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March 15-17, 1989
SPI Epoxy Resin Formulators Spring Meeting and Conference . . . Red Lion Inn, Costa Mesa, Calif. . . . Contact: Jerry Carroll (202) 371-5233.

March 19-22
SPI Vinyl Siding Institute/Vinyl Window & Door Institute . . . Hyatt Regency, Maui, Hawaii . . . Contact: Elena Lurie (212) 351-5400.

March 22
SPI Michigan Chapter Mini-Conference . . . Ann Arbor Marriott, Ann Arbor, Mich. . . . Contact: John G. Carley (312) 297-6150.

April 4-6
Toxic Substances Control Act Workshop . . . "Living With TSCA" . . . SPI joins Chemical Manufacturers Association and other chemical industry trade associations in sponsoring two-day workshop . . . Technical case studies and presentations by leading industry experts . . . Contact: SPI Federal Government Affairs office (202) 371-5219.

April 9-12
SPI Fluoropolymers Division Annual Meeting . . . Hyatt Regency, Waikoloa, Big Island of Hawaii . . . Contact: Jerry Carroll.

April 11-12
SPI Polyurethane Division Annual Business Meeting . . . The Four Seasons Hotel, Dallas, Texas . . . Contact: Brenda Goldblatt (212) 351-5425.

April 12-14
SPI Machinery Division Annual Spring Conference . . . Wild Dunes Resort, Isle of Palms, S.C. . . . Contact: Walt Bishop (202) 371-5230.

April 16-20
SPI Structural Plastics Division Meeting . . . Marriott Hotel, San Diego, Calif. . . . Contact: Denise McCormick (202) 371-5330.

April 23-25
SPI Machinery Component Manufacturers Division . . . PGA Sheraton, West Palm Beach, Fla. . . . Contact: Walt Bishop.

April 25-26
SPI Vinyl Formulators Division Annual Meeting . . . Sheraton Hopkins Airport Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio . . . Contact: Jerry Carroll.

April 24-26
SPI Committee on Resin Statistics Annual Meeting . . . Colonial Williamsburg, Williamsburg, Va. . . . Contact: Vikki Smith (202) 371-5288.

April 26-29
SPI Expanded Polystyrene Division's Annual Conference . . . SPI President Larry Thomas to keynote . . . Innisbrook Resort . . . Tarpon Springs, Fla. . . . Contact: John Gillis (202) 371-5226.

April 30-May 3
SPI Plastic Drum Institute Meeting . . . La Mansion Del Rio, San Antonio, Texas . . . Contact: Denise McCormick.

May 17-19
SPI Sheet Producers Division Annual Meeting . . . Colonial Williamsburg, Williamsburg, Va. . . . Contact: Jerry Carroll.

May 18-20
SPI's 46th Western Section Conference . . . Hotel del Coronado, San Diego, Calif. . . . Contact: Jill Brandts (213) 864-2793.

In Brief . . .

1988 Machinery Statistics Register Gain . . . U.S. shipments of injection molding machines were up 15 percent last year, while shipments of single screw extrusion machines rose 11 percent, according to 1988 statistics released by SPI's Machinery Division . . . The figures were released at a Feb. 28 news briefing in New York City . . . Shipments of injection molding machines totaled 2,016 units, up from 1,748 units in 1987 . . . Single screw extrusion machines totaled 1,086 units, up from 982 units in 1987 . . . Taking part in the briefing from the division were Francis T. Drury, David P. Hahn, Sid Rains, Donald J. Shade, Dane A. Belden and Larry F. DeBaugh . . . The statistics are based on the SPI Machinery Division monthly statistical report compiled by Ernst & Whinney.

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Solid Waste Conferences Aim to Mobilize Industry

SPI's Council for Solid Waste Solutions kicked off in late February the first of four regional conferences designed to mobilize members, customers and suppliers of the plastics industry to respond to solid waste issues.

"These conferences are being held to assure that all segments of the plastics industry are speaking with one voice," said Donald B. Shea, executive vice president of the council.

The first two-day conference was held in New York City with others scheduled during March in Chicago, San Francisco and Houston. They feature senior company executives, prominent politicians, environmentalists and local and

state government officials whose work or area of concern coincides with the conference location.

