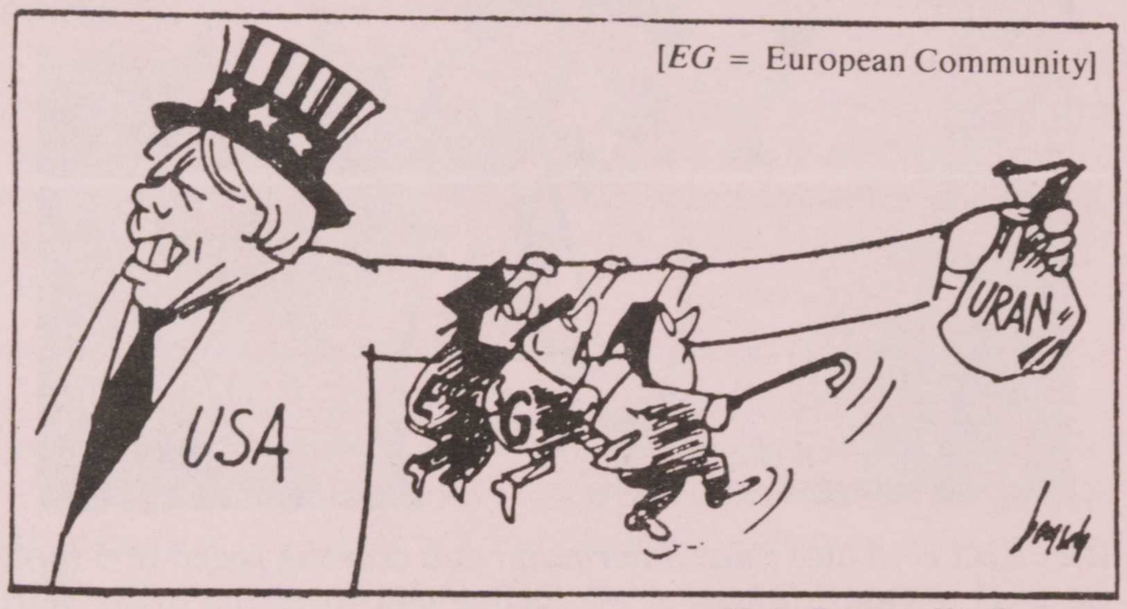
allegations that have long been refuted. Some of these are *Low-level radiation:* The controversy is about maximum levels permissible to workers (mostly in the weapons industry) who take a known and voluntary risk. Watch the figures: The US *public* may not get more than 5 mrem/year from a power plant (and usually gets only 0.01 mrem/year); it gets from 100 to 200 mrems/year from natural sources alone. There are places in Brazil and India where the natural background is 1500 mrems/year = 1.5 rems/year without harming the population. The median lethal dose is about 400 rems; presently permitted for nuclear workers on the job is 5 rems/year. *Mancuso Report:* Mancuso's collaborator Dr Stewart could not stand up to questioning by British Justice Parker, a layman, when confronted with the correction of her errors; the correction nullifies allegations of increased cancer rates at Hanford. *Reprocessing and waste disposal:* Over the frantic objections of the Carter administration, Britain, France, Germany and Japan are going



