

Three Mile Island ALERT

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THREE MILE ISLAND ALERT

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Benefit concert set

Sounds of voices, banjos, electric guitars and other instruments will join together to shut it down at TMIA's first "Shut'em Down, Hoe Down."

The concert, a benefit for Three Mile Island Alert, will be held on August 12 in Halifax.

Area musicians are volunteering their time to help keep Three Mile Island shut forever. Among the bands that will perform are Trigger Happy, High Strung, Fresh Air, Fat Chance, Cooney & Elliott and Phoenix.

The all-day festival will include displays of alternative energy technology, children's entertainment, anti-nuclear information and other interesting displays.

All area anti-nuclear groups have been invited to set up information and materials tables.

Coordinated by Dave and Pat Leitman, the concert is one of the major fundraising events being held during August and September. The money raised by the concert will go to help pay administrative and legal costs of Three Mile Island Alert.

"We hope," said the Leitmans, "that the concert will allow many people to join together in a festive way to help to shutdown TMI. And while this is a political concert, it will also simply be fun."

"There are still many jobs that need doing," they continued. "Anyone who is interested in helping out should call the office and leave their names."

The concert will be held, rain or shine, at the Halifax Blue Grass Festival Grounds (just off of Pa. Route 147 - 3 miles north of Clark's Ferry Bridge).

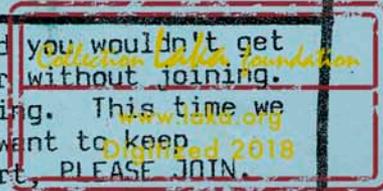
Tickets can be gotten for \$5 (\$6 at the gate) from your community groups or at the following locations: Budget Disc-o-tape (all locations); Shenk & Tittle, Sight & Sound (all locations); Music Scene (East Mall); Avatar's Golden Nectar (New Cumberland); Music Merchant (Hershey); and The Taproot (Harrisburg).

For more information or to volunteer, call the TMIA office at 233-7897.

Many thanks to all of you who said nice things about the July ALERT. We need all the praise we can get. We also need your art, poem, articles, ideas, reports and time. If you have things to submit, please send them to THE ALERT, TMIA, 315 Peffer Street, Harrisburg, 17102. If you'd like to help, please call Terry Roth #236-9486 (work) or #763-1835 (home) or the TMIA office #233-7897 or #233-3072.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE: August 16th.

Last month we said you wouldn't get another newsletter without joining. We were just kidding. This time we mean it. If you want to keep receiving the Alert, PLEASE JOIN.



GPU and the weapons connection

Nuclear generating stations are a rich capital harvest for their owners, builders and vendors. Utilities enjoy nuclear stations because the cost of equipment, the rate base foundation, is highest. Overall, total expenses were expected to be dramatically offset by very low fuel costs. Operating and maintenance expenses were to be kept in line by advanced technology but top management directed the enterprise and mediated the flow of money. Ratepayers picked up the bills. The take was routinely split between GPU, Babcock & Wilcox (reactors), GE and Westinghouse (turbines), Bechtel and United Engineers (builders) There were the banks and underwriters to provide construction and operating credit.

GPU is three utilities, Jersey Central, Met Ed and Pennelec. At its recent stockholders meeting several directors were selected who exemplify that combination of engineering and business skills so necessary in manufacturing electricity and weapons. Paul R. Roedel, President and Chief Operating Officer of Reading's Carpenter Technology Corporation serves as a director (and member of the Audit Committee) of GPU. Mr. Roedel is also a director of Reading's American Bank and Trust Company. GPU borrowed \$6,000,000 from them in 1978.

We trust Americans will bank on Carpenter Technology to help make their nuclear weapons. Its specialty, cadmium alloys, are used in the control rods balancing reactor's criticality everywhere. Carpenter Technology also supplies zirconium alloys for cladding fuel in commercial, submarine and production reactors, such as breeder reactors. Breeding transmutes non-fissionable uranium to fissionable plutonium. Sophomore chemistry separates plutonium from the waste. Breeding renders cumbersome diffusion plants like Oak Ridge, TN, (Union Carbide, United Engineers) obsolete for fueling weapons. Bectel, Westinghouse and Dupont built the ones at Hanford, WA

in 1944. Their product destroyed Nagasaki.

