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## **-THE GAINSAYER- GEORGIA'S NEWSLETTER FOR A NON-NUCLEAR FUTURE.**

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### **Should GANE Change Its Name?**

The discussion goes on: should our name continue to state that we are *against* nuclear energy, or should it state that we are *for* safe energy, a nuclear-free future; etc.?

The article and questionnaire in last month's newsletter provoked some response, as did the informal poll at the February general meeting. From this group, 26 wanted to keep the name, and 14 wanted to change it. Several people were indifferent, and one person felt that the name should change only if our nature and approach changed.

#### **Member's Respond: Change the Name**

"I agree with the positive approach. So, just change the words and keep the acronym for recognition." Some ideas:

*Georgians for Alternatives to Nuclear Energy (GANE)*

*Georgia's Alternative Energy Network (GAEN - pronounced GANE)*

Other suggestions:

*Georgians for a Non-Nuclear Future*

*Georgians for a Safer Future*

*Georgians for a Nuclear-Free Environment*

#### **Member's Respond: Don't Change the Name**

"We are *against* nuclear energy. If Georgia Power finds it a turn-off, great; let's turn off nuclear energy."

"What the hell is so wrong about being AGAINST something??? ... What brings people to anti-nuke organizations is ... the suspicion that something is threatening our lives (and our pocketbooks) and that something must be stopped ... Let's act AGAINST nukes, while showing that there are alternatives."

"DON'T CHANGE THE NAME. You will only (1) confuse people, (2) suggest that you have watered down your opposition to nuclear power/weapons, and (3) lose a lot of money on stationary."

Keep thinking and discussing. At the April business meeting (see calendar for date and place) we will take a vote. According to our by-laws, if the majority votes to change the name, it must be voted upon again at the May business meeting. If the majority votes to keep the name, the issue dies until it is resurrected again.

If you have strong feelings either way, come to the April business meeting. Meanwhile, keep thinking, and express your opinions to the GAINSAYER, Danny (688-7665), or Carol (525-5487).

C.S.

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

#### **More Bad News From Capital Hill**



The word around Capitol Hill is that the Defense Budget is not the only one to be increased, but that the Nuclear Budget will also receive increased funding when the total Reagan budget plan is unveiled. We can thank Secretary Edwards for that one.

And if the nuclear budget is to be increased ... you guessed it — the solar budget is slated for drastic cuts. The Dept. of Energy's solar budget will be decreased by 10 to 20 percent in fiscal year 1981 and 50 to 70 percent in fiscal year 1982. Also, the director of the Office of Management and Budget has recommended zero funding in 1982 and rescinding \$121 million appropriated in 1981 for the Housing and Urban Development's Solar Bank Program. This program provides funds in the form of subsidized loans to low and moderate income people for investment and conservation and renewable energy.

Other bad news from Capitol Hill is that the Pennsylvania delegation has devised a scheme to bail out Three Mile Island. This scheme has not been introduced as a bill yet, but has been recommended by an eight member panel. The plan is to develop a federal corporation which will tax all utilities with nuclear power plants to accumulate enough money to clean up and rehabilitate Three Mile Island. Once this is accomplished, the corporation would continue collecting taxes from the utilities to build up a pool of \$750 billion. This pool would cover any costs over \$50 million which result from a nuclear power plant accident.

What this does essentially is remove all of the financial risk above \$50 million in operating a nuclear power plant. And who will pay for this risk-protection ... the ratepayer, of course. This is one more example that nuclear power will become more and more expensive and that the nuclear industry will find some way for either the ratepayers or the taxpayers to bail them out of a nuclear accident financial crisis.

One last thing of interest — and believe it or not, it's not bad news — is that the National Institute of Health along with several other state and federal agencies, will be seeking funds from Congress to conduct an environmental health study in a 60 mile radius around the Savannah River Plant. *The March GANE General Meeting will be devoted to a discussion of the Savannah River Plant and this study.*

G.M.

## Drug Raid Nets 14 At N-Power Plant

By The Associated Press

WAYNESBORO (AP) — Fourteen construction workers at Georgia Power Co.'s Vogtle nuclear generating plant were charged with drug law violations, herded into a school bus and hauled off to jail on Friday, officials said.

The arrests were part of a massive drug raid in Burke and Richmond counties, Burke County Sheriff Greg Coursey said. Thirty-two persons had been arrested by late Friday night, and deputies were still trying to serve two more warrants.

