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# Trailer City NEWS

## PRESIDENT CARTER: CAN'T ABANDON NUCLEAR POWER

The New York Times reports this morning that President Carter said yesterday that it was not possible to "abandon" nuclear power in the foreseeable future and that a "bureaucratic nightmare or maze of red tape" would not contribute to more safety at nuclear reactors.

## RADIATION TESTS FIND NORMAL LEVELS

Scores of people who live in homes or on farms near the Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station received free radiation tests yesterday and were told that the radiation levels in their bodies were normal. A biologist for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission said "We don't expect to see any significant levels at all." By mid-afternoon Tuesday when a dozen persons had been tested, he said, there were no abnormal readings.

## A MESSAGE FROM HOME

The office of the Trailer City News received several calls yesterday from the wives of TMI employees asking that we include the following message in today's edition:

To: All Metropolitan Edison Employees Working On Three Mile Island  
in Unit 1 and Unit 2 -- Our sincerest thanks to each and every one  
of you for the magnificent job you have done and for being there  
when the people of Pennsylvania really needed you. We really care.  
Your Families Thank You.

## ON THE POSITIVE SIDE

A story in yesterday's Wall Street Journal headlined, NUCLEAR POWER PLANT IN NEW JERSEY IS STILL A WELCOME BELEAGUER TO RESIDENTS, tells us that most people in Lacey Township, home of the Oyster Creek Plant are in favor of nuclear energy in general and Oyster Creek in particular. One resident even had this to say, "Jersey Central Power & Light can build two or three more if they like."

## TODAY IS AN ANNIVERSARY

It was two weeks ago today at 4 o'clock in the morning that the now famous accident occurred at TMI - the occurrence that was to bring us all to this site and that give rise to TMI Trailer City.

## TRAILER CITY TOUR

These familiar faces you saw today were Met-Ed division and district managers who toured Trailer City. There were also area mill managers with them.

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#### ACCOUNT NUMBERS

Met-Ed support employees will use the following account numbers:

Payroll - B 3925 plus your normal 4-digit Department COFFC number  
plus 524.3

Purchases, Miscellaneous Expenses - B 3925 6012 524.1

Construction, Trailer Moves - B 3925 6012 524.1

Any questions about account numbers, contact Charlie O'Neill, Trailer #13.

#### OFFICE SUPPLIES

If you need office supplies, contact Trailer #1, Ext. 110 or 255-6855.  
For any other materials or equipment, call Ken Enney at TMI-2944-4041, Ext. 224.

#### CPU STOCK WAS LAST WEEK'S VOLUME LEADER

With approximately 3.5 million shares of stock traded during the past week, General Public Utilities Corporation was the most heavily traded of the 2,123 issues listed on the New York Stock Exchange. The Company was also the daily leader in four of the five days for the past week, missing out only on Monday when the stock's trading was suspended. The stock's price varied during the week from a high of 15-1/8 to a low of 13-1/8, and closed at the end of the week at 14. Closing price of GPU common stock on the day before the TMI-2 accident was 17-7/8.

#### OYSTER CREEK ONE OF SAFEST IN NATION

An article in the New York Times said a study by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection showed the Oyster Creek Station to be safer than average. The study was made by Peter R. Davis of Idaho Falls, Idaho, a nuclear engineer. In his study of the Oyster Creek facility, Mr. Davis concluded that the original design was such that chances were 1 in 100 that the reactor would have a severe accident during its 30 year life. Since his study, a manually operated safety system has been replaced by an automatic system and the Oyster Creek plant is now considered to be one of the safest in the nation.

#### LOST ---

Year 100 KV Substation. Black 3-ring binder notebook with name Jim O'Hearn on cover. Contact Jim at MP Trailer #24.

#### CHURCH NEWS -- ILLINOIS

We apologize for the absence today of the church listings we promised yesterday; however, we have put our top reporter on the assignment and will try our best to include Easter Sunday services at local area churches in tomorrow's edition.

POCI FOR THE DAY

Chili and Eggs for Breakfast  
Chili and Franks for Lunch  
Chili and Chicken for dinner  
Man, oh Chili I sure ate a bunch

ON-SITE VENDOR ORDERS

For any on-site vendor equipment orders, call the Catalytic switchboard Ext. 214, 272, 273.

TRAILER MOVES

Any personnel vacating or transferring from a trailer should keep Rick Ulrich updated -- Trailer 13 -- Ext. 158.

TRAILER CITY #2

Trailer City #2 currently is being installed on the Island.

PERMANENT KITCHEN

Trailer City's permanent kitchen, adjacent to the mess tent, is almost finished.

UNUSED VEHICLES

Persons having keys to vehicles they no longer are using, please return them to the Transportation staff in Trailer #1, or call Ext. 110 to let them know of your vehicle's availability.

NEW VAN

Another van arrived from Baltimore yesterday. It's being equipped with a radio before being put into service. This should improve our service to and from the hotels.

INSURERS ESTIMATE THI DAMAGE AT \$140 MILLION

Burt C. Treen, president of American Nuclear Insurers, a pool of about 100 publicly owned insurance companies who are participating in the insurance program for THI, released a preliminary estimate of \$140 million for damage to the insured property at THI-2. That is well below the \$300 million property coverage supplied by the insurers.

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