

REMEMBER THE MXI

We hesitate to belabour the obvious, but past experience with the federal government suggests they occasionally fail to grasp basic elements of reality when planning major programs. A prime example was the failure to consider the Nuclear Winter side effects of their war planning for some forty years of scientific oversight.

We therefore rise to ask a simple question; where are they going to get the water for the construction and operation of the massive complex planned for the atomic trash of the nations power nukes?

If there were water within drilling depth on Yucca Mountain it would be too close for the stringent isolation requirements of the nuclear storage program, but if it isn't locally available where do they plan to steal it from, and how will they get it up there? The last time I looked there wasn't all that much water south of Goldfield, and what little there was was most precious to various ranches, towns and the ever thirsty politicians of Clark County, whose growth hopes are currently resting on the long shot discovery and development of an underground river in eastern Nevada.

We are reminded of the famous M.X. Missile, whose only recommendation was its shell game

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basins mode, featuring hardened concrete subways and hundreds of launch stations along the Nevada-Utah border area. That plan was scrapped after years of defense planning when someone noticed that mixing the concrete alone would use all the water west of the Great Salt Lake for most of ten years, leaving stockmen and Mormon farmers high and dry for the duration. Are the same planners plotting a water raid of some nature in Nevada?

UNSUBSTANTIATED RUMOR

The best view of Bullfrog County is:
a) from the back porch of the Lathrop Wells brothel.
b) in your rear view mirror.
c) the Potomac Basin

San Francisco's notorious Mitchell Brothers of public service pornography fame are reportedly interested in a possible Bullfrog Brothel and filming complex.

over in June of '86 for a vote at the next meeting, but the solons, apparently shy in the face of that fall's election, avoided going on record with a vote, and the matter has languished since that time.

Citizen Alert asked for both a vote and public testimony, threatening a walkout demonstration if their requests were denied, but Senator Hickey decided to open the meeting and future hearings to public input, and a vigorous discussion ensued. The committee refused action on the resolution still hanging fire, claiming that passing resolutions is beyond their province, and must be left to the legislature.

Testimony from the state geological studies indicated that the Lathrop Wells Cinder Cone, previously believed to be a benchmark for dating volcanic activity in the area may be less than a tenth as old as believed, dating back a mere twenty thousand years rather than the three hundred thousand years cited in prior reports by the Department of Energy.

A gorm consisting of Senator Hickey and Assemblyfolk Jeffrey, Scofield and Spriggs attended the hearing.



BULLFROG RESOLUTE

As its first official act the new County Commission has unanimously adopted a resolution opposing federal attempts to site the proposed nuclear waste repository for the entire nation at Yucca Mountain. The measure serves not only to notify the feds of the undying opposition of the county dads to such industrial growth in Bullfrog, but also moves to settle the question of whether the county is actually a mechanism for redistributing funds when and if the atomic trashheap is foisted on our state.

In his opening statement Chairman Mike Melner left little doubt that the county was dedicated to opposing the nuclear threat at all costs, and planned to begin that process with the first order of business following the election of officers. Following the

assignment of the vice chairmanship to David Powell, a Las Vegas native, and the secretaryship to Dorothy Eisenberg, formerly a south state activist for the League of Women Voters,

Melner made good on his pledge and the Resolution of opposition, detailing the complaints against the project, passed without opposition from either the voting members or the audience of interested Nevadans.

In other business, the commissioners heard from Lincoln County, who presented the results of the several surveys and studies done by inter government planets in the rural southern reaches of the silver state, none of which were conclusive or definitive in their recommendations.

RENO NUKE WASTE HEARING

Senator Tom Hickey of Las Vegas brought the legislature's traveling road show on High Level Nuclear Waste to Reno this week. The agenda called for only U.S. Department of Energy types and state agency personnel to testify on current siting programs and how they stand in Washington, but Citizen Alert, the Nevada anti nuclear activist network planned a protest.

Prime complaint was the lack of opportunity for Nevada citizens to testify against the siting, and a reminder to the committee of its still unfulfilled promise of June, last year, to vote up or down on a resolution of opposition to the waste dump for consideration by the whole legislature. The matter was put

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MINERS FILE RECORDER SOUGHT

Among the first orders of county business at the historic first meeting of the Bullfrog Commission was an unsubstantiated report that one or more mining claims have been filed within the county boundaries, but have as yet gone unrecorded, the county being without the services of a Recorder.