The arrests, on various drug charges, climax a four-month investigation, Coursey said. The probe included two undercover agents who bought marijuana, amphetamines, phencyclidine (angel dust) and Quaaludes from construction workers and other persons, he said.

Coursey said the investigation began when security personnel at the plant informed law enforcement authorities of a problem with drug sales and use at the site, where about 3,500 workers are employed.

About half of the undercover agents' buys were made on the site, Coursey said. The others were made in Waynesboro, other areas of Burke County and in Richmond County. A Georgia Power spokesman said the utility had no immediate comment on the arrests.

*Atlanta Constitution, Feb. 14, 1981*

## FLORIDA P&L FACES FINE For Violation of NRC Regulations

WASHINGTON — A federal inspector walked into the control room at the Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant in Florida last month and found a reactor running at full power without an operator at the controls.

The NRC staff has proposed a \$40,000 fine against the reactor's owner, Florida Power & Light Company. Victor Stello, of the NRC's office of inspection and enforcement, told the utility in a letter that "operator absence, distractions, or inattentiveness while assigned to the reactor controls" won't be tolerated by the NRC.

*2/24 Wall Street Journal*



*"First we have to convince the people  
that good health isn't everything."*

## PLANTING THE SEED

"It is my belief that the challenges faced by our nation, our state, our communities, and our citizens in the energy area is of comparable historic importance to the Civil War and the Great Depression." With these words, Public Service Commissioner Billy Lovett has announced the formation of SEED — Solutions for Energy Efficiency & Development — a non-profit organization to promote renewable energy and conservation in Georgia.

The goals of SEED include: promotion of conservation of non-renewable energy resources; maximization of development of alternative, renewable energy resources; encouraging free enterprise competition in the energy industry; saving money for consumers; providing affordable, clean energy for Georgia's citizens and business; and giving Georgians control over their energy future.

"Our economic problems will not be solved until our energy problems are solved," according to Lovett. "After all, with the dramatic increases in energy costs — a direct result of reliance on finite, cartel-controlled energy resources, such as oil, natural gas, and uranium — and with the entire economy so dependent on those resources, it is not possible to hold down energy costs. At the same time, unemployment will continue to increase because of the increased cost of doing business. This double whammy — high inflation and high unemployment simultaneously — can be traced directly to the energy situation.

"We are dependent on fragile foreign supplies of oil," Lovett continued. "Centralized electric generating plants have become uneconomical and provide a substantial drain on the nation's capital. Citizens and business cannot afford this situation much longer, for it will only get worse. With decontrol, domestic oil — 60% of our consumption — will more than triple in price, as will natural gas. Electricity rates will triple in this decade from their already outrageous levels. Our entire economy faces collapse if appropriate action is not taken. That is why SEED has been formed."

Through SEED, Lovett hopes to involve a wide range of Georgians in their energy future and in support of his proposals for state and community action for energy reform. Specific aspects of Lovett's "Energy Plan for Georgia" include establishment of an interest-free or low-interest loan fund for solar energy and conservation measures (the loans would be paid back at rates equal to or lower than the savings on the monthly utility bill), establishment of tax credits for solar and conservation measures, reform of building codes and zoning ordinances to promote SEED goals, upgrading the rail system and promoting more efficient transportation (including mass transit and bicycles), strengthening the Public Service Commission by providing it with CPAs, economists, and computer capability, and requiring the PSC to encourage conservation and renewable energy in its decisions.

"We anticipate the support of the poor, the middle income, and even the rich, all races and cultures, business, environmentalists, consumers, churches, farmers, the news media, and others," said Lovett. "The Energy Crisis touches us all."

"It is imperative that we take action now to move our state into an economically and environmentally healthy future in which we may all enjoy full lives and high quality of life. I invite all Georgians to join with me in this effort beginning today," said Lovett.

The first SEED membership form was received in SEED's post office box from an active GANE member, according to SEED Executive Director Bill Miller.

Annual memberships are \$25.00 (\$10 for senior citizens and students). For membership, send check, name and address (or for more information) write to: SEED, P.O. Box 52306, Atlanta, Ga. 30355. Or call (404) 493-0011.

T.J.

