

THREE MILE ISLAND

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THE EXORCIST

Herman Diekamp might best be characterized as the man who took the PUBLIC out of General PUBLIC Utilities. GPU claims to have "repaired" the steam tubes in the steam generator system and, under Diekamp's devious eye, has undertaken various shenanigans to, first, circumvent formal public hearings concerning the repairs altogether, and then, after Joanne Doroshow filed a motion for full & formal hearings, to hold a "public meeting" that would have no legal weight whatsoever. Diekamp obviously sees himself as an exorcist and the public as demons; here is how he has sought to drive the public from the body of democracy.

Between 15 and 20 thousand steam tubes had become so corroded and brittle that they had cracked and were leaking contaminated water from the radioactive "hot leg" into the clean cool leg that is vented into the environment. To correct this, GPU placed tiny explosives in the damaged tubes to, literally, blow them up, to expand them against the sleeves that surround them in an attempt not to seal the leaks but to slow the rate of leakage. Congressman Ed Markey stated that such a questionable "repair" technique required a full licensing hearing before it even be attempted but the NRC shunned his opinion and allowed GPU to proceed with impunity. After the detonations were complete, GPU tried to circumvent the licensing amendment procedure by saying that "no significant hazard" to the public could possibly result from what they had done. Diekamp and GPU had little trouble convincing the NRC of its "no significant hazard" line. The NRC ruled that the plant was in no greater danger of failure than it had been before. The matter would have been entirely resolved without the pesky public being any the wiser had not the law required public notification and opportunity for comment.

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Coming Events

Aug. 7--Hiroshima Day Observance, River Front Park, Hbg., 1-4PM

Aug. 9--Sixty Minutes To Meltdown, NOVA broadcast, Channel 33, 8PM

Aug. 16--TMIA Planning Council, Friends Mtg. House, Hbg., 7PM

Aug. 17--TMI-2 Cleanup Advisory Panel, Holiday Inn, Chestnut & 2nd, 7PM

Aug 20--ECNP conference on low-level radioactive wastes, Wesley Fdtn.
256 E. College Ave., State College 8:45-5PM

Aug 27--March commemorating Rev. King's "I have a dream" speech, Washington
D.C., buses leaving Harrisburg at 7AM, returning at 9PM

Aug. 30--TMIA Planning Council, Friends Mtg. House, Hbg., 7PM

TMIA promptly filed a motion for formal public hearings. Despite the fact that TMIA has been an intervenor in Unit I proceedings since they began, the NRC asked for an affidavit to reestablish its right to ask for this hearing. Other intervenors suffered similar petty harrasments. Jane Lee was even required to prove that she lived at her Etters address. Tom Gerusky, Director of the state's Bureau of Radiation Protection had to remind the NRC that the law required the NRC to consult with the Commonwealth before it decides whether a significant hazard exists and that they had failed to provide required documents within the statutory comment period.

The NRC responded by establishing a brand new AS&LB panel to decide if public hearings were required and whether these intervenors of the past four years were, in fact, intervenors, and to preside over any possible hearings which might be scheduled.

Diekamp's final attempt to prevent any real public participation was to offer a public meeting in Harrisburg in which the public relations sycophants could heap a double dose of deception on the public and allow area residents to vent themselves in an exercise of futility that would have no legal bearing on the case at hand. Joanne Doroshow, on behalf of TMIA, informed the NRC that absolutely nothing short of full, complete and exhaustive hearings would satisfy the citizens of central Pennsylvania. Diekamp's primitive incantations can not exorcise the spirit of democracy from the residents around TMI.

