccinated children.

Immunization against measles is recommended immediately for those who have not received it. received it before 12 months of age, received the inactivated vaccine (available before 1986), or received the further attended they critis vaccine with immune serum globulin.

Wayne County suffering through measles outbreak

The Wayne County Health Depart-ent has warned of an increasing

ues, there could be a sharp increase in the number of measles cases within the nest several weeks.

According to Dr. Jane Polkowski, director of communicable disease control for the health department, 75 cases of measles have been reported for the same period. The median number of cases for the past five years has been 56 cases for this period.

Though the disease is thought by some to be a harmless childhood alment, Dr. Polkowski noted that most people become very ill when they get it.

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In addition to the characteristic measles rash, symptoms include high fever (102 degrees F or above), cough, and inflammation and runniness of the

vital to our energy supply. Cutting back on energy research at this pre-carious moment would be unbelievable folly," Pursell said.

A MAJOR beneficiary of the pro-posed increase in the fusion program is KMS Fusion of Ann Arbor, the leadis KMS rusion of Amn Arbor, the lead-ing industrial participant in the fusion program. Of the \$8.8 million increase, \$3.8 million is earmarked for research and development at KMS Fusion. It was KMS Fusion which whetted Pursell's interest in laser fusion.

LASER FUSION, until recently, was considered the private property of the Pentagon. It has now been recognized as a potentially inexhaustible energy

source.
The highly technical process forces two hydrogen isotopes together until the particles fuse. The fusion produces a vast amount of heat which can be used to make steam and generate

Ris considered an "inexhaustible" energy form because the necessary hydrogen could be derived from water molecules.

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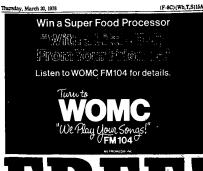
Fusion, joining particles together, is different from fission. Fission also yields large amounts of energy but requires splitting apart such elements as uranium and plutonium.

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from becoming a legitimate source of energy for mass consumption.

"Almost anyone you talk to expresses a fear that the fusion process will be taken out of the government labs," said Diane Brago, an aide to Pursell.

to Pursell.
"There's a very close parallel between the military and civilian approaches to fusion. Right now, there's a great problem with industry being able to get the right information." she said.





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ment has warmed of an increasing number of measles cases in county schools. While the increase is not an epidemic, local health officals are con-cerned it could become one, because most measles cases usually occur dur-ing the spring. If this pattern contin-ues, there could be a sharp increase in the country of measles green within

eyes and nose.

The symptoms usually last eight to 10 days but serious complications such as pneumonia and encephalities may

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