



CAN HARRISBURG HAPPEN HERE?

Only a few weeks ago, much of the world waited in suspense as a new \$750 million nuclear reactor at Three Mile Island, Pa. went out of control. Two back-up cooling systems failed, the reactor overheated and a dangerously large bubble of hydrogen gas formed in an inaccessible place. Neither the people who built the machine nor those who ran it were able to control or predict what would happen next.

The possibility of a meltdown, supposedly 1 in 10,000,000, suddenly became a reality. Without a cooling system, the uranium inside the reactor core could get hotter and hotter, it would then melt through its containment vessel (6' of concrete), and down into the earth until, in theory, it reached China. Thus, we have the name of the not-so-fictional movie, "The China Syndrome".

In reality, this ball of super-heated uranium would only travel a short distance. When the mass of 35,000 fuel rods reached the water table, a spectacular explosion would occur.

Radioactive rocks, steam, soil water and uranium would be hurled in all directions, possibly for hundreds of miles, and for days on end. According to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, such an accident would kill 30,000 people outright, injure and contaminate hundreds of thousands more and render the entire state of Pennsylvania uninhabitable.

Sound too farfetched to ever happen? The Harrisburg accident should never have happened either. The so-called chances of it occurring were 1 in 1,000,000. But it did happen in a completely new facility, and, for almost a week, nobody had control over what went on inside the reactor.

Ontario Hydro wants to build a reactor near Prescott. They continue to pursue this goal, even though a) There is a 45% surplus of electrical generating capacity now, and a continued decline in the growth of its consumption. b) Hydro's deficit, which is yours and mine, stands at \$8 billion. c) No country in the world has yet developed a safe method of waste disposal, which must be totally reliable for 250,000 years!

Nuclear reactors are planned, built and run by people; they can be stopped by people also. If you are concerned about a future nuclear facility at Prescott, you may wish to express this publicly in a demonstration on June 2 '79, at the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station near Bowmanville.

Darlington is a \$5 billion, 4 reactor, 3,400 megawatt project now being constructed. Prescott is next.

The intention of this demonstration, which will be peaceful and orderly, is to publicly insist on a stop to nuclear development, until both its need and its safety can be shown.

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The question posed in the title of this article is "Can Harrisburg Happen Here?", but could be "Will Harrisburg Happen Here?"

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**MAY 3 - HEALING SERVICE
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 MAY 6 - MORNING SERVICE
 REV. BERYL CROSS**

EVENING SERVICES 7:30

HARLEM - CHANTRY U.C.W.

Harlem-Chantry U.C.W. members held their meeting in the church at Harlem on Tues, Apr. 3 at 2:00 p.m. with Mrs. Frank Wykes presiding.

The theme for the meeting was Easter. Mrs. Albert Gile conducted the worship service in keeping with the theme. Special music by Rev. and Mrs. Grant Richardson accompanied by Mrs. W.S. Chant at the organ was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Mabel Davison in her very capable manner delivered a very impressive Easter Message. A film strip follow up to our study on the Caribbean was enjoyed.

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