

Silenced For Challenging The Nuclear Industry?



Karen Silkwood

Born: 1946

Died Mysteriously: Nov. 13, 1974



Ernesto Nazareno

Born: 1954

Disappeared: June 14, 1978

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Karen Silkwood and many of her co-workers at the Kerr-McGee nuclear fuel plant near Crescent, Oklahoma, were contaminated by plutonium. She worked feverishly to expose the company's negligence.

As Silkwood drove to a meeting with a New York Times reporter with evidence that Kerr-McGee was falsifying records, she died in a crash that is still shrouded in mystery.

Ernesto Nazareno was a worker at the Philippine Nuclear Power Plant being built by the Westinghouse Electric Corporation in Bataan, the Philippines.

The plant construction has wiped out farmlands and fishponds in Nazareno's town. The local people are also worried about the hazards of radiation and thermal pollution from the plant. The reactor is plagued with design problems and is located in an earthquake zone near 4 active volcanoes.

Ernesto Nazareno was arrested on March 3, 1978, by the Philippine Constabulary, who accused him of organizing workers at the nuclear power plant. He was interrogated and tortured.

Nazareno was released on May 3, provided a report periodically to military officials at a nearby camp. When he did so on June 14,

1978, he disappeared, and has not been seen or heard from since.

Nazareno is feared to be the first "salvage" victim of the power plant. ("Salvaging" is the unreported kidnapping, torture and murder of suspected dissidents, a tactic resorted to by the Marcos dictatorship to eliminate the evidence of political prisoners and torture.)

Karen Silkwood and Ernesto Nazareno have fallen in the struggle against unsafe nuclear power. We can pick up their banner by opposing nuclear power here and the export of nuclear power abroad.

November 30 will be an International Day of Protest against the Westinghouse reactor export to the Philippines. Join us then and broaden the struggle!

- * Stop the Export of Nuclear Power to the Philippines!
- * Investigate the Whereabouts of Ernesto Nazareno and Secure his Immediate Release!
- * Stop the Cover-Up of Evidence in the Karen Silkwood Case!
- * Stop Nuclear Power in the U.S.; Stop Nuclear Exports!

November 30: International Day of Protest Against Westinghouse Nuclear Reactor in the Philippines

Demand Congressional Action: *to investigate Silkwood death
*to stop export of Westinghouse nuclear reactor to the Philippines
Write Senators Edward Kennedy and Paul Tsongas, U.S. Senate,
Washington, D.C. 20510

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