

Erving, Hollins bad news for rookie Natt, Blazers

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Julius Erving stole a pass out of Calvin Natt's hands with 28 seconds left and fed Maurice Cheeks for the layup that gave the Philadelphia 76ers a 98-96 win over the Portland Trail Blazers Tuesday night at Memorial Coliseum.

Erving, who in a do-everything night scored 29 points including a twisting jumper with 43 seconds left to tie the game at 96, grabbed a Natt miss with six seconds to play to clinch the Philly win.

Libel Hollins, making his return to Portland in a Sixers' uniform, looked every bit like a \$325,000-a-year guard, scoring 25 points.

The Blazers came from behind 80-73 to score eight straight points and take

an 81-80 lead in the fourth quarter. It see-sawed the rest of the way before Tom Owens gave the Blazers their last advantage with a jumper over Caldwell Jones that made it 96-94 with 55 seconds to go.

Natt led Portland with 23 and Owens added 17.

Despite the loss, the Blazers remained a half-game ahead of San Diego in the struggle for the Western Conference's last playoff spot. The Clippers lost 122-88 at Milwaukee.

The Sixers built a first-quarter lead but lost it by halftime as the Blazers rallied for a 51-51 tie.

Hollins, who had 16 first-half points, scored at 9:05 of the second

quarter to give Philadelphia a 41-26 lead. But he left the game and the bottom fell out for Philadelphia.

'The Blazers' lack of offense was igniting the Sixers' fastbreak. But Hollins took the Philadelphia defense to the bench with him and the Sixer running game turned into an ineffective walking game.

The Blazers outscored Philadelphia 25-10 through the rest of the half. Bob Gross and Owens had eight points each in the run.

Philadelphia started the game as if it wanted to prove to the world it could win in Portland. The Sixers haven't done that in four years. The Blazers got only one field goal from their offense in the first seven minutes of the game and Philadelphia went on a 15-1 tear to take a 23-8 lead.

But T.R. Dunn, Jim Brewer and Gross gave the Blazers a boost off the bench. Then Owens and Abdul Jeelani combined with Gross to pull Portland even.

Portland plays its second of four straight home games Friday against Utah.

Note: I PR'd this game on T.V. Owens.

Blazers wilt under pressure

By BART WRIGHT
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Feb. 20, 1980

NEW YORK — Fundamentally speaking, the Portland Trail Blazers discovered yet another way to make life on the road miserable Tuesday at Madison Square Garden when the bottom dropped out of the offense in the third quarter and precipitated a 113-103 loss to the New York Knicks.

The win gave New York a 2-0 sweep of its abbreviated season series with Portland, and the final result was a near carbon copy of the Knicks' 111-103 triumph over the Blazers at Memorial Coliseum in December. The loss dropped the Blazers' road record to 2-23 this season — they've lost 20 of their last 22 away from home — and bumped them back to six games under .500 (28-34) in what once seemed like a race with San Diego for the sixth and last Western Conference playoff spot.

Tuesday's outcome could be summarized as a case of the DNPs in the second half — Did Not Perform.

Portland held it's own on the boards in the first half and led 51-50 at intermission, but the Knicks came out attacking in the second half and worked the ball inside to rookie center Bill Cartwright, who muscled for 14 of his 20 points in the final two quarters to further diminish the Blazers' fading play-off hopes.

"No, it wasn't a letdown. It was a fundamental matter of ball handling and rebounding," said Portland Coach Jack Ramsay of his team's second-half swoon. "It was nothing more than the lack of fundamental execution. We did not handle the ball well and we did not rebound well. It's as simple as that."

The most blatant turning point came late in the third quarter after T.R. Dunn scored on a baseline layup and Dave Twardzik converted a technical foul shot charged against New York's Mike Glenn, giving the Blazers a 75-70 lead with 3:07 left.

At that point, Knicks guard Michael "Sugar" Ray Richardson twice stripped

Portland's guards near midcourt and turned both steals into layups — one on an assist to Ray Williams — and suddenly the Knicks were off and running. Cartwright had six points in the last three minutes of the third quarter as New York went on a 12-0 streak and took an 82-75 lead into the fourth quarter.

