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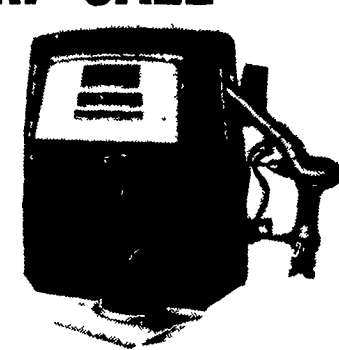
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TMI

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presented a slide show which was chock full of figures, including several on exposure to radiation and transportation of waste from the TMI site.

NRC estimated it would take between 660 and 1700 truck loads of nuclear waste to remove all of the nuclear material from TMI Reactor 2 to Richland, Washington where it will be buried in shallow disposal sites.

The meeting was held to gather public comment. The comment period will end November 20, 1980. A similar meeting, open to the public, is set for Lancaster City this Monday, October 6.

After the organized slide show part of the program things came apart quickly.

A group of Goldsboro area farmers had crossed the river to attend the meeting and wanted to discuss a number of problems they linked to TMI.

The government officials pleaded ignorance on such problems as cattle abortions, few birds, no bees, cows not breeding, and other problems the farmers brought up.

Officials said there was no proof of any of the problems and told the farmers to talk to the state Agriculture Department.

PDA, throughout the TMI crisis, has deferred com-

ment to the state DER or agencies.

DER's Jaworski confirmed that a few milk samples had shown between 20 and 40 picocuries per liter of radioactive material in testing.

"That milk was not as affected as milk during the Chinese Fallout," he said, referring to radiation dumped on the state following explosion of a nuclear device two years before the TMI accident.

When asked why, if nuclear plants like Three Mile Island, Peach Bottom or Limerick are so safe, they can't be built closer to the big cities they serve, farmers were told by Collins that NRC would not allow construction of a nuclear plant so close to a major urban area because of the increased risk of a major accident.

"It's OK to blow us up, but not Philadelphia?" asked Jane Lee, RI Etters. She received no reply.

Indeed, although promised they later would be provided with facts and figures on a number of questions they raised, none of the government men, nor an assistant who was along to run the slide show, took notes, names, or addresses.

Vance Fisher, also of RI Etters, said he and his neighbors lost 25 head of cattle.

When the agency

representatives were quick to say the white muscle disease was not because of radiation Fisher said he tended to agree with them.

Fisher said the problem likely was caused by chlorine used in the cooling water towers. He said he figured the chlorine settled in the valley where the farms are located and tied up the selenium in the cattle feed. He said he'd solved the problem by feeding his cattle selenium.

The agency men said they were not there to discuss the plant or pollution, only the cleanup and radiation.

"Where are the specialists? Where is the government?" Mrs. Lee asked.

EPA's Kirk defended the value of the NRC's environmental impact statement as far as it covers humans. He said he saw no great health or genetic impact on animals.

If the study is valid for humans, then it should be

valid for animals, he maintained.

But a farmer in the group noted that human food comes from sources all over the nation while animals and insects usually eat feed from a limited area, perhaps only a couple of square miles.

Samuel Collins, RI Etters, noted his brother had moved away right after the accident. He too raised questions but was told to consult with the Agriculture Department.

The meeting broke up with seemingly little solved.

Loads of questions were raised on the statistics presented and the impact of TMI on agriculture.

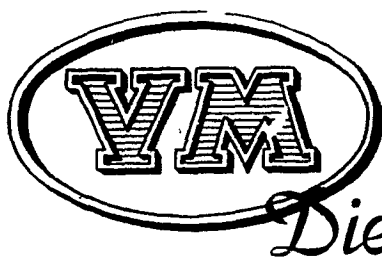
The bottom-line answer given by NRC, EPA, and DER to most of the problems was that a speedy cleanup of TMI is in everyone's best interest.

The projected timetable for the cleanup is five to seven years from the date of the TMI accident, March 28, 1979.

Beef club meets

NEW HOLLAND — The New Holland 4-H Baby Beef Club met September 19 at the home of Lisa Heft, a 4-H member. The roll was called with each member giving a report on their steer. Following this was a discussion of the farm show which is October 2 and 3. The

leaders gave reports. Refreshments were served.



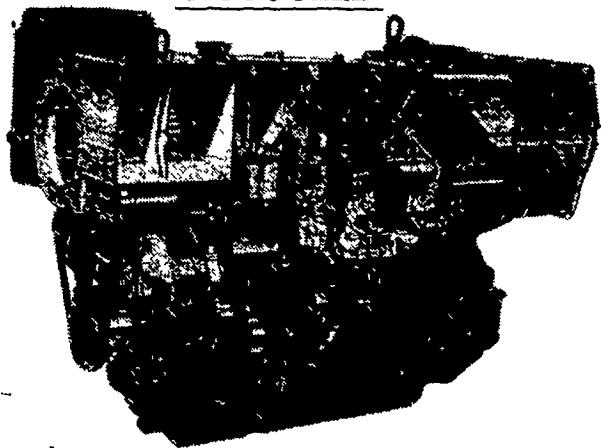
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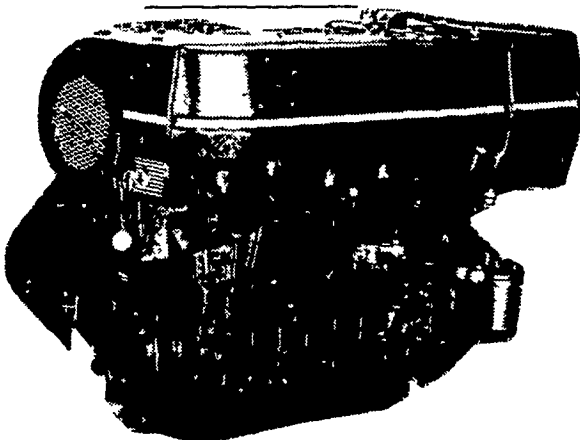


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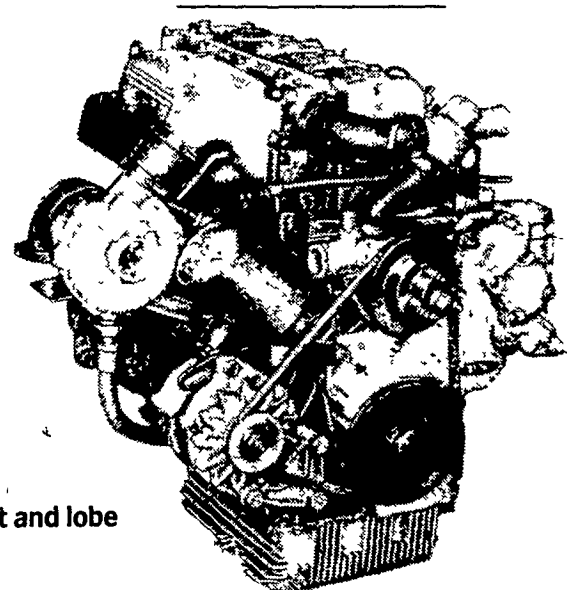
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