

Pa. governor indicates no change in pro-nuclear campaign stand

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HARRISBURG, Pa. — Pennsylvania Gov. Dick Thornburgh — who has the final decision on whether to evacuate thousands of Pennsylvanians because of the Three Mile Island power plant accident — supported nuclear energy during his campaign last year.

Thornburgh, a Republican who had never before held elective office, was a U.S. Justice Department prosecutor in the Nixon and Ford administrations between 1969 and 1975. He was in office only 72 days when the nuclear power plant accident occurred Wednesday.

Campaigning for office in 1978, Thornburgh wrote in a UPI questionnaire his feelings about nuclear power vs. coal development: "With the huge reserves of Pennsylvania coal, it is clearly in our state's interests to promote the use of coal over any other source of energy."

"However, it would be foolish to ignore the potential which nuclear energy offers providing safety can be ensured. Pennsylvania has a substantial nuclear research and development industry which should be encouraged."

Even after the accident, Thornburgh gave reporters a statement that indicated that, so far, he has not revised his attitude significantly.

"I don't think it necessarily tolls (the end of) the use of nuclear power in this country," Thornburgh said. "On the other hand, I think it is an important reminder that we cannot rush pell-mell into an over-reliance on a form of energy which we obviously don't have a complete handle on."

Roland Page, deputy press secretary to Thornburgh, said the governor asked officials of the state Environmental Resources and Health departments to get informa-

tion about the health and safety consequences of the accident from a variety of independent sources.

Page said Westinghouse Electric Corp., the world's biggest builder of reactors, was consulted. Westinghouse Chairman Robert Kirby knows Thornburgh personally and aided his campaign. During the campaign, Thornburgh's financial disclosure said he owned 100 shares of Westinghouse valued at nearly \$1,775.

Page also said Thornburgh will make decisions about health hazards posed to the public based on information obtained from state Health Secretary Gordon MacLeod, a former University of Pittsburgh public health professor, and Thomas Cerusky, director of the state Bureau of Radiological Health.

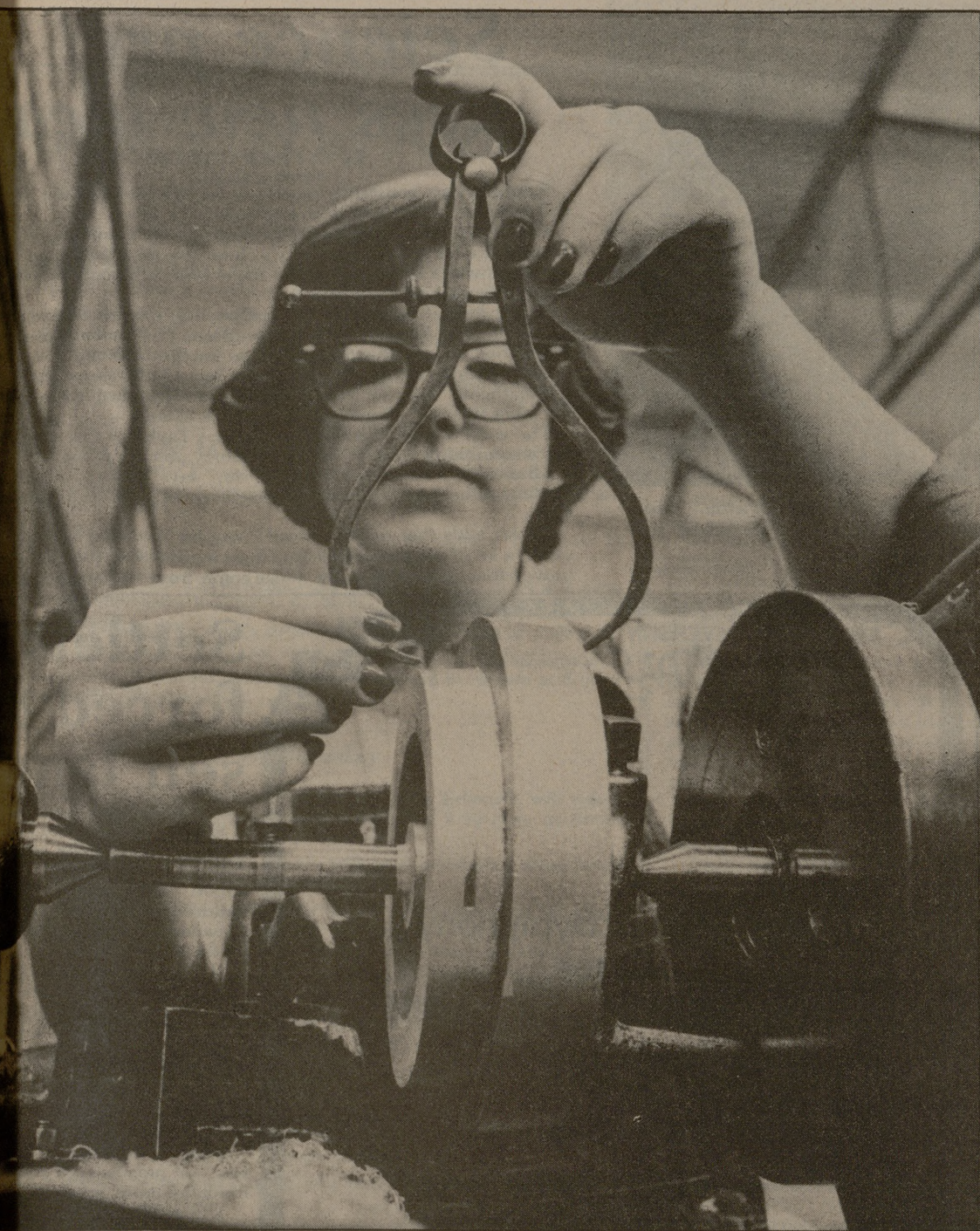
Thornburgh has also been receiving his information about the crisis from officials of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Page said, adding that early NRC information seemed to be unreliable.

"We had trouble interpreting what they mean. We had the same trouble reporters have had as far as trying to figure out what they're try-

ing to say," Page said.

Thornburgh visited the plant one time. The governor has not been in

much contact with the part-owner and operator of the plant, Metropolitan Edison Co.



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