William G. Kuhns, Chairman and Chief Executive of GPU, knows breeding plutonium from A to Z. He's a director of the Breeder Reactor Corporation and wants to build a few more. Since he's also a director of Marine Midland Banks, Inc., owned by a shy and retiring Spanish Corporation, capital formation will be no problem. Marine Midland lent GPU \$12,200,000 last year. As Vice Chairman of the Atomic Industrial Forum and a member of the Edison Electric Institute he sways opinions. As all reactors breed to some extent, Mr. Kuhns' TMI 1 and 2 were each making 400 pounds of plutonium annually. Enough to destroy 40 Nagasakis. Fortunately, spent fuel reprocessing bans render the plutonium lethally inaccessible to unofficial terrorism.

For official terrorism, Pittsburgh's Rockwell International Corporation now runs Hanford's breeders and Rocky Flats, CO where every thermonuclear weapon gets its plutonium trigger. Herman M. Dieckamp, President and Chief Operating Officer of GPU, rose to be President of Rockwell's Atomics International division in his twenty-three years with them. Mr. Dieckamp's handiwork now adorns the Polaris, Posiedon and soon Trident missiles that American submarines carry. GPU's reactor vendor, Babcock & Wilcox, provides the GE nuclear boats with fuel from its fabrication plant in Lynchburg, VA, perhaps using Mr. Roedel's zirconium.

Long before the blast at Nagasaki, the American nuclear industry was established and thriving on the public purse. It soon learned to thrive on the ratepaying purse. Today's commercial nuclear power program is the image of those three years feverishly preparing a weapon. The peaceful atom is also a bomb.

In addition to the weapon's connection, the TMIA's economics task force is investigating TMI's effects on realty, the economics of alternatives, jobs and several other topics. Feel free to join the session. For more information, contact Jim Cormley 944-7011.

Uranium mining in Pa.

According to a spokesperson for the Pennsylvania Game Commission, the commission will deny Exxon's request to explore for uranium on State Game Lands at their August 8th general meeting. Hopefully, our calls and letters of concern were beneficial to the commission in making their decision. We would like to see as many people as possible at the meeting (8000 Derry St., Hbg, PA August 8, 1979, 8:30 a.m.) to show our concern over uranium mining in Pennsylvania and our approval of their rejection of Exxon's proposal.

However, the exploration continues on private land in Northeastern Pennsylvania - there is still much to be accomplished.

Before Exxon, or any other corporation, could open a uranium mine they must receive a licence from the NRC. The licensing process requires environmental impact studies and a public hearing. According to the NRC, no application has been requested for a license to mine uranium in Pennsylvania, but we must be ready! At the present time, there are no regulations requiring Exxon to make reports on their findings to anyone. The impact studies and hearing will be our best chance to stop uranium mining on private lands.

Several groups in the area have someone working on the mining problem. For more information - or to offer assistance, please call:

T.M.I.A.

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944-6229

A.N.G.R.Y.

Liz Stiens/York
846-2804

S.E.A.

Mike Kohler/Chambersburg
264-4729

The reopening of schools is not too far away. It's important that we begin to think of ways to teach our children about the dangers of nuclear power. For years the utility companies have gotten permission from schools to address assemblies to further their public relations. It's essential that the kids begin to hear the other side.

Immediately after the accident, some mental health professionals from Holy Spirit Hospital approached area school districts and offered to come to talk and to help allay fears. In many cases, they were turned away. The schools did not want to mention TMI and scare the kids further.

In order that school children hear both sides of the story, it's important that we begin to organize speakers for the schools, teacher training, and educational materials. No one at TMIA is currently coordinating this effort. If you are interested in working on the development of an educational program, or have information on what's going on in the schools, please send notes to the Alert c/o TMIA, 315 Peffer St., Harrisburg, or call the office at 233-7897.

TMIA Kids

Central Pennsylvania is the home of a large number of kids who do not like nuclear power plants. Their levels of understanding of nuclear power and the issues surrounding it vary, but they understand that the cooling towers are their enemy. Many of these kids were pulled out of school, and taken away from their homes by frightened parents. The health effects on these kids may not be apparent for some time, but the emotional impact is already clear.

"I hate them," says Stephanie Fetterman. "Me and my school is mad." Another personal statement from one of the kids is reprinted below.

The Alert would like to publish a regular kids column by and for the "TMI Children." Please send articles, poems,

etc. to THE ALERT, TMIA, 315
Peffer Street, Harrisburg 17102.

Dear Readers,

Everyone has forgotten the terror of TMI. And now that they're talking about opening it again remember the terror of it. We left our homes, the bubble almost exploded, the China Syndrome almost happened. And we still don't know what to do with the nuclear waste. Even though there's an energy crisis I still think we should use solar or wind power and not nuclear power.

