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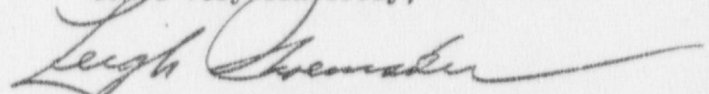
Dear Sir:

In an effort to inform myself at least to the know-
ledgable understanding of the personalities making up our national
Atomic Energy Commission, I would appreciate receiving a brief
sketch of the personalities making up the A.E.C.

You are undoubtedly aware of the tremendous local con-
cern in Sonoma County, relative to the installation of an Atomic
Energy Commission power plant by P.G. & E. at Bodega Bay. I feel
that it would be advisable and helpful if the citizens of the area
and the County as a whole, knew a little more of the qualifications
of the men on the important A.E.C. I am sure it will be helpful in
creating a feeling of confidence.

If it isn't improper, may I ask that this information be
forwarded at your very early convenience, as a hearing, at least
locally, is imminent.

Yours very sincerely,



LEIGH S. SHOEMAKER
Member, Board of Supervisors
of the Second District

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REQUESTING PUBLIC HEARINGS RE THE MATTER

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 Daily Log

REMARKS: /

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Howard C. Brown, Jr.
For the Chairman

1921 Geary Drive
Santa Rosa, California
December 15, 1962

The Editor

Dear Sir:

After years of seemingly subtle maneuvering by PG&E officials in the establishment of an atomic reactor plant at Bodega Bay, the issues are clear enough now to provoke considerable outcry of protest by responsible public opinion all over the Bay Area.

As a local citizen, I feel views of Sonoma County residents in regard to the anticipated reactor plant have not been adequately expressed or heard by appropriate officials, especially in the light of all developments to date. This week a significant and representative number of informed and concerned citizens appeared before the Board of Supervisors to request a public hearing to review in the light of the most recent alarming developments the premature authoritative action it took in 1960 when it granted a use-permit vague in terms for establishing a "steam generating" plant at Bodega by PG&E. It is never too late to reverse non-representational official decisions and actions in spite of the apparent finality of the very recent decision of the Public Utilities Commission in San Francisco. Our Supreme Court is a good example of the flexibility our government provides when it freely reverses earlier rulings in the light of new insights, facts and developments.

For instance, only as recently as September 7, 1962, has Dr. Ralph E. Lapp, one of the nation's foremost authorities on radiation, along with other radiation specialists, placed prominent emphasis on the affects of Iodine-131 upon first grass then to the cow then to the milk supply. Such irreversible contamination results from wastes from a nuclear reactor plant as well as from nuclear test fallout, it has been scientifically observed. If local residents are to be expected to live in intimate proximity to a plant which places their lives and welfare in permanent jeopardy, their voices must be heard in this regard and their wishes scrupulously respected in accordance with the democratic principles of our government which place the expressed wishes of the citizen primary in importance and properly relegate to all elected and appointed officials the role of servants of the people, instruments of the will of the people.

In addition, only as recently as December 14, 1962, has information been divulged by the University of California in its report revealing full implications of the proximity of the PG&E atomic power plant adjacent to the 320-acre site purchased by the University for a major marine biological laboratory there. The report deals with the "unpredictable degree of ecological instability resulting from the activities of PG&E," while in 1960 a University of California report described the Bodega property as "a unique class-A site for a marine facility." Clearly, there is avoidable conflict here in policies which will best serve public interest.

The Atomic Energy Commission as an arm of our government deeply involved in this transaction through its capacity to arrange for financial grants and assistance in the development of atomic energy, which capacity invests it with far-reaching powers of control and influence, and through its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of the citizen from the dangers of radiation in the development of atomic energy, is, therefore, hereby requested to hold public hearings in Sonoma County in order that local citizens may have the opportunity to communicate their concerns, misgivings, evidence of conflict of policies serving the public interest and opinions of preferred course of action.

Anything less will be a gross miscarriage of justice and a breach of democratic principles. The chain of democracy in our country is no stronger than its weakest link.

Very truly yours,

Virginia O'Rourke
(Mrs.) Virginia O'Rourke

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BODEGA BAY---THE PEOPLE vs. THE EXPERTS

In response to the compelling demands of the public interest, KPFA, Berkeley, has scheduled a rebroadcast of the documentary "Bodega Bay--The People vs. the Experts" for 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, December 23.

Since the original broadcast on November 16, there has been a renewal of public discussion, particularly along the lines indicated by the program's title. Emphasis has shifted from the clash of interests between the people of a small community with a large corporation, to the more crucial one of the clash of the will of the people with the opinion of the faceless expert.

The proposal in the Seaborg report for 20 new nuclear power stations in the next 12 years indicates that many communities in the United States will confront this issue -- specifically, New York City, with a proposed one million kw reactor.

The program raises points on the general question of safety -- radioactive contamination; the proximity of the San Andreas fault; other reactor accidents (e.g. Arco in Idaho, Chalk River in Canada, Windscale in England) -- and on the absence of local public hearings on the reactor.

The program should prompt many people to ask again the important question, "What does the individual do to get objective information in a technological society?"

KPFA is at 94.1 (or 89.3) on your FM dial.

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Oakland Tribune 12/21/62
Public Interest Ignored

Editor — If one visits Bodega Head one can easily see why the State Legislature appropriated funds to procure this area for a State Park . . . It is also easy to see why the University of California wanted part of this site for a marine biological laboratory. There are protected covers with tide pools full of marine life on the ocean side of the peninsula . . .

These two facts should have dissuaded P. G. & E. from requesting a permit to build a generating plant on Bodega Head, or the Sonoma Board of Supervisors from granting this permit. Neither happened. The public interest seemed to stay out of the picture.

It was not clear at the time that the use permit was granted what type of generator P. G. & E. intended to build. Not until a year and a half later did the company

declare that it intended to use the site for an atomic reactor . . .

There seems to be unlimited possibilities for the use of atomic energy in the years to come. However, the risks involved in its use are different and greater than any risk we have yet confronted . . . The reactor at Bodega Head will be an experiment in the use of atomic energy. The plant's safety system has never been tested in a working reactor . . . There have been questions as to the safety of the standards to be used in the disposal of radioactive waste. This plant will be located only a few hundred yards from the San Andreas fault zone.

The P. G. & E. is serving the public and in this capacity should take the public's interest into consideration and withdraw its plans for building a generating plant on Bodega Head. CAROL R. GOLD.

Corte Madera.

Bodega Bay Controversy

Editor: Why all the controversy about Bodega Head? In the first place as far as scenery is concerned, it is for the seagulls as there is no way for the public to get out there.

The building of an atomic plant by PG&E would be a big boon to Bodega Bay. I am sure they would landscape Bodega Head and the public could enjoy it.

So far as dumping hot water into that ocean, they could never heat it up. And they couldn't ruin the commercial fishing industry any more than it has been for this and several past seasons.

The fish, crab and shrimp are gone.

G. FRED SAUCKE,
Oakland.

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