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Dolle Burwell of Afton waves a banner outside the Capitol at Raleigh, N.C.

Protests over PCB dump continue; governor says out-of-staters involved

RALEIGH, N.C. (UPI) — Opponents of a PCB landfill marched to the state Capitol Thursday in a seventh day of protests that Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. charged were partly orchestrated by outsiders.

There were no arrests and the hour-long protest rally was peaceful.

The chemical PCB, used in the manufacture of electrical equipment, was illegally dumped along 210 miles of North Carolina highways four years ago.

The transfer of the soil to the landfill in Warren County near the Virginia-North Carolina border was expected to take about six weeks.

Protesters claim Warren County was chosen as a dumping ground because its residents are mostly poor, black and politically powerless. Hunt says that isn't so.

The 200 marchers carried a sign that read: "14th Amendment, our right to protect our persons and property," and chanted "Dump Hunt in the Dump" and "We don't want no PCB, give it to Hunt don't give it to me."

Marchers were escorted by Raleigh police and state Bureau of Investigation agents.

The Rev. Leon White, field director of the United Church of Christ's Commission for Racial Justice, urged the protesters to continue their fight.

"We will continue to struggle as long as necessary," he said. "Any struggle worthwhile is long and difficult."

Earlier protests resulted in the arrest of 276 people, including the Rev. Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and several other SCLC officials from Atlanta.

The governor, at his weekly news conference, con-

demned the non-North Carolinians who joined the protests against the landfill.

"I think they ought to stay out of our state," Hunt said. "You have to wonder what the motives are of people who come in."

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