Charla Myers
Age 9

Labor organizing

The Labor Union Task Force has been created for the purpose of initiating a grass-roots anti-nuclear movement within the Labor Unions of Central Pennsylvania. Primary emphasis of the Task Force will be on:

- A) worker health and safety in all phases of the nuclear fuel cycle;
- B) the implications of nuclear power to the rest of us as workers; and
- C) the creation of jobs through the development of alternative technologies, conversion and conservation.

The Labor Union Task Force has formulated the following list of priorities to be communicated to our individual labor unions:

- 1) The problem of safe transportation, storage, and disposal of radioactive waste must be of highest priority and utmost concern to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the energy corporations. The problem must be solved before any more nuclear power plants are licensed, built, or ongoing construction completed.
- 2) Plants currently supplying nuclear-generated power should

be converted to environmental-ly-sane coal burning plants. The workers at the nuclear plants must be guaranteed jobs, wages and benefits, during and after conversion, by the "public" utilities. Any and all costs of clean-up and conversion are to be borne by the utility corporations.

- 3) The Labor Union Task Force is demanding Congressional action to create a national health care and monitoring fund to alleviate the pain and hardship caused by health problems faced by past and present workers in all phases of the nuclear fuel cycle. The funding for this program is to be provided by a direct tax on the enormous guaranteed profits of the energy monopolies.
- 4) The Labor Union Task Force is calling for a national energy policy that will stress alternative energy technologies and will be more desirable from health, safety, environmental and economic stand-points.

One way to get these priorities and other information to union members is through presentation of resolutions to our individual unions. To date, two unions in this area have passed anti-nuclear/anti-TMI resolutions: Chocolate Workers Local 464 of Bakery, Confectionery and Tobacco Workers International Union of America (June 21) and Local 972 of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (June 23). At future Task Force meetings, we will discuss ways to write and present resolutions to a union, and other methods of reaching the membership.

The next meeting of the Labor Union Task Force will be Monday, August 6, at 7 p.m., in the Conference Room of Chocolate Workers Local 464, Union Hall, 16 W. Caracas Ave., Hershey. For directions and Task Force information, contact: Susan Barley, 533-6516, 5 to 10 p.m.

Community organizing

The Community Groups are growing and becoming more active and visible. Last month, we reported on the number of groups which had successfully lobbied for resolutions against nuclear power and/or reopening TMI. We have several more to add this month.

Inadvertently, we omitted the resolution of the CALN Quarterly Meeting of Friends in our columns last month. Also, during the past few weeks, Highspire joined the list by getting a particularly strong resolution passed unanimously. Also, under the leadership of Hampden Township officials the Association of First Class Townships passed a resolution calling for the repeal of Price-Anderson. Copies of most of these resolutions are on file at the office.

In the interest of saving space, we will not republish the entire list of community groups each month (see the July ALERT). The following changes or additions should be noted, however:

Chambersburg
(Sun-Earth Alliance)
Wayne Cove
1-263-0662

Hershey Area Alliance
Georgia Lookingbill
566-6480

Lower Paxton Township
Lee Garland
561-0701

Steelton-Swatara
Judy Williams
939-5486

The Adams County Group, Apple Core, has met weekly since forming in April. We amassed petitions, marched on May 6th in Washington and presented the petitions through TMIA to President Carter. Since then the group has engaged in intensive self-education.

Programs have included the film "The Last Resort" and videotapes of "Paul Jacobs and the Nuclear Gang", "Three

Mile Island Syndrome" and "Do I Look Like I Want to Die?". In an exemplary relationship, Apple Core has co-sponsored with the Adams County Health Interest Movement, a presentation by John Davenport of the York Committee for a Safe Environment, and another by Susan Stoller, Adams County Solar Consultant. While resolving a statement of goals and objectives, members have been reporting on specific topics of complexity after researching and compiling a report each meeting. Some members have been working to promote a Solar Harvest Festival in early autumn. Political action through letter writing, mailgrams, phone and personal contact continues to be strongly pushed. In spite of the gas crunch, representatives have attended TMIA meetings in Harrisburg and Angry meetings in York. The group has been exploring methods of outreach to the community and is continuing this search. Other groups are urged to convey successful tactics to Apple Core. Please contact Gene (Mac) Albright at 677-8449 or at work (after August 27th) at 761-6280.

The Dillsburg group is beginning to move. The first meeting was held on July 11. At this meeting, members set a number of goals. We are currently looking for a place and some speakers for a public meeting. We intent to begin leafletting and public education on the critical economic and health issues. In addition, we are investigating our public officials' positions on nuclear power.

