

## Power Co. Razes Protest Huts Of Niigata N-Plant Opponents

KASHIWAZAKI, Niigata Pref. (Kyodo) — In a predawn surprise operation, Tokyo Electric Power Co. removed two structures local residents had been using as fortresses in a campaign against the construction here of a nuclear power plant the company is promoting.

The operation was conducted

as about 1,000 riot police stood guard in drizzle, but no major trouble occurred.

The electric power company took the forcible action after it had obtained approval from the Niigata District Court's Nagaoka branch to do so.

Taking notice of the movement, some 400 opponents assembled at the two structures

called "Solidarity Hut" and "Beach Teahouse" they had built at the site of the proposed nuclear power plant in Kashiwazaki. They sat inside in an attempt to prevent the removal of the structures.

But police evicted all of the sit-in protesters one by one before workers hired by the company pulled down the structures.

The work to clear away the structures was completed shortly after 9 a.m. The removal of the two huts that had been the fortresses of the nuclear power opponents will facilitate the construction of Tokyo Electric Power Co.'s Kashiwazaki plant.

The electric power company filed a suit with the Nagaoka branch of the Niigata District Court last May for an injunction to remove the two huts, saying that they hindered the construction of the nuclear power plant. The structures were built by nuclear power protesters around 1975.

The court decision on the injunction was delayed until Monday by the delaying tactics of the project's opponents.

The company announced in September 1969 its plan to construct a nuclear power plant in Kashiwazaki facing the Sea of Japan.

Work on building the first reactor of the plant with an output capacity of 1.1 million kilowatts was started in August 1979.

The plant eventually will have seven reactors with a total output capacity of some 8 million kilowatts.

An official of Tokyo Electric Power Co. in charge of the plant said he was relieved that the huts had been removed.

He said there is now a clear outlook for starting test operations at the plant in the autumn of 1984, although work has been delayed for nearly a year because of the court tactics of the opponents.



Workers hired by Tokyo Electric Power Co. Thursday remove the "Beach Teahouse" one of the two structures local residents had been using as their strongholds in a campaign against the construction of a nuclear power plant in Kashiwazaki, Niigata Prefecture.