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Potential for nuclear explosion grows

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 May 2, 1979 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.

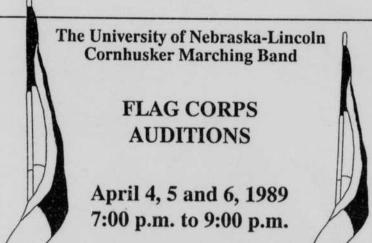
About 131,000 people live within five miles of the plant, and 250,000 live within 10 miles. Nearly 1 million people live in the four counties around the site.

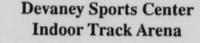
An insurance company spokesman said that for the first time in U.S. history a claims office has been opened to handle damages from a nuclear accident.

Sex Pistols breakup Jan. 20, 1978

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

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Guyana **bodies** back

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 mili-tary policemen stood nearby, a bright, yellow fork lift truck then carried the coffins into the 32-yearold 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

UNL Iranian students agree with takeover

Nov. 8, 1979 By Wayde 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.

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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,

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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Rotten cited non-violent Ameri- UNL veterans: Vietnam no worse off at the height of the band's American after surrender to Communist North

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. 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

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."

Should have resigned

Thieu "should have resigned a long time ago," said Brendan Moore. Paul Vavra, who served for a year in Vietnam beginning in 1968, added, "Most people outside Saigon didn't even know who the president was."

Perhaps the most frustrating part of the fighting, according to Cham-bers, was the "red tape" the men had to go through to shoot the enemy.
He recalled one time when a guard

at his base, on duty at the perimeter, reported suspicious noises outside the barbed wire to his commanding officer, who reported them to Chambers. When Chambers went to the lieutenant to ask for instructions, he was told it was "probably just rats."

The next thing they knew, he said, the base had been overrun by North Vietnamese. Drake said he saw men killed because of similar circumstances.

Four deaths

He remembers a U.S. troop that was pinned down 500 feet north of the demilitarized zone. They needed permission to fire north of the line, and in the 10 minutes it took to get that permission, four men died.

All five veterans agreed that U.S. reinvolvement in the war would be senseless.

"If they'd continued fighting in '72 it would have been okay," Drake said, "but now we'd have to reconquer North and South Vietnam."

Bose said he would not favor fur-ther aid to South Vietnam, adding

that the time he served was "a complete waste and inconvenience on my

Vavra and Chambers, who were often fighting with the South Vietnamese, said they were not surprised that the country fell without U.S. aid.

Viets 'lazy' Chambers said the South Vietnamese troops would often shoo rounds of ammunition just to make i look like they were doing something

"It's not the equipment that makes the army," Vavra said, and added that the South Vietnamese troops often appeared lazy and disinterested in the war.

"In their opinion we're letting them down," Chambers said, "bu we busted our ass helping them."

The character of the South Victnamese was evident when the evacuation planes sent to carry women and children away from Saigon came back full of men, Vavra said.
Chambers said the children have

the most to lose by the war, and re-called three- and four-year-olds who took on American habits, flashing the peace sign and scrounging for ciga-

He said many GIs believed the condition under which the children grew up was the United States' fault.

Bose said he had seen no inhumane treatment or massacres of civil-

ians, but Drake said he had.
"I was the talker for a spotter for naval gunfire," he said, "and several times we were to fire and were halted the to civilians in the area." due to civilians in the area.