

to the Municipal and Parochial Affairs Committee. Sour rejected that assignment. By threatening to kill multi-parish banking, Haimkel's coalition hoped to be able to bargain with Edwards for better committee appointments.

Seen many Harry Connick bumper stickers lately? You should. If the DA's campaign kickoff was a success, Connick mailed letters to friends and supporters in the metropolitan area last month urging them to participate in a June 2 blitz by distributing at least 25 bumper stickers each.



UTILITY WATCH

By RON RIDENHOUR

Pressure from Congressmen

Senator J. Bennett Johnston and "several" other, unnamed members of the Louisiana congressional delegation have been putting "heavy pressure" on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and senior members of its staff to expedite the licensing of Waterford 3. Johnston and members of his staff are both said to be calling members of the NRC staff daily and "harassing" them over the task force investigation of Waterford and berating them for "millions of dollars a day in additional costs" to Waterford caused by the NRC's "unnecessary delays." Johnston also wrote a letter to the NRC Commissioners using similar language. NRC personnel on the receiving end of these calls are said to regard Johnston's efforts as "official harassment." One source, quoting passages from Johnston's letter, called the senator's arm-twisting for LP&L "a clear violation" of the law governing the relationship between the NRC and con-

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gress. A series of doctrines outlined in what is called the Pillsbury case set the limits of congressional authority to influence NRC decisions: congressmen may inquire about the status of a particular nuclear power plant, but when they attempt to influence the commission's decisions about a particular plant they have gone beyond the pale. The pressure applied by Johnston, his staff and others is said to have gone far beyond the line. A Johnston spokesman in Washington denied the report when asked about it last week, insisting that there has been absolutely no contact between either Johnston or any members of his staff and the NRC concerning Waterford. *Gambit's* sources have since confirmed the Johnston-led pressure, insisting in turn that it goes far past the limits of propriety.

Whistle-blower Box Filled

NRC officials ordered LP&L to post a mailbox at Waterford to receive written whistle-blower complaints several months ago. The program is one the NRC has used successfully at several other plants recently and they ordered LP&L to give it a try at Waterford, accompanied by an effort to convince workers to use the box. When NRC inspectors recently asked LP&L how the program was going, according to a *Gambit* source, the utility was reportedly "dumbfounded." They had either never or seldom checked the box. When they did check it in response to the NRC's questions they found it stuffed with complaints. The NRC inspectors involved reportedly responded by saying they would block Waterford's licensing until LP&L follows up and resolves what they are calling a "big backlog of new allegations." An NRC spokesman at Waterford refused to deny the story, saying that he would call back with a response later.

Cost Overrun Battle

LP&L, its prime contractor, EBASCO Services, Inc., and the former instrumentation tubing contractor at Waterford, Mercury of Norwood, are locked in a battle over who will pay the cost overruns on Mercury's botched job at Waterford. Mercury's contract called for their work at the plant to be completed for less than \$7 million, but their cost sky-rocketed to more than \$50 million between 1978 and 1983. Now the three companies are in court fighting over whose fault it all is and, more immediately, who should have to pay for it. Most of the fighting so far has been procedural, arguing over whether to hold the

trial in Louisiana or New York and whether LP&L should have to provide Mercury with all the documents from Waterford it has asked for. LP&L is resisting, claiming that Mercury has asked for 850 tons of records, so many that it would take 42 18-wheelers to haul them all away.

Grand Gulf "Scandal"

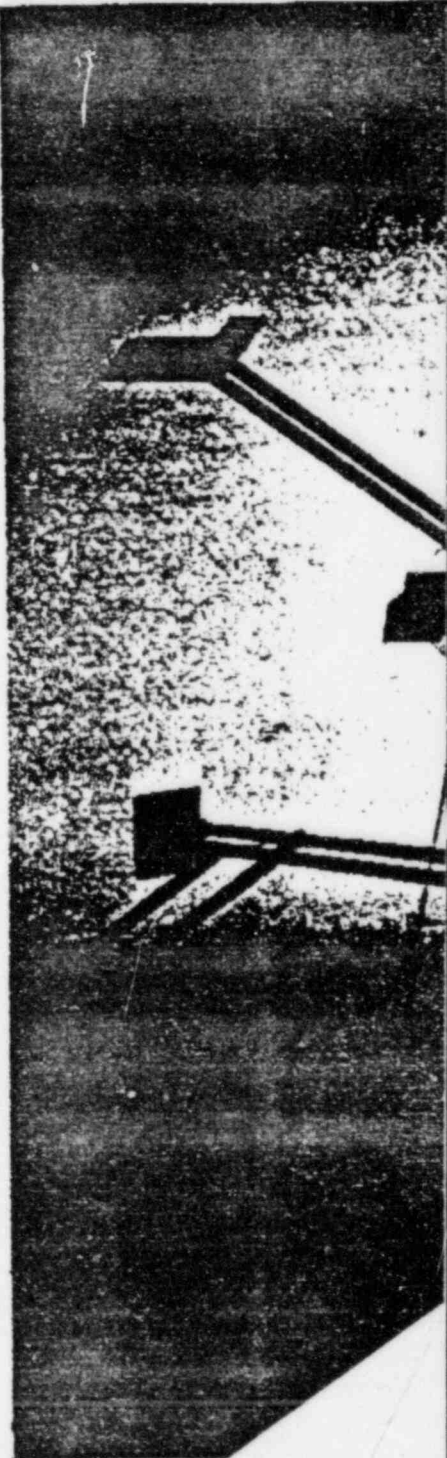
Washington insiders say the NRC staff's recent decision, backed up last week by a 3-2 NRC vote, to allow Mississippi Power and Light to continue operating Grand Gulf at low power while they dismantle one of the plant's two giant diesel emergency generators is a "scandal" that has the agency's congressional oversight committees scrambling. Emergency generators are considered to be one of the most important elements in a nuclear power plant's safety system. Under the NRC's traditional practice, when certain critical elements of a safety system go down a plant has always been ordered to shut down within 96 hours, all in the name of protecting the public health and safety. When Grand Gulf was allowed to stay open last week, however, the NRC staff's official position was that letting the plant stay open with half its safety power generation system inoperable was also in the interest of the public health and safety.

