

Scientist warns of nuclear power growth

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Nuclear power is a crime comparable to war atrocities that led to the Nuremberg trials, a University of California at Berkeley scientist told a crowd in Gilbert Hall, Wednesday night.

Speaking to a crowd of about 300, Dr. John Gofman said the government and the nuclear power industry, represented mainly by Westinghouse and General Electric, have worked in concert to keep the people misinformed about the dangers of nuclear power plants.

Gofman said the real problem is not storage of radioactive wastes as the people have been led to believe, but the leaks which occur in packaging and transport of the materials to the dumping site, not to mention leaks afterwards.

Gofman said that nuclear energy is "a public health disaster" and that bomb tests already concluded across the globe "have signed the death warrants" for one million people in the Northern Hemisphere who will die of cancer,

leukemia and genetic diseases.

Gofman said that the old Atomic Energy Commission and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission have been telling the people "fairy tales" — that certain radiation levels are safe, when in fact there is no safe level of radiation. He said that even with containment of 99.9 per cent of all radiation there will be 190,000 additional cancer deaths in the United States alone each year.

Gofman, who is on the board of directors of the Committee for Nuclear Responsibility, which includes a former attorney general and four Nobel Laureates, also said "nuclear power is unacceptable for this or any other society once the facts are understood."

Gofman said nuclear power is not needed, and said its effect on dependency on Arab oil is "miniscule." He said the reason the U.S. is so dependant on Middle East oil is that American oil companies "make more money selling Arab oil than American oil."

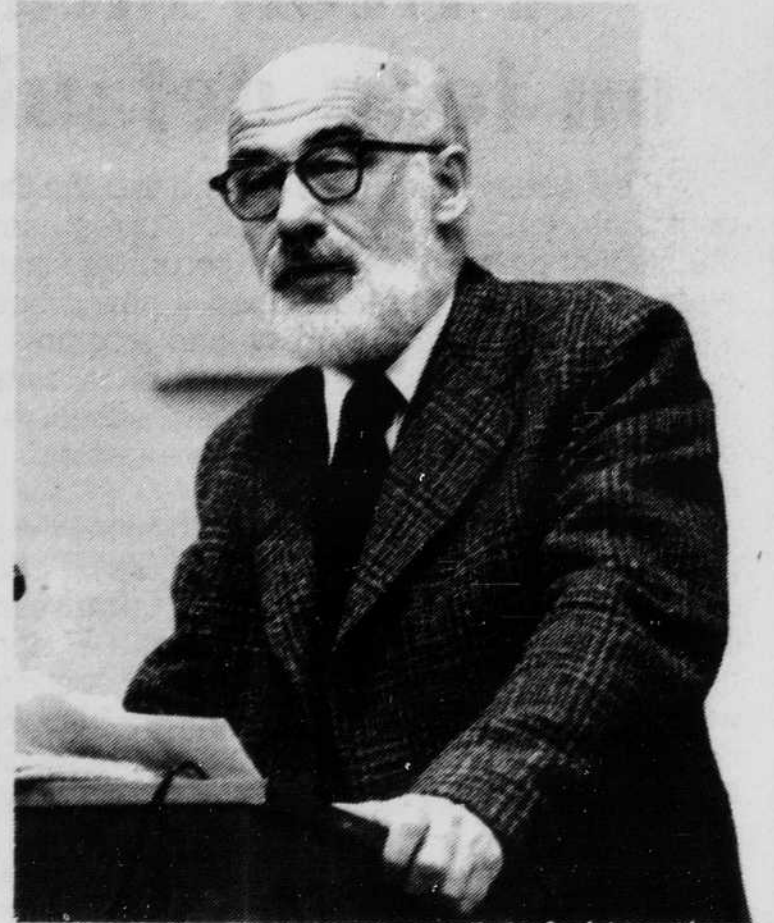
More jobs are also available in cogeneration, insulation and solar energy,

Gofman said, than with nuclear power, and that energy conservation would preclude the need for nuclear plants.

Gofman also said U.S. nuclear technology had made it likely that nuclear arms will proliferate further, and claimed that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission cannot account for some four tons of plutonium, the radioactive waste product used in nuclear bombs.

