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In Brief . . .

NPE '91 Prospectus in the Mail . . .

The Prospectus for the 1991 National Plastics Exposition and Conference features opportunities for exhibiting at the June 17-21 event in Chicago's mammoth McCormick Place . . . The traditional drawing for exhibit space will be conducted at the Chicago Hilton Hotel, March 21-22, 1990 . . . Prior NPE drawings indicate that 80 percent of the entire exhibit areas in McCormick Place East, North and West will be assigned at the drawing . . . To be drawn in the "member" category at the drawing, a company must have been an SPI member since Oct. 31, 1989 . . . (NPE '88 recorded an increase of 40 percent in exhibit space over NPE '85) . . . For more information about the drawing, the Prospectus and NPE '91, contact the SPI Trade Shows office, (202) 371-5235; fax (202) 842-3583.

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Publications & Events

Machinery Division Unveils Communication Protocol Kit

The SPI Machinery Division has announced that licensing agreements are available for the SPI Communication Protocol Development Kit, Phase I.

The two-part protocol represents a joint effort with the Machinery Component Manufacturers Division to solve the problem of a lack of interfacing between different brands of auxiliary equipment.

Phase I allows for communication between a machine and its auxiliary equipment. Phase II will allow for robotics communication between machines or between machine and host equipment.

The protocol provides information for software development for

each auxiliary unit and an RS 485 serial communication port so that varied communication elements are allowed to "talk the same language" with the processing machine as the centerpiece of the system.

It was created by the two divisions primarily for SPI members; however, SPI is offering it to non-members at a higher price.

The price of the protocol for SPI members is \$2,500; for non-members, \$5,000. All companies must sign a licensing agreement with SPI.

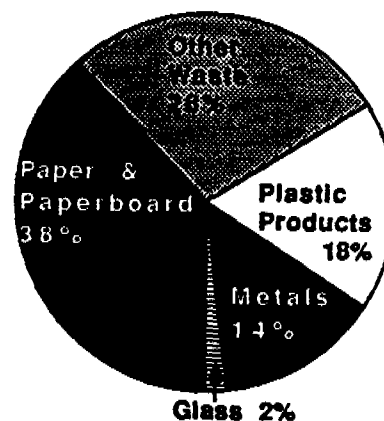
For information, call Walt Bishop, staff director, Machinery Division, Machinery Component Manufacturers Division, (202) 371-5230.

New Data From Franklin

Study of Municipal Solid Waste Finds Plastics 18% by Volume

Results of the first scientific study on the relative volume of materials in municipal solid waste (MSW) indicate plastic products accounted for 18 percent of the volume of solid waste generated in the United States in 1986.

According to the report by the Franklin Associates Ltd., paper and paperboard are the dominant materials in MSW, occupying 38 percent of the volume of waste generated in that year. Metals



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