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Apparently Pesonen & Company are entering new areas of
combat, but keeping an eye on Bodega.

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION
TO PRESERVE BODEGA HEAD AND HARBOR, IN
P.O. Box 964 Berkeley, California

December 14, 1964

Dear Friend of Bodega Bay:

Between the years 1957 and 1961, when the Bodega controversy was taking shape, there was a point at which a strong posture by the administration or the faculty at the University of California might have stopped PG&E and made our long and difficult fight in subsequent years unnecessary.

But, for various reasons, the University bowed to PG&E's interests; the faculty was given to understand that it was not to oppose PG&E; and few of us will forget the humiliating performance of the Chancellor's representative at the Public Utilities Commission hearings in 1962. All too often the administration seemed to fulfill a policy described in Clark Kerr's book, The Uses of the University: "If we can't have the best at least we can avoid the worst."

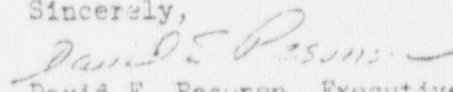
Whatever pressures were brought to bear on the administration (and whether they came from the AEC or PG&E is not important here), it is likely that they were effective only because the faculty involved in the Bodega Marine Laboratory was divided, uncertain, and, most importantly, subservient to the administration.

Thus perhaps the most important and far-reaching consequence of the recent events on the Berkeley campus is that the faculty has reaffirmed (and, in a very real sense, reacquired) a dignity, courage and moral insight that is rare in any university. The faculty has shown a profound sense of its rightful role in the conduct of the University--a role that was cruelly denied at Bodega. It would be tragic if this outgrowth of the Free Speech Movement were to evaporate through a public (or Board of Regents) misapprehension of its nature, cause and consequences. It is indeed a matter of free speech--but the larger benefits may be in the area of freedom for the faculty rather than in freedom for the students.

There is a possibility that in a few years PG&E will again attempt to build a nuclear power plant on Bodega Head, after the present opposition has dwindled and dispersed. But at this moment the University is constructing the Bodega Marine Laboratory on Bodega Head, while PG&E would have to start from scratch to build another power plant. I am confident that if the present sense of freedom and dignity in the faculty can be sustained, the principal opposition to a revival of PG&E's plans on Bodega Head will come from the faculty at the Bodega Marine Laboratory.

Thus this association has a deep stake in the "bonus" effects of the Free Speech Movement, if not directly in the central objectives. For this reason the recommendations of the Academic Senate adopted on December 8th are our best insurance against a revival of the Battle of Bodega Bay in four or five years' time. And it is for this reason that we are enclosing the position paper of the FSM for your information.

Sincerely,



David E. Pearson, Executive Secretary

P.S. The Association has incurred no costs in connection with the mailing of the FSM enclosure.

According to that press release, every major newspaper in northern California possessed a 1 1/2 page photograph of the hole in the road near San Diego Ave. 3348 there in the week last October 30th.

2. Geometric Point

What none of the press reports made clear, however, was that the AGIS report was substantially at the main, secret report. It was only a brief letter signed by the chairman, with no indication at there were disagreements within the committee. Nor did it give official reasons for the committee's approval of the plan.

As to item 10 of the legal requirement for
finding of reasonable grounds that the
subject is a spy, the AEC staff
has pointed out along the line enough un-
derstand that the situation in union
is different from what has to be said to be
a spy, it is a different line and the

When staff are involved in political activities

MAJON CREEK IN SONOMA COUNTY

In addition, all signs point to a new board taking office next January that will be more alert to its democratic responsibilities. Little, more concerned with sensible reformism or Edegas' notion, and less sanguine about the nation's largest gas and electric company. The Edegas controversy helped to trigger those 1964 overdue changes.

The Department of Parks and Recreation
has not yet realized any of these.

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INTERNATIONAL PLANNING (Cont.) (Page 2)
 ...and a structure of nuclear one!
 ...the power over the Pacific North-
 ...the construction of new
 ...facilities less urgent. Finally,
 ...the threat of FO&E propaganda in the
 ...two years has been for an all-nuclear
 ...driving system.
 The most likely prospect for power would
 be a nuclear plant at another location, such
 as Collinsville in Solano County, where site
 acquisition and local softening-up procedures
 are already begun.

