

Guide to Dispose Atomic Wastes on Coast Developed

Corvallis — A guide to safe disposal of atomic wastes in the Pacific Ocean has been developed by a group of West Coast scientists, including Dr. Wayne V. Burt, head of oceanography at Oregon State university.

The committee was given the assignment of drafting recommendations for ocean disposal of low-level radioactive wastes as a safeguard against future hazards to humans and damage to seafood and other marine organisms.

Increased use of radioisotopes in hospitals, laboratories and research centers has brought increased concern of how to best dispose of the radioactive wastes without upsetting or endangering sea life, Burt explained.

Dropped in Deep Water
In 1956, for example, about 2,000 drums of radioactive wastes were dropped into specified deep water disposal areas off San Francisco. In 1960, more than 30,000 were released there.

Almost no radioactive wastes have been dumped into the ocean off Oregon up to now, Burt pointed out. If recommendations for disposal are followed, no danger is seen in the future, he emphasized.

The nine-man committee recommends that 20 disposal areas be the limit for the Coast from the Mexican border to the Columbia river with a similar number north of the Columbia river. For now, six southern and two northern sites are probably adequate, the report notes.

Notes Recommendations
The committee also laid down recommendations on quantities of wastes that should be allowed dumped at one time or in one location, recommends a system of policing and monitoring of disposal, and continued research to gain additional information about waste disposal, including methods of packaging to permit controlled release of the radioactive waste over a period of a few years.

The special committee of Oregon, Washington, California and Canada scientists was formed in 1958 by the National Academy of Science-National Research Council at the request of the United States Atomic Energy Commission. One of its assignments was to carefully examine the capacity of the ocean to receive the radioactive wastes.

Pioneer Doll Lore Subject of Article

A king-sized doll house that would delight the heart of any little girl awaits Oregonians and out of state visitors in southern Oregon at the Jacksonville Museum.

It's not really a doll house. It is the doll room in a storehouse of pioneer lore collected from southern Oregon's bygone gold-camp days. The story of the dolls is told in the holiday issue of "Pacific Powerland," a Pacific Power and Light company publication distributed to PP&L customers.

Many of the dolls were found under Christmas trees by the youngsters of the earlier years of this century and earlier.

The dolls are not new, the story relates, but were the playthings of the pioneer Oregon children. Displayed along with the dolls are furniture, buggies and other toys that were favorites of tots during the frontier days.

The story and pictures in the publication tell how Miss Mary Hanley, the museum's curator, and other women of the staff, went about the task of developing the doll room.

"Pacific Powerland" is distributed to more than 400,000 PP&L customers. Medford district manager F. A. Benesh noted, and is intended to acquaint its readers with the interesting areas served by Pacific Power.

224 Students From County at College

Corvallis — A total of 224 students from Jackson county are enrolled at Oregon State university this fall, including 126 from Medford.

All of Oregon's counties are represented in OSU's student body, along with 46 states, and 63 foreign countries.

Fall term enrollment this year is 10,032. The total is 1,050 more than a year ago and 2,000 more than two years ago.

Other totals throughout the county include 1 from Applegate, 32 Ashland, 3 Butte Falls, 25 Central Point, 13 Eagle Point, 4 Gold Hill, 3 Jacksonville, 1 Phoenix, 3 Prospect, 9 Rogue River, and 2 from Trail.

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