Port debate leaves each side at bay

by ROGER VINCENT

The Morro Bay City Council refused to take any decisive action on the proposed Standard Oil superport following a hearing Monday night.

In a marathon session before a standing room only crowd in the Morro Bay Veterans Hall, the city council heard testimony from representatives of opposing factions in the superport controversy along with comments from the general public. Discussion was punctuated throughout by hooting, whistling, stomping and sign waving from an audience apparently predominantly anti-Standard Oil.

The council's final decision was a 2-2 vote to postpone approval of the monobuoy system until an environmental impact report is submitted by the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors sometime in February.

Although the only part of the proposed project falling under the jurisdiction of Morro Bay would be a 500 to 800 foot section of pipeline, the city council's opinion on the matter is considered significant by other agencies involved in deciding whether or not Standard Oil will receive the conditional use permit it has applied for to expand its Estero Bay facilities.

Standard Oil of California (SoCal) representatives Steve Knox and Julie "Mayer outlined the Standard plan for unloading supertankers here. SoCal wants to construct a monobuoy 3 miles offshore on Estero Bay to unload 400,000-ton tankers, too large to unload anywhere on the West Coast.

Knox explained the monobuoy as a 40-foot diameter disk buoys located 15 feet out from any water in which tankers would moor only their bow lines. "This factor allows a ship to continually head into prevailing weather or current," Knox explained.

"Oil would be discharged from two houses floating on the ocean surface through the monobuoy and into an underwater pipeline to shore.

Included in the proposal is a 6.4 million barrel capacity tank farm to be hidden in the hill behind the bay; an upgraded water treatment plant to cleanse up to 1.5 million gallons of oily ballast water, tank drains and storm water a day; and the construction of a pipeline to Standard's Richmond refinery.

According to Standard Oil, a West Coast port for supertankers would contribute to meeting future demands for crude in this state and a pipeline to Richmond would equalise refinery demands in Northern and Southern California.

Knox and Mayer emphasized improved safety conditions in a monobuoy system but detailed an improved safety conditions in an emergency oil spill plan involving a major ocean-going skimmer stationed in the immediate area and containment and cleanup forces from all over the state on call within 24 hours.

An estimated 1.5 million dollar in property tax revenue would actually end up in the county coffers if the port were finished, according to Standard Oil sources.

Speaking for the opposition to the superport was Eugene Blanton, chairman of the Don't Ruin Our Coast Committee (DROC).

"It is an economic need for Standard Oil," he said, "not the citizens of the Central Coast who would be hurt if it were to be built." Blanton cited safety factors and cost issues.

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Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Network (771 Higuera St.).

Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Marsh St. and Balboa's Market in the University Square Shopping Center.

In the San Luis Obispo city election there are eight candidates for two vacancies on the City Council and two commanders for the office of Mayor.

There are 11 contenders for three vacancies on the Cuesta College Board of Trustees at the San Luis Obispo County School Board Election.

The last day to register to vote in the March 4 election is Feb. 2.

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The incident would be the third known collision in which a large tanker was involved. The first occurred in the North Atlantic in 1960 and the second in the Mediterranean in 1962.

(2) Despite several years of loss of funds against a university because of the absence of philosophy of TO's, and President Kennedy took no action against anyone. He requested the offices of the student aid activities as they would not be in violation of the law and to require their conduct to be good citizens in their own neighborhoods.

(3) The Kentucky Council on Education has published a report on President Kennedy's proposed anti-poverty program which would be held on campus.

The government has "done ever so much worse." A report to the Consumer Price Index would also be heavy. A 14-cent-a-gallon hike would boost the already-inflated inflation index.

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President Richard M. Nixon will not be charged for any portion of his estate which was involved in the Watergate scandal.

President Ford's request for a $1.5 billion loan, the largest in the country, would come from the U.S. government.

A United Nations' report on the situation in the Middle East indicates that the United States should take a more active role in resolving the conflict.

The three major parties in the United States, the Democratic, the Republican, and the Independent, are all involved in the campaign. Despite the fact that the Democrats have a slight edge in the polls, the Republicans are expected to make a strong showing in the election.

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The zoo view
Caged Misery

Someone told me, It's all happened at The Zoo. It's all happened at The Zoo.
I do believe it. I do believe it's true.
Well, it's all happening at the Atascadero Lake Park Zoo. There a captive display is waiting for the viewer interested in observing the entire range of emotions—from the fixated mooning of the badger to the nervous pacing of the coyote.

There a visitor can watch the Golden Eagle whimper when the Turkey Vulture lands too close, or see a little girl bang the Cyclone fence around the monkey's pen in an attempt to get him to perform. But perhaps one of the more interesting sentiments is that one which puts the animal behind bars in the first place.

The zoo is run by the Ban Lula Obispo County Zoological Society, financed by some county money. The rest of the budget is raised by a dedicated core of the membership through rummage sales and contributions.

The driving emotion of the members is love and rests on the belief that there is nothing wrong with penning up animals for the pleasure of people. They work hard at raising money to uplift the quality of life for animals.

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Blood bank seeks donors

The mobile unit of the Tri-County blood bank will be in San Luis Obispo on Wednesday, Jan. 18 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Monday Club, 131 Monterey St. Residents who wish to donate blood for no particular purpose or persons who start their own accounts and designate the blood for themselves, their families or friends as needed, are welcome at the Tri-County blood bank said.

Those wishing to donate blood may call 949-3999 for an appointment.

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Center advises future lawyers

A pro-law advisement center has been established on campus to assist Cal Poly students interested in attending law school.

Located in Room 217 of the Business Administration and Educational Building, the center was created by instructors Paul Dempsey, Dan Bertol and Bob Houghton through an organized and authoritative advisement to students.

Previously, according to Dempsey, students were left to their own devices or received only haphazard advice in preparing for law school.

"I was averaging two people a week seeking information," said Dempsey, "and between the three of us we felt there was a real need for such a center."

The center was formalized in Nov., 1974, and last December Cal Poly students took the Legal Scholarical Aptitude Test, an examination required for admission into law school.

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On winning and losing

Now that the Minnesota Vikings have indefinitely exiled themselves into sports history by losing their third straight Super Bowl, I can imagine the comments that must be emanating around the country. "The Vikings can't win the big one. They're chokers."

The fact is, intelligent people are among those who'll be making such statements. People who are smart enough to know better.

The Vikings' worst loss record since Bud Grant became coach is better than 70 per cent. In that time the Vikings have won the National Football Conference title three times and were second on at least one other occasion. Five times in six years they've won their division.

"Not winning the one big one has earned Vikings loser label," Bob Cox #13 said to the Associated Press sportswriters Wednesday.

"Winning isn't everything. Making the effort to win is."

I guess you can trace this kind of thinking back to the Puritans of early America, who believed pursuing success was one sure way to bask in God's glory. They were probably right. But it can be carried too far.

You didn't see them commit suicide when the crops failed, or the Indians struck. They just cleaned up the mess and started over again.

A lot of people quote Vince Lombardi, the great coach of the Green Bay Packers during their dynasty years, at saying: "Winning isn't everything. It's the only thing."

What Lombardi actually said was: "Winning isn't everything. Making the effort to win is." Unfortunately the previous quotation is the most often heard one.

The results of type of thinking show up even in our political processes. Remember 1970? The members of the House of Representatives re-elected the President had one goal: Win at any cost.

Pump-priming fight against recession prepared by Ford

Ford President William Clay Ford Jr. laid 100 workers off Thursday, said he would operate his $18 billion or more than 800 plants in the U.S. and abroad with less than 80,000 employees.

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