

making the news

From Associated Press Reports

DANVILLE, Ill. — Clarence Hoskins, a retired railroad man, has hooked together an estimated 85,000 pull tabs from aluminum beer cans and made a fence around his one-acre property.

Hoskins, 69, said it took about three years to perfect a method of hammering the metal tabs into links.

The linked tabs are stretched between 80 metal drums that serve as "posts." The links are strung horizontally and vertically, making a pattern of squares. The fence is 4½ feet high.

"It's not easy getting the tabs to hang right," says Hoskins. "Lots of people have tried to do it after seeing my work, but they didn't know how and the links just fell apart. When the tabs are removed from the beer cans they curl slightly. They have to be hammered in just the right way before they can be shaped into links."

PORTLAND — A statewide poll shows that the accident at the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant in Pennsylvania did not change the attitudes of most Oregonians toward nuclear power.

The poll also shows that those who think the Trojan nuclear plant near Rainier should remain open outnumber those who think it should be closed.

Concerning their attitude toward nuclear power, 67 percent said their feelings are the same as they were prior to the Three Mile episode. Thirty percent said their attitudes had changed, and of these, 77 percent said they are less positive about nuclear power, 12 percent are more positive, and 11 percent are unsure.

As to Trojan, 44 percent said it should remain open; 39 percent said it should close until more is known about the problems of nuclear power, and 11 percent said the plant should be closed permanently.

WASHINGTON — Pres. Carter sought Thursday to save his standby gasoline rationing plan which seemed doomed in Congress.

Facing rising opposition in both the House and Senate, Carter said he would set aside 10 percent of nation's gasoline reserves for use by motorists who might be treated unfairly under the original White House rationing proposal.

It was not clear whether the compromise was sufficient to prevent the Senate Energy Committee from rejecting the plan, which already has been rejected by the House panel.

QUITO, Ecuador — Ecuadorians will end their military dictatorship Sunday by electing a president and congress, becoming only the third country in South America to be ruled by a civilian democracy.

Soldiers and statesmen throughout South America likely are circling the date on their calendars, asking themselves if South American military dictatorship can transfer power to elected civilian leaders.

Mideast truce endures

Syrian and Israeli fighter jets streaked ominously over Beirut on Thursday and Christian militiamen lobbed mortars into two southern Lebanese villages after an Israeli bombardment of Palestinian camps in Sidon.

Despite the action, a spokesperson for the Palestine Liberation Organization said there had been no "significant" violations of an early morning U.N. truce that ended four days of fighting between Israel and Palestinian guerrillas.

A U.N. representative in Jerusalem also said the truce, arranged by U.N. liaisons in Israel and Lebanon, was holding.

It was the second day of Syrian fights over Lebanon and observers said they indicated a closer cooperation between Syria and the PLO, both staunch opponents of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

Lebanese Christian militiamen led by an Israeli-backed dissident, army Maj. Saad Haddad, declared a "Free Lebanon" in a small enclave

near the border April 19 to protest the dispatching of Lebanese troops to the U.N. peacekeeping forces in the south.

Lebanon sent the troops in an effort to reassert its authority. They were shelled by the forces of Haddad, who said they were pro-Syrian and too weak to contain the Palestinian guerrilla raiders.

Syria, whose troops ended the 1975-76 civil war in Lebanon, remains the dominant military presence in Lebanon.

Syrian Pres. Hafez Assad, in an interview with Radio Monte Carlo, said the Lebanese army has to continue its efforts to take control in the south, whether it is resisted by Haddad and Israel or not.

If Israel directly opposes the Lebanese army "the truth will appear naked," said Assad. "That is, that Israel will appear to the whole world as having in fact annexed a new portion of Arab territory."

Israel is backing Haddad, who shares its concern over Palestinian infiltration.

Lebanese authorities said

Haddad's forces killed six Lebanese when they shelled the village of Hasbaya near the Golan Heights, and fired on U.N. troops in nearby Kawkaba, wounding a Nepalese soldier.

In New York, the U.N. Security Council agreed to meet "without delay to consider the situation" if any more serious incidents occur, and announced "deepest concern" over what it called a "significant increase in the tension in the area."

The PLO said Israel's air, land and sea bombardments over the past four days killed 27 Palestinians. Lebanese provincial authorities said 60 Palestinians and Lebanese were killed.

