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# TRAILER CITY NEWS

## CONSTRUCTION PROBLEMS

In yesterday's Trailer City News, we began our coverage of the reactor site, and in the course of our report on the discovery, we stated that at this time it would have a limited impact on the previous food air should have read, it would appear at this time to have minimal impact upon the "peas" farm. Sorry.

## THURNBURG TESTIFIES

Pennsylvania Gov. Richard Thornburgh told a Senate Subcommittee in Washington yesterday that "Our problems at the TMI site were compounded by loose talk of a massive evacuation, confusion over how many hydrogen bubbles were in the reactor, and, eventually, that celebrated Saturday night bulletin on an imminent "explosion" - all of which seemed to originate from sources who had yet to set foot in Pennsylvania, to say nothing of the plant itself."

Thornburgh also suggested that American nuclear power plants should be staffed by federally trained, on-site executives to deal with crisis situations.

## STATE LEGISLATURE DEBATES NUCLEAR

Legislation which would allow the state to impose a moratorium on the construction of new nuclear power plants was approved for floor action yesterday by a Senate Committee. The bill would not affect plants already under construction in the state. The same committee also cleared a bill that would restrict the abilities of nuclear utilities to pass on nuclear accident-related costs to customers.

## NEW PLANT SCHEDULES DISCUSSED

The NRC is expected to decide Tuesday or Wednesday whether Babcock & Wilcox plants should be ordered to close temporarily, pending further safety studies.

## LET US KNOW WHEN YOU LEAVE

It is extremely important that all contractor and visiting personnel provide proper notification when they have totally completed their work at Three Mile Island so that all required employee information can be provided to both the individual and the NRC. To insure that this is properly completed, the immediate supervisor of each worker or visitor is therefore held directly responsible to insure that the individual stops at the South Gate before leaving the site on his final day. Thank you very much.

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## NO SPECIAL

At 10 P. M. tonight, the ABC network will air a special on TMI.

## NUCLEAR INSURANCE UPDATE

According to American Nuclear Insurers, Inc., a group of insurance companies insuring against nuclear accidents, a total of 3,100 claims were processed through April 23 for a total of \$1,151,929. The federal Price-Anderson act limits total liability for any nuclear accident to \$550 million.

## A MESSAGE TO SECRETARIES

This is National Secretaries Week and all of us at Trailer City want to take this opportunity to offer a huge vote of thanks to all those secretaries who have really pitched in the last three weeks to move the mountains of paperwork involved in the Recovery effort.

## HARRISBURG AREA WEATHER

Monday's weather column advised some rain gear for today and that advice still stands. This morning's cloudiness will be around all day, with a chance of scattered showers and highs from 65 to 70. Tuesday's high will be in the same range. Chance of rain Tuesday is 50 per cent and Tuesday night there's a 60 per cent chance.

## RETIREE STANDS BY NET-ED

A retired Net-Ed employee wrote in Tuesday's Reading Times, "...I have always been proud to have worked for a company that was greatly concerned about supplying adequate service for its customers." He continued, "Rates and prices are going up every day in all the necessities of life. Electric power costs more to produce, and still it is a reasonable commodity in comparison."

"Maybe too many take this convenience for granted, but one day we may flip a switch and the motor won't start, or the light won't light. Let's get behind our electric company, and support it as good reliable citizens should, while we are still having electric power at our disposal."

## REACTORS HISTORICAL, INCONSISTENT

A Wildlife reader wrote in Tuesday's Harrisburg Patriot that reaction to the TMI accident has been hysterical and inconsistent with reaction to tornadoes, floods, coal mine cave-ins, and smoking deaths. "The cry against nuclear energy, as a result of Three Mile Island, is a prime example of our inconsistency. The irony of it all is that, of the worst accidents that are the product of the technological age in which we live, or the result of the forces of nature, or man's unwillingness to abandon injurious behavioral habits, or his unwillingness to love his neighbor, we react hysterically to an accident that caused no physical injury to anyone."