## Safe Energy Media Campaign Launched

Television and radio audiences in six states will soon begin to see and hear yet another advertisement concerning energy. This time, however, the theme will be about safe energy and the sponsors will not be from Mobil or Exxon, but from a public interest group called the Safe Energy Communication Council (SECC).

Comprising 13 national anti-nuclear, environmental and consumer media groups, SECC has launched a major media offensive against the nuclear industry's pro-nuclear media blitz broadcast earlier this year. Using free broadcasting time made available by individual stations under the Fairness Doctrine, the SECC spots will run in California, Ohio, Michigan, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and New Hampshire.

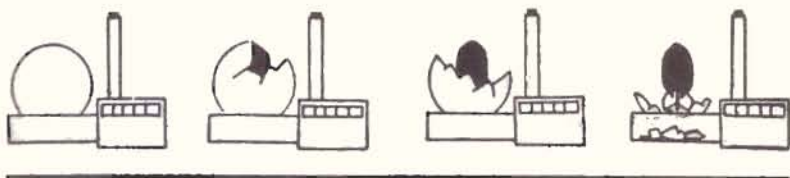
The SECC spots, which include five radio segments and five television ads, were produced by the non-profit Public Media Center in California. Lively and slick, the spots were tailored to responding to the themes developed in the industry campaign: the risk of accidents, foreign oil vs. nuclear power, Three Mile Island, and the availability of alternatives.

Each of the spots ends with a tag line with a voice over: "Don't get sold on nuclear power, we can't afford to pay the price!"

The SECC spots were produced on a budget of \$20,000, versus the industry's expenditures of \$800,000 so far. A new industry campaign is expected later this year.

SECC spots are available for the cost of handling to any group or individual who is able to obtain response time or public service announcement arrangements with a local broadcaster. Cassettes may also be purchased at cost. Several local groups are now using the spots to counter locally-oriented utility ads.

For more information about the use of the Fairness Doctrine, dealing with broadcasters, monitoring the airwaves, or obtaining the SECC ads, write: Safe Energy Communication Council, 1536 16 Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036. Let us know if you see a SECC ad in our area.



## Notes from the February 5, 1981 BUSINESS MEETING

The Little Five Points Theatre has been made available for a benefit, probably to be held sometime in May. GANE endorses the Three Mile Island demonstration being held in Harrisburg, March 28 and may organize a support action here in Atlanta. An additional \$100.00 was appropriated to meet any new crisis involved with opposing Senate Bill 29. Fact sheets on the bill were printed and are being distributed by members. Reorganization discussions are beginning in response to Janet Lowe's article in the February *Gainsayer*. Name change discussions are continuing. Channel 11 has donated a 40 second community commentary spot to GANE, a committee was formed to work on the script.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Wed. 3/4 7:30 p.m. Media/Publicity Meeting** at 535 Page Ave., call Kenny to confirm at 378-5885.
- Thurs. 3/5 7:30 p.m. Business Meeting** to decide priorities and allocate money. All members welcome. Highland Library, N. Highland and St. Charles Ave.
- Mon. 3/9 7:30 p.m. Education Committee Meeting** at Jeanne Short-house's, 507 Atlanta Ave., 627-4753.
- Thurs. 3/12 7:30 p.m. General Meeting.** Speaker: Bob Warren. Topic: Savannah River Plant; the Bomb Factory — A Look at the Weapon's Plant on Georgia's Border and Proposed Health Study on SRP.
- Mon. 3/16 7:30 p.m. Political Actions Committee Meeting** at Manuel's Tavern, corner of North and N. Highland. 627-7250.
- Thurs. 3/26 7:30 p.m. Coordination Committee Meeting** at Danny Feig's, 1130 Alta Ave., 688-7665.
- Sat. 3/28 March On Harrisburg** — sponsored by the Labor Committee for Safe Energy and Full Employment. For further information call 873-3035 or 373-6745.
- Thurs. 4/2 7:30 p.m. Business Meeting.** Inman Park Library, Little Five Points. Enter at side door.

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Columbusites Achieving Safe Energy* (CASE) is a group of citizens working to achieve a safe and healthy environment for all of the residents of Columbus. We believe that the air we breathe and the water we drink should be as free as possible from toxic and harmful pollutants. We are concerned about the safety and economy of nuclear energy. We support the adoption of conservation practices and the use of appropriate technology using renewable energy sources. For more information contact: Robert Caine, 2000 Poplar Drive, Columbus, Georgia 31906.

