

Nuke quality control satisfies NCR official

WASHINGTON — Construction standards at the South Texas Nuclear Project are high despite alleged death threats and assaults against conscientious quality control inspectors, a Nuclear Regulatory Commission official insisted Thursday.

But Karl Seyfrit, director of NRC region IV in Arlington, Texas, said surprise NRC inspections of South Texas Project work have been made since charges of a breakdown in quality control began surfacing.

The project, underway in a sparsely settled area 30 miles from Bay City, Texas, will have two 1,000-megawatt Westinghouse reac-

tors to provide electricity for Austin, Houston and San Antonio.

A former quality control supervisor for Brown & Root, the firm building the project, said in a CBS television interview Thursday his inspectors were pressured to approve shoddy work.

Dan Swayze said tensions between inspectors and construction foremen passed the point of harassment and verbal abuse in July 1977 when a concerned inspector tried to halt a concrete pouring. He said his life was threatened and one inspector was assaulted and hospitalized.

"All of the inspectors decided obviously they wanted us to do exactly nothing but fill papers out," he told

CBS. "We took a vote. We started filling paper out and we did it for five months."

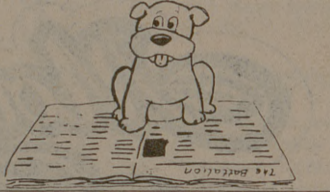
Swayze said the inspectors then just played cards and signed whatever inspection certificates the construction teams demanded.

Seyfrit told UPI he was not alerted to the problem within Brown & Root until last March when a "phone call said one of the construction people had punched out one of the inspectors."

NRC inspectors found no evidence company quality control lapsed for a five-month period and none of the nine Brown & Root employees they interviewed supported Swayze's claims, he said.

Seyfrit said construction quality is no worse than at the average nuclear site.

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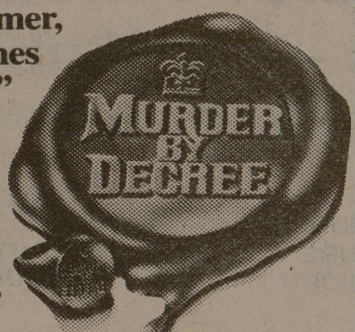
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"CHINA SYNDROME": Will be shown at 8 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium. Jane Fonda, Jack Lemmon and Michael Douglas star in this film about an accident at a nuclear power plant. (PG)

NAVAL MINIATURES: The Gromets of the MSC Recreation Committee will play this and other games beginning at 7 p.m. in MSC 224. They will also play Saturday and Sunday.

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY, WANDA JUNE": Theater Arts will present Kurt Vonnegut's play at 8 p.m. in Rudder Forum. Tickets, available at the door, are \$2 for students and \$3 for non-students.

"EYES OF LAURA MARS": Will be shown at midnight in Rudder Theater. Faye Dunaway and Tommy Lee Jones star in this murder mystery centered in the world of high fashion. (R)

BOARD DEADLINE: Today is the last day to pay the second installment board payment. The amount is \$170.30 for the 7-day plan and \$152.45 for the 5-day plan. Pay at the Fiscal Office, Coke Building or Rudder Cashier's Office.

FLORICULTURE-ORNAMENTAL-HORTICULTURE CLUB: Will have a party with all the beer you can drink at 8 p.m. at the Brazos Center. Dennis Ivy & The Waymen will play. Tickets are \$3, and available from club members or at the door.

BASEMENT COFFEEHOUSE: "The Bee's Knees," a Dallas-based band, and Baylis & Schulte are featured at 8 p.m.

Saturday

FARON EVANS & BRANDED: Will give a benefit concert from 3 p.m. until dark in the parking lot next to Pasta's Pizza. Proceeds will benefit the Brazos County American Cancer Society. Beer will be 50 cents.

SOCCER CLUB: A&M's extramural team will play its first home game against Rice at 2 p.m. in the field adjacent to Wofford Cain Hall.

SOCIETY OF IRANIAN STUDENTS: Will meet at 6:30 p.m. in Rudder 401.

Sunday

RELIGIOUS COUNCIL: Will meet at 3 p.m. in the meditation room at All Faiths Chapel. All recognized religious student organizations should send a delegate.

AUTOCROSS: The Texas A&M Sports Car Club will sponsor a Gymkana, a timed test of driving ability, in the Zachry parking lot. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

LEBANESE STUDENT SOCIETY: Will meet at 8 p.m. in Rudder 504.

BIRD WATCHERS: The Brazos Ornithological Society will sponsor a search for the Pileated Woodpecker and other migrant water birds at Camp Creek, beginning at 9 a.m. To get to Camp Creek, take Highway 6 north to OSR, turn right, drive 25-30 miles to FM 1940. Turn left at the "Camp Creek" sign and go about 10 miles to the north entrance of the camp and follow the dirt-gravel road to lot 38. Bring a sack lunch.

"MURDER BY DECREE": The Sherlock Holmes mystery film starring James Mason and Donald Sutherland will be shown in Rudder Theater at 8 p.m. (PG)

Same color background helps recall

STEPHENVILLE — A psychologist at Tarleton State University has a tip for teachers who like to use audio-visuals in the classroom.

Students will recall more if the information presented on a slide with a red background today is given with the same color background and in the same context the next time it's shown, says Dr. Robert Newby

of the Education and Psychology department.

Tarleton State is a part of the Texas A&M University System.

Newby's findings are part of a broader overall study of recognition and recall he is conducting on the 3,400-student campus. Results were reported to the American Psychological Association in New York.

Newby switched red and white backgrounds with TSU students who volunteered for the two-month project. He found more remembered information on a slide the second time it was on the same color background. Less is recalled if colors change.

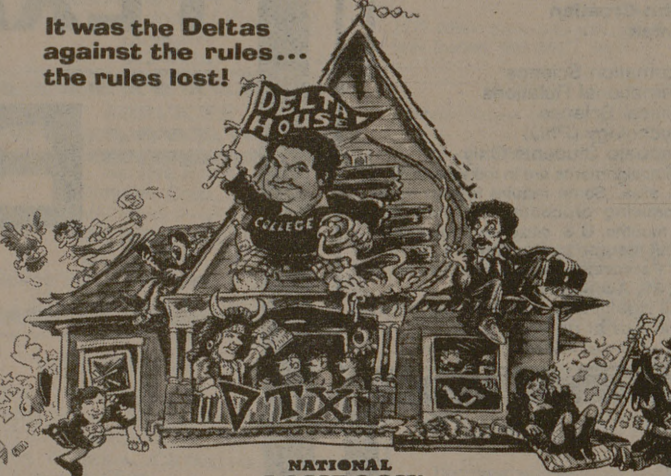
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