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STEERING COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

The people listed below have been nominated to serve on the TMIA Steering Committee. Seven members will be elected. The results will be announced at the Nov. 4th Planning Council meeting, at which time the newly elected Steering Committee will assume their duties. Any member of the present Steering Committee who is re-elected will serve for 6 months. New members will serve for a one-year term.

Strong leadership is essential to our efforts. The Steering Committee represents the entire membership and YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT!

Please vote by marking a check (✓) next to your choices. Vote for seven. Return your ballots to Debbie Tulli, 200 Shamokin Street, Harrisburg 17110 by no later than October 31st.

VOTE AND MAIL IT IN TODAY!

NOMINEES...

Louise Bradford - Education task force; Coordinator of HACC Teach-In and May 6 March on Washington; Organizer of Speakers Panel; Volunteer staff person at TMIA.

Barbara Smith - Active member of Mechanicsburg Community Group; Former member of Mechanicsburg Steering Committee.

Paul Makurath - Active member of Lower Paxton Township Community Group; Coordinator of direct-mail fund drive; Assists with fundraising and political lobbying activities.

John Murdoch - Steering committee member since October 1979 and now serves as secretary; Heads legal task force volunteers; Member of Mechanicsburg Community Group and TMIA Speakers Panel.

Mary Osborn - Heads Steelton-Swatara Township Community Group; Community group representative on Planning Council.

Mary Hartnett - Organized and head of Mechanicsburg Community Group. TMIA newsletter staff person.

Ed Nielsen - Member of present Steering Committee; Community Group organizing; former member of Susquehanna Township/Uptown Harrisburg Steering Committee.

Joel Roth - Chairman of present Steering Committee; TMIA Interim Committee member; TMIA newsletter staff person.

WE NEED EACH OTHER

The past several months have been extremely difficult ones for both TMIA as an organization, and the individuals as members. Because of the long period of time during which clean-up and other issues would be sequenced, activists trying to keep TMI shut would have to pace their energy and work closely with each other. To do otherwise would lead to burn-out and personality conflict so severe that the organization itself could be jeopardized. We now find ourselves at a crossroads that will test our commitment to each other and our effort; this is something that most

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members were aware of, even at the time of the accident.

The status of TMIA as a large membership organization, is presently somewhat shaky. Many people who were once actively involved, have now dropped or burned out; their reasons were many, but often cited were "too much work for too few people," or "I couldn't stand being around the office or _____." Personal, petty gripes that don't need to have such an impact...yet they do... Within TMIA, a system can be created that equally distributes workload, provides for interaction rather than conflict, and doesn't allow personality conflicts to have such far-reaching effects on our organization. We have the capacity to make TMIA much more effective than it presently is. Of course, the key is everyone's involvement. Period.

In the past several weeks, the Steering Committee has attempted to restructure and address some long overdue issues within the organization. Nominations from Planning Council for Steering Committee and the structure for elections; running the Pepper St. office with an all-volunteer staff; responding to the numerous requests for comment on the continuing accident; setting up public meetings with a reluctant NRC; continuing fund-raising for organization survival and most important, the legal intervention with the NRC; repainting and remodeling the office; developing a realistic budget; assessing, restructuring and rechanneling the remaining Community Groups; trying to assure that new projects and ideas get the appropriate support and follow-up, if the project is seen as workable within TMIA; and finally, though not conclusively, taking on the frustration of the membership who see the Steering Committee as doing very little for them.

At this point, I'll stop. It should be quite obvious that the key to the problems I outlined, as well as the key to virtually any problem we face, is our involvement. It should also be obvious that Steering Committee does put in a lot of time and effort into developing TMIA. Yes, mistakes have

been made; however, instead of dropping out, people have continued to push on. The hope is that all of us who truly care about keeping TMI shut for future generations will finally learn that we can have our disagreements, but still work superbly together. We have no excuse not to do this; yet, we have every excuse: OURSELVES.

We can no longer afford to choose to allow our individual needs to stand in the way of the group's and community's needs. The power and money (almost all of it is ours, tax or rate) that is against us is incredible. For now, only the people who read this and choose either to push for active change and growth via involvement, or drop out because "it's not worth it" have the decision to make. Any of us can make decisions and feel good about it: now we need to act on those decisions. It's on each of us...call the office...WE NEED EACH OTHER...damn it, it's our future...not Met-Ed's.

