

April 17-1963,  
636 Madison Ave,  
Paterson, N.J.

Atomic  
Energy Commission,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen :- I have read with  
interest enclosed article regarding  
a nuclear power plant to manufacture  
electricity. Electricity has for  
many years been the wish of  
the 16 members of a small  
club, situated on a small lake  
a mile long, in the Township  
of Mahwah N.J. at the top of the  
Ramapo Mountains. The club is  
called the "Bear Lake Club".  
Our lake and cabins are 6 miles  
from the town of Oakland N.J.  
Three miles to the foot of  
the "Ramapo" and three miles  
up a wood road to "Bear Lake".  
Electricity stops at the foot  
of Ramapo, at Dushanen, a small  
wealthy community of homes and  
the three miles through the woods  
seems to be an obstacle we ~~cannot~~  
not seem to get around.

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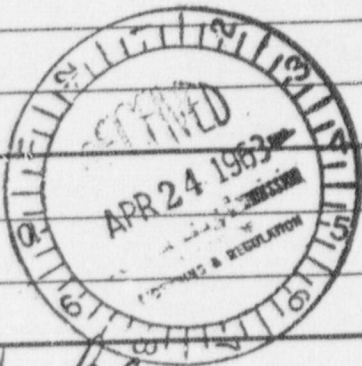
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The Rockland Gas and Electric Company has made surveys several times and each time has notified us the cost to us, for proper installation up to our lake would be \$40,000. The distance is three miles from Rt 202, the main road at the bottom of the "Ramapo" to the top where Bear Lake is situated.

I notice the objection in this article enclosed is because of densely populated areas.

No such condition exists in the Ramapo and possibly a site, located, close but not in the heart of a densely populated area would be the answer you are looking for.

Our club owns 400 acres of mountain land surrounding Bear Lake.

Yours Truly,  
Henry D. Wither

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## Cariello Bars Queens Atom Power Plant

Queens Borough President Mario J. Cariello is strongly opposed to any nuclear power plants for his Borough and has notified both the Atomic Energy Commission and Con Edison of his position.

In a statement to the Astoria-Long Island City Community Council — and mailed to the AEC and Con Edison — Mr. Cariello yesterday vented his feelings on the proposed \$175,000,000 project planned for the Ravenswood section of Long Island City, Queens.

"My strong opposition to this application by Con Edison, Mr. Cariello said "is based on a conviction that this type of nuclear facility should not be constructed in a densely populated Metropolitan area. This, I believe, is consonant with AEC policy that such projects should be constructed in more remote areas away from Metropolitan centers."

### BASED ON FALLOUT

The Borough President's objections were also based on possible air and water fallout contamination from the proposed plant. Cariello said that within a five-mile radius of the plant, there are 5,500,000 people within a radius of five miles. He also emphasized fear of sabotage.

FROM:

Eleanor B. Parker

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Bay proposed power plant

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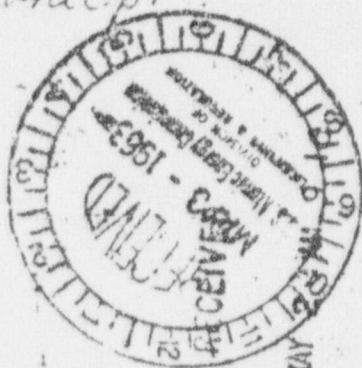
Gentlemen:

I am writing again about the P. G. & E. Atomic Plant on Codomo Head. I have written protesting it several times before and will continue to do so until all hope is dead. This diabolical destructive of such a valuable natural asset is enough to make one leave the country.

I'm positive that public opinion could feel it but arousing the public is like trying to awaken some huge imaginary beast - very slow to respond but a roaring monster when finally aware of what is going on.

The enclosed clippings

are expressions of distress. There  
are organized Committees who are  
doing all they can. but our small  
efforts to fight a huge, too powerful  
utility is like trying to use an ear  
for a walking stick. We need your  
help.



Sincerely

Lawrence D. Parker

Box 446

Dixon, Calif

We own property in Bodega Bay and  
I am an eye-witness to this wanton  
destruction of this unique area.  
You know, if man is not forcibly restrained  
There would be no trees, no rivers, no  
mountains, no coast lines, no lakes left  
as nature made them!

# Exploration at Bodega Head

Exploring Bodega Head area recently were Dr. Robert A. Arlan, San Jose State College, and two graduate students, Juan Canabos and Darrel Herring, who are working under Arlan for their doctorates in Geology.

Dr. Arlan's attention was drawn to the area during the recent condemnation suits involving Mrs. Rose Gaffney and the University of California. Twenty-two and a half acres of the Gaffney land under condemnation was accretion. The university claimed it was man-made, and therefore state property. The court ruled in favor of Mrs. Gaffney, that the accretion was natural and belonged to the upland owner.

Dr. Arlan has found the area a treasure house of scientific subjects for study—the diverse or alternate layers of sedimentation, granite rock base with

its traces of gold and rich veins of uranium, carbonized pine logs and pine logs turned to heavy clay and inhabited by angel-wing clams, dentilium, of vanished mammals, and other evidences of past geological ages.

Botanists have found specimens found nowhere else in the state, and bird lovers and ornithologists find it a paradise for birds. The area is inhabited by a variety of quail found nowhere else in California. In addition, there are thousands of uncatalogued sea shells, archeological remains of a vanished race, peculiar ocean currents, and sea otter.

Dr. Arlan and his students hope to have the results of their studies at Bodega Head published in the Scientific Geological Journal.

## P.G. & E. Reactor

Editor — The proposed Bodega Atomic Park of Pacific Gas and Electric will apparently combine obsolescence with destruction.

