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## Potential for nuclear explosion grows

Apr. 2, 1979

Harrisburg, Pa. -- Federal officials said Saturday night that the gas bubble inside the crippled nuclear reactor at Three Mile Island is showing signs of becoming potentially explosive, complicating decisions on whether to mount risky operations to remove the gas.

Officials said earlier that tens of thousands of people might have to be evacuated if engineers decided to try to remove the bubble, operations that could risk a meltdown of the reactor and the release of highly radioactive materials into the atmosphere.

But the Nuclear Regulatory Commission said Saturday night that it might be equally risky not to try the operation, because the bubble showed signs of gradually turning into a potentially explosive mixture that could wreck the already damaged reactor.

An explosion could release radioactive materials into the atmosphere or at worst, cause the reactor core to melt, releasing even greater radioactivity.

Metropolitan Edison Co., operator of the plant, said company experts were checking on the report.

NRC Chairman Joseph M. Hendrie said earlier at a news conference

in Washington that the evacuation of citizens within 10 to 20 miles downwind of the power plant was "certainly a possibility" as a precaution if technicians tried to force the bubble out of the reactor.

With low-level radioactive gases still beaming from the plant, Gov. Dick Thornburgh extended his advisory that pre-school children and pregnant women stay at least five miles from the plant. Experts have cited the vulnerability of fetuses and young children to radiation.

About 131,000 people live within five miles of the plant, and 250,000 live within 10 miles. Nearly 1 million people live in the four counties around the site.

An insurance company spokesman said that for the first time in U.S. history a claims office has been opened to handle damages from a nuclear accident.

## Sex Pistols breakup

Jan. 20, 1978

Johnny Rotten, lead singer of the punk rock Sex Pistols, has announced the break-up of the band.

Rotten cited non-violent American fans as a reason for the break-up, at the height of the band's American popularity.

## Guyana bodies back

May 2, 1979

Oakland, Calif. -- The bodies of nearly 300 People Temple members, who left the Bay Area to find paradise in the jungle, began arriving from the East Tuesday, borne in stacked steel coffins inside huge moving vans.

The first of five 44-foot-long vans pulled up to the Oakland Army Base mortuary at 6:28 a.m. The bodies were taken last week from Dover, Del. where they had lain unclaimed for five months.

Army employees began lifting the steel coffins, wrapped in cardboard and tied with twine, onto a loading dock at the mortuary. As three military policemen stood nearby, a bright, yellow fork lift truck then carried the coffins into the 32-year-old warehouse, one of two Army mortuaries in the country.

Stamped on the side of the cardboard wrappings in big green letters was "HANDLE WITH EXTREME CARE." Three of the trucks were expected to arrive Tuesday, with two more due Wednesday. All took different, secret routes across the nation to discourage publicity. A sixth van, carrying 46 bodies, was to arrive Tuesday at Fort McArthur near Los Angeles.

## UNL veterans: Vietnam no worse off after surrender to Communist North

May 1, 1975

By Martha Bohling and Randy Wright

South Vietnam has surrendered, but the South Vietnamese are no worse off for it, according to five UNL student veterans.

The five discussed their attitudes on U.S. involvement in the war in interviews Monday.

Bruce Drake, 25, a junior in industrial education, said he's certain the country will fall but said he believes it's too late for the United States to attempt any further involvement.

"At least under Communist rule they'll be happy," Drake said. "They couldn't function under a democracy. They've been under a kingship too long."

### Wasted Efforts

"It's ridiculous to waste our efforts when it's their country and they're not good enough to defend it," said junior Ken Chambers, 25.

"If we let them alone, they'll get along fine, no matter who they're under," he said.

President Thieu's resignation brought mixed reactions from the veterans.

Gary Bose, a 25-year-old sophomore, said the resignation was a loss for the South Vietnamese.

"He was the only source of inspiration the people had," he said. "As long as they had some kind of leader, they were okay."

## UNL Iranian students agree with takeover

Nov. 8, 1979

By Wayne Wrich

Iran's wishes to have the Shah returned to Iran for crimes against the state has the backing of three Iranian students at UNL.

The three students who wish to remain anonymous and the claim of the Shah's illness doesn't have anything to do with the crimes he committed while in Iran.

A group of Iranian students have taken over the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and are holding about 60 U.S. citizens hostage demanding the return of the Shah.

Shah, but the U.S. State Department has denied the request.

Iran has requested that one of their own doctors examine the Shah, but the State Department has denied the request.

The three students who wish to remain anonymous said the claim of the Shah's illness doesn't have anything to do with the crimes he committed while in Iran.

The students holding the 60 American hostages threatened to kill them if the U.S. government attempts to rescue them.

In a broadcast message the demonstrators said, "Any military or non-military attempt by the U.S.

or its agents in Iran to free the American spies held as hostages in their embassy will cause their immediate execution.

When asked about this, one of the UNL Iranian students said the take over of the embassy was just an attempt to get the Shah back. "If it comes down to it, I don't think they will kill the hostages," he said.

The student said the takeover was just part of the game. "It was just propaganda. In a week or so they will release the hostages and it will all be forgotten," he said.

The students said the recent resignation of Prime Minister Medhi Bazargan was because of the inner turmoil of the Iranian leadership.

"The Iranian Council is made up of many different classes of people and the Prime Minister is from a higher class, so he had trouble agreeing with the council," they said.

Hassan Tabatabai, an official of the premier's office in Tehran said Bazargan resigned because of Khomeini's escalating anti-American campaign.

Tehran radio said Wednesday that Khomeini will not receive two special envoys sent by President

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