...appearance hearings Monday at the Wake County Courthouse.

But no bond was permitted for the murder charges. Until the Aug. 31 hearing, the three will remain at Wake County Jail, officials said.

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...rillas were killed and 14 wounded in the dawn air raids on the Burj el Barajawy Palestinian refugee camp, near Beirut Airport on the southern edge of the capital.

The Palestine Liberation Organization said Israeli jets also hit a school in the Palestinian village of Damour, 11 miles south of Beirut. No casualties were reported there.

...civil defense units [illegible] here today. The preparedness operation will include roadblocks, rescue operations and mock evacuations of casualties, officials said.

'Partial permanent' peace

Meanwhile, Israeli officials were working in Jerusalem on concrete peace proposals to present to Egypt at Camp David. They said one of the

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Utilities say proposed rules on PCBs are too expensive

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As state health and transportation officials continued plotting their strategy for disposing of PCB-contaminated soil along 250 miles of North Carolina roadsides, electric utilities representatives testified in Washington on Monday against proposed federal regulations designed to restrict the use of the toxic chemicals.

William C. Gerstner, executive vice president of Illinois Power Co. and chairman of the Electric Utility PCB Task Force, estimated during an Environmental Protection Agency hearing in Washington that it would cost the power industry $4.5 billion to comply with the proposed regulations to control an estimated 400,000 pounds of PCBs found in transformers.

By comparison, Gerstner said, the EPA's regulations would exempt some 180 million pounds of PCBs contained in concentrated small sources such as home appliances.

Ban proposed

Gerstner's comments came at an EPA hearing on proposals to ban the manufacture and use of PCBs, and to prohibit the servicing and replacement of equipment with parts containing PCBs. Under the new rules, the EPA would stiffen its standard for permissible concentrations of PCBs, reducing that level from the present 500 parts per million to 50 parts per million.

PCBs, polychlorinated biphenyls, are believed capable of causing cancer, birth defects and liver, nerve and skin damage to humans.

Transformers

The most serious problem facing utilities concerns transformers, which sometimes are filled with mineral oil contaminated with small amounts of PCBs.

N.J. Melton of Duke Power Co. in Charlotte said tests show that up to 32 percent of the utility's 418,000 transformers may contain mineral oil with PCB concentrations above 50 parts per million, with the total amount of PCBs estimated at 8,530 pounds.

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No charges will be filed against

WASHINGTON (AP) — Law enforcement authorities closed the case Monday against former White House drug adviser Peter G. Bourne for writing a prescription made out to a fictitious name.

The Bourne case was closed in suburban Prince William County, Va., and in Washington with no criminal charges against the 39-year-old psychiatrist.

Paul Ebert, the prosecutor in ...ce William County, where an after... made the U.S. Attorney's office, said: "We originally deferred to Virginia authorities to decide whether to prosecute or not in this case. They've made their decision and as far as this office is concerned, that's the end of the matter."

Bourne quit July 20 as President Carter's chief adviser on drug abuse just 36 hours after disclosure that Bourne had given a prescription with a fictitious name for the

...instead of Ms. Metsky's name on the 15-tablet prescription when he issued it July 7. Bourne and Ms. Metsky agreed that she had asked him to do this.

Four days later, Ms. Metsky's friend and former roommate, Toby M. Long, 28, was arrested at a drugstore near her job in Prince William County. She was charged with trying to fill the prescription.

Ms. Metsky said later she had not had ...time to fill the ...

PCB rules too costly, firms say

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To comply with the complex proposals to insure safe disposal of PCBs, he said, would cost Duke Power a minimum of $13 million.

"The low levels of contamination and the low number of contaminated transformers do not warrant inclusion of contaminated mineral oil in the definition of a 'PCB mixture,'" he said.

Mallon suggested the contaminated oil be burned in the utility's coal-fired furnaces. He said that would be comparable to EPA's suggested disposal plan calling for contaminated mineral oil to be burned in a special PCB incinerator.

