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## Mass grave report denied

ST. GEORGE'S — U.S. officials in Grenada and Washington, after issuing conflicting reports about the finding of a mass grave, agreed Monday that no such grave has been found.

Earlier reports had suggested that a grave containing the bodies of slain Prime Minister Maurice Bishop and up to 150 other victims of a military coup had been discovered near the southern coast of this Caribbean island.

But Guy Farmer, chief spokesman for the U.S. State Department mission here, reached the department in Washington by telephone and then told reporters, "There is no gravesite at this time. If someone finds a gravesite, please tell me."

Farmer blamed poor communications between Grenada and Washington for the confusion and said rumors about a mass grave had been "very strong."

At about the time that Farmer and other U.S. officials here were denying the gravesite report, State Department spokesman John Hughes told reporters in Washington, "I think it's well established that there is a mass grave there. The presumption is that this may well be the grave of those who were executed. We think there are 100 to 150 people in that grave."

Farmer appeared stunned when he heard of Hughes' statement, and later said, "We've all been working in a complicated situation, full of rumors. It is entirely possible that I do not have the fullest possible information."

# Nuclear plant found guilty

HARRISBURG — A federal grand jury indicted the former operator of the Three Mile Island plant Monday on criminal charges of falsifying safety test results before the worst nuclear power accident in the United States.

Federal officials said that if such false reports were filed, they could have contributed to the severity of the March 1979 accident in Middletown.

U.S. Attorney David Dart Queen, who announced the 11-count indictment, refused to say if the alleged violations by Metropolitan Edison Co. led to the accident, in which Unit 2's main cooling system lost water and the radioactive core overheated.

Another reactor, Unit 1, was undamaged.

"The indictment is going to have to speak for itself," Queen said.

"What the grand jury indictment alleges is that while it (the Unit 2 reactor) was operational and while it was licensed, the company, through its employees, engaged in a pattern of criminal conduct," Queen said.

The company was accused of attempting to conceal from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission data on the rate of leakage from Unit 2's primary cooling system, in which water passes over the reactor's radioactive core and heats up.

An official of a sister company that has taken over Metropolitan Edison's responsibilities for the plant said Monday that Met Ed's policy has always been to comply with the regulations and the conditions of its license.

The maximum total fine for all violations is \$85,000 and the costs of prosecution, which Dart said would be "very substantial."

## MX money passes vote

WASHINGTON — The Senate on Monday approved spending \$2.5 billion to produce and install 21 MX intercontinental missiles. Opponents conceded that the 56-37 vote may mark the last serious attempt to halt deployment of the powerful strategic weapon.

Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., voted Monday to eliminate financing for the MX missile. Hatfield was one of the six Republicans who voted to eliminate the funds for production and deployment of 21 MX missiles.

Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., was one of seven senators who did not vote on the measure.

Before the vote, senators brushed aside arguments by Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and others that the MX is outdated and vulnerable to Soviet attack.

"I believe it is necessary to make one last effort if only to clear my conscience," said Bumpers, ackowledging defeat shortly before the vote.

"The MX is a missile without a mission and a weapon without a home," Kennedy said.

Pres. Ronald Reagan and other supporters say the MX is needed as a "bargaining chip" to pressure the Soviet Union to negotiate seriously at the Geneva talks on curbing strategic nuclear arms.

Assistant Senate Republican leader Ted Stevens of Alaska con-

tended that the MX is a critical link in the U.S. nuclear arsenal, allowing a response to Soviet attack by firing missiles from nuclear-powered submarines, long-range bombers or underground silos.

The Senate vote clears the way for the Air Force to begin replacing aging Minuteman III missiles with MX weapons in existing silos in Wyoming and Nebraska beginning in 1986.

#### Riley named Salem chief

**SALEM** — Brian Riley, who has been Springfield police chief since 1974, was hired today as new police chief of Salem.

Riley, who was selected from among 90 applicants by City Manager Russ Abolt, will begin his new job Dec. 1.

Riley, 41, replaces Roy Hollady, who retired last summer. A Los Angeles police captain, Jack Smith, was named to the Salem job in July, but later changed his mind and turned down the post.

The new Salem chief will be in charge of a staff of 195 people.

#### Can you say 'arms race?'

PITTSBURGH — King Friday XIII suspected that Cornflake Pecially was making bomb parts for the neighborhood of Southwood, so he decided he'd better stock up on some bombs himself.

Any day now he'll be mobilizing for battle.

What? War in Mister Rogers' Neighborhood of Make-Believe? Death and destruction as the theme for a children's show?

With news of the invasion of Grenada and the bombing of the Marine barracks in Lebanon fresh in the minds of America's children, war now invades the television world created by soft-spoken Fred Rogers.

The five half-hour shows that make up the week-long series, called "Conflict," were taped and scheduled last summer, but Rogers said recent events give the series even more meaning.

"Conflict is no stranger to very little children," Rogers said. "They know that disagreements can lead to fighting.

"So often conflicts arise from a lack of communication, false assumptions or confusion, and that's what happens in the Neighborhood of Make-Believe."