The next meeting is August 14. For information please contact, Pat Sgrignoli at #432-5571.

The Hershey Area Alliance Against Nuclear Power, with members from the Hummelstown, Hershey and Palmyra area, has been meeting on Wednesdays at 7:00 at the Chocolate Workers' Union Hall. Since our first meeting in April, we have been directing our efforts to educating the people in the Hershey area and also to

From the groups

increasing our membership. Two town meetings were held in June to accomplish these initial goals. Future activities of the organization include presentation of a proposal to the Derry Township Commissioners asking for the permanent shutdown of Three Mile Island as a nuclear power plant; this proposal will be presented in mid-August. Informational tables will be staffed by members of the Hershey Area Alliance on two separate occasions in August: one will be at the recycling centers in Hummelstown and Hershey on Saturday mornings; the other will be at the "Energy Conservation Fair" in Hershey on August 16. This fair is sponsored by a joint project of the conservation districts of Dauphin, Lancaster and Lebanon counties and will be held from 9:00-3:00 at the Milton Hershey Farm #6B (2 miles north-east of Hershey). For more information on this, contact Georgia Lookingbill of the Hershey Area Alliance at 566-6480.

One suggestion has been a telephone tree or periodic conference calls between one representative of each group. Any thoughts on these problems can be shared with Georgia Lookingbill at 566-6480.

While The H.A.A. is growing and expanding its membership, we continue to face the problem of communication with those area residents who are supportive of our activities, but who don't necessarily attend the weekly meetings or are active workers in the organization. A telephone tree has been established and is proving to be somewhat effective. We would be interested in any feedback from other local groups who may be facing a similar problem. Communication between local chapters, providing current information on each groups' activities, problems, appears to be a problem as well.

The New Cumberland anti-nuke group has been busy and their efforts are producing results. They recently sponsored a public meeting in which Mark Widoff, former Consumer Advocate, addressed the assembled group. They

are planning to set up a table to reach out to more of their neighbors at the upcoming New Cumberland Jubilee. A strongly worded anti-nuclear petition is currently pending before the council. Also, the group is hoping to start a project in the fall to impact on area schools.

For more information, please contact Al Mirando at Avatar's Golden Nectar (774-7215), Bill Vastine (774-6711), or Stuart Sacks (774-0808).



The Steelton/Swatara Community Group of TMIA held its first meeting on Wednesday, July 11, 1979 at 7 p.m.

One of the major tasks of the group is to canvass the communities to get petitions signed, with the goal of presenting a resolution to Steelton Borough Council and the Swatara Twp. Board of Commissioners.

It was decided that the thrust of information distributed to residents of the communities would stress the economic detriments of nuclear power. One member has prepared a fact sheet for distribution to people signing petitions and/or requesting information. Another has drafted a resolution for consideration of the community group at their next meeting.

At present the group is comprised of six members, and help is needed to circulate petitions in the Steelton/Swatara Twp. area. If you are interested in helping in this effort or in coming to the meetings, contact Judy Williams, 939-5486 or Nancy Baumgardner, 939-7530.

TMIA's Japanese visitors

Working with TMIA is demanding, depressing, energizing, frustrating, broadening, time-filling, but never dull. To give you an idea of the kind of work that gets done, the ALERT is starting a series of some of the TMIA tasks. The first part of this series is Joel Roth's account of hosting the visit of the Japanese delegation on July 1-3.

JAPANESE DELEGATION

Our visitors were: Mr. Ishino, team leader - member of the House of Representatives; Mr. Yoshida, member of the House of Councilors (Senate); Mr. Endo, General Counsel of Labor Unions of Japan (5 million members); Mr. Masutani, general secretary of all Japan Electrical Workers Union; Dr. Ono, President of the Physics Society of Japan; and Katsushige Murayama (Kats), secretary to Mr. Miyake, House of Representatives and interpreter for the group.

Their visit here was to include meetings with state and local officials, a TMI on site visit, meetings with local people, and a press conference. In the course of the visit we shared laughter, sadness and anger.

The site visit was going to be one of the highlights of the U.S. visit. For unknown reasons the N.R.C. and Met Ed did not allow the visit which had been confirmed days before by the N.R.C. and the Japanese Embassy. As an alternative we planned the airplane photo mission of Mr. Yoshida. A plane was chartered early Tuesday morning. On our arrival at the terminal, the pilot explained the restrictions placed on flying near TMI. The restrictions would prevent any good pictures because of the distance. A call was placed to the tower requesting a waiver, but it was denied.