Mike Melner, by now Chairman of the Commission, indicated that he would arrange for some sort of probably part time help to be hired, and a short discussion of whether to look for a Clerk/Recorder or simply a Recorder ensued. The decision taken to seek only a Recorder at this time was passed unanimously, as may be expected on most such mundane matters.

Applicants may contact Melner at the temporary county offices adjacent to his law practice in Reno.

FROG WARS?

BULLFROG MILITARIZATION URGEGD. *Call For Nevada Guard*

Speaking at the first meeting of the newly enabled Bullfrog County Commission, Bob Fulkerson, anti nuclear activist and sometime candidate for the state senate, called on Governor Bryan to order the Nevada National Guard into the newly formed county to begin fortifying it against an expected incursion of federal forces bent on dumping atomic waste in violation of a number of laws, both state and national. Since his suggestion came during the public testimony segment of the meeting little action beyond possibly agendizing the matter

for future consideration was taken, although the prospect of sending our weekend warriors south to build revetments and command bunkers in our own mountains instead of those in remote Honduras seems at least plausible.

One does wonder, however, what pulling an overnite pass to Lathrop Wells or Injun Springs will do for the morale of the silver state's last line of defense.

*Why does the Bullfrog cross the road?
"What road?"*

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REID BUYS TIME

Filibuster Threat Site Selection Delayed

In a bitter battle over acceleration of at least temporary nuclear waste storage siting with Louisiana's Senator Bennet Williams(?), Nevada's Harry Reid won a victory after threatening to tie the senate up in a floor fight and filibuster on the Bayou democrat's bill to speed up selection and begin work before the turn of the decade. With the Senate already tied in knots by a variety of bills because conservative threats of delay Reid was able to force a probe of the site selection process and postponement of selection until that study is complete.

The divergence between Reids opposition to siting in Nevada and Chic Hecht's more accommodating attitude towards turrning Bullfrog County into the nations nuclear septic tank closely mirrors the schism between Bullfrog and Nye county attitudes on the question, and promises to become a factor in future election races, both locally and statewide if Governor Bryan challenges Hecht for the Senate seat as expected.

EDITORIAL HARD-CASE HARRY FOR BULLFROG D.A.

Nye County having finally mustered its meager legal resources and filed suit in the neighboring Esmeralda Courts it would seem a propitious time for the appointment of a District Attorney to serve as barrister for Bullfrog in our time of trials and travail. Although the new county is wholly and solely a creature of the state, it would seem less than fair to ask Brian McKay, our Attorney General and a Republican to boot, to tie himself or some senior state esquire to the historic Goldfield Courthouse over each and every one of the thirty seven petty fogging complaints associated with the defense of our fledgling county.

Surely the legal representation for Bullfrog should be selected not merely for his legal brilliance and experience, but a certain dedication to the fight against federal folly as well, and while our Attorney General is highly dedicated to his office, his enthusiasm for the Bullfrog maneuver during the last session of the legislature and after has been lukewarm at best.

Now, when it comes to federal law, a healthy distrust of both motive and method is to be cherished among the qualifications of counsel, along with expertise in the federal venue, and I suggest that one man in Nevada combines these qualities to an unmatched degree in these times, and that man is Harry Claiborne. No other member of our illustrious Nevada Bar shares his unique perspective on matters federal, though rumour among the strike force fringes suggest that several aspire to just such a viewpoint.

Having paid his debt to society for three vicious misdemeanor tax filing fouls by serving more federal time than most dope smugglers, Harry Claiborne is once again ready to assume the mantle of public trust, and where better than Bullfrog County, in whose lack of public we all trust.

Besides his extensive experience on the District Court for Las Vegas and environs, Harry Claiborne would bring to Bullfrog a vast knowledge of the Silver State's political structure and solid connections within the Democratic Party machinery which will be essential to the county's ongoing legal and legislative battles to come.

A man for all reasons, and currently at liberty to accept legal employment, Harry Claiborne should be the governor's next appointment to the growing Bullfrog oligarchy, and leave the feds chew that one over.