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If you're like most people, you love music but you don't want to get too involved with the technical end of sound reproduction. And you may have a friend who is *really into hi fi*, your trusted adviser on such matters.

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THE NUCLEAR ACCIDENT AT THREE MILE ISLAND

It was the worst commercial nuclear accident in U.S. history—a leak of radioactive steam from the Three Mile Island power station near Harrisburg, Pa. The radiation spread 20 miles into the Pennsylvania countryside. Pregnant women and preschool children within 5 miles were evacuated from their homes and everybody else was advised to remain indoors. For a few hours, Gov. Richard Thornburgh considered ordering a mass evacuation. The accident, precariously close to a “China

syndrome” meltdown of the reactor core, cast doubt on the future of nuclear power (page 33) just when oil is getting more expensive and scarce. And it showed once again how little scientists know about the dangers of low-level radiation—particularly the possibility that even small doses can eventually cause cancer (page 40). A nine-member NEWSWEEK team headed by John Dotson was on scene within hours of the accident. (Cover photograph by Wally McNamee—NEWSWEEK.)

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FIRST LADY?

For the first time in 55 years, a British Government has been brought down in a no-confidence vote. If Conservative Party leader Margaret Thatcher (below) wins the election in May, she will become the first woman Prime Minister in British history.

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EGYPT AND ISRAEL WAGE PEACE

Quoting from the Prophet Isaiah—“And they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks”—Jimmy Carter, Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin sat at a table on the White House lawn last week and signed a treaty ending 30 years of war between Egypt and Israel. The three leaders then exchanged a triumphant handclasp, and later celebrated at a lavish, outdoor state dinner attended by a celebrity-packed guest list of 1,300 people. But lasting peace in the Middle East still faced a long and uphill struggle. Most of the Arab world reacted to the treaty with hostility, and Arab ministers meeting in Baghdad imposed, on paper at least, a total economic and diplomatic boycott of Egypt.

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X CARS

The X cars are here—and they are the biggest gamble in General Motors history. With the Pontiac Phoenix (right) and three others, GM takes aim at imports.

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