

Govt. to bury waste

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The government has launched an all-out effort to solve the problem of permanent nuclear waste disposal by 1985, probably by burying lethal radioactive garbage deep underground.

This week the Energy Research and Development Administration is sending Congress a five-volume, 1,500-page analysis of various means for handling and storing atomic power plant wastes.

ERDA said a plan will be announced "in the near future" by the Energy Resources Council and public comment will be invited.

The task is not an easy one. Others have tried — and failed — to find acceptable solutions to the problem of atomic waste disposal since the birth of the nuclear age more than three decades ago.

Past proposals for nuclear waste disposal have included shooting radioactive debris to the sun aboard rockets and sealing atomic garbage in concrete pillars that would stand in the desert guarded by a perpetual "nuclear priesthood."

ERDA officials say their most promising method appears to be the solidification of wastes into insoluble ceramic blocks that would be buried forever in underground salt domes or abandoned salt mines.

Failure to find an acceptable means of getting rid of radioactive wastes could endanger hopes that nuclear power will play a major role in solving U.S. energy problems.

But ERDA chief Dr. Robert Seamans is optimistic his agency can have the first facilities available by 1985 "to isolate long-lived radioactive waste from man's environment for hundreds of thousands of years."

Pressure is mounting for a permanent disposal system for several reasons:

— Highly radioactive liquid wastes dating back to the early days of the U.S. nuclear weapons program that were put in steel and concrete containers for temporary storage are beginning to leak.

— There have been recent incidents where radioactivity from solid wastes buried in several sites seeped unexpectedly out of the immediate disposal area. Although generally low in radioactivity, they did contain traces of plutonium.

— The administration hopes to almost double the number of nuclear power plants during the next decade to help solve U.S. energy problems.

'In the Stall'—graffiti from Penn State

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Graffiti on the walls of men's rooms across Penn State have been recently published by a Penn State student.

"It's high time that some pertinent prose blessed these bathroom walls. Let us not scribble meaningless rhymes, but address the important issues of the day, on this potentially potent medium. Just think, what you write here might be discovered by some prestigious editor who happens to be defecating here."

This graffiti was found on a men's room wall at the Penn State Altoona campus — and was borrowed as a prelude to "In the Stall," an experimental alternative publication. Steve Moyer (5th-psychology), editor and publisher, distributed 250 copies of the first issue at gentle Thursday to test reader reactions. According to Moyer, reactions were positive.

"In The Stall" is a collection of graffiti found on the walls of men's rooms in Pattee Library and the HUB. Moyer explained the graffiti are "cute, clever, intelligent or profound" ponderings of Penn State students. Although Moyer only got to men's lavatories, he said he suspects female graffiti is similar.

U.S.-Turkey agreements shaky

Congress may kill defense pact

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Future defense pacts between the United States and Turkey will be virtually ruled out if the U.S. Congress rejects a \$1 billion defense agreement between the two NATO allies, Premier Suleyman Demirel said yesterday.

The 52-year-old premier also disclosed in an interview that the Soviet Union has pledged \$1 billion in easy-term credits to fund Turkish development and industrial projects.

Turkey, which lies on Russia's southern border, has been a key element in the American policy of containment of the Soviet Union since Cold War days.

The Turks have a standing army of half a million, largest among European NATO members, and 26 U.S. military electronic surveillance stations which monitor Soviet activities.

After Congress imposed an arms embargo 14 months ago, because American weapons were used in the 1974 Turkish invasion of Cyprus, Demirel turned toward the Soviet bloc for trade and economic cooperation. He stopped short of accepting Soviet weapons offers.

U.S. government analysts

Moyer, who is president of the Penn State Press Association of Commonwealth Campuses, first thought of printing a graffiti publication because "people never take time to read the writing on the wall."

On the first page of the publication he explains how he authentically duplicated what he found on the walls Spring Term. He not only copied down every initial remark, but every response to a remark.

Moyer said he found the most profound graffiti in the men's rooms in the Pattee stacks and believes this is because of the atmosphere of the stacks.

"People in the stacks have no one to talk to and a lot of time to think," he said.

Moyer termed most of the graffiti "intelligent," and said that the main reason the typical Penn State male would bother to write something on a restroom wall is the "need to be heard and understood — especially by his peers."

