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PESONEN PLANS FOR BOOK ON BODEGA

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David Pesonen disclosed on the Dave Niles radio show, KSFO, March 21, 1963, that he is planning to do a book on Bodega Bay and the plan of PG&E to construct a reactor there. Pesonen asserted it would not be a pamphlet, but a complete text covering this "new force which is stalking society". He expects it to be a standard reference for other communities faced with a move to construct a reactor in their midst.

Niles had led Pesonen through a discussion of his conservation interests and background earlier in the program. Pesonen explained that his father was a conservationist and that he "grew up with a conservation appreciation". Niles kept the interview away from the Bodega issue until the end of this program, allowing it to be brought in response to a question on whether Pesonen had any plans for writing a book.

Pesonen said that his book would go into detail on how private utilities, such as PG&E, could move into places like Bodega Head. He asserted that PG&E and its reactor is the hub of a new force which is stalking society despite the latter's wishes. He implied that this force is aided by governmental self-interests. Niles, apparently not wanting to delve into the issues, skilfully led Pesonen away from the book content with three or four quick questions on marketing of the book. However, in his closing remarks, he indicated the interview (taped) had been the third with Pesonen on conservation and Bodega.