"Our health and our lives are threatened, and threatened today" he said. "We don't appreciate the extent we have been victimized and brutalized" by nuclear power. He accused the government and nuclear industry with scaring the public into believing that without nuclear power they will "starve in the dark."

Gofman, a co-discoverer of Uranium 233, one of the elements used in nuclear power generation, said that the government and nuclear industry "will move heaven and earth" to protect their capital investments and that Congress has sold out lock, stock and barrel" despite the public health hazards.



John Gofman Photo by Dennis Hickok

IFC considers student apathy remedies

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Last month less than five per cent of the University student body voted in the elections for the Incidental Fee Committee. At its weekly meeting Wednesday, committee members discussed proposals for increasing student awareness and interest in incidental fees.

Committee member Scott Bassett noted that a major problem is that students don't realize that when they pay their tuition at the beginning of each term, \$31 goes

to incidental fees. He said the Emerald is the only University publication that publishes the amount of the incidental fee. The committee reasoned that if more people knew how much they were paying in incidental fees, they might be more interested in voting for representatives who will be responsible for spending their money. Among the proposals suggested to improve student awareness of the incidental fee were:

- Include a card in the registration packet that would itemize the fees that students are required to pay.

- Publish the incidental fee in the Time Schedule of Classes.

- Posting informational posters on the incidental fee at the tuition payment booths in the EMU at registration time.

The IFC delayed any final action until the feasibility of the proposals can be studied further.

In other business Wednesday, the committee:

- Approved a motion requesting that when the EMU management presents its budget to the IFC, it

include program director's salaries in the budget breakdown for the respective programs. The motion passed 6-0-1 with Doug Benson abstaining.

- Voted 6-0 to hire a work-study person as IFC secretary beginning winter term.

- Jeff Warren was assigned an additional tag person for the

Woman's Referral and Resource Service. Benson was assigned as tag for Phi Beta Lambda, a business student organization.

- Benson announced that criteria for the 1978-79 budgeting process was mailed to programs this week. He said that if any program failed to receive its budget criteria, the IFC should be contacted at x3720 or in Suite 5 of the EMU.

Xmas art sale begins Friday

Maude I. Kerns Art Center's Annual Christmas Sale begins Friday through Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, at 1910 E. 15th Ave. The juried work of nearly 200 Oregon artists and craftspeople will be for sale at the center's major fundraising event of the year.

The Christmas sale is highlighted by accompanying festivities. On opening day, Friday, between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. a special "Deli Luncheon" of homemade foods will be served for \$2.50 per person.

Children's Shopping Night will be Dec. 8 from 6

to 9 p.m. with specially priced gifts for small budgets. The free evening will include a special visitor, entertainment and refreshments.

Dec. 9 and 10 will be the "Greensday Sale." There will be freshly cut greenery for sale in time for holiday decorating.

The Alpha Zeta Gingerbread House, which was featured at the Scandinavian Festival, will sell hot gingerbread, applesauce and whipped cream during the festival, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily on Dec. 4, 5, 9 and 10.

All other arts and crafts will be sold daily.

Senate okays course changes

The University Senate approved the recommendations for course changes proposed in a curriculum committee report at the meeting Wednesday afternoon.

The committee recommended a net increase of 122 credit hours.

Most of the additions came from moving existing experimental (410 and 510) and seminar (407 and 507) courses into regular offerings, according to the committee's report.

Substantial increases are being requested by the School of Architecture and Allied Arts and Departments of Geography, Political Science and Religious Studies as a result of these divisions' attempts to overhaul, re-evaluate and regularize curricula, the committee explained.

The report was approved with only a few minor corrections and one deletion. The report's deletion of PS 471, The Human Organism

and Political Development, will be recommended to the University Assembly. The course is currently taught as a seminar course. Its establishment as a regular course offering was turned down by a 25 to 15 vote, on the grounds that it defends theses that "no one knows to be true," as one senate member remarked.

Sufficient knowledge of the

course by the instructor and the college was also questioned.

Senate members stressed that this is not an academic freedom issue, because the course can still be taught under a different number — 407 — as a seminar.

The Senate will recommend the motion to the University Assembly meeting next week.

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