Commission Rushes to Judgement

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials are continuing in their rush to complete their work on Waterford. A public hearing, at which LP&L executives will be presented with some of the special Waterford Task Force's findings, is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Friday, June 8. As previously reported, senior NRC staff executives, apparently some NRC commissioners and certain members of the Louisiana congressional delegation have been exerting heavy pressure on the Waterford Task Force to make their report by June 8 to expedite fuel loading at the plant, a crucial step towards full power operation. According to some *Gambit* sources, the Friday morning meeting was originally planned to be a forum to "bless" the NRC's permission for LP&L to load fuel at Waterford. LP&L and Middle South Utilities executives have reportedly been orchestrating a major lobbying campaign in Washington to that end. Pressure from opponents of the move, however, may have

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forced NRC officials to back away from that ploy.

Gambit Story Rocks NRC

Last week's *Gambit* article on efforts within the NRC to squash the most serious findings of the Waterford Task Force rocked the NRC and unleashed a "witch hunt" within the agency, according to *Gambit*'s sources. Copies of the *Gambit* piece were reportedly tele-copied to Washington last Thursday night, May 31, and by mid-Friday had made their way to the desks of most top NRC officials. An emergency briefing was reportedly held in the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, the NRC office in overall charge of the task force investigation, the following Monday. NRC officials in charge of the investigation are reportedly worried that too much of the group's internal warring is being made public. *Gambit*'s sources claim that NRC executives are "desperate" to plug the leaks.



SMALL CHANGE

Reports & Observations
About Local Business

Plant Hiring Begins

SFE Technologies, the ceramic capacitor-manufacturing plant in eastern New Orleans, plans to hire several employees "almost weekly" so that it will have 150 to 200 by year's end. The high tech plant, which is receiving government tax breaks and on the job training programs, will have 600 to 700 employees in the next year or two, says Bill Wood, SFE general manager. He says pilot operations began three weeks ago and now require 75 employees, that new hiring will depend on equipment coming in, and that the state and city do not require the company to fulfill its employment goals for aid to continue.

cent Jax Brewery project, will not exceed the city's 55-foot height limit, even though it may have three or four floors.

Schwegmann's Opens a Bank

John F. Schwegmann, the grocery store magnate, and several Westbank businessmen have opened a full-scale commercial bank at 1801 West Bank Expressway, Harvey. Called First Interstate Bank & Trust, the bank is housed in the Norban Building, a Schwegmann's warehouse. Initial paid-in capital was \$3 million, according to Sebron Saeed, president and a director, formerly of Commercial Bank in Metairie, and First National Bank of Jefferson in 1973. He says the bank will serve a neighborhood function only and he says there are no immediate plans to open a branch elsewhere.

Bank officials include chairman Alvin J. Caillouet, Schwegmann's Giant Supermarkets comptroller, and directors Alvin Baumer, Jr., August R. Gallo, Jerry Norman, Charles A. Prechter II, David L. Stone, and John Schwegmann.

Fuddrucker's Comes to Town

Fuddrucker's, a "gourmet hamburger" chain based in San Antonio, plans to open a Central Business District outlet and four others in the New Orleans area. Louisiana franchisee Tom Nolan, of Baton Rouge, plans to open a Fuddrucker's at the corner of Natchez and Tchoupitoulas streets (a former label printing office) August 1 and one at Lapalco and Barataria boulevards July 1. One is already open in Baton Rouge, and outlets on Veterans Hwy. and on Williams Blvd. will follow. The \$3 million, 210-seat CBD project will have 12 luxury condominiums upstairs ready by late September. Nolan predicts \$5 million to \$6 million in business the first year, stimulated by promotions with local hotels and sales from Fuddrucker's own butcher and baker counters.

Knoxville's Misleading Statistics

Just because Knoxville had 11 million visitors, that doesn't mean that the World's Fair should have no trouble getting the 12 million paying visitors it needs to pay off its debts. Unlike New Orleans, Knoxville counted employees, season pass holders, and media people in its total attendance figure. Knoxville executive vice president and chief financial officer Charlie Swan guesses that at least ten percent of total attendance didn't pay to get in. Swan says Knoxville's advance publicity campaign began a year and a half before fair's opening and cost \$10 million. The New Orleans fair's initial advertising budget was \$5 million, and publicity began six months before the fair.

Plaza Gets a Name

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(Substance of article)

Saturday T/P 6/9/84

Headline [NRC: Waterford 3 has miles to go]

long list of problems

Denton "hope of early licensing is out the window"

Leddick "Can answer questions by end of month"

Eisenhut - will not lead fuel this month

Task force effort was to avoid unnecessary delays

Eisenhut - LPTL had info available to them

Eisenhut - Why should NRC have confidants in LPTL

Crutchfield Records problems

Gerde Problems similar to Zimmer

missing records are worse than knowing where the problems are. At least you can fix them if you know where they are. With missing records the plant's safety is determinate.

listed problems

especially Qualifications

NCR's

Crutchfield "Meeting might be held near N.O."

(article to be faxed up monday)

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WWL Channel 4 reported that Waterford would not get license before end of month and quoted Leddick as saying he expects to answer NRC's questions within a month. Eisenhut (I believe - based on Voice tape) was interviewed "in brief" on the air.

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