Since Mr. Yoshida did not speak English, I explained to the pilot how important Mr. Yoshida was - in Japan he was as well known as Senator Kennedy is here. It worked. This time the tower called Washington, D.C.; a few minutes later the waiver was granted.

To overcome the language problem, we placed some bottles on a table - these were the cooling towers and our hands were the plane. For the next few minutes, hands flew around the bottles showing our Japanese friend what type of pictures he would be able to get. Three grown men heartily enjoyed this game.

Fifteen minutes later the plane landed and out came a very happy Mr. Yoshida. With the bottles, he showed me how close the plane had flown to the towers. The hand and bottle game was getting to be contagious - the pilot joined us until I reminded him that he could talk to me in English.

Planning the statement for the press conference was much more serious business. Several members of the delegation were summoned from their beds at 1:30 a.m. for a discussion on the future use of nuclear power. It was very important to them, even in the wee hours of Tuesday morning, that their message be clear. The press conference went very well and received good coverage.

Our goodbyes were mixed with laughter and tears. The last few minutes were spent - you guessed it - playing the hand/bottle game.

At 1:00 a.m., Sunday morning my home phone rang. Kats calling from San Francisco, had forgotten about the three hour time difference. He was calling to express the teams thanks to all the people in the Harrisburg area who made their trip so warm. He also told me that Mr. Yoshida wanted to say something; I was confused since Yoshida did not speak English. "Thank you very much for the plane ride so close to the towers, I will send pictures to you - thank you and goodbye," he said.

Yoshida had insisted that Kats teach him those words. After all, you can't use hands and bottles over the phone.

Ghost of the Susquehanna

A pall, humid and sick, hangs over
Harrisburg
As if a shade were pulled across the
sun.
No blue sky or happy racing clouds
Look down to greet our numbed
existence.

Fair Susquehanna flows churlish and
angry.
Foliage is lush, irradiated
unnaturally.
Horror looks out from the eyes of the
people.
All forms of life bear insult.

Nothing much happened, they tell us.
Clean up, start up, pay up for TMI.
Yet a corpse stalks through our
valley.
It is faith in government that died.

--Eleanor Grubb,
Colonial Park

Harrisburg/Hiroshima

The following proclamation has been
issued by Harrisburg, Major, Paul E.
Doutrich, Jr.:

WHEREAS: The 34th anniversary of
Hiroshima Day will be
observed throughout the
world on August 6th.
Because the people of
Hiroshima were the first to
suffer from use of atomic
bombs, Hiroshima has become
the symbol of the dangers of
nuclear war to survival of
the human species. The
Three Mile Island accident
has shocked people everywhere
into recognizing the equiva-
lent dangers to life from
the application of nuclear
technology for the generation
of electricity, and now
Harrisburg is being recogniz-
ed as the symbol of the
hazards of nuclear power, and

WHEREAS: In the light of the
catastrophic nuclear dangers

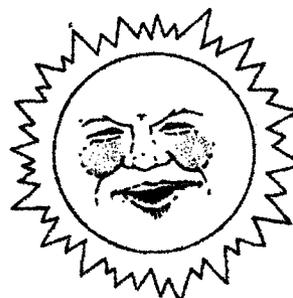
now revealed and because of
the common concerns of the
people of both cities over
the dangers from nuclear
technology, and in the hope
that cooperative measures
may be taken in time to avoid
disasters, I propose that
Harrisburg and Hiroshima
establish a sister-cities
relationship, and

WHEREAS: Such a relationship would
facilitate pursuit of
cooperative endeavors, to
assure development of all
possible measures to over-
come the hazards of nuclear
technology. While these
steps are undertaken, it
would be prudent to reach
agreement on a policy oppos-
ing first-strike use of
nuclear weapons, and

WHEREAS: I call upon citizens of
the Harrisburg area to
cooperate with citizens
of the Hiroshima area in
observing Hiroshima Day,
in their determination to
explore every possibility,
so that there shall be a
livable world for our
children and future
generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I PAUL E. DOUTRICH, JR.,
MAYOR OF the City of Harrisburg, do
hereby proclaim August 4 thru 9, 1979,
as

HIROSHIMA DAY
a period for commemorative observances
of Hiroshima Day, and invite the
cooperation of citizens of the area.



Hitch Your Wagon to a Star
-- Ralph Waldo Emerson

If you or your group would like to spend some time spreading the truth at the TMI Observation Center, please contact Cheryl Lee at 566-9777 (evenings). We are going to have anti-nuke people there every weekend and whenever else possible. The TMI Observation Center is open Tuesday thru Sunday from noon to 5:00 PM.

