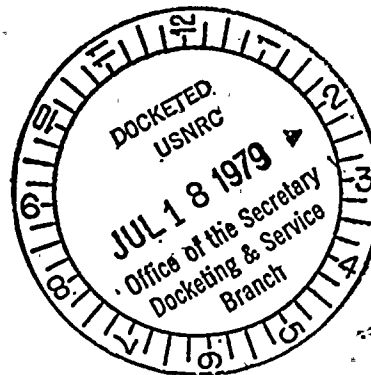




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In the Matter of  
Pennsylvania Power and Light Co.  
Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
(Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2)  
Docket Nos. 50-387 and 50-388

Dear Mr. Marsh:

As we discussed by telephone on July 11, after I mailed my letter of July 9 to you, the enclosed newspaper article from the June 2-3, 1979 Berwick Enterprise-Bloomsburg Press was brought to my attention by NRC personnel in Region I. Statements attributed to your client, Ms. Mary Kelchner Creasy, in that article do not appear to comport with the position of your client as presented in the second paragraph of your letter to me of July 3, 1979-- that the information she presented at the January Prehearing Conference is all that she possesses. (I am also enclosing a copy of your letter for the convenience of the Board and the parties.)

As we also discussed, I now feel that it is imperative that your client give her deposition. Please advise me whether she will do so voluntarily or only under subpoena, so that I may make the necessary arrangements. If you will also advise me of several dates in the latter half of August that would be the most convenient for you and your client, I will try to arrange the schedule for the deposition to best accommodate you. I would appreciate hearing from you by no later than July 23, so that I may finalize the arrangements and serve required notices.

Sincerely,

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# Who are the leaders of the war on nuclear power?



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## DR. JUDITH JOHNSRUD

### An Analysis

By PAM GIRTON  
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Three Mile Island's Unit One nuclear reactor took the anti-nuclear speakers off the banquet circuit.

Who are these people who used to speak to the Rotary and fire company auxiliaries but now speak on the steps of city hall, to governors and congressmen?

They're the guy next door, the lady across the street, the butcher, the

baker, the candlestick maker.

Since TMI's renegade reactor blew its poisonous fuse, the anti-nuclear proponents are harder to ignore. Suddenly what they were preaching could happen, happened. When they come to towns now, saying the lid could blow off, it's easier to believe.

The crowds that form around them are different today. The anti-nuclear believers seldom hear their former nicknames flung at them — names like lunatic, kook, doomsday prophet and

Communist. The piles of hand-lettered pamphlets they bring dwindle down more quickly and the jar they pass for contributions to the cause fills up more rapidly.

Three Mile Island took care of the rudimentary education into nuclear business that they used to espouse so that now they can move quickly to what they consider to be the heart of the matter — poisoned power.

Dr. Judith Johnsrud of State College is a diminutive woman whose speeches often begin with her generous smile and her hands folded prayerfully before her. She gets ushered in and ushered out quickly by people posing questions. Can she speak at this or that place on the 17th? What's the proper way to file for intervention? Could she elaborate about mill tailings?

Her voice is quiet but authoritative. Her presentations effective and technically appealing. She is usually able to command a great deal of respect and verbally enfolds her audience to the cause.

She's a name-dropper, a statistics genius and second-nature nuclear technician. She often pauses in her pleas to pick through the large pile of data and documents that she's seldom seen without. Answering questions takes up much of any time she spends at a podium, and she won't leave until hands stop rising.

A geologist on the staff at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, she's the mother of one son. That's a ploy she seldom incorporates into her arguments against nuclear power. Rather she fights as a human being whose spatial visionary process encompasses generations and generations of mothers and fathers.

Nineteen years ago Judith Johnsrud was a housewife and almost a mother. Days before her son was born, her

young husband died. "So," she says, "I know all about premature death."

She terms her fight a fight of morality, and this spring — when everything seemed turning in the direction of those who had been so vehemently opposed to nuclear power in the past — was the first spring she says she felt deadened to. When it should have felt right because TMI's reactor functioned as nuclear opponents believed it could, as she believed it would, it felt awesome for her. She questioned why it had to come to Three Mile Island.

She's been involved in the arguments against peaceful nuclear proliferation almost since they began in this state. She's been to Seabrook, spending the night at the nuclear plant construction site barricades, and she's been to Berwick.

Once she came there just to inform people about the options they might take if Unit One melted down. After all, she said, no one else would talk in cautionary tones.

"People shouldn't have to pay for nuclear power with their lives," she said.

Dr. Chauncey Keford

Often she packs a powerful companion in her travels to speak out against nuclear power. When schedules permit, they appear on the circuit together. The companion is Dr. Chauncey Keford, former chemistry professor at Penn State, nuclear power critic and recently named as one of the top anti-nuclear voices in the country.

Educated at the University of Calgary in Canada he classes himself as a radiation chemist but is not a practicing one.

That, he blames mostly on Metropolitan Edison, owners of TMI. Long before that plant made worldwide headlines, Keford and Johnsrud were struggling to halt licensing of TMI's twin reactors. Those units, they're convinced, were operating illegally since the time Keford first raised the mill tailings issue.

Quite simply, Keford maintains that mill tailings — the fine, dusty residue left behind when uranium is mined — emit poisonous radiation that, for the most part, is left uncovered to the atmosphere.

If you can't mine the uranium because it's hazardous to human beings, then you can't legally get the stuff to operate the reactor, Keford charges.

The father of three sons, it was about the time of the TMI licensing hearings that Penn State axed Keford from its staff. He said Met Ed pulled the strings for the firing. There was a financial settlement in the court case which he subsequently fought, and that has supported Keford's continuing travels to Washington, Berwick, Harrisburg and anywhere else he's needed.

