

Would you visit TMI as part of your summer vacation?

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Atomic Industrial Forum wants you to visit a nuclear power plant on your summer vacation trip. Honest.

How long has this been going on?

Well, last year. And the year before that. At least they mailed out press releases about it both times, and again this year.

And what happened?

"Before, it disappeared without a trace," said Scott Peters, a forum spokesman. "But this year the three of us have probably done a dozen radio and television interviews."

And what do you say to that?

"The reaction is, 'Are you crazy? I don't want to go near a nuke plant.'"

And what do you say to that?

"Absolutely, go visit one. Demystify it. There's a lot you can learn."

What can you learn?

Well, according to the press release by Peters and his colleagues, many Americans are concerned about the accident at the Soviet nuclear power plant near Chernobyl. "A visit to one of ours will provide an opportunity to learn first-hand about U.S. safety features," they quoted Carl Walske, president of AIF as saying.

Surely there's more to it than that?

To quote Walske again: "One of the reasons Americans are taking to the highways this summer is the abundance, and low cost, of gasoline. (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) officials themselves acknowledge that nuclear energy is responsible for the permanent loss of market for about 6 million barrels a day of OPEC oil. What better time than this to learn how it happened?"

The forum, a major trade group of utilities, supplier companies and others involved in nuclear power, has published a pamphlet listing 89 "energy information centers" in the United States and Canada. Most are at utility plants, including 54 nuclear plants.

The pamphlet advises calling or writing ahead for information about fees, hours and facilities. For instance, some even have picnic tables.

Of the nuclear plants, the Three Mile Island visitors' center was the most popular in 1984, the most recent year for which figures have been compiled, with 65,000 visitors. Overall, a million people visited nuclear plants that year and 500,000 visited other utility installations.

Don't want to visit a nuke?

Then you can pick from the other visitor centers: 10 general, eight research, six hydroelectric dams, six coal plants, three pumped storage plants, two museums, one general fossil, two nuclear breeder centers with one of them a historic site, one solar and one distribution center (this doesn't add up to 89 because of duplications).

"Distribution center?"

Yes. The New York Power Control Center at 3830 Carman Road in Schenectady. It got 2,000 visitors in 1984.

And what will I see if I go there?

"It's a big control room with dozens of computer screens, and guys sitting there watching the flow of electricity," said Les Ramsey of AIF.

Israelis, Soviets to hold formal talks

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JERUSALEM — Israel and the Soviet Union will begin meetings in two weeks that could lead to a renewal of diplomatic relations, which the Kremlin broke after the 1967 Middle East war, both sides reported yesterday.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres told a Parliament committee that Israeli and Soviet delegates will meet in Helsinki, committee chairman Abba Eban said. Other officials said the negotiations would be aimed at reopening consulates in Tel Aviv and Moscow. Gennady Gerasimov, a ministry spokesman, said in Moscow that the talks would start Aug. 16 or 17.

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At the news briefing, he said holding the talks does not reflect a change in Soviet policy toward Israel. Soviet officials have stated repeatedly that full diplomatic relations will not be renewed until there is a negotiated peace in the Middle East.

That is not likely in the near future, he said, "but maybe next century."

Eban, a former foreign minister who now heads the Israeli Parliament's committee on foreign affairs and security, welcomed the Soviet move on talks.

"Any step, however small, at any level is a positive step," he told The Associated Press.

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Schcharansky told a news conference in Jerusalem that the Soviets would touch on such other issues as travel, communications and postal services.

Schcharansky, who spent nearly nine years in Soviet prisons, said Israel should insist on more liberal emigration and freedom for imprisoned Jewish activists as conditions for any negotiations with the Kremlin.

In Geneva, the Intergovernmental Committee on Migration reported yesterday that the number of Soviet Jews emigrating dropped to 31 in July, an 11-month low. The committee, which helps resettle the emigrants, said 47 Jews had left so far this year.