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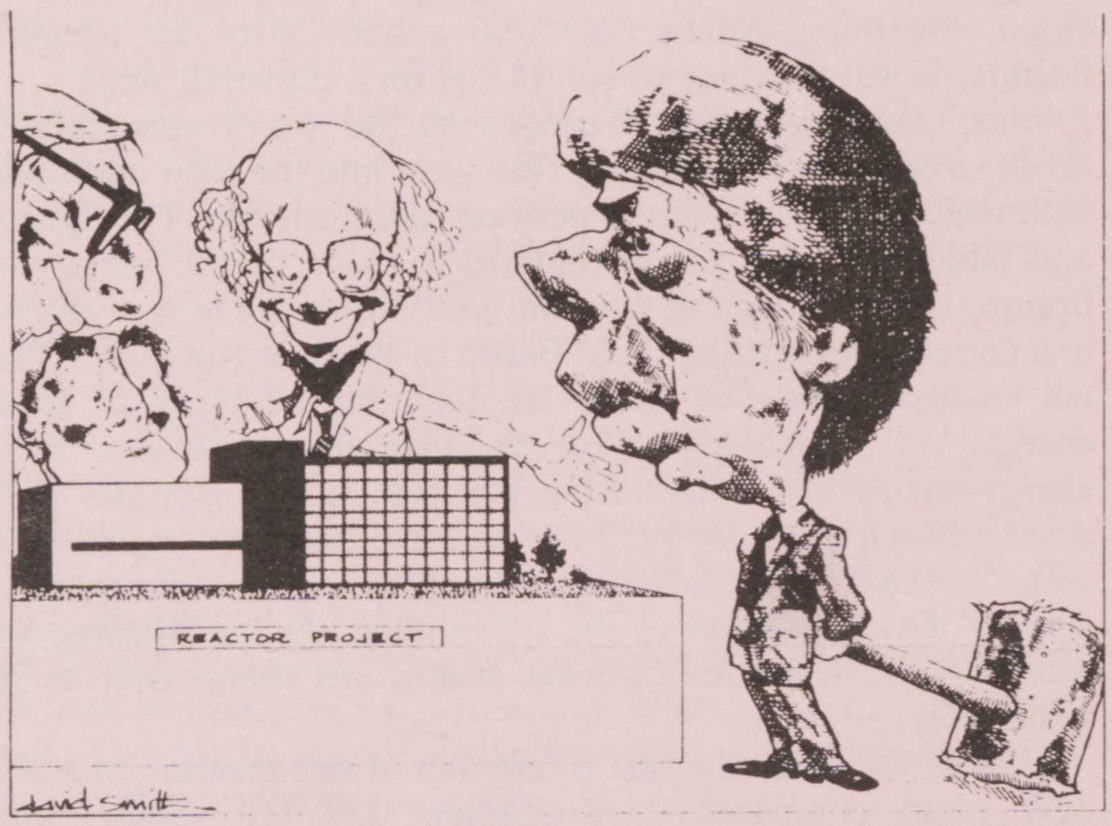

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ahead with both. France and Britain are already handling large reprocessing orders from other countries. The world's first plant for glassifying radioactive wastes went into operation on June 1 at Marcoule, France. A truly outstanding article on waste disposal by Sir John Hill appears in the May 78 issue of *Electronics and Power* (London), available at better engineering libraries.

• The Seabrook stop-go is a national and international disgrace. Congress can overrule the NRC which may have been intimidated by a mob of demonstrators. You can write to your Congressman; if he did nothing about this outrage, help throw him out in November. The anti-nuclear wreckers have spending budgets in the millions; the defenders do *not* get utility money. For a chronology of the Seabrook disgrace write Juliette Zivic, 30 Jonathan Lane, Bow, N.H. 03301, and if you can, include a check to *Americans for More Power Sources.*

• The US National Council of Churches is well known for its radical left politics; but its grotesquely biased resolution condemning nuclear power was thrown out by a working group of the even more radical World Council of Churches in Switzerland last May, mainly due to Third World delegates who have the deepest contempt for Western affluent ecologists. The NCC, which is trying again, is an organization very much worthy of your attention: See *Fraudulent Gospel*, $2 from Church League of America, 422 N. Prospect St., Wheaton, IL 60187.

• A complaint against NBC charging violation of the Fairness Doctrine in broadcasts regarding nuclear power and radioactive wastes is being filed by (so far) 6689 scientists, engineers and concerned citizens. To learn more and join the petitioners, write J.H. Bickel, 97 Hilltop Rd., Windsor, CT 06095.

GOOD READING

• "Coercion by many governments will undoubtedly be required to control population growth," says FoE President David Brower. Similar statements have been made by Paul Ehrlich and the late Heinrich Himmler. The noble idea of "There's too many of you others" is what unites the anti-growth, anti-energy, anti-technology crowd. Now the ever-fascinating Prof. Cesare Marchetti has published a brief study of how many people can live "beautifully" on the earth (and floating ocean cities) without overloading the environment. He does not look for what is *desirable*, but what is comfortably possible: *One trillion people!* Report RR-78-7, Interntnl. Inst. Appl. Analysis, 2361 Laxenburg, Austria; price unknown — try $2.50.

• *The Nuclear Challenge* by A. Wyatt is an excellent book for all who wish to understand the nuclear controversy. Specifically Canadian features (CANDU and some legal details) should certainly not dissuade US readers from buying this outstanding book. $7.45 postpaid from CNA, 65 Queen St. West, Suite 1120, Toronto, Ont., Canada M5H 2M5.

• *What attracts Intellectuals to Socialism?* Different Drummer booklet no.4 by P. Beckmann, just out. Reg. $2, *AtE* subscribers $1.50, Golem Press, Box 1342, Boulder, CO 80306.

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