

## BRD Atomic Power Shut Down By U.S. 'Experts'

The Freiburg Administrative Court in West Germany has nullified a two-year old construction permit for a planned nuclear power station at Wyhl on the Rhine. The decision marks the first time anywhere in Europe that a court of law has nullified such a nuclear construction permit.

The court decision was largely based on testimony from two United States "experts" who were flown in to influence the proceedings at the last minute by the West German Burger-Initiative environmentalist group, the same group responsible for major occupations of nuclear construction sites. The testimony was given by Ernest Sternglass and Robert Pollard, both involved with the Natural Resources Defense Council of Washington, D.C. The NRDC has emerged in recent months as the primary immediate link between U.S. and European anti-nuclear operations. These are being financed by the Rockefeller family through the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, the Kaplan Fund and the Ford Foundation. Laurance Rockefeller, the brother who handles the family's "environmental" concerns, runs the NRDC board of directors.

Sternglass and Pollard succeeded in persuading the local court to call for "safety design" criteria not applied anywhere else in the world in order to make the Wyhl reactor "burst-proof." The court's gullibility, a dangerous international precedent, makes mandatory expensive "fail-safe" features, including construction of a whole outer reactor shell to contain the existing reactor plant. The costs of such a precaution are prohibitive.

A spokesman for the Wyhl construction contractor, the

same Kraftwerke Union (KWU) whose contract to provide Brazil with a full range of nuclear capacity has come under attack from the Carter Administration, called the judge's decision "difficult to understand." The KWU spokesman asserted that the likelihood of any "burst" was so remote as to make the environmental risk less than that of commonly accepted industrial installations like oil refineries.

### *All in the Family*

Ernest Sternglass, a radio-biologist at the University of Pittsburgh who travels around the U.S. claiming that nuclear plants cause cancer, is the laughing-stock of his own colleagues. Sternglass has used brazenly manipulated statistical data to make his predictions. The Wyhl witness Robert Pollard, and Greg Minor and Richard Hubbard, who have been brought in to testify at a second reactor case at Grafenrheinfeld, West Germany, all operate out of the Cambridge, Massachusetts Union of Concerned Scientists, an anti-nuclear operation set up in 1970 by McGeorge Bundy's Ford Foundation. Minor and Hubbard made headlines last year when they dramatically quit their engineering jobs at General Electric saying they now felt nuclear power was "unsafe." It subsequently came out that both Minor and Hubbard have undergone "attack therapy" sessions in a quasi-religious "consciousness-raising" cult in California called the Creative Initiatives Foundation. This outfit has received Rockefeller funds, laundered through Ralph Nader, to elicit their participation in last year's unsuccessful California anti-nuclear referendum campaign.