Portland made a brief rush and closed to within six at 87-81 on Tom Owens' short hook with 10:17 to play, but over the next eight minutes the Blazers managed just three field goals. By the time Kermit Washington slammed one through with 1:57 left, it was 108-96 and the Blazers had turned belly up.

Richardson, who leads the National Basketball Association in both assists and steals, turned in a virtuoso performance with a game-high 26 points, 14 assists, nine rebounds and six steals. Richardson and Williams came out trapping the Blazer guards in the third quarter and Portland soon wilted like last week's flowers.

"The trap was a surprise good," Twardzik said of the Knicks third-quarter strategy. "Any time you can come up with the unexpected it will help your team, but part of that had to do with us not executing. I don't think it was all one or the other; it was more the combination of our failure to execute combined with their trap that meant the difference."

Abdul-Jeelani, who started his second game of the season ahead of Kermit Washington, who's still hampered with a sore hamstring, scored 12 of his 18 points in the first half. His initial reaction to the third-quarter collapse was more succinct than Twardzik's.

"It was a disastrous quarter," Jeelani said. "I don't want to put it all on the guards, because we weren't blocking out on the boards like we did in the first half. They started taking the ball off our offensive board, and when they ran off those points at the end of the third quarter, that was it."

On the injury front, Washington played 20 minutes, but admitted he was

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FBI probes 3 mysterious reactor shutdowns

ATHENS, Ala. (AP) — A reactor at the Dalton's largest nuclear plant was mysteriously shut down three times in less than a week, prompting the suspension of eight employees and an investigation by the FBI.

The shutdowns occurred last month at one of three reactors owned by the Tennessee Valley Authority. Officials would not say whether the incidents were believed to be deliberate.

John Schlatter, a TVA spokesman at the agency's headquarters in Knoxville, said the shutdowns occurred Feb. 10 through its million-kilowatt peak. The reactor turned itself off again Feb. 12 and 15.

After the first two shutdowns, or "trips," the reactor was restarted within hours. But when the third unexpected trip occurred, engineers ordered operations halted until the cause was determined.

The unit went back on line March 3, although no operational reason for the shutdowns could be found. He would not say whether the eight plant employees were suspended or say what type of investigation he was conducting.

Schlatter said he doesn't know what they are, but he can't tell you what they are. "I can't tell you what they are," he said, "but I can tell you what they are not. They aren't operators; they aren't control room employees."

"A shutdown of that type is not all that rare," Schlatter said. "It happens at all nuclear plants for a variety of reasons. Sometimes there will be a faulty electrical signal, for example."

In Birmingham, FBI agent Joe Ross said two investigators had been assigned to the case to determine whether federal laws were violated.

The government-owned TVA, a seven-state utility that operates nuclear power plants and six other nuclear power plants, also disclosed what it termed minor security breaches at the Alabama site and at two others in Tennessee.

In late January, a clerical employee who habitually carries a pistol in her purse took the weapon into the Browns Ferry facility by accident. Weapons are not allowed inside. When she discovered the mistake, she turned herself in and was not suspended.

An employee at the Sequoyah Nuclear plant near Chattanooga, Tenn., drew a suspension of undisclosed length Wednesday for taking, without permission, photographs of test-fuel loading.

The FBI and TVA also are investigating the theft of such construction materials as copper tubing from the agency's Hartsville, Tenn., nuclear plant construction site, about 40 miles north of Nashville.

The Browns Ferry plant has had other difficulties in the past. A dangerous wiring fire, caused by an inspector using a candle to check for drafts, closed the plant in 1975. In late 1977 a worker dropped a rubber galosh in the reactor vessel of Unit One, extending a maintenance shutdown.

TVA serves most of Tennessee and portions of Kentucky, Alabama, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia and Mississippi.

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Dear Ted,

Yes. You have shown what you can do for one part of Australia and I have already forwarded to you by AIR MAIL, documentary i.e. newspaper evidence of ending the drought for those specified areas.

I now enclose some more drought clippings for areas which have not received your considerable attention, with the plea "NEXT PLEASE?"

