

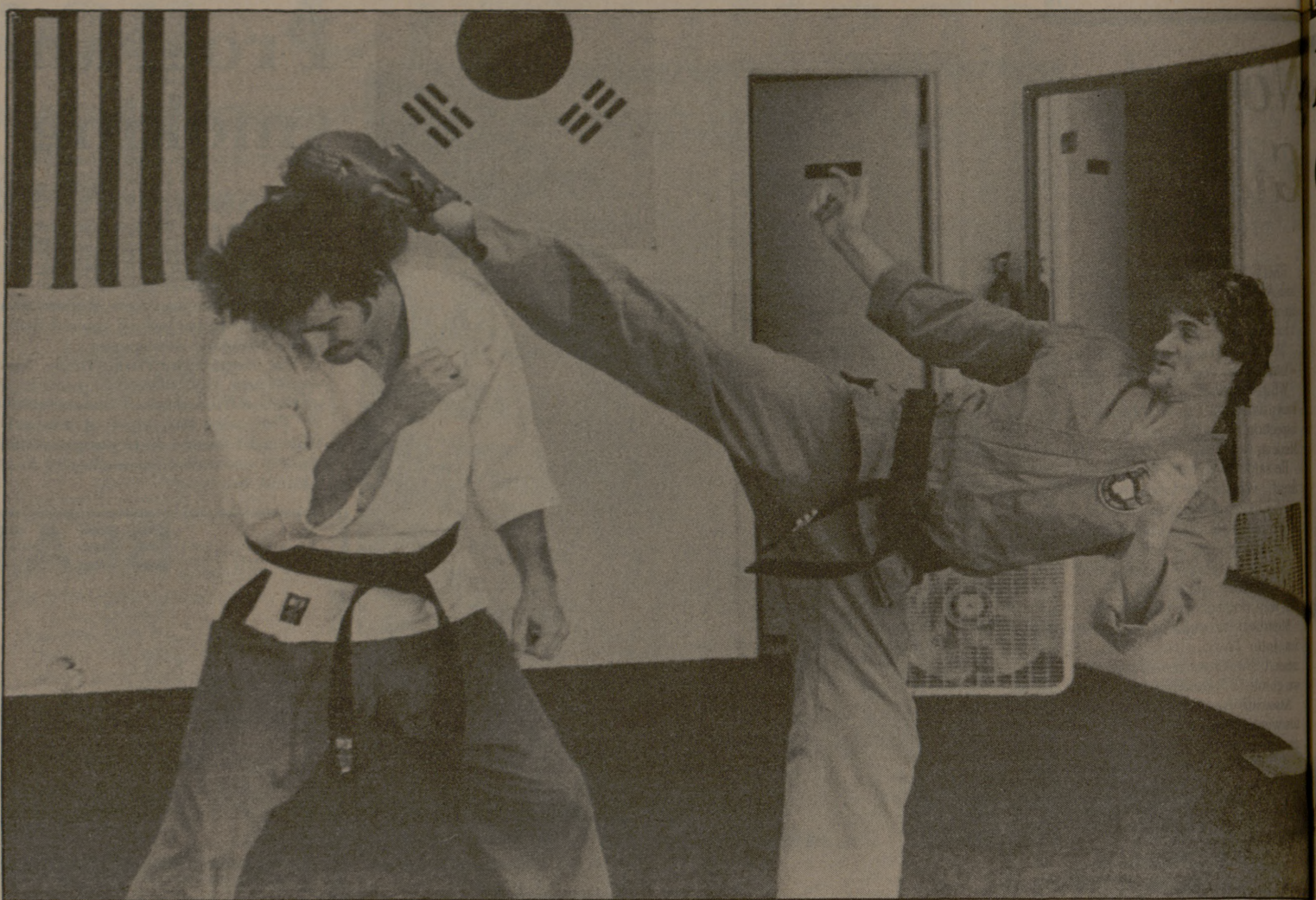
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# Ships rescue yachting survivors; 13 killed

United Press International  
 PLYMOUTH, England — Naval vessels working off the west coast of Britain Wednesday rescued Admiral's Cup race survivors from scores of disabled yachts, battered by a fierce Atlantic gale that killed more than a dozen yachtsmen.  
 Race officials said 13 people died in international racing's worst disaster when the storm, with only 30 minutes warning by radio, slammed into the fleet of 330 yachts competing in the Fastnet race early Tuesday.  
 Eleven of the dead were British and the 12th was identified as F.H. Ferris, an American living in London and skipper of the Ariadne. The nationality of the 13th was not im-

mediately known.  
 Among those to finish the 605-mile race unharmed was Ted Turner, owner of the Atlanta Braves baseball team and skipper of the 1977 America's Cup winner, Courageous.  
 Turner crossed the finish line aboard his yacht Tenacious at 10:30 p.m. Tuesday, 79 hours after he started from Cowes, to take the overall lead on corrected time.  
 Former British Prime Minister Edward Heath, captain of Britain's Admiral's Cup team had radioed an SOS Tuesday but was reported safe Wednesday and attempting to finish the race.  
 Rescue helicopters and surface vessels were "working flat out" to

help yachtsmen and disabled boats still in the sea between England and Ireland, Irish officials said.  
 Winds of 65 mph and massive seas caught the yachts Tuesday as they sailed from the Isle of Wight around Fastnet Rock and back to Plymouth in the final leg of the Admiral's Cup five race series. There were 55 Admiral's Cup yachts from 19 nations among the fleet of 330 craft sailing the race.  
 Authorities in England and Ireland coordinated rescue efforts and by early Wednesday said 24 yachts sank or were abandoned and 84 boats returned to port.  
 A Coast Guard spokesman at Land's End said 249 yachts were accounted for and race officials at Plymouth said 171 people were rescued.  
 Many of the yachts continued the race. The Argentine yacht Acadia, on charter from its U.S. owners, was the first Admiral's Cup entry over the finishing line early Wednesday.