People are needed to mingle with the visitors, leaflet at the gates to the parking lot and to distribute literature at our own TMIA Information Center.

Met Ed Education

If you have had the opportunity to go to the TMI Observation Center to view the film, you may have picked up "Educational Bulletin 73-1-- What About Radiation?"

This wealth of information makes the following claim:

If you were to live a mile from Three Mile Island and remain there for 24 hours every day for a year, you would be exposed to less than 1/2 mrem. of additional annual radiation. If for that one year you stayed five miles from Three Mile Island, you would be exposed to less than 1/20 mrem. of additional annual radiation, and if you lived at a distance greater than 5 miles from Three Mile Island, your additional radiation exposure would be so low as to be considered 0 mrem.

It also enlightens us to the fact that "In almost every instance radiation is fatal only when absorbed in brief, concentrated doses." This supposed fact sheet mentions nothing about the long term effects of low level radiation or the devastating consequences to a family hit by cancer or leukemia.

According to this masterpiece of misinformation, you get more radiation from a radium dial wristwatch (2 mrem.) than from TMI, even if you live a mile from the plant (1/2 mrem).

Met Ed is insulting the intelligence of people everywhere by printing such obviously false and misleading information.

It points up the fact that in the face of Met Ed's million dollar PR campaign, TMIA and its community groups and task forces must get the real facts to the people.

We're an Inc.

Six weeks ago, the TMIA filed to become a non-profit corporation. Copies of the Articles of Incorporation are available from the TMIA office.

The official purposes of TMIA are to act as an organization to inform the public of nuclear related dangers, to serve as an instrument for people and groups to oppose nuclear energy and to promote alternative energy, and to relate to State, national and international groups acting in this and related areas.

Officers of TMIA, to be elected by a majority of the general members, are a coordinator, a recorder and a treasurer. The Planning Group will be the primary governing body. This group consists of the officers, the heads of the Tasks Forces, representatives from member organizations and at large, representatives. This Planning Group, to meet at least once a month, will hold it's first meeting on July 24, 1979.

More members of The Last Resort Task Force are completing training to train others for non-violent direct action. We will begin training, after Labor Day, to develop affinity groups for the TMI I campaign.

If you or your anti-nuke organization want to become part of these training sessions, please call Chris or Louise at the TMIA office (233-7897) and a member of the task force will get in touch with you.

COMING NEXT MONTH

- Mysterious Bird Deaths in Lebanon.
- Listing of other anti-nuke groups.
- Bibliography of Nuke reading.
- A Day in the TMIA Office.
- A report on the reorganization of TMIA.
- Relating to MetEd's Public Relations.

Foreboding of nuclear disaster

Four A.M., Wednesday, March 28, 1979 - the beginning of America's worst commercial nuclear reactor accident to date.

Three hours later off-site emergency officials in the area surrounding Three Mile Island would learn for the first time that disaster loomed at Met-Ed's Unit 2 reactor, though surprisingly it would not be until mid-day Friday - some 55 hours into the accident - that many people in the crucial 5-mile radius learned they were in danger.

Yet there was a group of Southcentral Pennsylvanians not at all surprised by the accident the Nuclear Industry had declared impossible. For in the mystery of human consciousness, they had seen the accident at TMI before it happened.

Based on an investigation conducted by TMIA's Special Projects Committee and ParaScience International, we have identified a dozen instances in which persons predicted, dreamed or experienced lucid visions of a malfunctioning reactor at Three Mile Island before March 28th.

These men and women, some with a history of psychic experiences and others with none, ranged in age from three years old to septuagenarians. Apart from having little or no understanding of how a reactor worked, they exemplified one other trait: they were sincere people who, through a process said by many scientists to be as impossible as a ruinous reactor accident, shared independent yet incredibly similar forebodings of disaster at TMI.

The first indication of a troubled future for TMI came on April 15, 1975, as Jennifer Street celebrated her third birthday in view of Unit 1's

cooling towers. "The steam will get me," she began to wail. Her mother, Pat Street (now TMIA organizer for Londonderry Twp.), tried to calm the child by explaining the steam was only harmless water vapor from the cooling towers. Nearly four years later, TMI-

2 went supercritical and containing so much radiation that monitors went off-scale were released into the air around Londonderry. Noting that "was the day that everything was almost lost," Mrs. Street recalled her daughter's cries and pondered, "I wonder if she knew something the rest of us didn't."