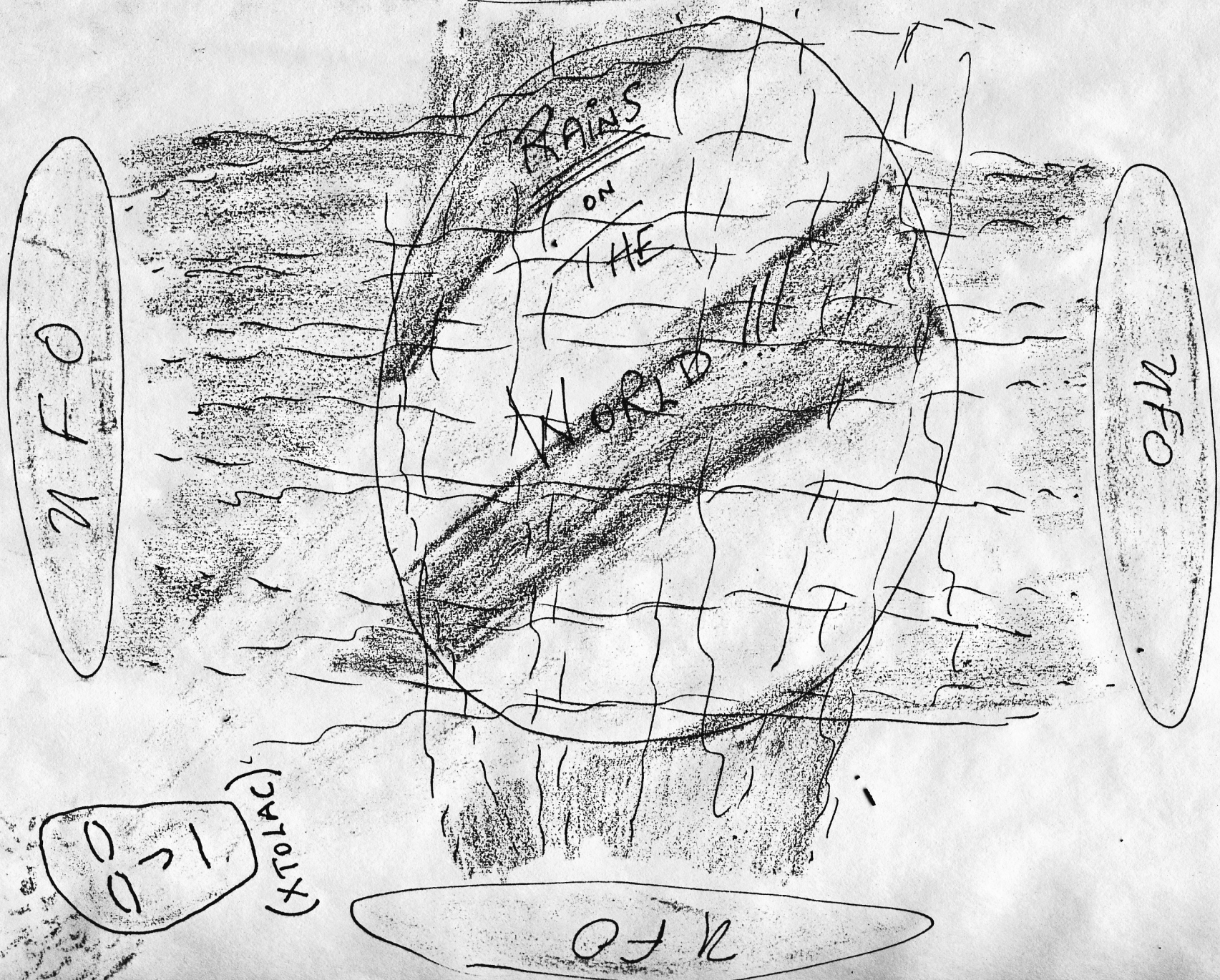
Thank You for listening to my plea and prayers.

With best wishes

yours faithfully,

- Bruce Kell

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May 15, 1980

Dr. Jeffrey Mishlove
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Dear Dr. Mishlove:

I have now finished my experiment in knocking out "power" and power sources. The tail-end of that film will reach you as soon as I can get it pasted up and xeroxed.

Now, beginning today, I will utilize my own powers...the powers of my UFOs (Control)...the powers of Andre...and the newly-found powers of Xtolac (Mayan Power), a living entity thousands of years old that my mind joined up with in Uxmal, Yucatan, while I was there recently...

to bring tremendous and long-lasting rains to Australia, which is stricken with a killer-drought...

and to India, in the midst of its worst drought in 70 years...

and to Africa, where millions of people are starving and dying because of drought.