"We contend that routine assembly, servicing and operation of mineral oil-filled transformers should be excluded from the marking, disposal and use regulations for PCBs," he said, adding that "this oil is handled in a closed system" and unlikely to escape into the environment.

No estimate

A spokesman for Carolina Power & Light Co., which was not testifying at this week's EPA hearings, said in Raleigh that CP&L had no estimate of how much PCB it had on hand. He said only about 25 of CP&L's 350,000 transformers had PCBs in concentrations greater than 500 parts per million, but he said he did not know how many more had concentrations of 50 parts per million, the level that would be affected by the proposed new EPA regulations.

Most of CP&L's PCBs are contained not in transformers but in capacitors, the spokesman said. Capacitors are used along power lines to minimize the amount of electricity lost in transmission.

Highway maintenance workers on Monday continued spraying a solution of activated charcoal along PCB-stained road shoulders, in the second day of a planned two-week effort to retard the spread of the toxic chemical that was sprayed along 270 miles of roadsides nearly three weeks ago.

Precautions

State officials are to decide next week what special precautions will be needed to protect the estimated 350 highway workers who will be involved in excavating and hauling away the PCB-contaminated soil after it has been treated with the charcoal and emulsified asphalt.

Dr. Martin P. Nance, state epidemiologist, said state health and transportation officials will meet next week with representatives from the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health to determine what sort of protective clothing and safety precautions are necessary for those workers. He said many of those workers probably would have to wear some sort of mask.

Meanwhile, Transportation Secretary Thomas W. Bradshaw Jr. circulated a memorandum assuring highway maintenance workers they would not be exposed to dangerous PCB contamination. Excavation of the contaminated soil is not expected to begin for several weeks. That work cannot begin until a disposal site for the toxic chemical has been selected and prepared.

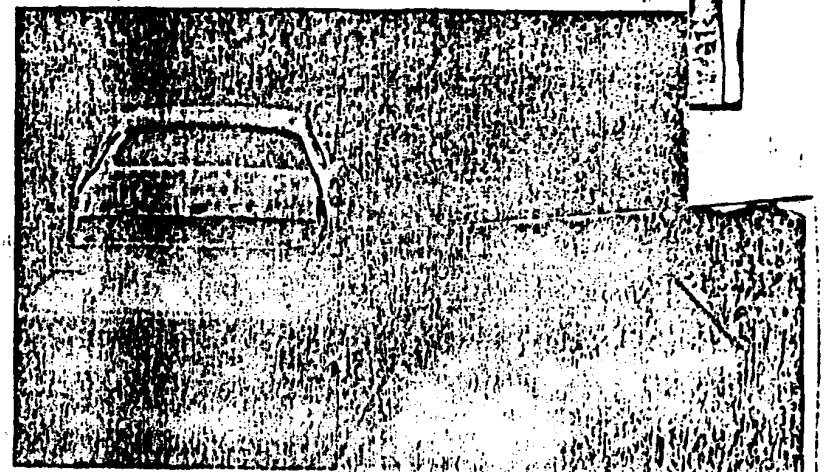
Marshall Staton, chief of the state Department of Human Resources sanitary engineering section, said he could not predict how soon state officials could select disposal sites for the contaminated soil.

Single site?

"If we could, we'd like to put it in one site," Staton said. "It'd be easier to monitor that way."

State chemists have confirmed PCB presence in dumpings along 270 miles of highways in 14 counties, not counting a contaminated Hoke County roadside inside Fort Bragg whose cleanup is under federal jurisdiction. The other affected counties are Edgecombe, Nash, Wilson, Johnston, Halifax, Franklin, Warren, Granville, Person, Wake, Harnett, Alamance, Lee and Chatham.

Chemists at the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development laboratory began Monday testing samples from six additional spills reported last week. No determination had been made yet



PCBs along N.C. 97 near the Franklin County line . . . sprayed Monday as part of the state's cleanup effort

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