It was after the firing, he said, that he had the distinct impression that the "boys were playing a very dirty game and there must be a reason."

He took that seriously, for he thinks nuclear power is based on the destruction of human beings.

Keford makes a deadly presentation. He talks primarily on a scientific level. Highly technical in his spels, his is practiced use of a teacher's pointer. He speaks lowly and concisely.

And it's deceptive, since he starts out with a grabber that makes the listener think he can understand — "this is a fuel rod," Keford points out.

But bear with it, for just about the time the crowd is nodding off, Keford throws out a deadly, purely prejudiced jab at the industry — "stupid," and at power company officials — "liars."

In a lecture about TMI he'll say the officials declared there was no immediate danger. Immediate, he sneaks in, is the qualifier because cancers won't start showing up for a few years.

"And," he says with a sarcastic glint in his eye, "these cancers will not carry little flags that say 'TMI-induced cancer.'"

He can hold forth about the inner workings of nuclear reactors and speak hours on the fission process, complete with chemical enumerations and quotients. Then he'll make the eye-opening thrust that all of that works just like putting all the coal you'd need for a year in the furnace and throwing

in a match. "Then," he said, "you sit around making sure the fire doesn't get too hot."

Today Keford will answer a request by several congressmen to address them on the subject of TMI's accident. Sunday, he's got a speaking engagement at the Peach Bottom Nuclear Plant in Pennsylvania and Tuesday he'll travel to Washington to talk to a house subcommittee about TMI and about mill tailings.

Finally someone is listening. "A few years ago we were freaks and kooks, now the message is getting through."

### The local movement

A housewife, a beautician and a forge worker, head up the local organization of CAND (Citizens Against Nuclear Danger) in the Berwick area.

David and Mary Creasy and Irene Lemanowicz Butz feel like there's not enough of them to go around these days.

On one day, Irene will be tired, washed out and will complain she's been with it for six years. The next night she'll be on a platform somewhere, introducing anti-nuclear speakers and building up her momentum.

Her cheeks flush and her voice fills with enthusiasm and she's passionately ready to take up the chant again.

Irene's got a family. She said she's not an expert, just someone with common sense — "and we won't let anybody downgrade that," she said fiercely.

Someone once shouted at her, she remembers, that her car gives off more pollution than a nuclear plant. But Irene is one lady that can only be pushed so far, and she retorted that was true but why would anyone want to add more pollution to what already exists.

Garbage, she pointed out, starts out being tiny pieces of paper.

Irene's a mother, a grandmother, and she fights nuclear plants like one.

David and Mary are two of the team that spearhead local efforts with Irene. Mary's the "boiling water reactor" in the Creasy house. She's liable to stand up at a governmental hearing and say the same things she says to her friends. That's her plain-spoken, common sense realities and she spreads them liberally. David's usually in the corner with the pamphlets while Mary takes to the stage.

She's outspoken. "I don't want to bring children into this polluted world." She'd move away, she says. She's toyed with the idea but is wondering now where she'd go, since nuclear plants are near most cities and towns.

David and Mary's beliefs have cost them a lot of money, too. Recently they had to hire a lawyer to represent them in an intervention litigation with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. That group and P&L, Bell Bend nuclear plant owners, have repeatedly asked her to substantiate harsh allegations against construction methods used by Bechtel Power Corp., Susquehanna builders.

She figures she ought to know how they operate since she once worked for them. She's also keeping her mouth shut as far as documenting her charges. It's her opinion that P&L and the NRC won't tell everything they know and why should she tell everything she knows. She's saving the best for last, when the NRC convenes hearings on the licensing late this year or next year.

She's staying involved in the fight because that, to her, is taking care of business. "I wouldn't ask someone to hang up my wash for me."

The Creasys and Lemanowicz call nuclear power "a cheap shot for quick energy for electricity addicts"; with that Creasy snapped off the extra lights in the conference room where she was interviewed.

The trio has fought, convinced they'd lose but compelled to try. That's the spirit that buoyed them while they stood outside of the Berwick Theatre after the showing of "The China Syndrome," passing out anti-nuclear pamphlets.

Mary said they'll keep up the patient, orderly opposition as long as it works,



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## DR. CHAUNCEY KEPFORD

but civil disobedience could be an avenue of the future.

Those who've heard the peppy young woman speak against nuclear power could believe her capable of just that. As the far was passed at CAND's recent meeting of interested citizens at the Berwick Junior High School, Mary stood at the podium:

"You can pay now, or you can pay later," she directed the audience in a voice which needed little amplification, "with your lives."

## Kiwanians elect

DANVILLE — Glenn Johnson was elected president of the Danville Kiwanis Club at the group's meeting Thursday night at the Holiday Inn near here.

Others elected were Alvin Jones, vice president; Ron Kabler, second vice president; Paul Griffiths, treasurer; and seven board members. The board members include Mike Ambrosino, Paul Fisher, Doug Hawkins, Minor Leighow, Bill Manges, Ed Marcheski and Larry Souder.

Those elected will take office Oct. 1. Fisher, inter-club chairman, said four Kiwanians attended a Division 14 inter-club meeting at Ashland. He also said nine club members would attend the inter-club meeting in Hazleton honoring the state Kiwanis district governor, Thomas Longhino.

Corinne Cove, ABC Travel Service in Danville, told members of the service offered without charge in booking and ticketing travel tours by train, bus, plane or ship. She distributed promotional literature and answered questions during the after-dinner program.



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## IRENE LEMANOWICZ

## DAVID AND MARY CREASY