The TMI Public Interest Resource Center recently recieved two grants. One grant is being used as start-up funding for a phone pledge fund-raising campaign. Money raised by this effort will be split between PIRC and its 7 member groups. Each group is supplying volunteers to perform the calling. If you would like to participate, phone Doris Robb at 233-4241. Volunteers attend one training session and then receive a list of calls for them to make from their homes. The phone pledge campaign is modeled after the highly successful Maine campaign

The other grant is to be used to increase our visibility in the fight to prevent restart. These funds will provide staffing for the PIRC office and to fund various media projects

A trial date has been set for the twelve protestors who blocked the bridges leading to TMI of Monday, Sept. 19, 9 AM at the Dauphin County Courthouse (Front & Market Sts., Hbg.). The defendents pleaded not guilty in a formal arraignment last month and are planning to fight the charges on the grounds that their actions were justified in order to prevent a serious threat to this community. Mark the trial date on your calender and make plans to be there. This is our chance to get a fair trial on the issue of Three Mile Island and to let a jury of our peers to decide who is guilty: GPU or the defendents.

Dr. John Gofman, the noted nuclear scientist and cancer researcher, has donated 100 copies each of his books POISONED POWER and AN IRREVERENT, ILLUSTRATED VIEW OF NUCLEAR POWER to be used for public education and fund-raising. POISONED POWER is a classic in the anti-nuclear literature that focuses on the health threat of nukes and where the responsibility for the cancers and mutations lie. IRREVEY is a more straight forward discussion of the motives of the technocrats and executives that profit handsomely from random murder punctuated by Gofman's simple common sense and scathing humor. Both books are "musts" for the novitiate and the well-informed alike.

Copies of the books will be donated to any school or public library that doesn't already have them. Copies are also available for sale from the TMIA office at the price of \$3 for IRREVEY and \$5 for POISONED POWER. Proceeds will be divided between TMIA and the TMI-12 Defense Fund. A perfect gift for your fence-sitting friends!

SIXTY MINUTES TO MELTDOWN, the excellent PBS documentary about the accident at TMI, will be rebroadcast on Tuesday, Aug. 9 at 8PM on WITF, Channel 33. This show presents a clear step-by-step explanation of the 1979 accident and how GPU and NRC officials conducted themselves at the time. If you missed it the first time, be sure to catch it this time. Also, tell your friends and neighbors not to miss this authoritative portrayal of the bungling ineptness of GPU.

We Still Have A Dream!

TICKETS: \$11.00 (Round trip)

COACH BUSES HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27th

Arrange for bus tickets by AUGUST 19th.

BOARD BUS AT UPTOWN SHOPPING CENTER,

7th and Division Streets, Harrisburg

PLEASE BE PROMPT

7 A.M.

OR

CAMP HILL SHOPPING CENTER

Rt. 15 & Trindle Road, Camp Hill

(Use parking lot in southern section

7:15 A.M.



**TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1963
MARCH FOR JOBS AND FREEDOM**

**A MARCH FOR
JOBS PEACE
& FREEDOM
LINCOLN MEMORIAL
WASHINGTON D.C.**

AUGUST 27

WHEN ARRIVING IN WASHINGTON:

ASSEMBLY POINT will be the Washington Monument.

ROUTE OF MARCH will be along Constitution and Independence

Avenues and will begin around 11:30 a.m.

The OFFICIAL PROGRAM will begin at 1:00 p.m.

in front of the Lincoln Memorial.

Tear off for bus tickets — \$11 Round Trip

Make check payable to: Harrisburg Center for Peace and Justice, and mail to 315 Peffer Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Number of bus tickets _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Additional contribution to assist unemployed, elderly and students attend the March _____

legal updates

The ALERT will now carry a regular legal update column to keep you informed about the legal battle to keep TMI shut. In this initial report a brief description of the two major pending cases, the steam tube hearings and the management competency case, is presented.

Management Competency--This was one of the original contentions in the restart case. At that time, Judge Smith ruled, with minor qualifications, that GPUN was competent to operate TMI. Allegations of cheating on operator examinations forced a new set of hearings before a special master, Judge Milholin. Louise Bradford and Joanne Doroshow proved substantial cheating was occurring with the consent of management personnel. TMIA's case prompted Milholin to issue a strong report attesting to the incidents but the report was quashed by Smith, et al. The Appeals Board heard the case and is now considering re-re-opening the entire case to include contentions brought to light by the Babcock & Wilcox lawsuit and substantive issues that were disallowed by Judge Smith in the original case.

