

Two days later

President Reagan broadcasts nationwide ... his plan to cut national spending. Two days later he jumps on Air Force One and takes a four-day vacation at an expense to the taxpayers of \$52,000. I would like to see him put his actions where his mouth is.



Sirs:

We went to those Nuclear Power Plants meetings here in Wallis Texas, but we People that were and are against that Plants didn't have a chance Houston Light and Power and the N.R.C. had it all in a sack when H L and P started buying that rich fertile land in Wallis Community, and then we were suppose to drive or 50 miles to Houston for the same cover up such as we had in Wallis?

What about the Radioactive Waste No body wants it and we will have it store here in our own Community? Use you all human beings? Don't we have enough sufferings already in this World? or just to fill up some big guys pockets full of poor peoples money.

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The people on S.D. will be cut off
by big wheels in Washington, so
what it's all in a sack Kill us
all, take all our good fertile land
for Nuclear Power Plants string
High Power Lines over our houses
put Oil pipe lines on our land
so we cannot raise nothing on the
land is build, so what, what
you will do with us Kill us so
we wouldn't go on Welfare?

Remember there is some body
else above you all - High and
Mighty than all Roland Reagan
N.R.C. H.L. and P. and all the Oil Co.
head man - Someday you might end
up with no people to work for you
because we lost all our land that
made living for ourselves and you
all. You all might end up Eat on
your plates and ~~the~~ Nuclear Power light

— — —
hanging over your heads

H. L. and P. (we will pay for it) will
spent Billions of Dollars building that
Allen's Creek Nuclear Power Plant,
how do they know ~~that~~ that one in
South Texas Plant in Bay City will
Work? - You know their ~~were~~ air
rockets in cement walls and other
faulty structures and it was even
closed down already (what they
H. L. and P. did plaster it all up? to
cover the mistakes? Why not
fire it up and see if it will turn
out like Three Mile Island Plant -

Save energy there are other ways
to save Energy - How about President
Reagan's trips to California at \$52,000
each and the raised salaries for Senators
and Congressmen etc is that good example?
~~How~~ How about President of H. L. and P. and
Oil Companies salaries? Licking on

working people and people that work
ed up to 65 years of age or over, farmers
do - where is the money those old
people put in to S. Security?

How about those Presidents
they should be cut off completely
off Tax Payers troughs or put them
on \$100.00 a month pay

May God Help you all (if you all
believe in God you all cannot
take the money with you when
He calls - Now working people
works for I.R.S. and Oil Companies

Feed up

*Let them have fun, Someday it might end
people are getting fed up*



Reagan
and aides
flying
west
for ranch
vacation

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become dependent on a form of energy that produces toxic wastes that we are unable to dispose of and be rid of for good. We are right now "storing" this accumulation of poison on Federal dump sites. The attitude "out of sight, out of mind" in regards to dumping or disposal of toxic wastes whether they be radioactive or not is proving every day to be a nightmare that comes back to haunt us.

Every day the newspapers bring news of more toxic wastes being discovered. Whether it's been dumped by our own military forces into the Atlantic or buried under subdivisions in N.Y. or Houston these incidents prove how badly we have failed to manage these waste products. Just this morning in The Houston Post, James Edwards, the energy secretary designate said he "opposes giving states veto authority over the location of Federal nuclear waste disposal sites within their borders," saying the matter is a "national problem."

Is our dream of the future to be a nightmare living among life-threatening nuclear power plants on one hand and the radioactive dump sites on the other? How much can one planet take?

Some people I hear speaking about our energy problem who say they don't want to become more dependent on the OPEC Nations and who are willing to switch their dependency on nuclear power are the same ones who fail to take responsibility for their excessive energy waste.

If we really want to import less oil from OPEC, then we must take responsibility for our own energy use and conserve. We cannot be as wasteful as we Americans usually are without paying the price for it somewhere along the way. We mustn't build nuclear plants so we can waste more energy. We will become hostages to our own greed if we are forced to live among these dangerous plants.