Ed Nielsen

A PEOPLE'S ENERGY MOVEMENT

"From 'No Nukes' To A PEOPLE'S ENERGY MOVEMENT: A Strategy For The 1980s," co-authored by Pamela Haines and Bill Moyer, was recently published by the Movement For A New Society's magazine, DANDELION.

The article describes a broad strategy for the anti-nuclear energy movement to develop from a basic emphasis of no nukes to a broader people's energy movement in which people take charge of the energy sector of their lives. This process is actually already well under way, but different parts of the movement are often not aware of each other because they don't see how the different sectors complement each other. It includes a description of the historical development and changes in the movement, emphasizes the need for movement pluralism, and describes a wide variety of current groups and reference materials.

Copies of the article are available from Bill Moyer, 4713 Windsor Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19143; phone: (215) 729-3276. The cost is 25¢ for one copy, \$8 for 50, \$15 for 100, all including postage.

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CAMP SPEAKS ON NUCLEAR WAR

Kay Camp, past president of the U.S. Section of the Women's International League for Peace & Freedom, and of its International from 1969 - 1980, will speak on the "Danger of Nuclear War -- and How to Prevent It" on Sunday, October 26 at 4:00 p.m. at the Lakeside Lutheran Church, Division & Green Streets in Harrisburg.

"The connection between nuclear power plants and nuclear weapons, and the significance of Presidential Directive No. 59 make clear the need for arms control and a strong United Nations," declared Ms. Camp. An authority on disarmament, Ms. Camp is presently vice-chairperson of the Non-Governmental Organizations' Commission on Disarmament at the United Nations. During the May, 1978 Special Session on Disarmament at the U.N., she was special advisor to the U.S. Delegation. Her appointment to this position was recommended by Cyrus Vance and approved by President Carter.

As president of the International WILPF, Ms. Camp has travelled widely to member branches in 27 countries located on five continents. More recently she was a member of Ramsey Clark's delegation to Iran, where she expressed concern for the hostages and hopes for their release.

A question period will follow the October 26th meeting. Refreshments will be served.

COUNTERATTACK

In response to a national pro-nuclear power campaign sponsored by the nuclear industry, the Safe Energy Communications Council (SECC) has been formed to present the other side of the issue. One of the first efforts of the new coalition has been to develop a series of public service announcements (PSAs) in response to the paid nuclear ads. The PSAs cover such issues as nuclear waste, energy demand, foreign oil dependence, and nuclear safety. Regional representatives of SECC are monitoring TV and radio stations across the country, and are

informing those which run the pro-nuclear ads of their Fairness Doctrine obligation to present the other side of the issue and of the availability of the SECC spots.

The industry media blitz will continue into the fall. They are currently preparing a new series of ads emphasizing the "moral need" for nuclear power. The industry's campaign is emphasizing the need for energy self-sufficiency and the possibility of war. This emphasis responds to a national poll showing Americans are more concerned about the possibility of war based on foreign oil dependence than about nuclear safety issues such as the TMI accident. SECC plans to develop a series of PSAs in response to this new ad series as well.

In order to determine all of the radio and TV stations carrying the pro-nuclear ads, SECC is looking for more regional representatives willing to monitor their local stations. If interested in monitoring or in receiving more information about SECC's media campaign, contact SECC at its toll-free number Monday to Friday between 1 and 5 p.m., 800-424-2477, or write SECC, 1536 16th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036

From "access," published by the National Citizens Committee for Broadcasting

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Susquehanna Valley Alliance will sponsor a "Harvest Festival" on Saturday, October 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Friends Meeting House on Tulane Terrace, Lancaster.

There will be crafts, a greenhouse, vegetable and fruit market, a secondhand bookstore, alternative energy booth, a bakery, clowns, jams, jellies, and relishes, a vegetarian cafe, films, and live music.

From Harrisburg, take 283 to Lancaster. Get off at Rohrestown Exit onto Rohrestown Road. At third traffic light (Two Guys), take a left onto Columbia Pike. Go past McDonald's and make a left on the next street (Tulane Terrace). Friends Meeting House is one 3 block in.

WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING ON NOVEMBER 4TH?

