

TDA plans Portland demonstration

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Continuing its drive to shut down the Trojan nuclear plant, the Trojan Decommissioning Alliance (TDA) will sponsor a march and rally through the streets of downtown Portland Saturday.

In conjunction with the 1:30 p.m. start of the rally will be the end of a TDA-sponsored 72-hour vigil around the Portland General Electric (PGE) building.

The march through city streets is a new tactic for nuclear plant protesters in the area.

"We're entering a new phase where people are taking to the streets like they did over Vietnam," explains TDA spokesman Norman Solomon.

The downtown march is scheduled to begin at noon near Portland's south park blocks at SW Columbia Street and Park Avenue and is expected to conclude at the Waterfront Park across from the PGE building.

The TDA plans to have a number of guest speakers at the rally who will support the permanent shutdown of the Trojan plant, according to Solomon.

Lon Topaz, a former director of the Oregon Department of Energy, will be one of the speakers at the rally. Topaz was the first director of that department, appointed by Gov. Bob Straub.

Gretchen Kafoury, a state legislator from Portland, will also speak.

Lloyd Marbet, an intervenor in state and federal hearings on the proposed Pebble Springs nuclear plant in Arlington, Ore. will be another speaker, Solomon says.

Susan Garrett, an intervenor in the federal hearings concerning the expansion of nuclear waste storage at the Trojan plant will speak at the rally.

Pat Fredrick, a TDA member who is also involved in the Native American Activist Movement, will round out the list of speakers.

Soloman says the TDA and its

supporters hope to initially stop the refueling of the Trojan plant, which would then force the closure of the plant.

Licenses for the march and rally have been obtained from the City of Portland and TDA expects no arrests on that day, according to Solomon.

The Eugene office of the TDA located at 348 W. 8th St. will be providing carpools to the Portland march and rally. For further information contact the office at 687-2557.

...Of environmental concern

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"Northwest consumers will question the wisdom of planning which requires them to accommodate an 80-90 percent rate hike to pay for nuclear power," Andrea Hyslop, acting director of the Oregon Environmental Council (OEC), said last week.

The OEC response to Bonneville Power Administrator (BPA) Sterling Munro's statement about rising consumer costs was not favorable.

Munro has predicted that cost overruns on nuclear plants still under construction in Washington will add more than \$220 million annually to Northwest customers' power rates. The plants will not be generating electricity for another three years.

"One aspect of nuclear power development and expansion that has concerned environmentalists is that it is not cost-efficient," Hyslop said.

Retail power rates could be 30 percent lower in 1995 if we started meaningful conservation, she said, stressing OEC's belief that conservation must be treated as a major source of energy in BPA power planning.

"Effective conservation measures would eliminate the need for additional nuclear or coal-fired power plants," Hyslop said.

The Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides (NCAP) has asked all land managers to stop using herbicides containing the chemical Dioxin.

"We think the rights of citizens and workers are being violated when herbicide contamination shows up in our water supplies, in our gardens and in our bodies," said Fred Miller, NCAP coordinator.

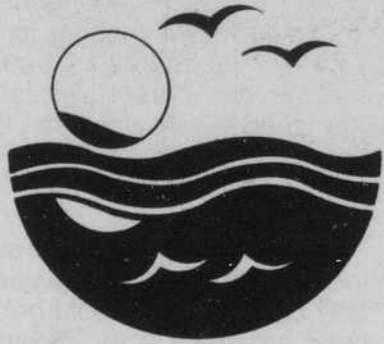
Miller said foresters do not have the right to contaminate other people's property, whether they do or do not believe the herbicides are harmful.

The group has asked land managers to post a five-day notice of spraying operations. In addition, long-term health studies of people applying herbicides have been requested of the Forest Service Chief and the director of the Bureau of Land Management.

"The critical effects of dioxin, even in minute quantities, are not generally disputed in the scientific community...we think there is enough evidence to show the actual and potential harm that can result from the use of these products," Miller said.

The Board of County Commissioners is looking for three county residents to serve as at-large members of the newly-created Wildlife and Natural Resources Advisory Committee.

The 15-member committee will have 12 representatives from the Oregon Daily Emerald



Forest Service, the state Fish and Wildlife Commission, the Bureau of Land Management, environmental and sports groups, commercial fisheries and private timber companies.

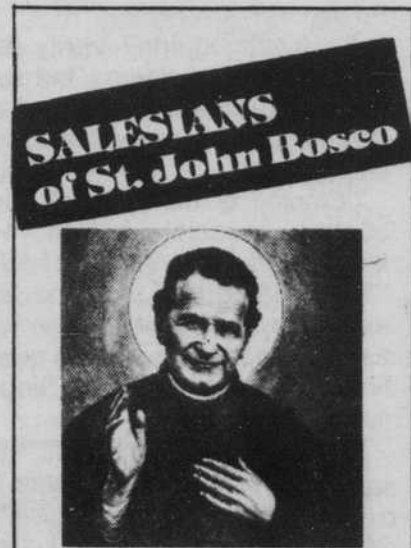
The committee will form a Lane County wildlife and resource development policy.

Application forms should be completed by March 23; they may be obtained from the Lane County Community Relations Department, in the Public Service Building at 125 East 8th St. in Eugene.

The \$421 million increase for more intensive forest management, requested by Congressman Jim Weaver, D-Ore., and approved by the House Agriculture Committee, has drawn negative comment from a local environmentalist.

Randy O'Toole, of the University Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group, says the budget addition will result in "dumping a lot of herbicides on Oregon's forests."

He contends "intensive management" of timber resources means more herbicide use. "It's economically infeasible as well as environmentally unsound," O'Toole said.



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