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Nuclear Issue Still Alive

Despite the convincing defeat handed the anti-nuclear initiative in California recently, no one should make any assumptions that similar efforts in Oregon and Washington are dead.

Indications are, in fact, that the issue in Oregon is very close, although much time remains between now and November when voters decide.

The initiative would, if approved, put such restrictions on nuclear power plants that they would become as extinct as petrodactyls.

The issue is a very emotional one. Those in favor of the initiative (and opposed to nuclear power) fear for our very survival. Those opposed to

the initiative look at it much the same way... without the power generating capacity that only nuclear plants can provide, there wouldn't be much left either.

You can be sure that a very large amount of money will be spent on both sides in the next few months. Already, there are fears that Oregon's incredibly lax new voter registration laws might allow thousands of illegal carpet-baggers to come in from California and vote.

Both sides will produce "convincing" scientific evidence. It will be up to the voters to weigh very, very carefully the information put before them. This is a tremendously important issue.

Possible closures opposed by House

Residents of the mountain area who are opposed to the possible closure of the Rhododendron Post Office may have been comforted by some recent news. That is, if the old adage about misery loves company holds true.

The U.S. House of Representatives, spurred by a threatened series of small post office closures in Oregon and other parts of the country, voted this month to discourage any reduction in essential postal services. By an overwhelming vote, the House adopted a resolution expressing the sense of the House that the U.S. Postal Service not close or suspend the operation of any post office, unless there is a clear and compelling need to do so. The resolution also

requests that the post office not implement any major reduction in service for a one-year period.

Second District Congressman Al Ullman was the sponsor of this resolution and strongly supported its adoption. The resolution further urges the Postal Service to continue cost-cutting programs which do not affect levels of service.

At any rate, it seems that the threatened closure of small post offices has struck a nerve throughout the country. The possible threat of less postal service is probably one reason for this and probably some sentimental reasons also prevail. We will follow the U.S. Post Office reaction to the House resolution with interest.

A plea for defensive walking

At a recent Sandy City Council meeting, businessman Joe Cejka requested that the city look into making the crosswalk areas in the middle of town safer for pedestrian traffic. There have been several very serious auto-pedestrian accidents near the crosswalks. Cejka was especially concerned about the crossing on Proctor Blvd. near the Clackamas County Bank and the Sandy Rexall Drug Store.

Cejka's point was well taken by the council. Several suggestions have been made on how the crosswalk on Proctor Blvd. could be made even safer. The city recently installed reflectors in the crosswalk area. City Manager Paul Helton says the city is now in the process of petitioning for federal funds to install a pedestrian traffic light at the crosswalk. The council recently passed a resolution requesting that a letter be sent to the

state asking that the speed limit in town be lowered from the present posted 35 mph. The council would like to see the new posted speed limit to 20 mph.

The intent of this motion was noble, but it would seem unlikely that the state will approve a lower posted speed. And we believe that 20 mph might be too low.

Better driver education would certainly help lower the number of accidents in general. But we still think the best bet for avoiding auto-pedestrian mishaps is defensive walking as well as defensive driving. As the traffic safety advertisements pointed out, "He may have been right, but he was dead right."

Crosswalks and lights notwithstanding — it is both wise and prudent to wait for cars in both lanes to stop before heading across a busy thoroughfare.

Nuclear safeguards topic of Ballot Measure 9

"Oregonians will not be voting in November on a measure which would ban nuclear power in this state," said Chris Thomas, spokesman for Oregonians For Nuclear Safeguards.