"In a large university like Penn State," Moyer said, "it's easy to get lost in the crowd and to feel insignificant." He said it makes the individual feel "special" having left his or her mark on campus, and if the writer hears or overhears someone responding jovially or seriously to his "work," he feels a sense of pride.

According to Moyer, the content of the graffiti in "In the Stall" carries recurring subject matter — the "hot issues," as Moyer calls them. These "issues" include sex, drugs, religion, the value of college, opinions concerning Penn State, and homosexuality.

Moyer said he sees the writing on the walls as a battleground of pro and con opinions. Nowhere else, he said, are students so actively involved in differing opinions. However gross or candid the remarks, Moyer said, they express "thinking" individuals.

Moyer, who says students should take graffiti as serious business, says he copied the statements down for "In The Stall" is to stir up an otherwise "complacent, apathetic" student body and to encourage Penn State students to "think as deeply as the students of the late 60's did — to stop and take a look at things."

"In The Stall", he said, is not intended as a tongue-in-cheek response. Though it may conjure up a chuckle or two, Moyer stressed the fact that his publication is an honest reproduction of what he saw, and demands serious thought and interpretation.

Many people might be offended by the publication's unedited frankness, particularly in regard to the biggest statements,

Moyer said, but they show what's on the minds of Penn State students. Much of the graffiti, he said, is simply funny, almost worthy of the Johnny Carson show. One of Moyer's favorites is a three-part sequence:

"Is there any intelligent life on this planet?"

"Yes, but I'm only visiting."

"Me too. I'm from the star Rigel here on Earth as part of a lab for a course studying 'Earthlings, aggressive behavior in primitive life forms 306.'"

Another sequence went like this: "Accept people for what they are — this isn't Nazi U.S.A."

"Oh yea?"

"We are not robots that are all the same."

"Although we are different in many ways we've got to live together!"

Another remark was "PSU is canceled this week due to apathy."

As Moyer states in his opening introduction, "Not all graffiti on the walls of bathrooms is profound, cutting, or even meaningful, on first sight. But all of it is an honest expression of the thoughts on the author's mind at that precise moment. He knew no eyes were watching him and he was free to write freely what was on his mind."

Knight murder trial jury selection set

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — Salvatore Soli, one of two men charged in the Dec. 7 slaying of newspaper heir John S. Knight III, goes on trial today for first-degree murder.

Jury selection is scheduled to begin this morning in the courtroom of Common Pleas Judge Robert W. Williams Jr., presiding judge.

Soli, 37, was arrested in Miami one week after the incident and charged with slaying Knight to death in his fashionable Center City apartment.

District Attorney F. Emmett Fitzpatrick, making a rare courtroom appearance, is expected to contend that Soli and two other men went to Knight's apartment with the intention

of robbing him and that Knight was stabbed to death during the holdup.

Police say Soli has admitted he was in the apartment with Steven Maleno and Isais (Pelix) Melendez at the time of the murder but claims Melendez killed Knight.

Maleno will be tried separately. Melendez' body was found on a New Jersey golf course shortly after the murder, and Soli and Maleno have both been charged in that slaying.

Knight, 30, was an editor at the Philadelphia Daily News and the grandson of John S. Knight, editorial chairman of Knight-Ridder Newspapers Inc., which owns both the Daily News and Philadelphia Inquirer.

disclosed that the foreign ministers of both countries would meet privately during a NATO ministerial conference in Oslo, May 19.

Diplomatic sources say the meeting could set up a summit between Demirel and Greek Premier Constantine Caramanlis. He did not dismiss a proposal by Caramanlis to sign a non-aggression pact.

Besides the Cyprus issue, Turkey and Greece have conflicting claims over exploration rights to the continental shelf in the Aegean Sea, control of air space in the area and the arming of Greek islands along the Turkish coast.

Turkey holds approximately 40 per cent of Cyprus with 28,000 troops. The July 1974 invasion was triggered by a Greek-led coup on the island which toppled President Makarios and temporarily replaced him with Nikos Sampson, a staunch supporter of "enosis" — meaning union with Greece.

At home, Demirel's shaky four-party coalition, which has a five vote margin in the national assembly, has been plagued by student unrest and a law and order problem.

W.Va. man arrested

A man was charged yesterday with drunken driving on campus.

Larry Lee Spickler, Weirton, W. Va., was apprehended at 5 a.m. by University police when he was observed driving west on the portion of Curtin Road that is barricaded.

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