

Edison Using Low Sulfur Fuel at Redondo Station

County Supervisors have been notified by the Air Pollution Control District that a significant reduction in the use of smog-causing high-sulfur fuel oil is planned by the Southern California Edison Co.

According to Supervisor Burton W. Chace, the company has notified the Board of Supervisors it plans to end or drastically reduce the use of such oils in three beach city power installations.

The plants are in Redondo Beach, Los Alamitos, and El Segundo.

THE BOARD received a report from Louis J. Fuller, air pollution control officer, Tuesday. Fuller said that Edison has withdrawn its applications for burning the high-sulfur oil at the Redondo Beach and Los Alamitos plants because low-sulfur fuel has been made available.

"Edison reports that its Re-

dondo Beach and Los Alamitos installations can meet the standards set by the Air Pollution Control District through use of low-sulfur oil now available and through effective control devices," Chace said.

The APCD regulations govern the degree of pollution which legally can be emitted by industries. A firm must conform to the regulations or seek a variance from the APCD.

unusually cold this winter, there will be no high-sulfur oil burned as fuel at the Redondo power plant, and the only high-sulfur fuel burned at the Alamitos plant will be controlled by a \$2 million device designed to present a visible plume or fallout," Chace said.

The only Edison plant in the county where the burning of high-sulfur oil will create visible emissions this winter is at El Segundo, but the use of the smog-creating fuel will be 500,000 barrels less than last year.

"By winter of 1968-69, the El Segundo plant is expected to operate without burning any high-sulfur oil," Chace reported. "This will bring the entire Edison system into compliance with APCD rules and eliminate the need for variances."

THE ACHIEVEMENT climaxes many years of effort and the expenditure by Edison of millions of dollars.

"The Southern California Edison Co. is to be commended for its persistent efforts

to bring this matter to a successful end," Chace said. He also credited Standard Oil Company of California for its work in solving difficult delivery problems which confronted the shipments of low-sulfur fuel for Edison.

Also coming in for credit was the Pacific Lighting group, which increased the natural gas supplies available to the power plants.

"The pollution from steam power plants burning high-sulfur fuel oil has been the largest stationary source of pollution in the Los Angeles Basin," Fuller told the supervisors in his report.

"The solution of the greatest portion of Edison Co.'s problem is a great advance in air pollution control," Fuller concluded.

The Mail Ego

By Terrence O'Flaherty

"I am so confused with the number of characters. I just returned from a trip and there are so many new people I'm lost. Am I the only one who has this trouble?"

No. Even the people on the show have complained. Every so often they issue a list of the characters so the writers, producers, and actors will know who is doing what and to whom.

"What has become of Fred Astaire? We miss his dancing and his style and his infectious grin."

Astaire doesn't dance quite

as much as he once did but he will be seen soon on a TV special he is filming this month in Hollywood. At 67 years of age you can't blame him for tapering off a bit.

"Why are so many religious movies made about Catholics and so few about Protestants?"

The dramatic elements in the Catholic services and dress lend themselves more readily to the theatrical demands of the movie medium. The late movie czar Louis B. Mayer was aware of the lack of balance and for years had a standing offer for a good movie script involving a Protestant minister.

"We were surprised to see Burt Lancaster in 'The Leopard' on TV because he had never heard of the movie. It set us to wondering what he is doing now."

Lancaster's newest project is "The Gypsy Moths," an MGM movie about the newest sport — skydiving. "The Leopard," based on a lengthy novel of the same name, was filmed in Sicily in 1964. It was one of the most beautiful color films ever made but the absence of cowboys, private eyes and murder kept it from becoming a big box office hit.

"Why do foreign movies seem much more interesting and unusual than the ones from Hollywood?"

In other countries film-making is a director's medium and the movies bear the stamp of his individuality. Lower production costs make it possible to produce a movie which appeals to a smaller audience looking for unusual themes. In the past, Hollywood films were usually produced by a committee of executives who assured a return for their investment by appealing to a mass audience. However times are changing and Hollywood's new young film makers are starting to turn out films which are unusual and stamped with the personality of the directors who created them. And they are attracting a large enough audience to make them profitable.

"Are any of the regular TV series actually performed on a stage before a live audience?"

Only three. "The Mothers-in-Law," "Good Morning World," and "The Lucy Show." The action is filmed by three cameras running simultaneously. Later the film is edited into close-ups and long shots. The audience sits on bleachers behind the cameras on a TV sound stage. Most TV shows are shot like feature movies, with a single camera and no audience. The live technique was introduced by "I Love Lucy" and results in spontaneous audience laughter instead of a laugh machine; although, between you and me, if the audience isn't spontaneous enough, later they add a quick shot of hilarity from the machine.

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