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Thousands to March on Lansing to Stop Nuclear Power Oct. 21

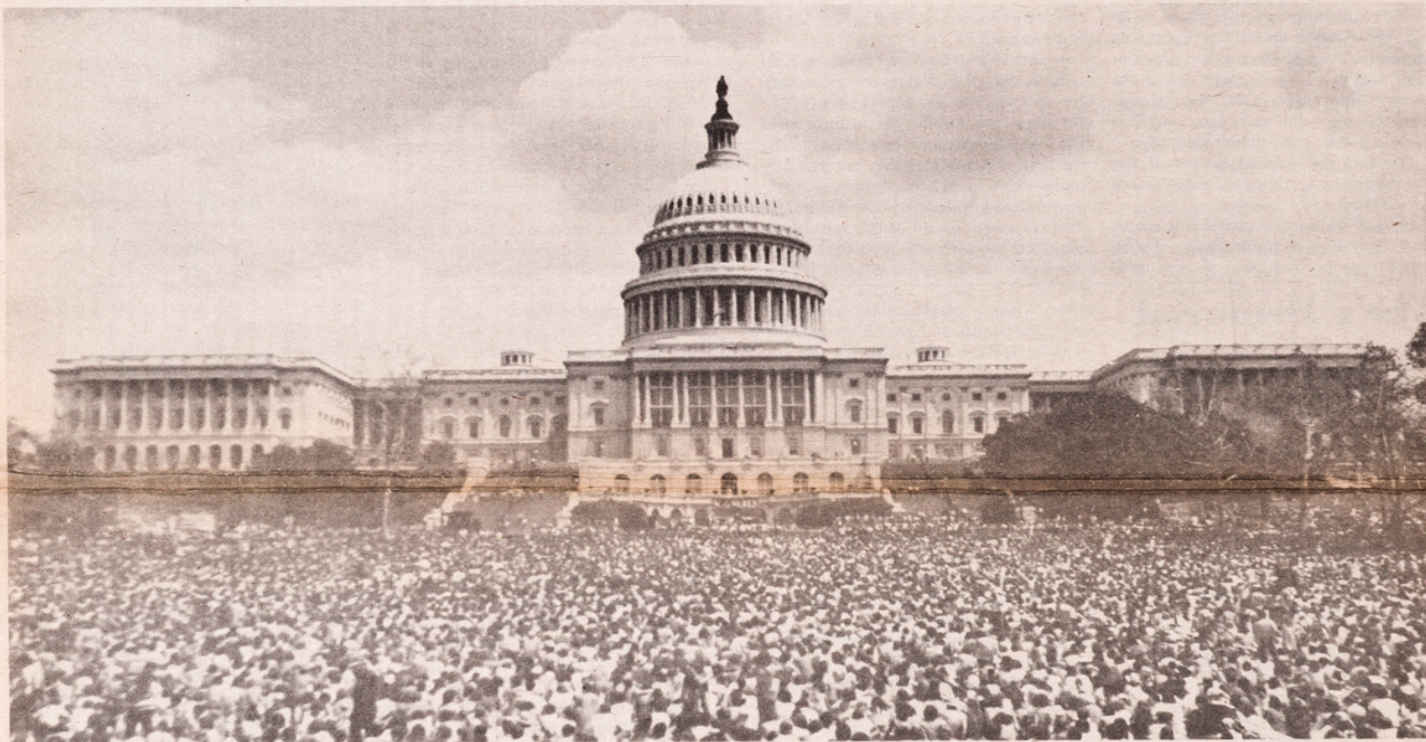


Photo by Tim Manych

May 6, 1979: 120,000 demand "No Nukes!" in D.C.

Massive statewide protest at Capitol

"Shut 'em down—NOW!" will be the cry of thousands of people on the Capitol steps in Lansing on October 21 as they participate in what could be one of the largest demonstrations in Michigan history.

Organized by over 30 groups and hundreds of individuals, this massive, statewide march will be, in the words of one of the organizers, "a direct and powerful message to the politicians in Lansing: 'Stop destroying our state with your nuclear madness!'"

The "March for a Non-Nuclear Michigan" will begin at 1:00 p.m. in Riverfront Park across the street from Lansing Community College in downtown Lansing. From there it will proceed one mile to the Capitol building where there will be a two to three hour demonstration. After the demonstration there will be a break for people to eat (a "whole food" picnic is being planned) and at 7:00 p.m. Holly Near will perform in a concert at the Lansing Civic Center with a portion of the proceeds going to the Michigan

anti-nuke movement.

A number of noted speakers from around the state will address the demonstrators and various musicians will also perform.

A major focus of the demonstration will be the kick off of a rate strike campaign and the announcement of a massive civil disobedience action to take place next spring.

Persons participating in the march will be asked to sign a pledge card which states that when 1000 other people sign the card, all 1000 will withhold part or all of their utility bill. This would create a serious financial problem for Consumers Power or Detroit Edison and would be getting at them where it hurts the most.

Demonstrators are also encouraged to bring their utility bills or stubs for a symbolic burning that will take place mid-way through the rally.

Permits have been obtained from the city of Lansing and the State Capitol for use of the grounds. Like all past anti-nuclear demonstrations, the

October 21 march will be peaceful and non-violent.

The largest anti-nuclear demonstration in Michigan to date took place on April 21 of this year when nearly 6000 people marched for five miles in the rain in Midland to protest the construction of the twin reactor plants. Another 2000 participated in a rally against the Fermi II plant near Monroe on June 2. Over 100 groups in Michigan have adopted an anti-nuclear position.

The "Nuclear Michigan" in which we live includes four operating plants (Charlevoix, South Haven and 2 in Bridgeman), three under construction (one near Monroe and two in Midland), two being planned (between Imlay City and Port Huron) and one that sits dead (Fermi I, which had a partial core meltdown in 1966). There are also three Air Force bases in Michigan which store nuclear weapons (Mt. Clemens, Oscoda and Marquette) and a factory in Sterling Heights that

will build the missile for the neutron bomb.

Other nuclear hazards in the state include the transportation of nuclear waste on I-75 and I-94, experimental reactors at the University of Michigan and Michigan State University, uranium mining exploration in the Upper Peninsula by Kerr-McGee, and the proposed Seafarer/ELF system, also slated for the U.P.

Many groups around the state are organizing buses and car pools to go to the demonstration. Their phone numbers are listed on the back page. Further information can be obtained by calling the Huron Alliance at 313-742-1230.

All persons who are concerned about the future of our environment, who are angry about the rip-offs of Consumers and Edison and who wish to live in a safe and sane world are encouraged to participate in this massive statewide March on Lansing, Sunday, October 21.