BODEGA'S HEAD STILL IN THE CLOUDS
 ...may not have learned the lesson of
 ...however. On November 17th we
 ...the company's President Robert Gerdes,
 ...meeting of interested parties
 ...disposition of the property--which
 ...purchased specifically for a power plant.
 ...organization was created with a very
 ...objective," the letter noted, "an
 ...which has not yet been achieved."
 ...replied, ignoring the request for
 ...FO&E, he said, "is vitally con-
 ...with the varied interests of its cus-
 ...employees, stockholders and the Cali-
 ...community. These interests plus many
 ...factors must be considered before any
 ...is reached."
 He did not elaborate on how much weight
 he gave the interests of the "Califor-
 ...community" or what "other factors" might
 ...influence. (See story on right - b)

BODEGA TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT

The Association will continue in existence
 ...its corporate objectives are achieved;
 ...preservation of the scenic and historic
 ...of Bodega Bay and to insure the
 ...and purity of the surrounding na-
 ...environment."
 However, we will operate on a reduced scale
 ...now that the major obstacle has
 ...been removed. The office on Telegraph Ave.
 ...Berkeley is being discontinued, and further
 ...will be with individual homes.
 ...new letters will continue and there
 ...will be a final report after the first
 ...of the year about a 1960 deficit
 ...leading to the Assembly Rules Com-
 ...and a proposed phone bill, as well as
 ...the victory banquet. Contrib-
 ...will be appreciated.
 ...Association's mailing address hence-
 ...will be P.O. Box 354, Berkeley, Calif.

...BAY, THE
 ...November 24th the Association held a
 ..."day" which was attended by about 150 mem-
 ...and supporters of the cause. It was an
 ...celebration of the great number
 ...who showed up and hard for what
 ...they did and shared for success.
 ...was called at that time to recognize
 ...the great interest in the
 ...the future of the Bay and the
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PLANNING

SECRET MOVE

There is a slogan in the civil rights move-
 ment and the magnificent free speech movement
 at the University of California which applies
 equally to Bodega: "Keep your eyes on the
 prize."

Just as this newsletter was being comple-
 ted, FO&E announced an apparently magnanimous
 gesture: to lease most of the land on Bodega
 Head (except the immediate fenced area around
 the site) to Sonoma County for recreational
 purposes. The lease is for five years at \$1
 per year.

But, the lease can be terminated by the
 company at the company's option on 30 days'
 notice. And the county is specifically pro-
 hibited from declaring the land dedicated to
 public use.

Why does FO&E want to retain title to land
 that was condemned specifically for a power
 plant? Why did the supervisors of the county
 shout down requests for a delay to study the
 lease before approving it? Officially, the
 supervisors had only a few minutes to review
 the lease provisions, but it seems clear that
 the meeting was arranged in secret by FO&E
 and the county long beforehand.

After a discreet delay FO&E could easily
 attempt again to build a nuclear power plant
 at Bodega Head. We cannot let this happen.
 A state park is the only certain way to insure
 that our hard work and the years of expensive
 grief shall not be in vain.

Letters go to Mr. Charles DeTurn, Director
 of the Department of Parks and Recreation in
 Sacramento are urgently needed--insisting
 that the study now under way for acquisition
 of Bodega Head under the provisions of the
 Park and Recreation Bond Act include a recom-
 mendation that the state's power of condemna-
 tion be used to acquire Bodega Head.

Nothing in the history of Bodega is as
 important as this move now! Let's keep our
 eyes on the prize.

LONG RANGE CONSEQUENCES

One consequence of the Bodega conclusion
 was a new fight at the state level in regu-
 lating siting of nuclear power plants in Ca-
 lifornia. In November 1960 the Assembly Rules
 Committee held a hearing in Sacramento on AB
 333--the resolution that Assemblyman Alfred
 Alquist of Alameda had introduced a year and
 a half previously.

The issues were quite clear. Witnesses for
 the "establishment" including FO&E, taxpayers
 and manufacturers asserted the threat of
 any new state controls as a threat to the bul-
 ding nuclear industry.

Other witnesses, including spokesmen for
 the Association, the Sierra Club and ICF,
 called for new vision in the part of elected
 representatives to prevent similar occurrences
 in the future.

FO&E announced that it would not
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MEMO ROUTE SLIP

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