On July 28th, TMIA, the Admodts, UCS, the NRC staff and GPU presented oral arguments before a new panel of judges to decide if the case should be re-opened

Steam Generator Tubes Licensing Amendment--Due to the repair of all the steam tubes in the generators, GPU is required to file for an amendment to its operating license. This amendment will either be considered as one case or split into two (biforcated).

Hot Functional Testing--this is the testing of the steam generators at operating temperatures using non-nuclear fuel. This will be a-companied by venting of radioactivity that has remained in the tubes since shut-down prior to the accident.

Operation--this procedure is to certify that the steam tube repair is adequate for restart.

The scenerio on how the NRC will handle this is unclear and the appropriate legal strategy will have to be developed in response. Regardless, TMIA has demanded formal public hearings and the question of imminent danger will come into play. If formal hearings are not ordered, UCS will join TMIA in an appeal to district court.

MONEY MATTERS

New attention needs to be given to the task of raising funds. As we enter the crucial period of legal battles with the management competence and steam tube cases approaching, financing these expensive proceedings must be realistically addressed. For three years Joanne Doroshow and Louise Bradford have selflessly donated their time pro bono to the cause. Now, Joanne is involved in other important projects which preclude her from continuing with the cases and Louise is faced with the simple fact that she cannot afford to work for free. To continue the work that they have done so long for free will require an estimated \$100,000 in attorney fees and expenses. Your thoughts on how to raise these funds will be gratefully accepted, but your time and energy will mean even more.

This little financial crises, however, places a perspective on how rich a contribution Louise and Joanne have been making over the years. Years of midnight oil and unrelenting stress have stymied GPU and its highly-paid legal staff. Each of us owe these two remarkable women a deep and personal debt of gratitude. They have earned our fondest respect.

HIROSHIMA DAY

On Sunday, August 7, Dauphin County Citizens for a Nuclear Freeze will sponsor a Hiroshima Day Vigil. The observance will begin at 1 PM with fifty area churches tolling their bells. At 2 PM the Walnut Street Bridge Plaza (Front & Walnut Sts.) will be the site of speeches, music and presentations. Speakers include Dauphin Cty. Comm. Larry Hochendoner, Harrisburg City Council-woman Jane Perkins, Kathy McCaughin, Director for the PA Freeze Campaign, Oliver La Grone, Paul Robison Ctr. for the Arts, Rev. David Fisher, Rabbi Charles Mintz and Barton Fields. There will also be information booths and exhibits. The program will conclude with poetry and music.

FIRST NATIONAL

Freeze Walk

OCTOBER 1, 1983

A Project of the National Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign



CAPITAL AREA FREEZE WALK

Saturday, October 1

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

THE FREEZE WALK IS AN EDUCATIONAL FUNDRAISER

The 10 kilometer walk (about 6 miles) will wind thru the streets of Carlisle and focus attention on the Carlisle War College.

***PRIZES**

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***SPEAKERS**

*** ENTERTAINMENT**

Sponsored by: THE CAPITAL AREA FREEZE WALK COALITION

Cumberland County Peace Fellowship, Dauphin County Citizens for a Nuclear Weapons Freeze,
Three Mile Island Alert and West Shore Citizens for a Nuclear Weapons Freeze.

SUPPORT THIS WALK BY COMPLETING THE PLEDGE FORM BELOW AND MAILING TO:

315 Peffer Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102

Phone: Coordinator Kay Pickering at (717) 233-3072.

FREEZE WALK PLEDGE FORM

For Office Use

YES I WILL WALK! _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

YES I WILL HELP PREPARE
FOR THE WALK! _____

I CANNOT WALK & HAVE ENCLOSED A CONTRIBUTION! _____

Date Rec'd	_____
M1 date	_____
P1 date	_____
W? yes	no
M2 date	_____

**MAIL THIS FORM NOW
AND BE ELIGIBLE FOR A
PRIZE**



Proposal for a Mutual US-Soviet Nuclear-Weapon Freeze

To improve national and international security, the United States and the Soviet Union should stop the nuclear arms race. Specifically, they should adopt a mutual freeze on the testing, production and deployment of nuclear weapons and of missiles and new aircraft designed primarily to deliver nuclear weapons. This is an essential, verifiable first step toward lessening the risk of nuclear war and reducing the nuclear arsenals.