More than 51,000 Jews were allowed out of the Soviet Union in 1979.

Schcharansky said 40,000 of the Soviet Union's 2.5 million Jews had applied for exit permits and been refused.



Human rights activist Anatoly Shcharansky holds a picture of his mother during a press conference yesterday in Jerusalem. Shcharansky fears that Soviet authorities may back out of their promise to allow his family to leave the USSR.

USSR permits dissident's family to leave the country

MOSCOW (AP) — After months of delays, Soviet officials have told five relatives of freed dissident Anatoly Shcharansky that they can leave the country by Aug. 23, his brother said yesterday.

"The happy day at last has come and all my family's troubles are going to be at an end," Leonid Shcharansky said by telephone. "We are, of course, very happy."

Anatoly was freed in an East-West prisoner exchange last February, after nearly nine years in Soviet jails. The human rights activist now lives in Israel with his wife, Avital.

Leonid, 39, said the family members still don't have the actual visas they need to leave the country, only notification from the visa agency that their emigration applications were approved. This approval came about two weeks after the Shcharanskys' 77-year-old mother, Ida Milgrom, was freed to the Soviet parliament accusing it of playing a "political game."

When Anatoly was freed, he said the arrangement included permission for his mother, brother, Leonid's wife, Raya and their two children to follow him.



Pablo Picasso's painting, titled "Weeping Woman," is being held for ransom by Australian art thieves demanding government subsidies for local artists.

'Australian cultural terrorists' steal Picasso

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Art thieves calling themselves "Australian cultural terrorists" sent a ransom note yesterday demanding \$1 million from the state government for local artists in exchange for a stolen painting by Pablo Picasso, police said.

The oil painting, titled "Weeping Woman" and valued at more than \$1 million, disappeared from the National Gallery in the state of Victoria on Saturday. Police announced yesterday that it had been stolen, after the gallery and the main received copies of letters listing the group's demands.

The group demanded that state Arts Minister Race Mathews increase state funding for the arts by 10 percent and sponsor annual contests for local artists.

The thieves gave the state government one week to agree, threatening to destroy the painting and steal others if the ransom was not paid.

Art gallery director McCaughey said the 1937 work depicting the grief-stricken face of a woman was one of the gallery's most important works.

Over 100 protesters arrested at Capitol Contra-aid sit-in

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Capitol police arrested 112 persons yesterday in a demonstration against President Reagan's plan to aid guerrillas fighting Nicaragua's leftist government.

The protesters were arrested after they sat or lay down on the floor of the Capitol rotunda. It is illegal to demonstrate in the Capitol.

Police said the protesters were being charged with unlawful entry, which carries a maximum penalty of six months in jail or a \$100 fine, or both.

Jean Cotter, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Capitol Police, said 112 persons were arrested.

The protests followed an outdoor rally on the Capitol steps, where several legislators spoke in opposition to Reagan's proposal for \$100 million, including \$70 million worth of military aid, to help the Contra guerrillas.

The House has already approved the aid package and the Republican-controlled Senate is expected to vote on it within the next two weeks, although opponents have promised extended debate to try to stall a vote.

The rally, organized by a group calling itself the "People's Filibuster," drew about 1,000 protesters.

Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., said, "The key question is whether we can have a rational debate. The filibuster is our only hope of stopping Contra aid."

Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, told the rally that "So long as the administration pursues this immoral and illegal policy, the Congress must draw the line and say no."

Harkin compared the upcoming vote with the 1964 congressional passage of the Gulf of Tonkin resolution, the document used by President Lyndon Johnson as approval for his large-scale U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War.

"We are being asked to approve another Tonkin Gulf resolution for another war," said Harkin. "Don't let it happen again."

Rep. David Bonior, D-Mich., said the House approval of the aid package would be "a major outrage" and he maintained that "poll after poll shows the majority of the public opposes the Contra war."