Also in 1975, another area resident sensed problems for the now-crippled reactor. Peggy Townsend-Beddoes, founder of the Aquarian Searchers in Harrisburg, foresaw in an altered state of consciousness that "valves would be turned off, etc." at TMI. That clairvoyant prediction was fulfilled on March 14, 1979 when valves to the main feedwater pumps in Unit 2's crucial cooling loop were shut off and illegally left off. In the third week of March 1979, Mrs. Townsend-Beddoes had another premonition about TMI and confided to a friend: "I have a bad feeling about it, a depressing feeling." She was one week ahead of almost everyone else.

But there were others. In the weeks preceding the so-called transient at Unit 2, a series of ominous visions and dreams wafted through the area just as radioactive plumes would soon be doing. As some would later taste the released radionuclides others sensed precognitively the destiny of Met-Ed's brand new reactor. Those premonitions, and the implications to their beholders and to concepts of reality, will be explored in the next issue.

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from the staff list last time.
Many thanks to all the others
who submitted articles.

No Nuke Poetry

The following poems were submitted by Cecilia Parsons Miller:

WHAT USED TO BE

I wash the lettuce long and well,
I ponder as I do so...
The water's junked where fall-out
fell.
I envy Mr. Crusoe.

DEPT. OF UDDER CONFUSION

"No damage to the public health"
they state with utter candor;
They try so hard to clear their skirts--
false facts lead up to slander.

The lowly cow, who gropes her way
through clover, grass and briars,
Gives milk with Iodine concealed
and shows them up as liars.

IODINE, OH IODINE

My thyroid's packed and I'm ready
To take off on voyages heady;
just where I will end
proves a question to lend
Concern: it's NOT back in my beddy!

BY NUKE, BOMB TEST, CHEMICALS AND/OR X-RAY

No need to fear the Russian Bear-
at China's purpose scoff;
In nearer time, OUR scientists
will neatly kill us off.

Paul Walker's column
Hbg. Patriot

Legislative update

both the state and national legislatures followed the old adage, "when in doubt, do nothing" this past month.

The NRC Authorization, long languishing in the U.S. Senate did finally get to the floor where anti-nuke forces won a small battle and lost two large wars. An effort to strip the bill of provisions which would require evacuation plans to be approved by the NRC within 6 months was defeated narrowly. Our two Senators, Schweiker and Heinz voted

with anti-nuke forces in defeating this amendment.

Later, however, the anti-nuke people did not fare so well. Sen. McGovern's amendment to give states the right to decide whether nuclear waste facilities could be sited in their own state was roundly defeated with Heinz and Schweiker voting against us.

Kennedy's moratorium amendment went down 57-35. Again, our two Senators voted against us.

No action has taken place in the House. Last month, however, a trial run was held on a number of amendments which will be tacked onto the NRC Authorization. While all went down to defeat, area Congressmen ALL voted correctly. It is expected that the right to site and moratorium amendments will be added to the House version of the Authorization when it comes to the floor after Labor Day.

Meanwhile, we will have to force each of our national legislators to make a commitment to keep TMI closed. During the recess (scheduled to start around August 1) we must go to all the public meetings and keep the pressure on them. Call the TMIA office for schedules of these meetings.

The Pennsylvania legislature recessed without moving on a number of anti-nuke bills. SB 600 and SB 632 are still bottled up in House Committees.

Additionally, two new names have been put forward by the Governor as nominees to the PUC. Neither of them are particularly favorable to consumers or anti-nuke forces. Full backgrounds are being developed on each. Hearings in the Senate Consumer Affairs Committee will be held after the summer recess. Call the office for the schedule of hearings and for more information on Cosetti and Shanaman.



Kemeny citizen's panel resigns

Question: What has a critical mass of 8, and a half-life of 6 hours?

Answer: The citizen's advisory panel of the President's Commission on Three Mile Island (Kemeny Commission).

At least that's what seemed to be the case in what Richard Pollack, of Critical Mass, called "the shortest-term advisory task force I've ever sat on."

The dispute between the citizen's panel and the Commission developed over whether the panel would have access to anything other than already printed committee transcripts.

According to William Millerd, a Jesuit priest and a physicist with the Interfaith Coalition on Energy, a set of ground rules had been drafted in cooperation with Bruce Lundin, Kemeny's second in command. One of the agreements was that the panel would have access to the commission's data.

Kathy Chamberlin, a TMIA interim committee member and a member of the citizen's panel, said that Millerd had received word the night before the first meeting that the panel would not have access to the data.

"We were willing to compromise," said Chamberlin. "We realized the need for security and sensitivity. We obviously would not have asked for every document - we simply wanted the right to ask for anything we wanted."

