thoughts of Chairman Ray
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"A nuclear power plant is infinitely safer than eating because 300 people choke to death on food every year." Portland Oregonian, October 29, 1975.

"Despite the Crabshells or whatever they are called, work at the Satsep nuclear plant will go forward. In spite of the Skagitonians against it -- all five of them -- plans for a nuclear plant at Sedro Woolley will go forward."
Regarding the arrival of the first tanker at Cherry Point with Alaska oil, "Some people are certain it is coming only to spill oil in Rosario Strait. Oil is precious. We will take good care of it."

"Petroleum is a natural substance, so it will not have an impact on marine life." Seattle Times, August 5, 1977.

"To plan for a future with less energy than will be needed is nonsense."

Regarding the shipment of oil, "Knowledge increases as risks increase. Life is a compromise. We are so consumed with the idea of perfection that we can totally price ourselves out of the things we need." Seattle P-I, August 12, 1977.

"I would like to re-emphasize that a top priority of this administration is open government. Open government to the people of this state includes the press." Seattle P-I, August 23, 1977.

"I wish they (the Olympia press corps) would grow up."


"Let me say that I do not believe there should be a state government land use plan that would mandate that certain things happen in local communities. What you are talking about is socialism, socialism."

When asked if she were willing to meet with environmentalists to open a dialogue with those she calls "people-haters", "On what?"

If leaders of the Washington Environmental Council, who asked to talk to her in January 1977 but never got an audience, would ask again, would she talk to them? "I think it would be much more appropriate for them to meet with the Department of Ecology because that's the department that carries out environmental policy."
Regarding wilderness and national park lands in the state, "There needs to be a line drawn somewhere on how much land will be locked up. When is enough?" Seattle P-I, September 25, 1977.

Regarding federal legislation to keep an oil superport out of Puget Sound, "The federal government has usurped the right of this state's citizens to control their own economic and environmental matters. The lack of public hearings and adequate public forums for public debate and consideration of the Senate amendment denied the citizens of this state and other interested parties a voice in that decision." Seattle P-I, October 6, 1977.

"It seems to me that our senior senator has set himself up as being a dictator for the state, and I have to oppose that," Seattle P-I, October 8, 1977.

"Washington's five wilderness areas could produce 40 billion board feet of commercial timber if they were placed in intelligent multiple-use management,"

"A careful and quite critical look should proceed further wilderness withdrawals."

"In the future, are we going to put more land into a perpetual lockdown or make it available for intelligent management and multiple-use?"

"The debate over forest management pits emotionalism against common sense conservation and multiple-use," Seattle P-I, December 1, 1977.

"There's nothing that tugs on the heart-strings like a few mallards with oil on their wings."

"Regarding U.S. Forest Service purchase of private lands within wilderness boundaries, "I am against usurping private land. This is not federal encroachment. It's downright interference," Time, December 12, 1977.

"The actions of those who want to create more wilderness are based primarily on ignorance and sentimentality." Seattle Times, December 17, 1977.

Three days before leading a caravan of seven gas-guzzling Winnebagos from Olympia to Pasadena, "The fun and games are over." Seattle P-I, December 27, 1977.

(The double-dactyl is a difficult and rigid art form popularized by Seattle Post-Intelligencer columnist Emmett Watson. It has certain inflexible rules, requiring six syllables in all lines but the fourth and eighth, which have four and which must also rhyme. The antepenultimate line must also be a six syllable single word, which may be coined or hyphenated. The following examples are deemed to be a bit too raunchy for Mr. Watson's latest double-dactyl contest.)

Higgledy Piggledy
Cougar Lakes Wilderness.
Dixy Lee Ray says don't.
Look it away.
Save it for motorbikes,
Fourwheeldrivegeeseaters,
Loggers and those who'd make
Wilderness pay.

Washington, Washington!
Warren G. Magnuson,
Oil in the Sound be vowed
There'd be No Way!
Quicker than you can say
Cerasapantula, *
Maggie the Mighty
Smote ARCO and Ray,
* High School Latin for Cherry Point