Thomas was referring to the unsuccessful petition drive to place a measure on the November ballot which would have shutdown Trojan and

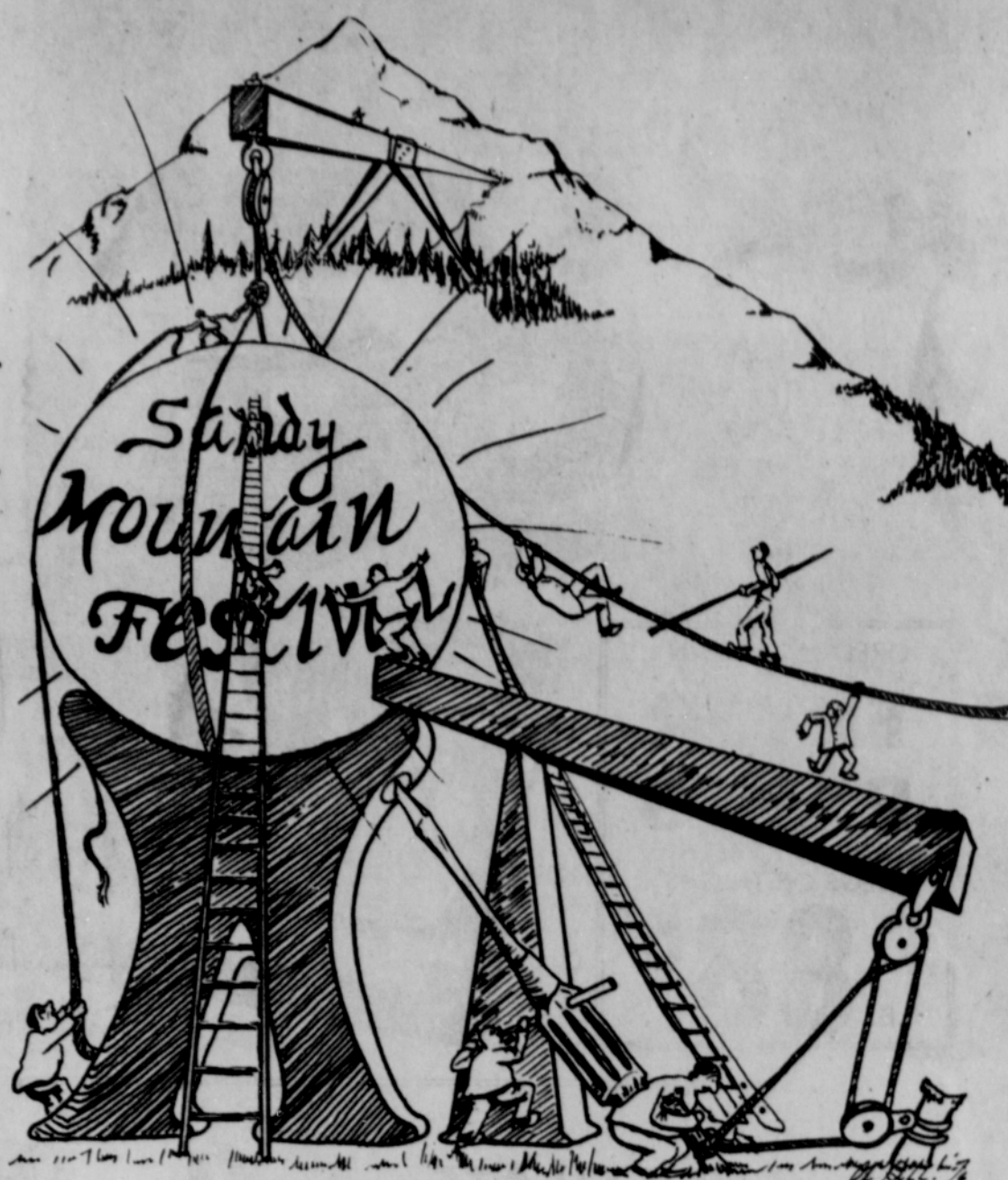
banned all further nuclear power construction in Oregon. Supporters of the initiative failed to collect sufficient signatures to place the measure on Oregon's November ballot.

"Now Oregonians will only be voting on nuclear safeguards," said Thomas, referring to his own group's Ballot Measure 9. "We will vote on a measure

which keeps Trojan and assures that all new nuclear plants in Oregon are built with the best possible safety standards."