The Commission staff, however, had different ideas. They gave the group nine questions to answer, questions that had previously been asked of the industry

panel.

"One of the questions that particularly bothered me was: 'Can and should the utilities do more to develop public trust and confidence in nuclear power plants?'" said Mark Widoff, a panel member.

After a stormy session with Lundin and chief information officer Barbara Jorgenson, the group asked that Kemeny be brought into the dispute. When told that he had already left for New York, the panel requested that he be contacted about the problem. Four hours later, Jorgenson returned to tell the group that Kemeny had refused their request. The citizen's advisory panel immediately resigned.

"We were angry, discouraged," said Chamberlin. "All the way home, Mark (Widoff) and I didn't say anything to each other."

"We really thought things could be worked out," she added.

Widoff said the group was forced to resign. "Many of the people felt that they could not conscientiously lend their names to this whole affair if it was simply going to be a public relations exercise."

He added that the whole thing had made him skeptical of the entire Kemeny investigation. "I'm going to be more skeptical today than I was yesterday. And I think all of us are going to be more skeptical when that report comes out."

And now? Chamberlin said that she didn't think the Commission effort would be worth much. "I assume the entire effort is going to be, has been and has been from the very beginning, to further nuclear power."

No Nukes Notices

SUN. AUGUST 5th

Hiroshima Commemorative Interfaith Service. Lakeside Lutheran Church, 245 Division St., Hbg. 7PM. Speaker, Rev. Robert Moore, Exec. Dir., Mobilization for Survival. Call TMIA for details or see The ALERT.

MON. AUGUST 6th

Hiroshima Day Observance, Lancaster. Noon to 1 PM, Silent Vigil, Penn Sq. Movie at Hafer Center, F&M College, 8 PM. Call Sandy Fluck for details, 1/392-6648.

TMIA Nuclear Economics Task Force mtg. Friends Meeting House, 6th & Herr Sts. Hbg. 7:30PM.

TUES. AUGUST 7th

PANE Meeting. Film "More Nuclear Power Plants." Dr. Ollio Larmi will discuss ethical implications of the film. Capitol Campus Aud. 7PM.

WED. AUGUST 8th

Pa. Game Commission mtg. They will discuss exploration & mining of uranium on state lands. 8000 Derry St. 8:30AM.

THURS. AUGUST 9th

Rally at PP&L headquarters. Spons. by LEPOCO. For information, contact TMIA office. 7 PM.

SUN. AUGUST 12th

Shut'em Down Hoedown. Benefit concert for TMIA. See page 1 for details. Y'all come!!!

Carlisle Fair begins, runs thru 8/19. TMIA booth coordinated by Carlisle TMIA. Call office to volunteer to staff the booth.

MON. AUGUST 13th

TMIA Alternative Energy Task Force. Friends Mtg. House. 7:30 PM

WED. AUGUST 15th

Jobs/Conversion Project meeting. Friends Meeting House, 7:30PM

TUES. AUGUST 21st

TMIA Planning Council mtg. Friends Mtg. House, 7:30 PM.

WED. AUGUST 22nd

TMIA Last Resort Mtg. 616 N. 2nd St., Hbg. Home of Doug West. 7:30PM.

THURS. AUGUST 23rd

PANE Meeting, Capitol Campus Aud. 7PM.

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Editorial: On humor and perspective

Movements form when people draw together on an issue (or issues) that they all think are important. Very important. And the people develop a seriousness of purpose, and that, too, is important. The problem is that somewhere along the way the people get a little too serious about their seriousness. They forget to see the absurdity, the iron. They forget to laugh at themselves, at their predicament, and at the enemy as well.

I'm afraid that this has happened with the anti-nuke movement. I've seen a lot of heavy important newsletters which are (frankly) stodgy. I've sat through long meetings where we got so much accomplished that my head hurt (not to mention my sitter). But we didn't laugh.

I spent some time recently talking to one of our visitors from Denmark

about how to involve more people in our movement. He suggested that meetings were too intellectual, (I think that was the word he wanted, we had some trouble in translation). He recommended that we sponsor anti-nuke art shows, and plays, and more "fun-things." He had a good point. Maybe we should have anti-nuke block parties (and barbecue burgers in the shape of cooling towers). Maybe we could put out a little red book on the with and wisdom of James Schlesinger. Maybe we should have a gossip column in this paper and call it "Nuke Nooky."

I don't mean to imply that this isn't serious business. Our lives are at stake, and our children's lives and that just isn't funny. But still, I think we've got to be sure to hang on to our creativity and our sense of humor and the positive energy that these things generate. What do you think?

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