William J. Rathje, a self-described "garbologist" from the University of Arizona, will speak at all the conferences. Dr. Rathje's work in landfill excavation is disproving the public's misconception that "biodegradables" disappear in weeks or months.

Four concurrent breakout sessions are also common to all the conferences with subjects addressed by CSWS officials: federal government relations, Rod Lowman; state and local government relations, Roger Bernstein; local media relations, Susan Vadney; technol-

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The SPI Composites Institute's 44th Annual Conference and FOCUS '89 attracted more than 3,500 people from the industry, a record attendance according to Institute officials. The four-day event, Feb. 6-9, was held in Dallas, Texas.

News From the States

Highlights from "State Bulletin"

Virginia
Council's Quick Action Helps Defeat Bag and Foam Bans ... A subcommittee of the Virginia House General Laws Committee has rejected two bills prohibiting retail establishments from packaging prepared foods or beverages in polystyrene plastic containers ... the measures would have banned non-degradable plastics bags for use in carrying or transporting goods purchased from the retailer ... The bills, considered less than a week from initial introduction, drew swift response from the Council for Solid Waste Solutions (CSWS), a primary reason for their defeat.

Massachusetts
Recycling Research and Assistant Program Proposed ... Rep. Richard Moore, D-8-Worcester, has introduced two bills calling for a joint recycling research and assistance program to promote recycling by businesses, industries, municipali-

ties and citizens ... The program, funded by packaging tax revenues or other funds, would help companies expand pilot projects to commercial operations resulting in recycling, reuse, remanufacturing and reduction in materials.

California
Governor Ranks Source Reduction as Top 1989 Priority ... California Gov. George Deukmejian, R, in his State-of-the-State address, indicated that development of an integrated waste management proposal will be a top priority of his administration this year ... The proposal will work toward the goals of waste reduction and greater recycling ... CSWS will work with the governor's staff assigned to this project.

Nebraska
Senator Ready to Banish Non-degradable Diapers, Bags and Containers ... Nebraska Sen. Elroy Hefner's "Degradable Products Act" is being considered by the state Natural

Resources Committee following a Feb. 9 hearing ... The bill bans the sale of "non-degradable" products over three years: retail and garbage bags, point-of-sale packaging (plastic bags), ring connectors, disposable diapers, food containers and personal care products.

Weldon Says Fire Caucus Proves Popular

The Congressional Fire Services Caucus is on the way to becoming the largest on Capitol Hill, U.S. Rep. Curt Weldon, R-Pa., told the winter meeting of the SPI Coordinating Committee on Fire Safety. Weldon, a two-term congressman who chairs the group, said the caucus, established in late 1987, has 288 members from all 50 states.

Speaking to the committee's Feb. 6 dinner in San Antonio, Texas, Weldon said the caucus offers the fire services community greater access to the federal government, provides legislative updates for members of Congress and conducts seminars.

Now, the Congressional Fire Services Institute is supporting caucus programs and developing policy. The Institute enables the caucus to expand its membership.

For more information, contact the Congressional Fire Services Institute, P.O. Box 48418, Washington, D.C. 20002.

Council Conferences

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ogy (the council's research activities), Ron Liesemer.

Attending the conferences are employees of council member companies, their customers and suppliers, including plant managers, plant personnel officers, community and public relations

Daniel W. Fox

Daniel W. Fox, 66, the inventor of LEXAN resin and a pioneer of the plastics industry, died in Pittsfield, Mass., on Feb. 15. Dr. Fox spent 36 years with GE Plastics and held 44 patents.

liaisons and government affairs professionals.

Participants are asked to go back to their communities and learn who their state legislators and local government officials are, who covers solid waste issues for the local newspapers and who in state/local government is responsible for recycling and solid waste decisions.

As warranted by the needs of government affairs, they will be called upon to work with the council to contact these officials and the media and share information about plastics and solid waste issues.

Federal Update

Highlights from "Washington Memo"

California Chemical Groups Seek Federal Court Ruling on Prop 65 ... The Chemical Manufacturers Association and the Chemical Industry Council of California are asking federal court for a declaratory judgment on Proposition 65 ... The groups maintain the law does not apply to warnings for occupational exposures or required communication of information regarding hazards in the workplace ... The suit asks the court to decide if hazard communication requirements under the Occupational Safety and Health Act pre-exempt similar requirements under Prop 65 ... The law requires that reasonable warnings be

given to persons exposed to chemicals determined by the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity when the discharge or exposure occurs during business.

