

# More on Three Mile Island

**To the Editor of the Gazette:**  
Four deaths a week. That is the toll from the Three Mile Island (TMI) accident, and it is continuing to rise. But half the deaths are politically caused; I will come back to this.

I am referring to your article of January 15, p. 10, "Effects of Three Mile Island." Your science is bunk and your propaganda is leftist. You and

Pawlick, editor of Harrow-smith, have rested your weight on Sternglass, a broken reed. I know, as a physicist and environmentalist, with experience in statistical decisions on scanty data, that Sternglass's conclusions are statistically invalid. I have confirmations on file from others to the same effect. One of them suggests that the man has added a word to the

language—sternglass, verb, to manufacture falsities masquerading as science. Harrow-smith has described him in an apt phrase: "with his scientific mask in place." (June 1980, p. 33) It is fun to twist the meaning there!

Perhaps you think you belong to the literary culture, of whom C.P. Snow has said, "The traditional culture is on the point of turning anti-sci-

entific. . . If we forget the scientific culture, then the rest of western intellectuals have never tried, wanted, or been able to understand the industrial revolution, much less accept it. Intellectuals, in particular literary intellectuals, are natural Luddites." (The Two Cultures and the Scientific Revolution, Cambr. Univ. Press, 1959).

Do please be an exception, and read the truth: "The Health Hazards of not Going Nuclear," Leo Yaffe, Chem. in Canada, Dec. 1979, pp. 25-32; also "Report of the President's Commission on the Accident at Three Mile Island," Pergamon Press, NY, 1979—BIO Libr.; and read the Canadian periodical, "Ascent."

Seventy-five percent of the lost power capacity of TMI was replaced by coal-generated power, with consequent atmospheric pollution. Premature deaths, caused by the pollution of all coal burning, have been estimated by the Brookhaven National Laboratory at 48,000 per annum in the USA. Proportioned to the replacement electricity for the damaged Unit 2, that means two deaths per week. Moreover, by the President's order, the undamaged Unit 1 has also been shut down, and is still down; two more deaths per week, politically caused. These do not include deaths among the coal miners due to

black lung disease and accident. Please, President Reagan, reopen Unit 1! The peaceful nukes have never caused a death—not quite true, there were two due to a rock fall in the mine at Elliott Lake, Ontario.

The opposition to the peaceful nukes is generated by the New Left. As one of them told me, "I do not understand the technicalities, do not want to, and do not need to; it is all very political."

The reason for the assault on energy resources of all kinds has been stated by Sakharov, father of the Russian hydrogen bomb, now a dissident exiled in Gorki: it is to create an energy shortage in the capitalist world. He said, "Nuclear power is the only road to freedom." (Der Spiegel, Dec. 19, 1977, pp. 93 and 96)

The innocent dupes in the nuclear controversy are housewives fearing for their children. It is contemptible to prey on them with alarming lies.

In so short a space I have not been able to clinch my arguments; I have only hoped to indicate that, of the great sources of energy, nuclear power is by far the least greedy of human lives, and that the opposition is factually false and politically motivated.

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Council vice-president Jeff Champion is heading the DSU commission investigating the feasibility of renting Dalhousie's snow to the University of Alberta.

## Minister of Education tries to cancel protest

WINNIPEG (CUP) — University of Winnipeg President Harry Duckworth was asked last Wednesday by provincial minister of education Keith Cosens to try and cancel last Thursday's march of the legislature by University of Winnipeg students, according to three members of the University of Winnipeg Stu-

dent's Association executive and board of directors.

In a phone call, Cosens told Duckworth that funding for a long-proposed U of W Athletic complex might not come from the government if the demonstration went on as planned, said the student association representatives, who asked not to be named.

When asked if he received such a call, Duckworth said, "I don't think I would like to comment."

The three sources in the student association said Duckworth did not view this message from Cosens as a threat.

Student Association member, however, feel Cosens

message was a threat and severely undermined the university and student association's autonomy from the provincial government.

The student executive members said they would soon meet to discuss their response to Cosens's intervention, which they term "unprecedented."

Three members of the student association executive were called to Duckworth's office Wednesday, where Cosens's message was passed on to them, the student association representatives said.

Duckworth left it up to the student leaders on whether or not the demonstration would go ahead as planned.

Staff in Cosens's office said no one was available for comment.

In an emergency meeting of the student association immediately after the meeting with Duckworth, the entire board was told of Cosens's message. They then decided to go ahead with the demonstration.

Student association members said if the government took so much notice that they tried to get the demonstration cancelled, then it would be worthwhile to go ahead with the demonstration.

The government would then take more notice.

The next day 800 University of Winnipeg students marched to the legislature carrying thirty coffins representing thirty courses to be cut from next year's university curriculum. They were protesting provincial government restraint in funding universities.

Student association president Brian Pannell said the message from Cosens was received by the student association Wednesday but Pannell declined to say who originally received the message from Cosens.

However, Pannell said, "The message was delivered to us directly and forcefully."

"Cosens mentioned to someone respected by the students that...he was having a hard time getting the idea of the sports complex across to his colleagues and that this march would not help," Opanwell told the Winnipeg Sun.

John McMartin of the Provincial Funding Body of the Universities Grants Commissions, said, "I couldn't say what in impact the demonstration will have on the University of Winnipeg's chances of getting funding for their athletic complex. We have not sat down and discussed it yet."

## Engineering paper outrages

Edmonton (CUP) — While the Engineering Students' Society (ESS) is falling over itself trying to explain why it happened, outrage is growing over an article in the Godiva, the official engineering week newspaper at the University of Alberta, Advocating Child Molesting and Necrophilia.

The article, entitled 'Pediophiliaology,' describes in graphic detail how to mutilate and murder girls under 12 years old.

Reaction from the university community has been disgust and disbelief.

"It's disgusting, it's sick," says Dean of Engineering Peter Adams.

"It's one of these unfortunate things," Adams said, but he hastened to add, it wasn't indicative of the whole

engineering student body or the ESS.

Adams said that article "didn't get in (The Godiva) by accident," but the ESS differs. Members say the Godiva editor Ed Spetter was pressed to fill space in the paper close to deadline: what to fill it with was left to his discretion.

"Unfortunately, we didn't monitor it closely enough," says Scott Campbell of the ESS. They issued a statement apologizing for the article they says was taken from another publication.

"The purpose of the Godiva is to let engineers know what's going on during engineering week," says Campbell. "It's put out for the spirit of engineering week. It's the way we have our good times."

Mechanical department

chairperson D.G. Gellow says the article shows "absolutely, no taste whatsoever."

"It's beyond the normal stretch of moral ethics that we allow for these things," Bellow said.

A women's group on campus, The Witching Hour Collective, plans to send letters of protest to university officials as well as the Alberta Human Rights Commission and the Alberta Human Rights and Civil Liberties Association.

As well, the Edmonton Rape Crisis Center is forwarding a Godiva to the Edmonton Police Department to lodge an official complaint of obscenity.

University President Myer Horowitz and VP Academic George Baldwin refused to comment on the article after reading it.