

## 2 more die in aftermath of nuke accident

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — The deaths of two more men from burns suffered when a hot water pipe ruptured at the Surry nuclear power plant raised the toll to four, and a watchdog group said Tuesday that made it the deadliest accident ever at a U.S. nuclear plant.

It also brought to nine the number of fatalities since the Virginia Power plant opened in 1972, and officials of the Nuclear Information and Resource Service in Washington said its records showed that was the highest total for any plant in the country.

The two workers were burned Dec. 8 when an 18-inch steel pipe burst and released 30,000 gallons of boiling water and steam at Surry Unit 2. No radioactive materials were released, authorities said.

Two other workers died last week.

Two workers remained hospitalized, one in critical condition. Two others were released after treatment.

## Nicaraguan president calls Hall 'mentally unbalanced'

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — President Daniel Ortega said Tuesday that Sam Nesley Hall, identified by Nicaragua as the American caught near an air base with maps stuffed in his sock, is a "mentally unbalanced person."

He also said Hall brought explosives into the country to help U.S.-backed Nicaraguan rebels, or Contras, fight the Sandinista government.

Nicaragua says the man it identifies as Hall, 49, of Dayton, Ohio, was arrested Friday in a restricted zone near the Punta Huete air base, 13 miles northeast of Managua. U.S. reports say he is the brother of Rep. Tony P. Hall, D-Ohio.

In a brief meeting with reporters, Ortega said, "Hall is a mentally unbalanced person, led by mentally unbalanced people who lead the North American policy against Nicaragua."

"Hall admitted that he brought explosives to combat and to help the mercenaries," Ortega added. "Also, he came to find out about our bases and our helicopters as part of the plans by United States leaders to bombard Nicaragua."

Nicaragua has refused repeated requests by the U.S. Embassy to send a diplomat to visit the prisoner and determine his identity. No journalists have been allowed to talk with the suspect and there was no independent verification of the Nicaraguan claims.

The president said Hall's case would be handled in the same manner as Eugene Hasenfus, who is serving 30 years in prison after being convicted of helping fly arms and weapons to the Contras.

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Lorena Cuernavaca said the ministry was waiting for a report from the Interior Ministry, which is in charge of security, before granting access to the prisoner.

Interior spokeswoman Alma Morales said Tuesday the only information she had was two days old.

"I don't know what prison he is in," she said. "I don't know who is interrogating him."

Government officials said Monday night that the man identified as Hall was being questioned at the El Chipote prison in Managua, where political prisoners are kept.

They said he had not yet been charged and was being held under a law that gives security agencies wide powers of search and arrest.

According to the government, the prisoner said he belonged to a private organization called the Phoenix Battalion that conducted military intelligence work on behalf of U.S. interests.

Actions by the Sandinistas in this case are similar to those after American mercenary Eugene Hasenfus was captured Oct. 6, the day after a missile downed his cargo plane in the jungles of southern Nicaragua.

U.S. Embassy officials had to wait four days for an 11-minute talk with Hasenfus, who was later tried and sentenced to 30 years in prison. He is at the Tipitapa prison, 12 miles east of Managua, where an estimated 1,500 members of the late President Anastasio Somoza's military also are held.

In Washington, Tony Hall said he knew his brother supported the Contras, but the congressman added, "I didn't know what he was doing in Nicaragua."

## Baby boomers cited as focus of jump

# Number of unwed couples on rise

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of unmarried couples living together in America has jumped sharply to top the 2 million mark for the first time, the Census Bureau reported Tuesday.

There are about 2.22 million unmarried-couple households in the United States, up from 1.98 million last year, the bureau figures showed.

The post-World War II baby boom generation has been widely cited as the focus of this increase in recent years, as young people postponed marriage and families in favor of education and careers.

Although they have not married as readily as their parents and grandparents, many have formed live-in relationships, situations that have become more socially accept-

able in recent years, sociologists say.

At the same time unwed couples were increasing, a resurgence of the traditional married-couple family was being reported by the population newsletter the Numbers News. Analyzing unpublished Census data, the newsletter found that married-couple families had increased for the first time in 15 years as people who had delayed matrimony were finally settling down and having families.

That did not prevent the renewed growth in unwed couples, however.

The estimated increase of 237,000 unmarried couples would be the largest jump in that category in this decade. Steve Rawlings of the Census Bureau cautioned against over-emphasizing that jump, however.

"We see a lot of bounding around

in (statistics) and I generally try not to put a great deal of emphasis on one-year changes," he said in a telephone interview.

More meaningful is the increase over time, Rawlings said, with the total of unwed couples growing rapidly from 523,000 in 1970 to 1.6 million in 1980 and then showing a gradual increase in this decade.

The 1970 total constituted about 1.2 percent of all couples in the nation, Rawlings said. By 1980 their share had jumped to 3.1 percent, and now it is 4.1 percent.

The new Census study found that the majority of householders in unmarried couples — 51.5 percent — have never been married. But 33.8

percent were divorced, 8.3 percent separated and 6.6 percent widowed.

The largest share, 42.6 percent, were between the ages of 25 and 34 years. They were followed by the under-25 age group at 22 percent; 35 to 44 years, 18 percent; 45 to 64 years, 12.5 percent; and over 65, about 5 percent.

The median age of householders in unwed couples — the term replacing head of household — is 31.6 years, up from 30.9 years in 1980.

While the term "unmarried couple" can imply some sort of intimate relationship, that is not always the case, and the Census Bureau does not ask the nature of a couple's relationship.

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