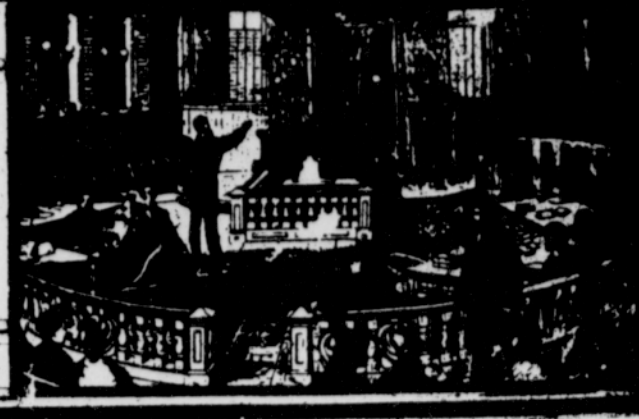




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Six living reasons to be against nuclear waste storage *Reflections of a grandmother*

As a grandmother, I have six concrete reasons why I speak out against storage ("disposal") of nuclear waste anywhere anytime — now, by Teledyne Wah Chang. The six concrete reasons are: Jenny, age twelve; Kisha, ten; Kelly, seven; David, six; Michael, four; and Patty, two.

My heart grows sick when I think that my grandchildren might not make it to my not so old age just because a corporation, more interested in growing rich than in people's lives, thoughtlessly uses nuclear power but does not know where to dispose of its wastes.

I am angry when I am patted on the head and told that life is filled with danger, and how statistics show that more people die from road accidents and murder than from nuclear waste.

I want my grandchildren to grow to be grandparents. I want to instill them with the ecological values of my Cherokee and Ottawa ancestors — to put life back into



Kaethe Kollwitz

"Seed Corn Must Not Be Ground"

the Earth — not to destroy life for thousands of years. It scares me when I realize that Oregon, world renowned for its ecological policies, may soon lose those values. Then, how will my grandchildren learn them? Not from Teledyne.

As a grandmother, I have six concrete reasons (and billions more) why I speak out against storage ("disposal") of nuclear waste anywhere anytime — now, by Teledyne Wah Chang.

— JO ANN HONEYMAN

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OUR LAST CHANCE

by Lloyd K. Marbet

Why belabor the point? We need sixty-two thousand signatures by July 6, 1984, and we need a miracle! Such an opportune time to support productive change, yet a recent Oregonian article reports that almost all initiative petitions are in trouble due to a lack of volunteers.

In the last legislative session, the legislature radically changed the laws regarding initiative petitioning and, for the first time, the majority of the petitions that may make the November General Election will do so based upon the financial ability of sponsors to purchase from signature gatherers the eighty thousand or so signatures required for final ballot approval. Meanwhile, initiatives of value, the Homestead Exemption (a progressive tax initiative pro-

viding a homeowner's exemption from property tax), the Citizens Utility Board (a proposed statewide organization for utility ratepayers to defend themselves from the political control which telephone and electric utilities have over the rate-making process of the Public Utility Commission), and the Radioactive Waste Disposal Initiative (which addresses the radioactive waste disposal problems of the Teledyne Wah Chang, as well as waste produced from uranium mining in Oregon); they all suffer from the age-old problem of competing for volunteers as well as facing the growing effort of more lucrative petitions to buy these volunteers away. It is as if the "Faustian Bargain" of selling the soul has entered into the initiative process. And, it is precisely, the soul which suffers the most.

Take, for example, the Radioactive Waste Disposal Initiative. Of all the initiative petitions circulating, only this initiative will never be circulated again. In order to understand why this is so, we must take a short journey into the history of radioactive waste disposal in Oregon.

Presently, Oregon has radioactive wastes which are improperly stored. Among these wastes are one hundred and twenty thousand cubic yards of radioactive chemical sludge created over the last fifteen years by Teledyne Wah Chang Albany and stored in two unlined and uncovered sludge ponds four hundred feet from the Willamette River.

In Lakeview, Oregon there are two abandoned uranium mines along with a pile of uranium mill tailings which have yet to be adequately disposed of. In 1982, Teledyne Wah Chang received a license from the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council which, in part, allowed the permanent disposal of radioactive chemical waste produced, before June 1981, in the larger unlined sludge pond closest to the Willamette River. Forelaws on Board challenged this license in the Oregon Supreme Court in early 1983. Then in late 1983 Citizens for Responsible Radioactive Waste Disposal created an initiative petition to change the state's waste disposal laws before a license could be granted. If this initiative petition proves unsuccessful, Teledyne Wah Chang will obtain its license under existing state laws and, thus, will be more or less protected from having to comply with more stringent requirements.

In order to save the taxpayers of Oregon from assuming any additional cost from the inadequate disposal of radioactive waste, our waste disposal laws must be changed before any further licensing of waste repositories takes place. This petition represents a last

chance to make Teledyne Wah Chang fully accountable for its waste disposal problems.

The question yet to be answered is whether the people of our state can rise to the occasion in time? I know we can, if we will.

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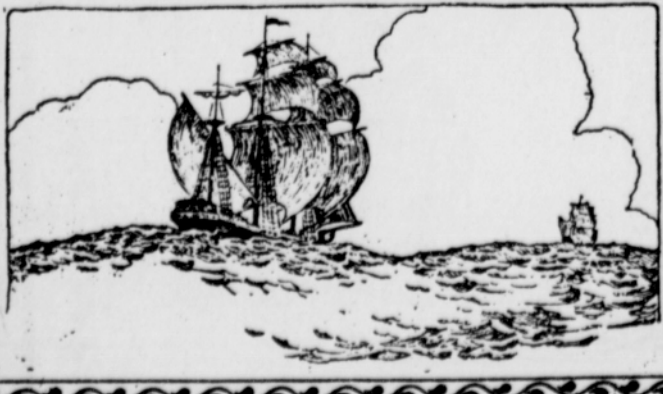


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