"We are left with the only option of rallying the people of the United States against this war," said Bonior.

Steel jobs may be at risk if walkout is long one

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Declaring "a fire-storm is raging through the domestic steel industry," the chief negotiator for USX Corp. warned about 22,000 United Steelworkers union members yesterday that a long walkout will put their jobs at risk.

J. Bruce Johnston, in his first public appeal to the rank-and-file, said "a majority of Steelworker local union presidents appear to have been badly misled" by the international union about the condition of the industry.

"USX is now facing an economic showdown with non-union competitors, bankrupt competitors and foreign competitors. Only a few basic steel companies may survive. There are not enough seats in the steel lifeboat for everybody."

"Until steelworker leaders begin to deal with the way they wish it were, instead of the way they wish it were, your job prospects will be bleak... When the union puts you out on a long strike, I hope you understand the risk that puts your job under," he said.

The work stoppage, which is being called a strike by USX and a lockout by the USW, entered its fourth day yesterday, and a union spokesman said negotiations may not resume any time soon.

"There's nothing happening, and we don't expect anything for some time... weeks," said union spokesman Dick Fontana.

Work stopped at 12:30 a.m. Friday when the USW and the nation's largest steelmaker, formerly U.S. Steel Corp., failed to replace a contract.

In his letter, which was also sent to about 23,000 USW members on layoff by USX, Johnston insisted the USX steel division was being asked by union negotiators to operate at a competitive disadvantage.

"USX average hourly employment cost for Steelworker employees is currently \$25.35 per hour. The union argued that it is 'only' \$24.21. Quibbling over it is meaningless. Which ever it is, it's too high!" he said.

Johnston, an executive vice president, for the first time revealed several key company bargaining positions during the seven-week talks, comparing them with what was granted to USX's chief domestic competitor, LTV Corp.

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Seventeen arrested in Pgh. protest
PITTSBURGH (AP) — Police arrested 17 demonstrators who held a sit-in at the downtown office building of U.S. Sen. John Heinz, R-Pa., yesterday to protest his support of aid to the Nicaraguan Contras.

Outsiders about 125 supporters chanted slogans urging Heinz to turn away from the Reagan administration's support for the Contras. The 17 protesters were later charged with defiant trespass and released, police said.

The rally was part of a nationwide effort backing a filibuster being organized by U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., to block \$100 million in military aid to the Contras, who are fighting to overthrow the Sandinista government of Nicaragua.

U.S. Capitol police yesterday arrested 112 demonstrators protesting the Contra policy after they lay on the floor of the Capitol rotunda. Earlier yesterday, five protesters were arrested at Heinz's office in Erie.

Todd May, a demonstrator, said the senator's downtown Pittsburgh office closed at 3 p.m., about one hour before the protest was to begin, so the sit-in was moved to the lobby of the building.

CDBG grants for Philly frozen

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — The U.S. government has frozen all Community Development Block Grants to Philadelphia organizations, citing dozens of examples of mismanagement of funds and violations of federal regulations.

Among the organizations cited by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development was the Inner City Organizing Network, or ICON.

The Philadelphia district attorney is investigating the possibility that ICON funneled public money to the radical cult MOVE while it was fighting for the 1985 battle with police that left 11 MOVE members dead, according to the Philadelphia Inquirer.

The freeze was disclosed in a letter yesterday from Sen. John Heinz, R-Pa., to HUD Secretary Samuel Pierce in which Heinz requested a meeting to begin "a very difficult process of investigation and correction."

"As I understand it, you have taken steps to halt new CDBG contracts by the city until new management practices and effective controls are implemented," Heinz said in the letter.

Philadelphia receives about \$50 million a year in CDBG money that is then channeled to local organizations for such activities as senior centers, homeless shelters and substance abuse treatment, said Eric Amig, Philadelphia HUD spokesman.