In a bit will fill you in on the why of it, as soon as I get my Yucatan Report typed up.

While I am at it...I will work to bring rains all over the world. Tremendous rains everywhere on earth.

Sincerely,

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I am aware that help is needed for your work and research and I am aware that should you place my photo on your Healing Wall, any healing would be maximised.

However my first thought and object in contacting you, was to ask assistance and intercession to bring rain to this parched continent of Australia. I doubt if you would respect me very much if I now choose to dump Australia and concentrate on my own personal needs.

Additionally I know you have advertised a course for \$50 so I feel I could take this course personally (plus extra for say \$20 AIR MAIL postage). Total \$ 70

Maybe I could include a donation which could be halved as being towards drought relief of Australia \$ 100
personal relief through "Healing Wall" \$ 100

I trust this arrives safely cheque for \$ 270

Yours faithfully
Bruce Kell

P.S. Please excuse bank check but it is difficult to obtain United States Currency to the ^{ABOVE} amount. BK.

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Dear Ted,

Thank you for the UFO Disc and the thoughtful inclusion of magazine material and copy of letter to the P.M. concerning the Australia-wide drought.

The P.M.'s name is MALCOLM FRASER. He has often been quoted as the originator of the phrase « LIFE WASN'T MEANT TO BE EASY » and being a farmer - grazier - rancher - cattleman as well as academically qualified, he should appreciate the vagaries of nature especially lack of rain. However he could not send public money.

I had no idea you would approach him personally.

By the way the full version of the above quotation is from George Bernard Shaw:

« LIFE IS NOT MEANT TO BE EASY MY CHILD
BUT TAKE COURAGE
IT CAN BE DELIGHTFUL »

So please, Ted, use my small contributions towards bringing rain to Australia, especially those parts of New South Wales which include Armidale (northern Tablelands) and KEMPSEY (the North Coast of N.S.W.)

P/10 OK
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April 9th 1980

Dear Sir,

~~Enclosed~~
You have been given the mind of "future man" to help the human race if possible. The S. I. have made you their only link with the human race so that the S. I. can step in and help the human race with your human choice and permission.

Would you please consider helping to relieve the drought in Australia? If the size of Australia is too big to contemplate, please consider relieving the drought for say a tenth of the area for a start.

How about starting on the northern tablelands and north coast of the state of New South Wales? Would you please consider helping to relieve the drought in these areas? Thank You.

Do you want me to send you any newspaper articles to confirm the drought and the breaking of the drought if you agree to consider bringing this relief?

Best wishes

Yours faithfully
Bruce Kell

P.S. \$10 enclosed with thanks BK

March 30, 1980

Dr. Jeffrey Mishlove

Am continuing to fill you in on the always-flowing action of PK Man.

The enclosed xerox file is self-explanatory.

Mount St. Helens could very well be the spark that sets off Mt. Lassen and ignites the San Andreas Fault...thus bringing about what the SIs warned about earlier, if the Base was not presented.

There is, I believe, an excellent analogy between me, among the ~~mm~~ human race, being able to communicate with the infinite intelligence of the SIs (or The Phenomenon?)...and a single cell, perhaps, in your own body...that somehow learns to communicate with your brain and intelligence...among all the billions or trillions of other cells. That single cell, amazed to discover the fact, tells cells around it...who of course do not believe it...so the one cell asks your Brain to do this, do that...in your body...and it is done...but the other cells think that it is simply "coincidence"...a la Hynek, the Hyena.

Years ago an astrophysicist, who met me and investigated me...told me about "dendrites" that had been discovered in the frontal lobe areas of people who had allegedly been taken by UFOs, then died...and secret govt. agencies arranged to do secret operations on their brains to see if they had been affected by the UFOs...and found these "dendrites". It occurs to me that perhaps these dendrites might be the equivalent to transistors in radios, and TVs, and computers. Or, perhaps, chemical implants which would have the same function.

