

Monsanto Styrene Plant Destroyed

TEXAS CITY, Tex. (INS)—Monsanto Chemical Company's \$10,000,000 styrene plant was virtually destroyed and a large percentage of 800 persons that worked there were injured and many were killed when a French freighter, which had previously caught fire, exploded at the dock.


Immediately south of the plant, Joseph R. Mares, general manager of Monsanto's recently organized Texas division, says more than 100 persons are still missing. H. K. Eckert, plant manager, was among the seriously injured. He was removed to a Galveston hospital.

Of the 800 persons who worked at Monsanto when the tragedy struck, approximately 400 were regular employees of the company, and the others were principally construction workers, most of whom were supplied by the Boling Construction Company of Houston, Tex.

Mares stated that there was no explosion within the Monsanto property which contributed to the loss of lives or to damage.

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Waiting For Smallpox Vaccination



This is part of the scores of Trentonians waiting at City Hall clinic for vaccination against small pox.

Board Bans Local Train Withdrawal

Elimination of several passenger trains on the Bividers and Trenton-Camden Divisions of the Pennsylvania Railroad has been disapproved by the Board of Public Utility Commissioners.

The company sought to withdraw four northbound and five southbound trains on the Camden Division and one between Trenton and Stroudsburg, effective April 27.

Utility Commissioner Brophy announced the board action at the conclusion yesterday afternoon of a hearing on the petitions after strong objection had been entered by commuters and other residents affected.

Cancellation of four trains on the New York Division, two from Trenton to New York and two from Trenton to New Brunswick, was approved. To those curtailments there was no opposition.

Brophy said he had never in his experience as public utility commissioner seen so much aroused public interest in a railroad discontinuance case. He promised the company and objectors a further hearing in the fall.

Between 5,000,000 and 7,000,000 Americans have serious hearing impairments of one or both ears.

Driscoll Asks Community Aid For Utility Anti-Strike Law

Governor Alfred S. Driscoll yesterday called for support of the State's utility anti-strike law by responsible members of the community in a talk to the Kiwanis Club.

"We are trying to substitute a rule of reason—government by law—rather than of chaos, confusion and consternation in government by men, be they men in management or in labor," the Governor said. "It is not the intention of the law or of the administration to compel people to work involuntarily for a utility or for the State, but once the State has taken over, we cannot recognize a strike against the State."

Speaking at the luncheon meeting in the Stacy-Trent attended by more than 300 members and their guests, Driscoll said: "Admittedly the New Jersey program needs further study. We are pioneering in a field where few have dared to go, but we are hopeful that we can develop a formula which will be fair to all concerned. We must do away with the ever recurring threat of a breakdown in some essential service, with its far-reaching and drastic results on the nation's welfare."

The Governor was enthusiastically applauded when he said: "We must recognize this basic fact: that the interest of the public is paramount."

Because they are so essential to the public welfare, he asserted, public utilities—those industries providing people with heat, light, power, water, sewage disposal, etc.—are in a class by themselves.

"They have certain special privileges, and their employees are entitled to treatment somewhat different from that of the employees of most private enterprises," he continued, "but they also have special obligations to society and to their employers to see that the service they are rendering is not allowed to lapse."

Edward M. LaMar, president of Kiwanis, presided. William E. Allen Jr. arranged the program.

Marshal Gets Life Sentence

NUERNBERG, Germany—AP—Field Marshal General Erhard Milch was sentenced today to spend the rest of his life in prison for drafting slave labor into Germany's aircraft factories and using prisoners of war in the armament industry in violation of the laws of war.

The sentence was imposed by Robert M. Toms of Detroit, presiding judge of the three-man U. S. court which conducted the former Luftwaffe chieftain's 10-weeks trial as a war criminal.

Milch, 55, heard the verdict in the same room where Hermann Goering and other Nazi leaders were condemned to the gallows last year by the international military tribunal.

"The tribunal takes no pleasure in performing the duty which confronts it," Judge Toms told the erect and stolid Milch as he imposed the sentence. "But it would be a travesty on justice if the false leaders of Germany should escape responsibility for betrayal of their own people."

"Nor can we ignore the mass graves of victims whose only crime was to stand in Hitler's way. Retribution must be swift and certain."

Study Club To Meet

The Study Club meeting of Court Columbus No. 80, Catholic Daughters of America, will be held tonight at the home of Mrs. Charles Smith, 109 Beal Street. At the conclusion of the study hour refreshments will be served. All members are urged to be present as plans for the annual dinner will be made. Mrs. David Byrnes, chairman, will be in charge of the meeting.

Elected To Board

Dr. Milton Caster of 228 North Warron Street was elected a member of the board of trustees of the Chiropodists' Society of the State of New Jersey by the Central Division of the society at a meeting held in the American Hotel in Freehold.

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Crash Drivers Fined

BORDENTOWN — Drivers of a truck and auto were each fined \$3 and costs for careless driving yesterday following a crash on Route 28 and Crosswicks Road.

They are Harold W. Goldberger, 41, of 5 Evon Avenue, Mount Holly, and William Grubby, 71, of Maple Avenue, New Egypt.

Goldberger, foreman for a Trenton construction company, escaped injury although his car was badly damaged when struck, Trooper George Dann said.

LOOK OUT FOR PIN-WORMS

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DDT Air Blitz Monday On State Park Pine Area

An air blitz with DDT is planned at the Washington Crossing State Park pine plantation on Monday. The attack is aimed at the larvae of the European pine sawfly, a worm about an inch long highly destructive of pine growth.

Air spraying operations last year in Pennsylvania against the gypsy moth have supplied a pattern in combating insects by this means. The work at Washington Crossing will be under direction of the State Department of Agriculture.

DDT will be applied at the rate of one pound per acre and will be used in a kerosene or xylene base. The service is available for properties of ten or more acres at a cost of \$2.50 an acre, including materials.

The worm of the pine sawfly is the same color as pine needles. It usually escapes detection until the trees have been nearly stripped of foliage. For this reason fight from the ground is difficult.

Women's Day Sunday

The Conference Workers Club of St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church, North Willow Street will celebrate Women's Day on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. The speaker in the morning will be Mrs. Bernice J. Munce, a member of the faculty of Junior High School No. 3. In the afternoon the women will present a program of local talent. The public is invited.

Plan For Communion

Plans for the annual Mother's Day Communion were discussed at a meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of St. Joachim's Church last night. Joseph Lanzl was the guest speaker. Mrs. Carl Chianese, president, presided at the meeting.

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