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REPORTER & MEDIA: Jack Warnick
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In response to a phone call from the producer of WHO radio's morning call-in program on-the-air discussion was arranged with Jack Warnick, the program's host. Considerable concern had been expressed on the show by Iowa residents in response to the series of articles on the Des Moines Register on a "near catastrophe" involving oil contaminated with PCBs.

The discussion involved a definition of what PCBs were and why they are used in capacitors and transformers. It was explained that PCBs have a very low degree of toxicity and that the concern relating to PCB was their tendency to persist in the environment. Monsanto's program for restricted PCB sales was reviewed as well as the company's plans to halt all sales of the material by Oct.

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