

## GE Stockholders' Alliance

GE stockholders who are concerned about the staggering cost of nuclear power and the technology that may destroy the human environment are invited to join the GE Stockholders' Alliance Against Nuclear Power/Nuclear Weapons. Formed in 1980. the Stockholders' Alliance is pro-GE and open to all GE stockholders. The purpose of the alliance is to help minimize the liabilities inherent in much of GE's nuclear businesses, and to challenge the morality of GE's involvement in a technology that poisons the environment and has the potential to destroy all life on earth.

GE is a leading manufacturer-worldwide-of the boiling water-reactor, the design of which requires discharging rather than storing gaseous nuclear fission products that are continuously generated. GE is also a leading contractor with the Department of Defense, involved in research, development and production of nuclear weapons components and delivery systems (some of which are first strike weapons systems). Health researchers now attribute a number of health problems (such as higher immune deficiency and higher rates of infant mortality, congenital birth defects, death from cancer and heart disease) to nuclear radiation. No safe method has yet been proven for the permanent disposal of radioactive wastes which have been generated for over 40 years. The myth of nuclear deterrance has provided rationale for an arms race that is out of control.

Members of the Stockholders' Alliance are sponsors of four proposals on these nuclear issue that will be considered at the April 23 GE annual meeting at Kansas City, Missouri.

For information about Alliance membership or to obtain copies of the proposals, write to GE Stockholders' Alliance, P.O. Box 966, Columbia, MD 21044, or call Chair. Patricia T. Birnie at (301) 730-0178.

### For filmmakers

New Day Films is seeking new films and film-makers, particularly minority, handicapped, gay and lesbian filmmakers. New Day started in 1972 as a distribution cooperative of feminist filmmakers and then expanded to include films on a broad range of social issues. Interested filmmakers must be committed to self-distribution, have an ability to work cooperatively, and be willing to invest their own time and financial resources in the marketing of their film. Initial inquiries should be made immediately in writing to Kathy Kline, at 617 West End Ave., #9A, N.Y., N.Y., 10024. Completed applications are due by May 1, 1986.

### **Essay** contest

The Council on International and Public Affairs has announced an essay contest on universal capital ownership with prizes of \$5,000, \$2,500, and \$1,000. The prizes are being donated by Stuart M. Speiser, an international lawyer from New York and author of several books on universal capitalism, including the recently published USOP Handbook.

Essays may be of any length up to 5,000 words. They should address the topic:

Devise a plan for spreading ownership of America's productive assets broadly among the people, and reviving the economy, without confiscation or increased taxation.

The deadline is December 31, 1986. A detailed announcement, entry form, and contest rules may be secured by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to the USOP Essay Contest, Council on International and Public Affairs, 777 United Nations Plaza, New York, New York 10017.

### Morton's boycott

The Campaign for a Nuclear Free America has started a national boycott of Morton Salt. Morton is made by Morton Thiokel, the folks who didn't



want the shuttle to blast off, but who less timid about their other contributions to rocketry which includes rocket motors and solid fueld for the Midgetman, Minuteman, MX, Poseidon and Trident. It is also a prime contractor for anti-satellite weapons and Star Wars and gets almost half of its revenue from the Pentagon. As Morton CEO Charles Locke said last November: "We are part of the defense establishment and proud of it."

The Campaign for a Nuclear America points out that salt boycotts have an honorable provenance. Gandhi's Salt March inspired millions of Indians to rise up against British rule. In our own civil war, the north refused to buy salt mined by slave labor in the south. Morton is the largest salt producer in the world, with subsidiaries in 24 countries including South Africa.

There are, however, many alternatives including most major store brands (except Acme, A&P, Grand Union, IGA, Red 'n White, and Stop 'N Shop which are also made by Morton.

To find out more about the Morton boycott, contact Nuclear Free America, 325 East 25th Street, Baltimore, Md. 21218. To let Morton know what you think you can write Charles Locke, Chairman, 110 N. Wacker, Chicago, Ill 60606 or call Morton Customer Service at 1-800-828-6702.

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# Echoes of Vietnam?

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The ouster of President Ferdinand Marcos conjures up memories of the ouster of South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem in 1963. It also calls to mind the warnings of an old African parable.

One day as the frog had to make an urgent trip across the river, a scorpion pleaded for a ride across. "I'd be crazy to have anything to do with so venomous a creature as you," the frog blurted out. But the scorpion promised not to sting the frog, pointing out that it would only kill the scorpion as well, and the frog decided the scorpion's logic made sense. Then, at midstream, the scorpion suddenly stung the frog. As both were drowning, "Why did you do the frog gasped: The scorpion responded, "I couldn't help it. It's my nature."

The Philippines are currently going through what may turn out to be the most significant political transition in their history. The United States is bringing its immense influence to bear to guide



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