## HELP WANTED

- Artist(s) to design bumper stickers. Call Danny, 688-7665.
- People to call subscribers to *Gainsayer* whose subscriptions have elapsed. Call Dennis, 656-4512.
- New Energy on all Committees — Education, Media, Finance, Political Actions. If you have a skill and/or desire to get involved but don't know how, call Carol, 525-5487.
- Persons to coordinate the buying of books for the GANE literature table. Great opportunity to get involved. Call Carol, at 525-5487.
- People to place leaflets/posters in their neighborhood or place of work. Call Kenny 378-5885.
- People to help with *Gainsayer* and other mailouts. Call Dennis at 874-8918.

## "give us a ring"

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\* Have answering machines — please leave messages

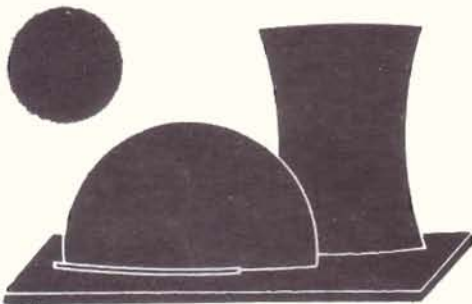
# MARCH ON HARRISBURG

March 28, 1981

The working people of Harrisburg and around the country invite you to join us in observing the second anniversary of the accident at Three Mile Island. We demand:

- NO MORE THREE MILE ISLANDS: KEEP UNIT 1 CLOSED! NO DUMPING OF RADIOACTIVE WATER!
- SUPPORT THE UNITED MINE WORKERS OF AMERICA!
- JOBS FOR ALL: A SHORTER WORK WEEK AND MASSIVE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMS!
- GUARANTEED ALTERNATIVE JOBS FOR NUCLEAR WORKERS AT UNION RATES!

Let's show the Reagan Administration and the nuclear industry that we are dedicated to working for *safe energy* and *full employment*. Join us in the streets of Harrisburg on March 28. We all live and *work* in Harrisburg!



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## Fusion Rock?

At the February General Meeting, I announced that GANE would be holding its second annual musical benefit at the end of March. We had the place, an old movie theater in Little Five Points. We had plenty of people to pull it all together, and I thought we had a band, the Sunbelt Millionaires. But life is full of surprises . . . the Sunbelt Millionaires backed out of the benefit because they are Pro-Nuclear!

Strange? Well, I thought so. The band manager had agreed to do the benefit weeks before and during our numerous conversations he never mentioned any potential problems. But according to our conversation the night before the Benefit Committee is to meet to start allotting the tasks, it is the band members who are pro-nuclear and they who refused to play. (The band manager did confess that the only reason he agreed to the benefit was for the exposure in Little Five Points and a chance to play in the old theater — not because he has sympathy for the anti-nuclear movement.)

Needless to say, after our conversation, I was in a state of disbelief, then anger. Any other excuse would have been forgivable, but to say, after leading me on for weeks, that they refuse because they are pro-nuclear power was too much. I was bewildered because I believe that people with any social conscience at all, if they have looked at the issue of nuclear power, understand what we are fighting. If someone doesn't know the issues, if they are not aware, then it's better not to take a stand at all than to take the wrong stand. I suppose that my shock was because of a false assumption I had made that there is a connection between musicians and social awareness. I thought that MUSE, Musicians United for Safe Energy, had created an awareness of the issue of nuclear power, at least to other musicians. It seems I was wrong. At least I was wrong about the Sunbelt Millionaires.

Some people would say I should have known better. After agreeing to play our benefit last year, they waited to back out until the place and date had been secured; leaving GANE in a much more vulnerable position using their previous manager as the excuse to back out and never mentioning any pro-nuclear sentiment. Fortunately, the Urban Gorilla's came to our rescue and the benefit was a great success.

And this year's benefit is going to be great success also! We have postponed the benefit to May while we contact other bands, but this time we'll make sure that the people who play our benefit share our concern over nuclear power and want to help shut 'em down!

Gail Mitchell

## THE GAINSAYER DEADLINE IS THE 15th OF THE MONTH.

Everyone is encouraged to submit articles, letters, artwork  
— please write, paste or TYPE your submissions on 8½ x 11 sheets —  
Call 373-3648

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