On November 4, put your vote where your mouth is, and help to establish a new political party! The Citizens Party, the Consumer Party in PA

--is the only party to advocate the swift development of alternative energy, such as solar, wind, biomass, etc.

--is committed to phasing-out nuclear power throughout the country.

--is committed to keeping TMI closed until such time as it is not nuclear.

--supports the idea of individual and community development of power, to cut the utility costs.

--will not be bought-out by special interests.

--supports the election of the P.U.C. to make it accountable to the people.

VOTE BARRY COMMONER FOR PRESIDENT!
DAVE LEACH FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE,
87TH DISTRICT, AND THE ENTIRE CONSUMER TICKET.

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On November 4th . . .

Don't vote for Carter. Cast a third-party protest vote for John Anderson, Barry Commoner, or Andrew Pulley. Carter will win in Pennsylvania anyway. So a vote for one of these men will

not help to elect Ronald Reagan. Don't vote for Carter.

Remember that Carter is a nuclear engineer.

Remember that Carter favors the insane MX missile system.

Remember that Carter signed the Venice Accords, which endorse the world-wide expansion of nuclear power.

Remember that Carter approved the sale of 38 tons of reactor-grade uranium to India.

Remember that Carter essentially ignored the recommendation of the Kemeny Commission to reorganize the NRC.

Remember that Carter's Vice President came to speak to a dinner of the Democratic State Committee but would not speak to the 100 TMIA demonstrators outside.

Remember that Carter has refused to meet with Central Pennsylvanians to discuss the issues surrounding TMI.

Remember what Carter has done for the people of Three Mile Island. Nothing.

Vote for almost anyone. But don't vote for Carter.

--Paul Makurath

VOTE

Funky Winkerbean



COMMUNITY REPORT

Adams County Group produced a folded brochure hand-out over the summer. We have been using it to meet an unfilled need to have a single item that covers the ground simply and gets to the point. Since it has worked well for us we recommend the idea to other community groups and will send a copy on request with SASE (TMIA-Adams County, Box 235 Arendtsville, PA 17303). Special recognition goes to Jerry DePew and Dorothy Lamberti who wrote and designed, the group who proofed, and Mac Albright who arranged printing. Brochure title: "Why We Must Oppose Nuclear Power".

Wayne and Sue James continue their outreach to church groups in the county. As part of their presentation, they are donating copies of John Gofman's "Irrevy". Elyse Clark has been buying new books in the anti-nuclear and energy areas, reviewing them for the group, and donating them to the county library.

The group was significantly involved in support of the Harrisburg-Hiroshima connection this summer in conjunction with Nobuko Miyake, a Hiroshima native whose life-mission is interpreting the significance of Hiroshima in Christian terms. Nobuko shared her perspective with the group several times and made special presentations in Gettysburg, Fairfield, Lancaster and Harrisburg, aided by TMIA-Adams County.

The Adams County Apple Harvest Festival, October 4, 5 and 11, 12 will again include anti-nuclear outreach. The group will operate a booth for hand-outs, buttons and T-shirts, conversation and a few surprises. The festival will be at the South Mountain Fairgrounds. Stop in and say hello when you come to visit the festival.

Meeting with Representative Bill Goodling, the group secured his promise of an in-depth public session on energy to be scheduled

in October. Member Jerry DePew requested that Congressman Goodling sign the Environmental Action pledge to refuse any contributions from the "Filthy Five" major corporations designated as notorious polluters. We are pleased to report that Goodling unhesitatingly agreed, pointing out that his policy is not to accept any contributions in excess of \$100.

The group also made anti-nuclear inroads at a public meeting conducted by state legislator Ken Cole for the purpose of airing ratepayer dissatisfaction with Met-Ed rate hikes. Cole has been highly active in proposing legislation aimed at protecting residents and ratepayers from further abuse by Met-Ed and his campaign to improve state government involvement on the cancer front makes us proud to have him representing us.

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REFERENCE MATERIALS AVAILABLE

The TMIA office receives numerous materials such as NRC bulletins, EPA bulletins, and national and local newsletters, that are kept on file. If any interested person would want to read some of these materials and then share highlights in the newsletter, call the office at 233-7897 or stop by at 315 Peffer Street, Harrisburg.



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