Finally, I was talking over the phone last week to a Bell Telephone expert...former employee...when suddenly a voice cut into our conversation, saying: "Berger, call # 3905...get on 3905." I immediately whispered to Millie (Millie Miller, who has moved here to Vancouver) to be quiet...then said loudly in an officious voice, "Please repeat, repeat message." So the man repeated the message. At which point I said in my own voice, "Make that two burgers with french fries." Ha ha. I must have my humor. Anyway, Millie, who was a pro with Bell Telephone, told me that my phone is certainly bugged...and that whoever was taping our call left a switch up, accidentally allowing their conversation get through into our conversation.

Amusing, what?

Best to you and Janelle.....

Ted Owens (PK Man)

3:30 PM, 3/18/80

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March 16, 1980

CONTACTS

My UFOs today communicated.

Because time is so short (before a nuclear shootout, which will involve the whole world directly and indirectly)...they are raising "the ante" now in order to try and get the Base they want so desperately (five million).

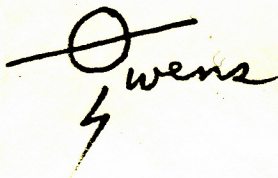
They are going to attack the higher-ups in the U.S. Government. I do not know what they have in mind, but it should be quite bad.

This action is a "back-up" for the file which I have just sent to you.

You will be able to keep score on the government bigwigs as it happens, in the newspapers.

Now, of course, we will be dealing with the "5 Projects PK Attack."

Ted Owens (PK Man)

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February 29, 1980

Dr. Jeffrey Mishlove

Dear Dr. Mishlove:

This is a VERY IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION.

But first...let me congratulate you on your brand new PhD in Parapsychology...unique and a one-of-a-kind. Terr...ific!

Now I can safely call you Doctor and not get cussed out. Ha ha!

Oh, before I forget it...would you please forward a copy of the amendment to the contract? (Whatever that is.)

One more thought. Although we are now sort of disconnected... i.e., you are not actively following my work...I will continue to send you, from time to time, xeroxs of my work to keep you generally filled in, unless you instruct me not to do so.

Now for the "very important".....

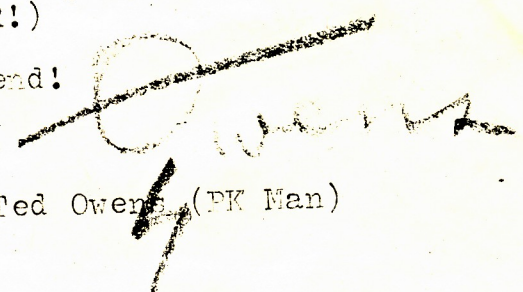
A chance remark from a friend to the effect that I had "sensitized" almost the entire United States through my years of psi-force demonstrations (as an area can be sensitized with a PK effect perhaps producing a linger effect) rang a bell in my mind. I secured a map of the U.S. and circled the areas where I had lived or where I had attacked with psi-force and other-dimensional powers. To my utter amazement THERE IS A PATTERN THERE! (See the enclosed xerox of it). With just a few exceptions, over the past 15 years, the entire East Coast is blanketed; the Gulf Coast is blanketed; and the West Coast is blanketed. Fully and completely!

It is obvious to me, using hindsight, that the SIs deliberately led me, pushed and pulled me, year by year, in one way or another, to bring this about! This can only mean that they had a GREATER purpose in mind than just having me demonstrate powers on various places. As in a chess game, they seem to be 10 to 20 moves ahead, constantly, of what I am doing.

I presume you follow what I am saying. Let us say, for example, that I intend to knock out power (electric, nuclear, etc.) all over the world (which I am now engaged in doing)...THE VERY FIRST AREAS TO BE AFFECTED WILL BE THE ALREADY SENSITIZED AREAS! The coastal areas of the U.S. As soon as my half-alien brain goes into action, these sensitized areas will light up like a pin-ball machine and cause and effect will become operable! (Just as my effects are enormously major ones, compared, say, with PK or psi-force effects produced by other psychics...then SO WILL THE LINGER EFFECT BE ENORMOUSLY MAJOR!)

Something to ponder upon, my friend!

