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19 MR. LAWSON: Our next speaker is Slim Sirnes --

20 is it Sirnes or Sirnes?

21 MR. SIRNES: Sirnes. Translation roughly

22 Norwegian is to land's end.

23 Anyway, I also write a newspaper column. Mostly

24 it's nonsense, but I have a lot of fun with it, and this is

25 basically excerpts out of the column that will be appearing

1 this coming Friday at fifty cents a copy. I'll take
2 subscriptions now.
3 Anyway, on Monday the DOE will be holding Yucca
4 Mountain public hearing here in Goldfield as it has and is
5 doing all over the State.
6 The public, me and you, have a chance at these
7 hearings to make our feelings known and on record and the DOE's
8 response to questions also on record.
1 9 I have a few. The first being after seeing some
10 of the pictures put out by the DOE we clearly show the path of
11 groundwater passing under Yucca Mountain with all its
12 geological faults and eventually passing to the inhabitants of
13 Amargosa Valley and being in an earthquake zone, why are you
14 doing this?
2 15 The picture also shows the storage of waste in
16 what they claim are foolproof metal containers that will last
17 thousands of years. Maybe they will, but now comes the
18 question: Who's going to load these canisters and will
19 Murphy's Law no longer be valu -- valid?
20 Just recently in Japan workers making a mistake
21 in a uranium processing plant achieved through accidents a
22 chain reaction. Hey, it took us with a lot of sharp scientists
23 many years and much money before scientists were able to get a
24 chain reaction under what they thought were controlled
25 circumstances back there in Chicago, and look how that led to

1 our present mess.

2 They achieved their chain reaction and they also

3 made one heck of a mess with no provisions on how to clean up

4 the mess afterward.

3 5 Now we're being asked to place our children's

6 futures in the hands of some what at first will be highly paid

7 hourly personnel, and as time goes by, these positions will be

8 held by untrained people.

9 We had a dynamite plant explosion up to near Reno

10 blow up that makes my point. These guys are darn good workers,

11 but hey, they were interested in producing dynamite and

12 eventually they had accidents. Some of the poor kids didn't

13 even read English.

14 When explosive plants and steam boilers of

15 yesteryear, there was damage and loss of life, but the effects

16 of these incidents didn't linger on for thousands of years.

17 We won't be around to see if the pushers of Yucca

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18 Mountain are right, but our descendants will be.

19 Eventually a solution for nuclear waste will have

20 already accumulated and will be found, and until it's found,

21 why are we producing more of it everyday?

22 Eventually circumstances will force the

23 generators of these wastes to find safe ways of disposing it,

24 but in the meantime, if we provide a place for them to put what

25 they've done now, heck, they're just going to make more of it.

1 Another thing that's getting a lot of publicity
4 2 is how is this waste going to be transported passed by where?
3 There is not even any answers to this. One bumper sticker I
4 saw read "No rolling Chernobyls. Give our children a chance."
5 I will be at the hearing making my views heard.
6 Maybe a few others will be, and I am also involved with the
5 7 Goldfield Hotel, and if I was a banker, would I want to invest
8 money in a site that would have nuclear waste passing by?
9 Heck, I'd look at it twice before -- why should I take a chance
10 on having my guests looking out seeing all those wastes
11 haulers?
12 I guess I've drizzered on long enough. Thank you
13 for your time.
14 MR. LAWSON: Thank you very much. Appreciate
15 it.
16 And the last person that I have on my list at the
17 present time is Mr. Walker again.
18 Is there anybody else that would like to speak
19 after Mr. Walker.
20 MR. WALKER: Or anybody that would like to speak
21 before Mr. Walker.
22 MR. LAWSON: Sir. Okay. If you could give your
23 name -- do you have the gentleman's name at the registration?
24 MR. BELANGER: No, I don't.
25 MR. LAWSON: If you could give him the name

1 while Mr. Walker is speaking, I'll call on you next.

2 MR. HOWLAND: Charles Howland.

3 MR. LAWSON: Okay. Mr. Howland. Thank you very

4 much.

5 Mr. Walker, please.

18 MR. SIRNES: I goofed. I didn't finish one

19 important point.

20 My own personal recommendations and I hope this

6 21 is the recommendations of a lot of other people, I think we

22 ought to go on the no -- no action scenario where the waste is

23 stored on-site, and this would further my point that hey, if

24 this waste keeps piling up, the safe way will be found to

25 dispose of it rather than burying it.

1 That's -- I goofed. I didn't add that on my last

2 part. Thank you.

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