

making the news

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WASHINGTON — Nuclear power plants built by the firm that constructed the Three Mile Island plant are hard to control and should be shut down until their safety can be assured, the staff of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission said Monday.

NRC Chairman Joseph Hendrie said the commission would decide Tuesday or Wednesday whether a temporary shutdown of the plants, built by Babcock & Wilcox, should be ordered.

The plants in question are similar to the stricken Three Mile Island plant and contain features that make them "sensitive" to malfunctions, NRC staff officials said in a briefing for commissioners.

SALEM — Full-time students should not be allowed to work their way through school by receiving out-of-work benefits, state Rep. Al Riebel told a House committee Monday.

"It's in vogue right now to get pretty well financed through unemployment compensation while going to school," said Riebel, R-Salem.

He has sponsored a bill HB 2804 which would establish the presumption that a full-time student is unavailable for work for purposes of unemployment benefit eligibility.

He told the House Labor Committee that passage of the bill could save the state \$2.9 million in 1979-81 and an additional \$3.9 million in 1981-83 by reducing unemployment benefits.

EAST GRAND FORK, MINN. — Weary volunteers worked in incessant rains Monday to fight back the Red River, which rose to its highest point this century at East Grand Forks, Minn. Its waters breached dikes and spilled through city streets.

More rain also bode more trouble for Columbia, Miss., on the Pearl River, where half the town's 7,500 residents have been homeless for several days, waiting for the flooding river to recede.

In southeast Texas, where flooding late last week caused damage estimated at up to \$175 million and claimed at least seven lives, sandbag crews also were at work along the Nueces River, which was 8 feet above flood stage and rising in the Beaumont area.

Police loudspeakers roused thousands in Minnesota to help fill sandbags and shore up almost three miles of dikes as the Red River surged to its highest mark since 1897 at East Grand Forks, a town of 8,400 people just across the border from its sister city of Grand Forks, N.S., population 54,000.

WASHINGTON — Pres. Carter returned to work Monday amid indications there might be an announcement by week's end of a treaty with the Soviet Union to limit strategic nuclear weapons.

But White House and State Department officials said the long-expected arms accord was not yet wrapped up.

These officials, who declined to be identified, said the Russians would like to have all major issues settled before announcing a summit meeting between Carter and Soviet Pres. Leonid Brezhnev.

"There are things that are of substance still undecided," one official said.

Assassins kill Iranian revolutionary Gharani

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Gunmen killed a high-ranking military officer of the new government Monday in the first assassination of a major figure of the revolution.

Gen. Mohammad Vali Gharani, the former army chief of staff, was shot in his garden and died during surgery.

New fighting broke out between ethnic minorities in the northwestern town of Naghadeh after the second government-sponsored ceasefire in three days collapsed. A third truce was called Monday night and appeared to be holding.

Nine more men were executed Monday by Islamic firing squads, bringing the total to 158 since the revolution.

Pars, Iran's state news agency, said one attacker held bystanders at bay with a machine gun while a colleague scaled the outer wall of the garden and shot Gharani.

The general was forced to resign March 27 after he failed to convince troops who deserted during the revolution to return to their barracks. No group has claimed responsibility for his death. His assassins escaped.

Ethnic Turks and Kurdish tribesmen, meanwhile, resumed street battles in Naghadeh, then obeyed an appeal from Ayatollah Mahmoud Taleghani, Tehran's respected Shiite Moslem leader, to lay down their arms and start negotiations.

Reports from the town said about 600 government troops sent Sunday to restore order retreated to safer positions within the city after the ceasefire collapsed.

Mohammad Mehdi Abbassi, governor general of West Azerbaijan province, said the troops did not take part in the fighting and would be withdrawn when

peace was restored.

Communications with Naghadeh were cut and roads to the town were blocked by army units and guardsmen.

Fighting started Friday after unidentified gunmen fired on Kurds at a rally of the Kurdish Democratic Front Party, a left-of-center organization championing Kurdish demands for regional autonomy.

State radio said Monday that between 100 to 150 persons have died in the fighting. Pars put the toll at 180. The figures could not be confirmed independently.

The fighting is the third major ethnic violence in Iran since the revolution. In March, Kurdish autonomists in Sanandaj battled government forces for a week while Turkoman tribesmen in northeastern Iran early this month fought pro-Khomeini committees and soldiers in Gonbad-e-Qabus over autonomy and land rights.

Petitions beat game shows

ROSEBURG, Ore. (AP) — Because of viewer complaints two programs, "The Newlywed Game" and "The Dating Game" will be taken off Roseburg television next fall.

Glen Nickell, general manager of KVAL Television in Eugene, which provides programming to KPIC-TV in Roseburg, said both shows will be replaced.

He said recent petitions signed by 1,241 Roseburg area residents in opposition to the shows wasn't a factor in the decision.

Joni Byers, a Roseburg mother of two, circulated the local petitions in recent weeks because she felt the shows are vulgar, horrendous and deal in nothing more than the subject of sex.

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Ousted Amin surfaces in Iraq

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Ousted dictator Idi Amin visited Iraq over the weekend on an Arab states shopping tour for weapons to make a comeback in his tribal birthplace in northwestern Uganda, Arab diplomats said Monday.

Their reports raised the prospect of protracted fighting that could drain the energies of provisional president Yusufu Lule's two-week-old government as it seeks to repair economic damage caused by six months of war, two weeks of looting and eight years of Amin's rule.

The first American diplomatic

mission in six years — three men from the U.S. embassy in Nairobi — arrived in Kampala to

discuss reconstruction aid. Lule has said he expects major assistance from Washington.

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