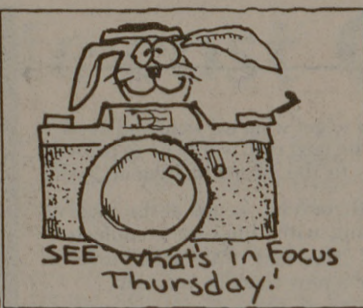


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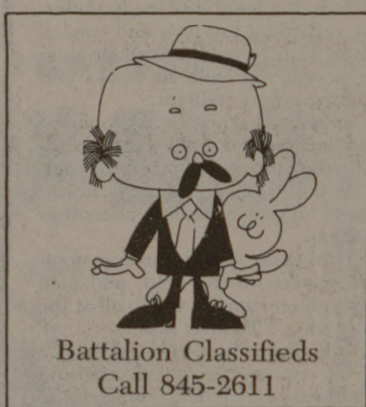
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3 Mile residents mad

Official warns citizen rioting could occur

United Press International
HARRISBURG, Pa. — A local official warned anger and frustration among area residents over the Three Mile Island nuclear plant could lead to riots.

"If there is not another way to bring this under control, I visualize we will have some serious incidents and riots in this area," George Hickernell, a Swatara Township commissioner, told government officials at a forum punctuated by residents' cat-calls Tuesday night.



Tensions have been mounting as the anniversary of the March 28, 1979 accident approaches.

Some of the 250 people at the TV station-sponsored speakout Tuesday night even turned on one of their own, Anne Trunk, the citizen representative on the President's Commission on Three Mile Island.

"If you believe the government, you're nuts!" shouted one woman to Trunk, who had stated she was not worried about ill effects.

Metropolitan Edison Co., the plant operator, said citizen fears over the continued operation of Three Mile Island were unfounded and should not be a factor in the regulatory process.

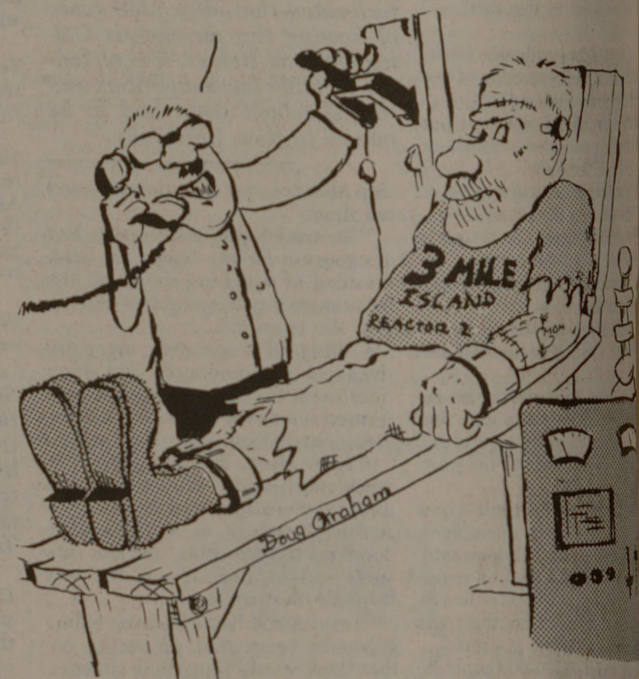
However, the NRC licensing board for the proposed 1980 restart of the undamaged twin reactor at Three Mile Island disagreed, telling the NRC commissioners recently, "To conclude summarily that these fears are baseless and therefore beyond NRC jurisdiction, as urged by the licensee, may produce additional stress."

Scientists, including those on the President's Commission on Three Mile Island, have concluded psychological stress was the primary ill-health effect of the nuclear accident.

Some local citizens as late as two months ago were experiencing psychosomatic illnesses such as insomnia and rashes.

The Pennsylvania Health Department Tuesday established a committee to launch a special investigation into an abnormal incidence of thyroid disease among newborn babies

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around Three Mile Island.

Deputy Health Secretary Donald Reid said he doubted there was a connection, although it could not be ruled out without an investigation.

In a related development, Met-Ed and its parent firm, General Public

Utilities Corp. of Parsippany, N.J., filed a \$500 million damage suit against the design of the Three Mile Island reactor, contending Babcock & Wilcox concealed flaws that led to the accident.

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Nuke, industry growth slow

United Press International
CLINTON, Ill. — An Illinois Power Co. official says rising costs, strict regulations, and psychological fallout from Three Mile Island could

undercut the nuclear industry for the next several years.

As the one-year anniversary of the accident at the Pennsylvania plant approaches, Leonard Koch, an IP vice president, said Tuesday it

could be the late 1980s before public confidence in nuclear power is restored and wide scale construction of plants resumes.

Koch said there are no new nuclear generators being ordered by U.S. power companies. He said Illinois Power recently scrapped plans for a second nuclear reactor at Clinton plant.

"It is important that everyone understand Three Mile Island," Koch, who sat on an industry committee that investigated the accident. "When the problem occurred, the utility was not properly prepared, the media was misled, and the public was in a state of confusion resulted."



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