PCB Statements

Under section entitled "Polluted St. Louis"

"A number of the largest local corporations have helped make St. Louis as polluted as it is. Monsanto is manufacturing a chemical called PCB, or polychlorinated biphenyls. Research has found that PCB is lethal to fish, hampers reproduction in birds, and may have catastrophic consequences for certain ecological systems upon which people depend. Nonetheless, PCBs are regularly released into surrounding waterways during it manufacture. Monsanto has refused to cooperate with political officials and will not release information concerning the manufacture of PCB unless it is assured that such information will be kept from the public.

Rep. William F. Ryan of New York, a member of the House Interior Committee, is trying to bring pressure on corporations like Monsanto that are polluting our environment But Ryan, quoted by a local newspaper as saying that Monsanto would not provide him with information needed to determine th

"I asked Monsanto to release production statistics to researchers in the field. All the company offered is a confidential glimpse at statistics for public officials.

"I also asked Monsanto to require special labeling for all PCB. The company's letter to me failed to even acknowledge the request."

Ironically, Monsanto has a representative on the Board of Directors of the Alliance for Regional Community Health (ARCH), which is supposed to be planning to deal with the manifold health problems of the St. Louis area. What hypocrisy is this? They pollute the environment, help damage the health of the people, make profits from the sales and use of PCBs, and then turn around and express "Concern" for the health problems of the area.

It is if interest to note that Monsanto is now in the business of developing anti-pollution devices in anticipation of reaping the tax money that the government must make XXX available one of these days to salvage our environment.