At Three Mile Island the people of Harrisburg, Penn., were told for three days, the amount of radioactive leakage posed "no threat to human life." Can we trust the powers that be (in this case the operators on duty) to know how much is life threatening? To avoid panic

and evacuation, people were repeatedly told "no threat to human life, but better stay inside anyway." This is like bad science-fiction.

We are advised by our doctors even low-levels of radiation such as X-Rays are not safe to be taken repeat-

might be abandoned or turned over to the state by private operators;

—Establishing license criteria that take into consideration site suitability, compatibility with present land use in the vicinity, socio-economic effects on surrounding communities, alternatives to proposed activity by the waste licensee, qualifications of the applicant, monitoring plans, suitability of facilities, insurance, training programs, decommissioning plans, security plans, and worker protection plans;

—And enactment of stiff penalties for violations of the law, including fines of \$25,000 and \$100,000 per day in certain cases.

"I am personally gratified by the full Senate's approval of the measures that we came up with as embodied in this bill," said Caperton. Radioactive waste is a problem we all face for the rest of our lives, and we have begun to solve the problem not a moment too soon.

"This legislation is of great importance to the citizens of Texas, especially those of Leon and LaSalle Counties," he said. "I hope the House of Representatives now acts responsibly and expeditiously to enact this legislation into law."

The bill, Senate Bill 480, will now go to the House for consideration.

edly. Yet, three days of radiation exposure at levels now known to be much higher than we were first told by officials is supposed to pose no threat to human life.

We still do not know all the ramifications of the near meltdown at TMI since some effects won't be known for years. These people and their children are in effect guinea pigs for the nuclear industry. I am not willing to sacrifice my child's life or future for big business and selfish people.

I think there should be a moratorium on the building of any more nuclear plants until we have a safer alternative form of energy. Once these things are built at the cost of billions of dollars there will be no shutting them down; we'll be dependent on them.

Our children will suffer the consequences if we fail to take a conscientious look at this issue and speak out against it.

I have not been actively petitioning my neighbors due to responsibilities to my family, but I will be busy this week circulating information and petitions. I would like to share this piece I recently read with people who share my opinion, but who have not, for various reasons, spoken out.

"In Germany, the Nazis first came for the communists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist. Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't

— speak up, because I was Protestant. Then they came for me, and by that time, there was no one left to speak for me." This quote is attributed to the prominent German Theologian, Rev. Martin Niemöller.

Speak up, silence implies agreement.

The "Nuclear Question"

In last week's E.B. Tribune there was an article contributed by A. F. Urbanic, entitled, "Nuclear Question". In that article several extremely inaccurate allegations were made about two women who voiced their opinions to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission at the Wallis hearings. The record needs to be set straight by fact, not allegations.

The reporter failed to investigate the facts and did not report on them correctly, as he was not there when I appeared before the Commission. As one of the women who, "reportedly appeared before the NRC with a petition", I do wish to state the facts.

On January 13th I took the

opportunity given me to voice my opinion on the construction of Allen's Creek Nuclear Plant. These hearings were open to the public for this specific purpose: anyone could attend and speak. I have since been told that the woman I attended with, and I, were the only two people from East Bernard to voice any opinion at all. We did not present any petition whatsoever, and spoke only for ourselves. Upon leaving the hearings we were invited to sign a petition opposing the plant construction and we did sign our names and addresses. That petition was later presented the NRC by two Wallis people. They had gathered 450 names in a few hours mostly from the Wallis area. In no way could our two names be misconstrued as being representative of all of E.B.

Last week's article stated: "We feel that all sources should have contacted the influential citizens and organization heads of the E.B. community for their viewpoint regarding the nuclear plant." It is my constitutional right to voice my opinion and I am not obliged to consult the "influential citizens" of E.B. (whoever they are?) before I or anyone else states an opinion. Who is the writer of that article representing when he says "We feel —"? Why aren't their names signed to that article?

This is what I said to the NRC that day:

"I am adamantly opposed to the construction of this nuclear power plant. I think we have the cart before the horse when we are willing to

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