Sincerely,

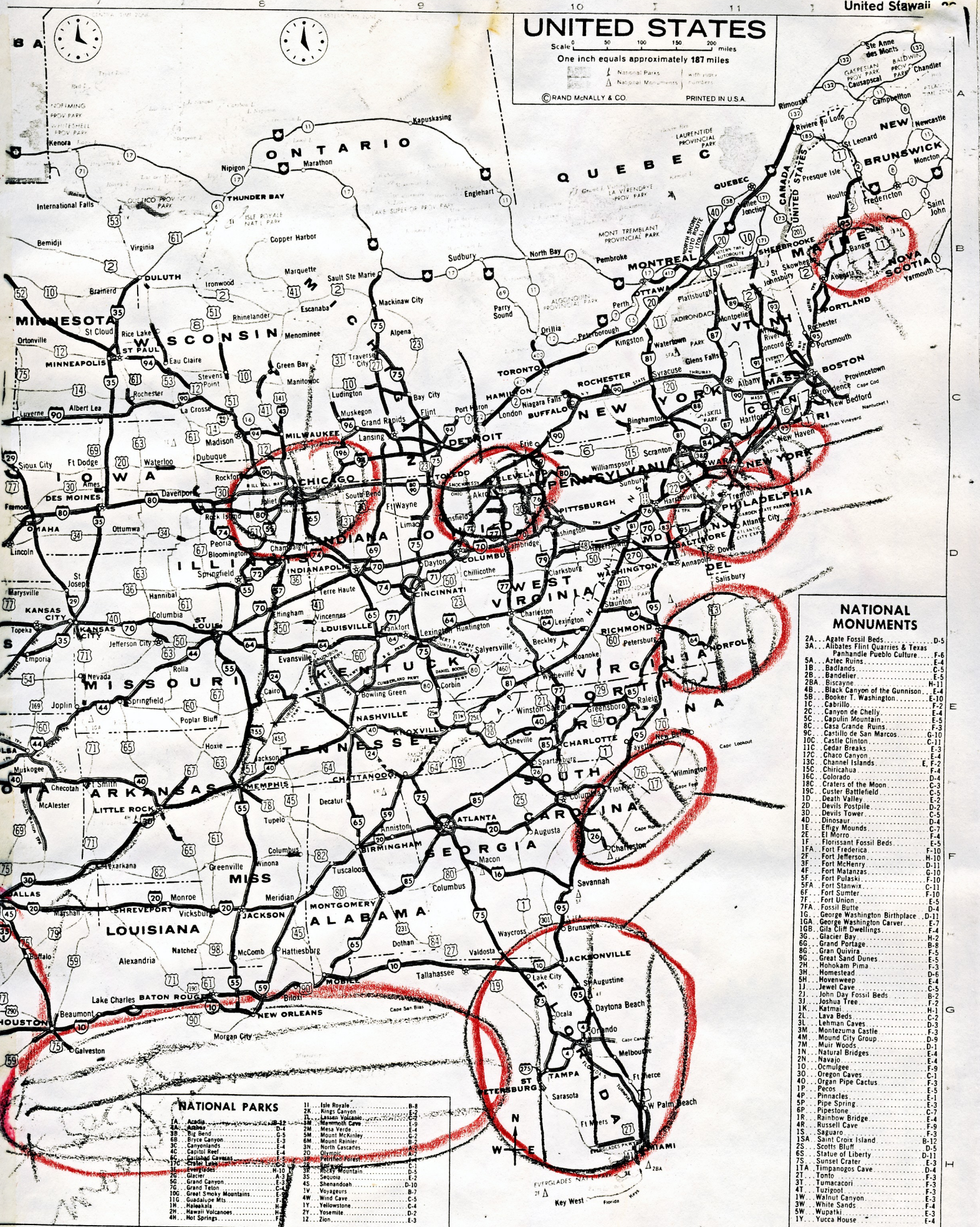

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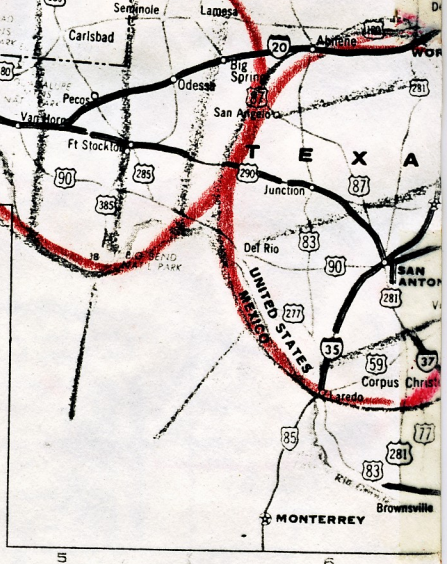
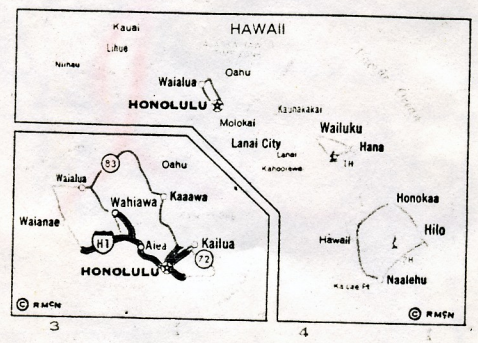
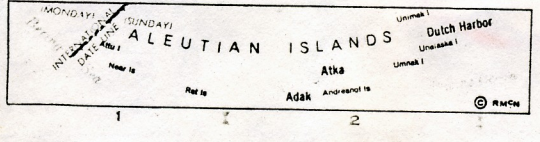
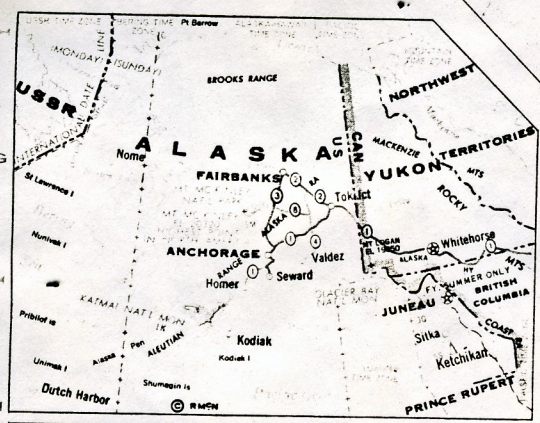


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— World Power Off —
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Florida reactor shuts off

By IKE FLORES

Feb. 27, 1980

CRYSTAL RIVER, Fla. (AP) — A nuclear power plant reactor shut down automatically Tuesday when its instruments and control systems lost power. Some radioactive water spilled inside the plant when an emergency cooling system switched on, according to officials of Florida Power Corp.

No radioactive material leaked outside the Crystal River No. 3 plant, and the public was not endangered, the utility and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission said.

"There was no damage to the reactor, no damage to the fuel rods, and no radiation released anywhere," company spokesman Bob South said late Tuesday at a briefing outside the plant, located 60 miles north of Tampa.

"There was nothing disturbed in the plant," he continued. "There was no core meltdown or anything like that."

South added, however, "There are 43,000 gallons of water in the bottom of the containment building." He said technicians had to "drain it out normally and wait for the evaporation process."

He indicated the water was not very radioactive.

Some "non-essential personnel" and others not directly working with the reactor were asked to leave the plant, South said, but others remained on the job.

South said a safety valve called an RCV-8 overloaded and let excess cooling water flow into a tank. The water then ruptured a pressure relief disc and poured onto the floor of the containment building, he said.

— World Power Out —

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Instrument failure shut N-reactor

Feb. 28, 1980

CRYSTAL RIVER, Fla. (AP) — An electronic breakdown in central control room instruments — and a seven-minute failure of a backup power system — combined to shut down the Crystal River nuclear power plant in a flood of radioactive water, officials said Wednesday.

The explanation by Florida Power Corp. and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission emerged as a 21-man NRC team tried to figure out what caused the instrument failure that threw the plant into the emergency shutdown Tuesday afternoon.

"It was an electronic failure of some type," said James P. O'Reilly, the NRC's division director from Atlanta. "It could have been a switch or something in a small console."

He said it would be at least a week before the plant could be restarted.

Also at the plant was a representative of Babcock & Wilcox, designer of portions of both Crystal River and the Three Mile Island plant near Harrisburg, Pa.

A shutdown at Three Mile Island in March 1979 severely damaged the core of a nuclear reactor and led to the temporary evacuation of 50,000 area residents.

Florida Power officials said the incident here was not similar to Three Mile Island. But they said lessons learned from that accident were valuable in preventing more serious trouble.

