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BODEGA HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT - CLIPS

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Attached are clips from three of the Bay area metro news-
papers on the receipt of the application and California
hearing. The treatment seemed fair. Public interest must
mean "controversial nature" in one of their style books.

Also a clip is attached from the daily at the University.
Neilands found it a forum to call the hearings "window
dressings" and a "charade". He is quoted as saying:
"It is necessary to make the protest and expose the phoniness
of the so-called regulations of the AEC".

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Bodega Bay Atom Plant

Hearing Due

San Francisco 1/3/63
The Atomic Energy Commission announced yesterday it will hold a public hearing in California on PG & E's proposed nuclear reactor power plant at Bodega Bay. The time and place of the hearing will be announced later. The utility wants a 325,000 kilowatt plant powered by a boiling water nuclear reactor on a 225-acre site at the south end of Bodega Head.

Critics have complained that the plant would create a radioactivity hazard to public health and fish life and blight a scenic seashore area.

But the Sonoma County Supervisors and the State Public Utilities Commission, which held a series of public hearings, have approved the project.

Hearing Soon On PG&E

Reactor Plan

San Francisco 1/3/63
A public hearing on the controversial proposal to build a nuclear power plant at Bodega Bay will be held in California soon, the Atomic Energy Commission announced today.

The hearing will be brought to California because of the controversial nature of the proposal, the AEC said. The exact date has not been set.

Ordinarily, hearings are held in Washington, D.C., as a matter of routine when there is no controversy.

The AEC said the application for a permit to operate the plant had been filed by Pacific Gas and Electric Co. and will be reviewed by the commission's regulatory staff and the advisory committee on reactor safeguards.

Copies of the PG&E application are available for public inspection at the AEC's San Francisco Operations Office, 2111 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, and the AEC public documents room, 1717 H St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

AEC to Hold Hearing on Bodega Plant

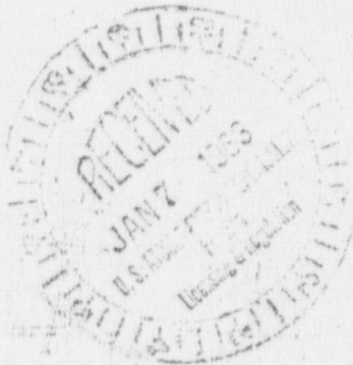
San Francisco 1/3/63
The Atomic Energy Commission announced yesterday that it will hold a public hearing in California on the controversial proposal to build a nuclear power reactor at Bodega Head on the Sonoma county coast.

The hearing is expected to be held late this month, probably here.

Pacific Gas and Electric Co. has asked the Atomic Energy Commission to build the 325,000 kilowatt reactor to provide power for its power network.

The project already has the approval of the local Board of Supervisors and the California Public Utilities Commission and the PUC yesterday denied two applications for rehearings.

The reactor has been bitterly opposed by conservationists who charge the plant will ruin Bodega Head's shoreline scenery, and by others who contend the reactor might be hazardous.



AEC on Bodega

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The Atomic Energy Commission yesterday announced it will hold a public hearing in California on the nuclear reactor power plant proposed at Bodega Bay by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

Time and place will be announced later.

Also yesterday the California Public Utilities Commission, which had already approved the project, denied two petitions for a rehearing. One of the petitions was submitted by University biochemistry professor John B. Neilands, who had charged the PG&E reactor would harm the University's proposed biology station.

The commission ruled that "after considering every allegation, it is of the opinion that no good cause for a rehearing has been made."

Both the Public Utilities Commission and the Atomic Energy Commission must approve the PG&E project.

There has been vigorous opposition to the proposed PG&E reactor, with a good part of it centered on the University.

Neilands charged yesterday that the AEC hearings are just "window dressing" and the "whole thing is a charade."

But he added that both he and "a number of people" are going to attend the hearings. "It is necessary to make the protest and expose the phoniness of the so-called regulations of the AEC," he said.

Neilands said he felt there is "no possibility that PG&E's permit will be denied."

A spokesman for the Chancellor's office said University personnel will be allowed to appear before the hearings as individuals but they would not necessarily be representing the University.

Before the AEC hearing PG&E's permit application must be reviewed by the commission's regulatory staff and the advisory committee on reactor safeguards.

The advisory committee will review the safety studies and facilities and advise the commission on the proposed facilities and the adequacy of the reactor safety standards, an AEC spokesman said.

He added that the advisory committee report will be public record.

Former Berkeley Chancellor Glenn T. Seaborg is chairman of the AEC, but he will not be present at the hearing.



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