The Bodega plant will only "burn" rare high grade uranium ore in which the national energy reserve is a small per cent of that in known coal deposits. In contrast, the "breeder" reactors to be developed in the next decade will enable use of abundant low grade uranium and thorium ores. Breeders "will crack the cost barrier of nuclear power with a vengeance." (The Chronicle, February 8)

Nearly everyone admits the "inherently safe" Bodega reactor could be a potential hazard and that it will be destructive to marine biology and conservation.

Since fossil fuels are expected to last for a century, I intend to

submit a request for an explanation on my next P. G. & E. bill.

Berkeley. J. B. NEILANDS.

## This is a public document?

How public is a public document?

On Feb. 17, David E. Pesonen, who wrote the Atomic Park series for the Times a few months ago, wrote to the Atomic Energy Commission asking for a copy of "Case Histories of Accidents in Nuclear Energy Operations," written in 1960 by Daniel F. Hayes.

The AEC replied: "This report is not publicly available."

This newspaper has said that the U. S. government, through the Atomic Energy Commission, has subsidized PG&E's nu-

clear power plant at Bodega Head—not only with money, but with the full force of its influence.

It is still our opinion, and the AEC reply to Mr. Pesonen bears us out that the AEC is not above suppressing information if by so doing it can accomplish the purpose.

If the AEC will suppress a public document dealing with case histories of nuclear accidents, would it not forbid its experts and authorities to tell the truth in matters of nuclear safety?

testify without fee on our behalf in court and before the pending AEC hearings. But we must cover their travel and expenses.

We hope to raise a large part of these costs, as well as our continuing postage costs, from membership dues. Your contribution, small or large, NOW, can spell the difference between a park for atoms and a park for people.

Won't you send your contribution to the Committee now, enclosing the bottom portion of the membership card.

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### **Peril at Bodega Head**

Editor—The Public Utilities Commission has approved the P.G. & E. Bodega Head project—virtually as presented by P.G. & E. and with no safeguards assured for that scenic and unique area.

His arguments by Dr. Thornton Sargent (The Chronicle, November 11) seemed convincingly to refute the reasons presented by P.G. & E. for its choice of this location.

Specifically, the very great possibility that a temperature inversion in the local waterway could raise temperature for as much as a few days to a level where much of the life would be killed alone makes the site most incompatible with the needs for producing paper.

ASHTON BROWN.

Kensington.

# Letters to Editor

## Minute Men

EDITOR:

The editorial of a newspaper is a symbol of its attitude and a true reflection of its intelligence.

On March 7 there appeared an editorial in the leading newspaper of the county, entitled "A PLANT HOWL." This article was a true expose of this newspaper's thinking, but added to this, the sad part was in its downgrading of the intelligence of the citizen. In very plain words it implied that we who expose the grave dangers of radioactivity today through the careless installations of nuclear generators are in the same category as the citizens of over 150 years ago in their fear of the railway train.

Is it possible that the editorial staff of this newspaper has no conception of the seriousness of radioactivity. Do these men ridicule and discount the statements of outstanding leaders and nuclear experts? Did they laugh when Mr. Kennedy pointed out the dangers to our daily lives, to the health of our children, to our life's expectancy, from this radioactivity and contamination? Do these men give no credence to the serious expression of Admiral Rickover when he said recently, "I have great concern that there be careful control of radioactivity. Unless we take the proper steps today, this radioactivity can get out of hand in the future." Or when Edward Teller, the father of the hydrogen bomb, points out the grave danger from the destruction of an atomic plant, after it has been in operation for some time? Teller states that such a plant becomes fully saturated with these high level radioactive elements, the release of which would endanger the lives of many innocent bystanders.

It has been said that a reactor the size of the one to be installed by the PG&E, four more to go in later, after it becomes saturated, would release if destroyed, hundreds of times the volume of radium curies as was expelled by the Hiroshima Bomb. Dr. Teller also stresses the danger of individual carelessness, where the mistake of one operator can cause an unlimited disaster.

And furthermore, has the editor of this newspaper analyzed the terrific force of an earthquake in realizing that this group of atomic reactors will be placed, one could say, right on top of what the seismologists class as the worst earthquake fault in the whole world?

With the winds blowing inland, the area that such a destruction would contaminate is beyond anyone's imagination, and particularly its effect on Sonoma County.

Does this newspaper know of the accident at Windscale, England, which required the dumping of thousands of gallons of milk into the ocean? And finally, have these men weighed the value of our great dairy and fishing industry against the weight of the savings in taxes, this being their sole argument in favor of the Atomic Power Plant on Bodega Head? Are

these men so enslaved by the mighty dollar that they would sell the birthright of posterity for the mutilation of one of California's unique and beautiful ocean landheads, and this particularly today, when we are beginning to realize the grave scarcity of free recreational areas for our future generations? Have they forgotten that the State Park Commission had set up figures with our state legislature for the ultimate purchase of Bodega Headlands as a state park?

All this apparently points to what Justice William Douglas says of the press, "In broadening its reach, the press has sought the lowest common denominator." The tendency is to skip the controversial or touch on it only lightly.

It is fortunate for mankind that nature in her process of evolution maintains the balance of minority groups from which grow the opposition to injustices. Such are not enslaved by the majority trend. Whether it is taxation without representation, or the imposition of private corporate power, these men and women stand for the future democratic rights of all the people.

In this issue of careless approach to the dangers of radioactivity which can result in dire calamity to the human race, once again we have the gathering of the Minute Men on Concord Bridge. Without the support of our leading newspaper in the county our battle is made much harder; however, due to integrity and honest conviction, we will win.

The time has come when our supervisors must take action. They claim they cannot break their contract with the PG&E. Let them cancel the permit they have given, and then it will be seen if this poor Bruch will demand his share.

MAJ. KORTUM  
Petaluma.

*the nucleus of minority*