As O'Reilly and utility officials briefed reporters at the Gulf Coast site 60 miles north of Tampa, the reactor's containment building was awash in 43,000 gallons of water. The water — highly radioactive at one point — gushed onto the building's floor when automatic devices sensed a loss of controls about 2:40 p.m. Tuesday.

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Nuclear mishap no 'close call'

By TOM RAUM

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Nuclear Regulatory Commission told Congress Wednesday that the mishap at a Florida nuclear power plant isn't likely to affect its intention to resume licensing of new plants.

Safety systems at the Crystal River plant worked as planned after Tuesday's accident, and damage to the plant is limited to the accumulation of 43,000 gallons of radioactive water in the reactor containment structure, commissioners told a Senate Appropriations subcommittee on energy.

"Was it a close call?" asked Sen. Bennett Johnston D-La., chairman of the subcommittee.

"It was not," testified Victor Stello, NRC director of inspection and enforcement.

And NRC Chairman John F. Ahearne told the panel that "All indications we have are that there's no fuel failure or anything like that."

The Florida plant was built by Babcock & Wilcox — the same firm that built the Three Mile Island reactor — but Ahearne said he saw little similarity between the two accidents.

He said 43,000 gallons "is not an unusual amount of radioactive water to have on the floor of the containment structure and that similar amounts spill at other nuclear plants about once a year."

Ahearne was asked if the mishap alters the commission's plans, announced on Tuesday, to soon end its self-imposed pause on licensing new plants — a moratorium prompted by the Three Mile Island accident 11 months ago.

"As far as I can see now, it wouldn't have any effect," Ahearne testified.

However, NRC Commissioner Victor Gilinsky added: "It does remind you that one needs to be careful."

Ahearne noted that the mishap at the plant on Florida's Gulf Coast did give nuclear regulators a few anxious moments — largely from what he said were incorrect initial readings suggesting pressures inside the reactor containment were far higher than they actually were.

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High-level radioactivity seeps into Hanford soil

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RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) — About 500 gallons of high-level radioactive waste leaked from an underground pipe Tuesday morning at the Hanford nuclear reservation, contaminating 200 square feet of earth.

A 10-by-20-foot surface area was immediately roped off, and a covering of fresh earth several inches deep was spread over the spot, said Hal Lindberg, a spokesman for Rockwell Hanford.

Lindberg said no personnel were contaminated or overexposed to the radiation and that there was no air contamination.

The water that spilled from the pipe was high-level waste from the reprocessing of reactor fuels from production reactors. It was being pumped into an evaporator for solidification.

An evaporator is used to turn high-level radioactive liquid waste into a solid mass for disposal. The evaporator was shut down indefinitely as a result of the accident, Lindberg said.

"There has been no hazard to personnel or to the air from this incident because of prompt detection and action taken to stabilize the contaminated soil with earth cover," he added.

Rockwell Hanford operations officials say the leak resulted when the pipe leading to the waste evaporator failed.

But Lindberg noted: "We're going to have to wait until we can get back into the contaminated area to figure out what went wrong. It may have been a weld failure."

Instruments detected the radiation, and the line was shut off, officials said.

Lindberg said: "People are occasionally in the tank farm area where we have these lines. There wasn't anybody in that particular area at the time."

Workers in heavy anti-contamination coveralls, footwear, gloves and headgear moved across the area after the spill was detected, helping spread fresh earth to stabilize the contamination.

Eventually, the contaminated earth will be hauled to a burial site on the reservation, Lindberg said.

The accident site is at about the center of the 570-square-mile reservation in southeastern Washington, about 33 miles from Richland, the nearest community.

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— WORLD POWER OUT — Leak halts nuclear unit

FEB. 29, 1980
TWO RIVERS, Wis. (AP) — The Wisconsin Electric Power Co. took its Point Beach Unit 2 nuclear facility out of service Thursday following a leak in a steam generator.

The Milwaukee-based utility said there was no uncontrolled release of radiation and no danger to the public or plant employees.

Unit 1, the other unit at the power complex, continued in operation.

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SPAIN

Oregonian Feb. 28, 1980 N-plant closed

BURGOS, Spain (AP) — Operators of the Santa Maria de Garone nuclear power plant in north central Spain announced Wednesday they had closed the facility after a leak was discovered in its primary water circuit.

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