Amig said the city will receive its fiscal year 1987 allocation, but its distribution will be blocked until HUD's local office is satisfied that the city has instituted better controls.

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Penthouse and Hustler in court

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — A six-member jury was seated yesterday in the federal court trial of a Penthouse magazine executive's defamation suit against rival Hustler magazine.

Kathy Keeton, a Penthouse vice chairman and president of Omni magazine, alleges she was libeled by items in various issues of Hustler, featuring a cartoon that suggested Penthouse publisher Robert Guccione, described in court papers as her common-law husband, infected her with venereal disease.

Keeton sat quietly through the jury selection, occasionally whispering to a lawyer.

One of her lawyers, Norman Grutman, said he may call Guccione, Hustler publisher Larry Flynt and Hustler's chief cartoonist to testify during the trial, which is expected to last about a week.

Flynt is also named as a defendant in the suit involving two of the nation's best-known sexually explicit magazines.

Guccione and Flynt were not in the courtroom during the jury selection.

Briefly outlining the case, Grutman alleged Keeton was libeled by material that was false, defamatory and published in Hustler with reckless disregard for the truth.

Penthouse, based in New York, has a worldwide circulation of 3.5 million. Hustler's circulation is nearly 1.1 million.

Baby Calvin goes home

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The infant known as "Baby Calvin" went home from the hospital yesterday, less than two months after receiving a new heart in a case that raised questions about the nationwide organ-donor network.

"I won't be happy until he enrolls in college," said Dr. Constantine Mavroudis, who performed the June 18 transplant on the then 2½-month-old Robert Dean Cardin, who was born with a congenital heart defect.

"We still worry about infection and rejection," Mavroudis said, "and the baby will have to be on anti-rejection drugs like cyclosporine the rest of his life."

The boy's parents, Wendell and Patricia Cardin, said he will be treated "just like another member of the family. He's got two brothers back at the farm and they're anxious to see him."

Robert had been permitted out of the hospital on July 26 "for a test run to see how well he would react to conditions at home," said Pam Greer, a spokeswoman for Kosair Children's Hospital.

world news briefs

Nazi victims' grave robbed

MOSCOW (AP) — Robbers dug for two years in a mass grave where 12,000 victims of a Nazi massacre are buried, stripping the bodies of gold teeth and jewelry, according to an article by a leading poet.

Andrei Voznesensky wrote in the July issue of the youth magazine Yunost that the robberies apparently began in 1984 in the cemetery within sight of a major highway outside Simferopol, capital of the Crimea.

Some grave robbers were tried in 1985, but they got off lightly, and the cemetery still was being looted in April because authorities did not post guards, Voznesensky said.

Officials estimate the people tried last year stole gold and jewelry worth 68,000 rubles, or \$100,000 at the official exchange rate, the poet said.

Publication of the article, unusual for its graphic description, appeared to be part of a hesitant recent trend toward more openness in the press. It also emphasized a change in status for Voznesensky, a former anti-establishment poet who now enjoys more official recognition.

Police seek E. German escapee

BERLIN (AP) — West Berlin police said yesterday they want to question Heinz Braun about his statement that he fled the East by driving through a wall crossing with mannequins dressed as Soviet army officers, but they can't find him.

Braun, 46, told a West Berlin news conference last Friday that he bluffed his way through a Berlin Wall crossing two days earlier in a station wagon painted to resemble a standard Soviet military patrol vehicle. He said he was dressed as a Soviet sergeant and had three mannequins in the car disguised as Soviet officers.

There has been no independent confirmation of the escape, and West German media have speculated about the truth of his story.

Police spokesman Dieter Piete said in a telephone interview that authorities originally wanted to question Braun because it is illegal for a German to wear the uniform of one of the Allied powers in the divided city. He said they also would ask him about the escape itself.

A film broadcast by the West Berlin's television station Sender Freies Berlin showed Braun driving the repainted station wagon in West Berlin, but did not show the escape.

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