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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN SEABORG  
COMMISSIONER BARDWIN  
COMMISSIONER PALFREY  
COMMISSIONER RANNEY  
COMMISSIONER WILSON

SUBJECT: PROPOSED BODEGA HEAD REACTOR

Attached for your information is a copy of a news story which appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle concerning a statement made by James K. Carr, Undersecretary of the Interior, on the proposed Bodega Head reactor.

Signed  
Duncan Clark

Duncan Clark, Director  
Division of Public Information

Attachment

cc: A. R. Ludecke, General Manager  
H. L. Frier, Director of Regulation ←

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## Halt Ruin of California

From Our Correspondent

Sacramento

Undersecretary of Interior James K. Carr urged Californians yesterday to halt the destruction of the State's beauty by smog, sleazy suburban developments, ugly highways and such enterprises as the Bodega Head power plant.

Carr, former chairman of the California Water Commission, said he was not placing the full blame on the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. for scarring a shoreline site so beautiful it has been designated "a highly desirable location for a State park."

"The company makes the  
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## Carr: 'Halt The Ruin of California'

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point that it is in the business of producing power as economically as it can for its customers," Carr said.

### PLANNING

"If this shoreline is lost to the people of California and the Nation, it is your fault and mine for not insisting earlier that we have the kind of comprehensive land-use planning that is essential to protect the interests of all Californians and our children and grandchildren."

Carr told the California Municipal Utilities Association he was distressed that centuries-old redwoods are being destroyed as though they were "just another species of timber."

The shores of Lake Tahoe, he continued, "bear permanent scars of uncontrolled, unplanned commercialism unchecked. This kind of 'slurbanization' can despoil forever our cherished, scenic recreation areas."

### BILLBOARDS

Carr said billboards clutter the landscape in much of the State. Detergents foam along some of the shorelines, threatening fish and wildlife, he added.

"In a single generation we have almost ruined the superb, Mediterranean climate of Southern California with smog," he declared.

Carr said he hoped a California conservation crusade will be formed to meet the challenge of providing clear air to breathe, clean water to drink and uncluttered land for crops and recreation.

Among the most hopeful prospects, he said, are the development of Angel Island as a State park and the preservation of Point Reyes as a national seashore.

Carr also praised a proposal to develop a national recreation area around Whiskeytown and efforts to establish a national park on the Channel Islands off Santa Barbara.