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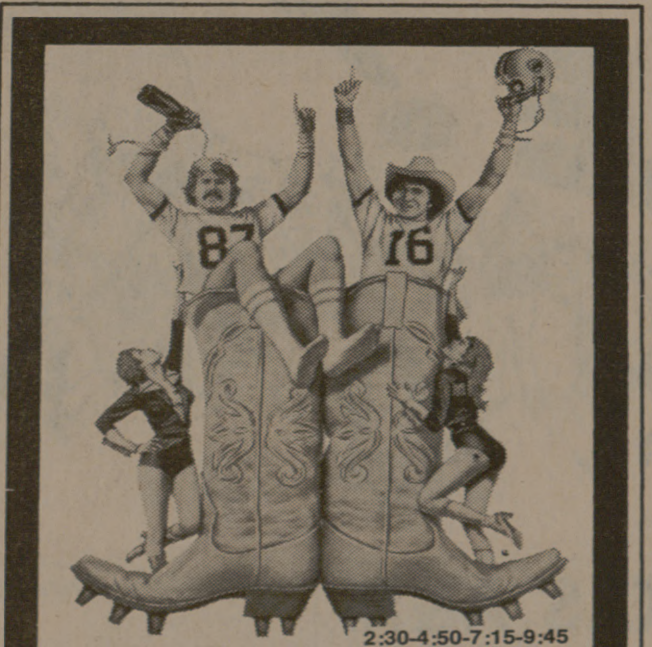
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## Means \$1.1 billion to Westinghouse

# Filipinos skeptical over safety of reactor being built in Bataan

United Press International  
 MORONG, Philippines — It was just a quiet fishing town before work started on the nuclear power plant. Now the fish have disappeared and the still-unfinished project is the center of a national controversy.  
 "The fish moved away two years ago when workers began construction on the plant," 18-year-old villager Teodora Santos said. "Fishermen now have to go farther out to sea to find fish."  
 Westinghouse Electric is building the \$1.1 billion plant for the Philippines government in the economically backward town of Morong on the World War II battleground of the Bataan Peninsula, 19 miles from the Subic Bay Navy Base and U.S. 7th Fleet repair yard.  
 Last month, President Ferdinand Marcos suspended work on the plant because of his fear of a repetition of the Three Mile Island nuclear accident near Harrisburg, Pa.  
 He threatened to scrap the project altogether unless assured by Westinghouse that the plant will not imperil Morong's 10,000 fishermen and farmers and other nearby towns.  
 A three-member panel was appointed to determine whether adequate safeguards have been taken to avoid a repeat of the Three Mile Island incident. Westinghouse officials say there is only a "remote possibility" of such an accident and hope to resume construction shortly.

But fears over the Morong plant do not stem from the Harrisburg accident alone. The plant, now 20 percent completed, also lies between two dormant volcanoes only 12 miles from an earthquake fault.  
 Despite Westinghouse assurances that the plant can withstand an earthquake measuring 7.9 on the Richter scale and survive the impact of a combat plane or a jumbo jetliner, fears of an accident from human error remain.  
 "We don't believe in our Filipino experts," said Morong town councilman Juan Mendoza. "We're not saying this to belittle our countrymen, but look at those Americans who are already well advanced in their technology. They still had this Harrisburg accident."  
 The peninsula's fishing industry accounts for two-thirds of Morong's municipal income.  
 Fishermen said the fish began to leave in 1977, when American and Filipino teams leveled a 195-foot high mountain of coconut trees and rice fields where a huge cylindrical building for a pressurized water reactor now stands.  
 Earth from the leveled mountain was dumped into the sea and streams. Oil spills from trucks completed the pollution job.  
 Morong residents fear the fish won't return because of the raw waste water the plant will discharge at the rate of 600,000 gallons daily when it becomes operational.  
 They also are concerned about disposal of nuclear waste from spent uranium fuel.  
 Plant experts say the hot water discharge will be tolerable for aquatic life, and lowgrade wastes will be mixed with cement and kept in steel drums until burial sites are found.  
 After Marcos last month ordered public hearings on the plant's safety, criticism of the project snowballed.  
 The main fire came from former Senator Lorenzo Tanada, a leading opponent of Marcos' martial law regime.  
 One criticism is that a nuclear reactor would increase Philippine dependence on the United States and other Western countries.  
 Besides depending on the U.S. Import-Export Bank and other foreign lenders for the project's financing of \$800 million, the government also must rely on foreign sources for maintenance, spare parts and uranium fuel.  
 Critics also argue that the Philippines, already saddled with an \$11-billion foreign debt, will be further at the mercy of foreign countries — a situation that haunts the Third World.  
 The Morong project has been wracked with controversy from the start. Two years ago, U.S. media claimed Westinghouse clinched the Philippine nuclear deal by paying huge commissions to a "crony" of Marcos. The furor died after Westinghouse said there was nothing improper in the transaction.  
 Even without the controversies, construction is nearly a year behind schedule. Government sources said further delay is ahead because of the refusal of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to issue Westinghouse an export license for the plant.

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