FREEZE groups are actively seeking FREEZE endorsements from local, state and national organizations as well as all elected officials. The United States House of Representatives has passed a FREEZE Resolution and the Senate is currently considering a similar resolution.

Admiral Gayler, former director of the National Security Agency, ended his testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee June 22, 1983, "By expressing my conviction that real nuclear arms reductions require only political will to succeed. No technical obstacle, no security problem, no military consideration exists that cannot be handled safely given the will to do so."

Over 150 communities throughout the country will be holding FREEZE WALKS October 1, 1983. This will be one of the largest fundraising events ever launched for peace. Your participation in this event is a crucial link. Funds raised will be divided among the 4 local groups and will be used for purchase and distribution of literature, films and speakers for community groups. Some funds will be forwarded to the State and National FREEZE Campaigns.

MAIL FREEZE WALK PLEDGE FORM

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CAPITAL AREA FREEZE WALK
315 Peffer Street
Harrisburg, Pa., 17102

Phone: 233-3072

MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

CHECK MEMBERSHIP DESIRED:

- ___ \$ 5 low income and student
- ___ \$ 50 sustaining member
- ___ \$15 regular membership
- ___ \$100 patron
- ___ \$25 non-profit organization
- ___ \$200 club member
- ___ \$ 5 non-member newsletter subscription

RETURN TO: TMIA
 315 Peffer Street
 Harrisburg, PA 17102

T M I P I R C MONTHLY PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

The Three Mile Island Public Interest Resource Center (TMI PIRC) is conducting a monthly pledge campaign to benefit area groups that are working to KEEP TMI UNIT I SHUT DOWN.

Monthly pledges are requested. Money received will be shared between the group affiliation of the donor and other TMI PIRC groups.

Volunteers are needed to: type, file, phone. stuff envelopes, etc.

Please mail the form below along with your first contribution to:

T M I P I R C
 1037 Maclay Street
 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
 17103

or call the Pledge Coordinator, Doris Robb, at (717) 233-4241. Thank you.

NAME _____ MONTHLY PLEDGE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER(S) _____

GROUP AFFILIATION _____

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The Environmental Coalition on Nuclear Power is sponsoring a conference on the management and isolation of low level wastes in Pennsylvania on Saturday, August 20 from 8:45 to 5PM. The conference will feature workshops with experts from around the region including Dr. Rosalee Bertell, Ministry of Concern for Public Health, Toronto; Dr. Ernst Schori, Dartmouth College; Dr. Robert Schmalz, Penn State; Mr. Nick Solic, Sierra Club; Ms. Lorna Salzman, Friends of the Earth and Dr. Fredd Miller, Environmental Policy Institute. ECNP Co-Director Judy Johnsrud will be chairing several sessions and presenting a summary of the options for the people of Pennsylvania. A \$10 donation is requested from attendants.

The TMI-2 Cleanup Advisory Panel will be holding public meetings on Wednesday August 17 at 7PM in the Holiday Inn at Chestnut and Second Sts. in Harrisburg. The panel will be discussing issues surrounding the allegations of Parks, King and Gischell. You are encouraged to attend.

HEALTH ISSUES

Jonathon Berger of the TMI Public Health Fund attended a recent meeting of the TMI-PIRC Health Issues Committee. He mentioned that the Health Fund will be taking a more public role in the near future.

One of the topics discussed was a "field study" with the purpose of ascertaining the need for a health effects study. The field study would be a door-to-door survey covering human, animal and plant problems, similar to the Katagiri's work.

A monitoring study was also discussed. We thought that monitoring should focus on Unit 2 clean-up operations and opposed any focusing of the study on a hypothetical restart.

Jan Beyea, Senior Energy Scientist with the Audobon Society has completed a study of the retrospective re-creation of dose levels from the accident. When the process of peer review is finished, the Health Issues committee will receive a copy of the study.

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