"If Oregonians adopt Ballot Measure 9 in November," Thomas said, "This will put out state's nuclear safety requirements on a par with those adopted by the California legislature in June."

"The Big Job was, -



"-PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER!"

letters to the editor

Letters to the editor are acceptable on any subject. They should be limited to 300 words and must bear the signature and address of writer. They may be edited to conform to style.

Space Needle

To the Editor:

As a lifelong resident of this area I am deeply concerned at the idea of any of the four atrocities mentioned on the front page of the July 12 Outlook ever reaching print. Sandy may need a financial uplift but it does not need a Space Needle, convention center, heliport from Portland Airport to Sandy and monorail to Mt. Hood.

This outrageous pinnacle of concrete and steel proposed to be stuck in the ground beside a convention center is nothing short of a pure "profit making venture." Apparently Sandy's city manager, Paul Helton, places value only on the monetary aspect of this area and totally disregards any natural value the land may possess. This tourist trap will be no more than a defacement of the beautiful natural attraction of our area. What is the purpose of marring the type of landscape that other parts of the country do not have and others have already regretfully lost?

If the people of Sandy have any intention of retaining the natural landscape they are blessed with, it is my contention that the idea of a Space Needle and all that goes with it be rejected. If it is the intent of the city manager of Sandy to build a Space Needle with the help of "local and federal agencies," he should consider the views from all sides.

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Why Alder creek?

To the Editor:

It shocked me to learn that on Aug. 3, without knowledge of the facts, Sandy citizens will be asked to approve a \$1.5 million water bond issue to connect Sandy's water system to Alder Creek. Why Alder Creek instead of the Little Sandy River?

Alder Creek will require filtration which will cost water users a lot of money. We are talking about a water source

that will be a necessity of life, not only for us, but for future generations.

Mayor Haneberg has been enthusiastic about drawing water by gravity flow from the headwaters of the Little Sandy. The Sandy Post, on April 8, 1976, said the City of Sandy was negotiating successfully with Portland for rights to the Little Sandy drainage, which would remain a part of the Bull Run Reserve. This means, it could be a protected watershed.

What is the value of a "protected" watershed? According to a Portland Water Bureau Staff Report in April, 1976, enforcement of Bull Run protective laws might enable Portland to get a variance from having to meet certain water turbidity standards. Indirectly, this could enable Portland to avoid filtration.

The same argument could apply to the Little Sandy. If it remains protected. The rub is, that a pending Forest Service Draft Environmental Impact Statement tentatively proposes to "unprotect" it.

Maybe valid reasons have come up for choosing Alder Creek over the Little Sandy, but if so, the people who are going to pay, haven't been so informed. It is important for people to know the facts because they can provide input to the coming D.E.I.S. and thereby influence whether the Little Sandy remains protected.

People interested in more information may wish to visit the Bull Run Interest Group open file in the Central Public Library, in Portland; or contact me.

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Editors Note: To answer your question, we called Sandy City Manager Paul Helton. Helton told the Post that the city doesn't have water rights on the Little Sandy River at this time and the city does have the rights on Alder Creek.

Helton says Alder Creek is closer than the Little Sandy River.

"If we had the rights on the Little Sandy, we're talking about longer transmission lines and damming and tunnelling," said Helton. This, he added, would be more expensive.

Buddy poppies

To the Editor:

The members of VFW Post 4273 and the Ladies Auxiliary of Sandy wish to thank all who purchased Buddy Poppies. We also want to thank the Lions Club members, Boy Scouts and Bluebirds for their help in selling the poppies.

VFW Post 4273
and the Ladies' Auxiliary

Portland emperor

To the Editor:

So the "Portland Metropolitan Area Local Government Boundary Commission" will decide whether the City of Sandy should expand or not! A strictly county issue like that, should not be decided by the city of Portland!

The CRAG henchmen are at it again. I'm ashamed that it's been only till recently, to find out how badly the Governor and Mayor of Portland have our fine county wrapped up in their sweaty hands!

Our county is being polluted with political intrigue, buried by an avalanche of bureaucratic red tape. Do we wish to be ruled by that self-appointed emperor in Portland!