SPI and EPA Sponsor Plastics Waste Minimization Workshops ... SPI is joining the Environmental Protection Agency and other trade associations in sponsoring a series of two-day workshops promoting plastics waste minimization through auditing and practicing procedures ... Waste minimization in plastics production will be discussed at the last workshop, May 31-June 1, The Hotel Belvedere, Baltimore, Md. ... For infor-

mation, contact PEER, PC, Dayton, Ohio (513) 252-1222.

EPA Says Ethylene and Propylene to Remain on Section 313 List ... The Environmental Protection Agency has declined to remove ethylene and propylene from the list of toxic chemicals under Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 ... In a *Federal Register* notice January 27, the EPA said the agency has concluded both ethylene and propylene are high volume volatile organic compounds that contribute to forming ground-level ozone and other hazardous air pollutants.

SPI Division & Section Highlights

SPI/Vinyl Institute Awards Recycling Grant ... The Plastics Recycling Division of Recoverable Resources/Boro Bronx (R2B2), Inc., has been awarded a \$25,000, two-year grant by the SPI/Vinyl Institute ... The grant to the South Bronx Local Development Corporation will be used to assist in the relocation and expansion of R2B2's plastics recycling operation.

SPI Polyurethane Foam Contractors Division Announce Accreditation Program ... The Polyurethane Foam Contractors Division of SPI has established an accreditation program for the contractors and suppliers with the spray polyurethane foam (SPUF) industry ... For information, contact the SPI/PFCD Accreditation Committee, 1275 K Street NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20005, (202) 462-7462.

SPI Machinery Division Offers New Program at Annual Spring Business Meeting ... An "Industry Roundtable," with representatives from the molder, moldmaker, resin and machinery segments, will be a first-time attraction at the Machinery Division's annual spring business meeting ... The April 12-14 event is scheduled at the Wild Dunes Resort, Isle of Palms, near Charleston, S.C.

Plastics East Returns to Philadelphia ... Intent on duplicating its smashing 1984 performance, *Plastics East*, the SPI/SPE Plastics Show & Conference-East, settles in at the Philadelphia Civic Center Sept. 12-14 for a return engagement ... Surveys of interest indicate this year's event will surpass the first-time success of the show, which attracted more than 8,000 persons

... Philadelphia's central location in the East and the heavy concentration of plastics manufacturers in the Northeast Corridor assure a substantial audience of decision-makers, buyers and specifiers ... Exhibit space still available ... Contact: Hank Cronan or Barbara Voss, Robert T. Kenworthy, N.Y. (212) 752-0911; fax number (212) 223-3034.

For More Information ...

Additional information about any item in this issue of the newsletter may be obtained by contacting Marian Green, Editor, SPI, 1275 K Street, N.W., Suite 400, Washington, DC 20005, (202) 371-5209. Direct inquiries for the New York office: 355 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10017, (212) 351-5410.

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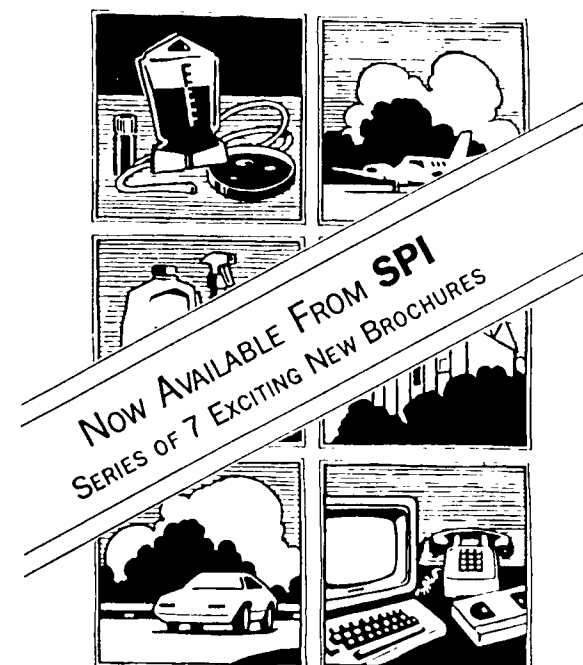
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