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MONSANTO CHEMICAL BAN — Monsanto Co. has announced it intends to phase out the production of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), a group of chemicals which have been termed a significant health hazard by the Environmental Protection Agency. In making the announcement in St. Louis, a company spokesman said the phaseout would take place in "a planned and orderly manner." PCBs, fire-resistant chemicals used mainly as insulating fluids in electrical equipment, have been shown to cause reproductive failures, gastric disorders and skin lesions in mammals.

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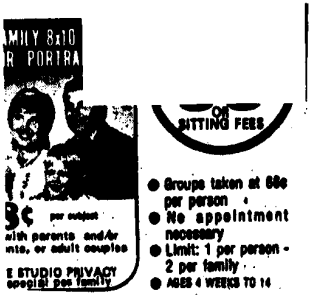
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