Once again we see reasons why the SB 100 referendum should be passed in November. Should an elderly citizen in the Dover area of limited income, barely making ends meet; why should we allow her to be intimidated by CRAG and denied the right to sell ten acres to a willing buyer and make herself financially stable.

Of course the mayor lives in Portland, and we are here in Clackamas. And we're supposed to keep our mouths shut, pay our Tri-Met tax, so he can finish his mail in downtown Portland. Just stay in line Clackamas County, and whistle the mayor's tune. He'll take good care of you!!!

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Dialogue initiated

To the Editor:

Thank you for initiating pro and con dialogue on Ballot Measure No. 9, the Nuclear Safeguards Act. This proposal would require that:

1. Emergency cooling

Keeping Posted

Council to meet

THURSDAY

JULY 15

Oregon Trail Coffee Hour will start at 9:30 a.m.

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The water bond committee of the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce will meet at noon at Foothills Inn. Weather permitting, the group will go to the city park for the meeting.

SUNDAY

JULY 18

The Sandy Kiwanis Club Fly-In Breakfast will be held from 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Rich's Airport.

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MONDAY

JULY 19

There will be a meeting of the Sandy City Council at 7:30 p.m.

in the council chambers.

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TUESDAY

JULY 20

A representative from Portland General Electric will discuss Ballot Measure 9 at a Sandy Chamber of Commerce meeting at noon at Foothills Inn.

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WEDNESDAY

JULY 21

The Sandy Area Merchants will meet at 6:30 a.m. at Griffs.

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THURSDAY

JULY 22

There will be a special meeting of the Firwood Neighbors executive board at 8 p.m. in the Firwood School library.

Pvt. Susan Spack completes training

Marine Private Susan E. Spack, 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Spack of 15255 SE Bartel Rd., Boring, has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

During the eight-week training cycle, she was introduced to the typical daily routine that she will experience during her enlistment, and studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited by

Marines. Spack participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills including close order drill and first aid. Teamwork and self-discipline were emphasized throughout the training cycle.

A 1973 graduate of Sam Barlow High School, she joined the Marine Corps in March 1976.

systems in nuclear plants would work when needed.

2. Radioactive wastes could be safely stored (for centuries).

3. Utilities will agree to become fully liable for damage to people and property in the event of nuclear accident.

Utility spokesmen have branded No. 9 as a ban on nuclear power. They thus admit nuclear plants cannot meet the three conditions listed above.

Hopefully the Sandy Post will extend its coverage of this subject. Here are some topics that are in need of discussion and evaluation:

1. The "China Syndrome" in which cooling systems fail for as short a time as one minute and a meltdown of the reactor container occurs with resultant pollution of air, soil and water by radioactive substances.

2. Terrorism and blackmail possibilities in theft of nuclear wastes, plutonium, or enriched uranium. The first two are the world's worst poisons and both of the last two are bomb materials.

3. Genetic roulette involved in exposure to radiation by workers who must repair and adjust mechanisms at nuclear plants.

4. The growing monopoly of energy sources in oil, gas, coal, uranium, oil shale and geothermal by such giants as Gulf, Shell and Exxon. They cannot own the sun, winds or tides.

5. Research billions of tax

funds spent on nuclear power versus the pittance which goes toward solar, wind, tide and solar cell research.

6. The critical dependence nuclear plants have in perfect, never failing, human workmanship in design, construction and operation of nuclear plants.

7. The options we have in using less energy through architectural design of homes and factories to prevent heat loss and use heat of the sun to advantage.

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Firwood decision due July 19

The Clackamas County Board of Commissioners will make a decision on a proposed amendment to the comprehensive plan for the Firwood area at a July 19 meeting. The original hearing was held on June 14. The proposal involves rural designations for lands currently designated agricultural and/or forestry on the general use map of the comprehensive plan for the area.

The board of commissioners will meet in room 201 of the courthouse in Oregon City.

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