

VIEWPOINT

Nuclear protest

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The latest fad for those mindless souls needing a cause is that of the "nukeaks". For the most part a brainless mass shouting cute little phrases... "hell, no we won't blow" "hell no we won't glow" "2-4-6-8 we don't want to radiate" and a dozen other cutesy little catch phrases. A cause, a cause, for the pot-smoking mis-informed rabble rousing drop-outs of society searching desperately for a straw to grasp on to.

Nuclear power is here to stay. The dangers are indeed monumental. Anyone who has ever seen the films of Hiroshima and the grotesque aftermath of intense radiation, then and years later, can readily see the threat to humanity of uncontrolled atomic power. The cause is just - but the "circus" of pot-smoking hippie types does not lend a serious view, especially at a Woodstock type sit-in.

Progress cannot be stopped. Intelligent people can push for the safest kind of controls possible. Unfortunately the protest group at Darlington did not present that kind of intelligence. They broke laws - trespassed damaged property - this kind of mob society doesn't need.

We need power in this country, our economy is based upon it. Take away nuclear power plants and North America will plunge immediately into a depression that would make 1939 look like a joy ride. A garbled group of pot-smoking chanters will not stop progress but millions of letters from the "silent majority" pleading for safer controls will change policies.

Our world is changing constantly - land is gobbled up at an unbelievable rate, asphalt is laid where grass once grew, our environment changes and in these changes man will survive. The resulting lifestyle of future generations will be as alien to us as the lifestyle of

our great grandparents.

Sure we owe future generations a world free from permanent damage, but the push for that kind of world will not be found in the minds of those who "can't cope" and "just take".

No one will argue the fatality rate of the automobile and compared to that of the horse and buggy the figures are ludicrous but that didn't stop General Motors.

What we need is the time of the "silent majority" - those millions upon millions of men and women who are living out their lives with tunnel vision - what they don't see or hear doesn't bother them. Vote? What for, the same types always get in - it's all the same. Write? Who reads the letters any way, those big shots don't pay attention to people like us.

When the millions of these people realize that we can no longer live isolated lives of quiet desperation that we cannot leave the world to those who care but who cannot cope. It is time for all those people who go to work each day buy their groceries, pay their taxes, and mind their own business to awake to the realization that the state of our country, our environment, our world is indeed "their" business.

Push for safe control of nuclear power plants. A push for the closing of these plants is a futile and unintelligent effort. The danger of radiation poisoning is a reality but we can just add that danger to all the other factors of survival in the 70's. A message for the nukeaks...don't break laws and laugh at and defy your government and expect to be taken seriously. If I have to accept a threat to my existence I would rather face the dangers of radiation than the dangers from an apathetic youth who chant garbage then light up another marijuana joint. You can't be in and out a door at the same time...think about it.



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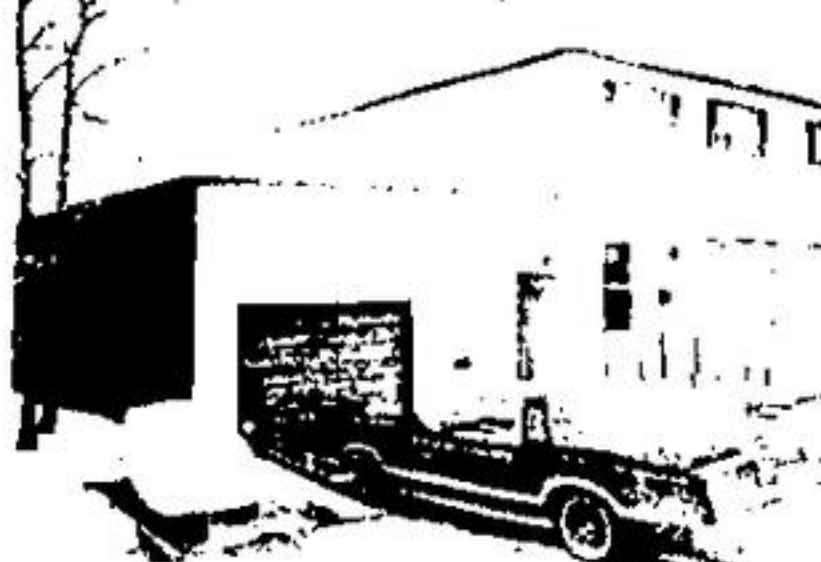
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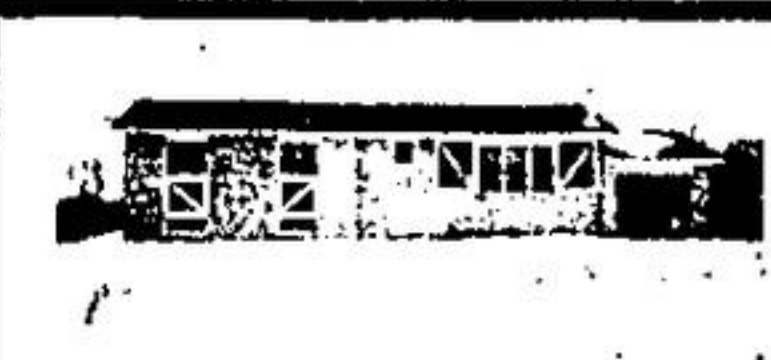
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