There was no casualty report on the Israeli naval shelling of camps near Sidon.

Egypt severed diplomatic relations with Lebanon and Bahrain on Thursday after both those nations announced they were cutting ties to Egypt. They brought to 13 the number of Arab nations that have broken with Egypt over its peace with Israel.

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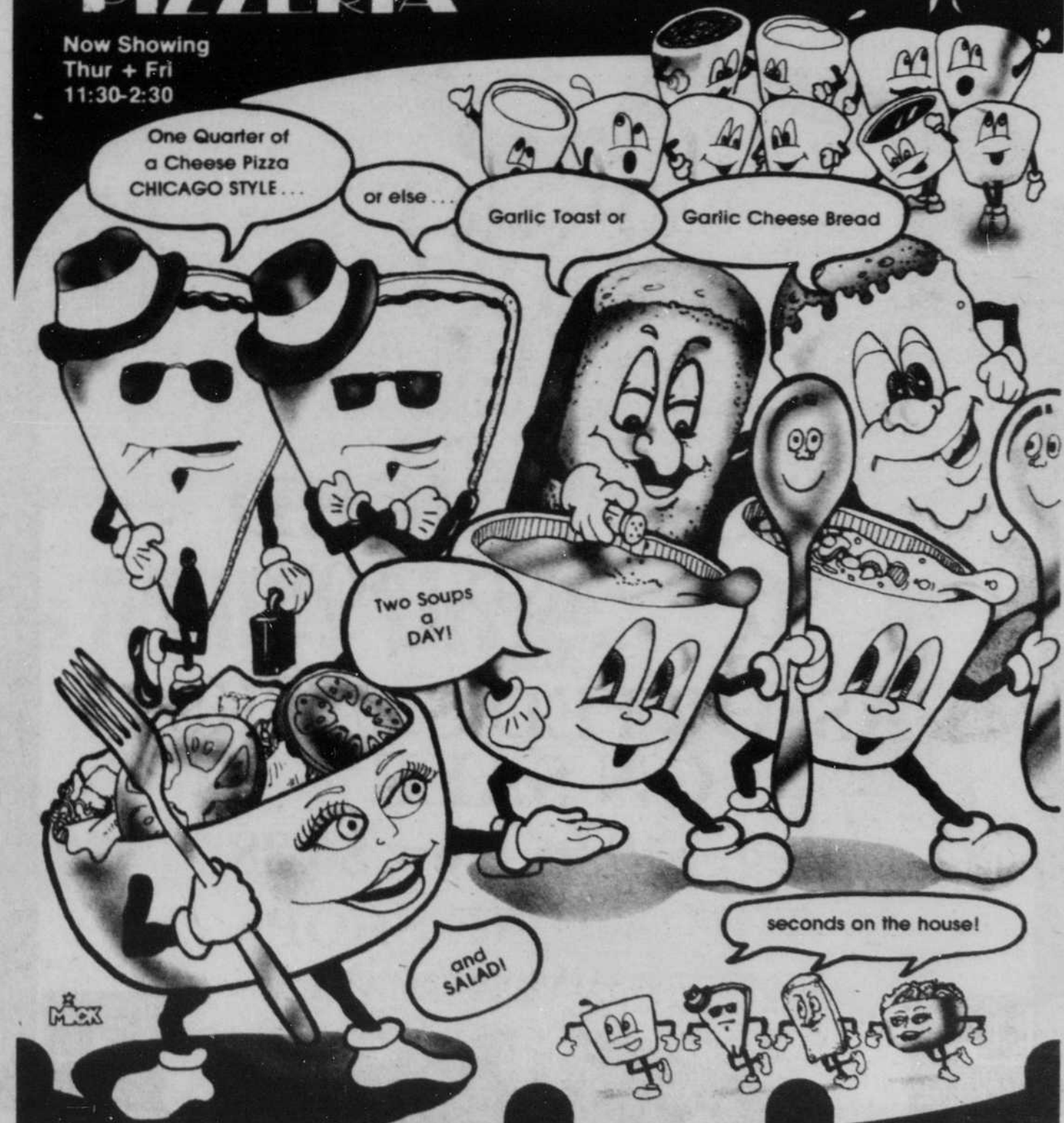
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