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Phasing Out Manufacture Of PCBs

ST. LOUIS (UPI) — Monsanto Co. announced Monday it plans to phase out the manufacture of a toxic group of chemicals known as PCBs, which environmentalists contend are threatening public health and the nation's rivers and lakes.

F.J. Fitzgerald, a corporate vice president, said he could not give an exact timetable for the phase-out but "it would be in a pinned and orderly manner."

"As soon as we are satisfied that the electrical power supply industry's needs for usable, acceptable alternate dielectric fluids have

been met, by whomever, Monsanto will voluntarily shut down its PCB manufacturing unit," Fitzgerald said.

Monsanto is the sole maker of PCB, or polychlorinated biphenyl, which is used primarily as a nonconductor of direct electrical current. The chemical has been a necessary ingredient in most power-generating equipment.

PCBs have been used in manufacturing processes since 1930, but their presence as toxic substances in the environment was not detected until 1966 because they were confused with DDT, with which they have a similar

chemical structure.

At a conference on PCBs last November in Chicago, Assistant Secretary of the Interior Nathaniel P. Reed recommended the federal government impose a nearly total ban on the chemicals.

Reed said he was "deeply shocked by the pervasiveness of PCBs; they are literally everywhere." He said exceedingly high levels of PCBs were found in fish from all parts of the country, indicating the nation's rivers and lakes were "in mortal danger."

PCBs have caused liver cancer and

reproductive failures in laboratory animals and some workers using the chemicals have complained of allergic reactions, according to federal officials.

Environmental groups had petitioned the government to lower the permissible levels of PCBs in food on grounds the chemicals are a cancer hazard.

Monsanto said it has informed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and its capacitor and transformer industry customer of its decision to eventually phase out the chemicals.

lage, is a patient at St. John's hospital in Springfield where she is recovering from open heart surgery.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MORGAN COUNTY - IN PROBATE
In the Matter of the Estate of
Carl F. Newby
Deceased

No. 76-P-3

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Carl F. Newby, of Jacksonville, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on January 7, 1976, to The Farmers State Bank and Trust Company, Administrator, Jacksonville, Illinois whose attorney is Flynn & Flynn, 222 West State St., Jacksonville, Ill.

Claims may be filed within 6 months from the date of issuance of Letters of Office and that any claim not filed within

never applied to what the committee could say in its final report.

"I don't see how one committee can set a precedent for the entire Congress," Aspin said, "that a final report can be censored by the executive, that it has to be sent to the executive for review."

Staff Director A. Searle Field told the House committee he did not know who was leaking secrets from the committee.

Field told the committee it was possible some administration official had leaked the secrets in an effort to make it appear that Congress should not be trusted in the future with such information.

Hance Rites Conducted

SEATTLE (AP) — Funeral services

Mr. Keed was a member of St. Mary's church in New Berlin, Father of Fanning KC Council 4372, the New Berlin Community Club and the Farm Bureau.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Mary's church with the Rev. Paul Habensreit officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's cemetery.

Friends may call from 4 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the McCullough Funeral Home, where the wake service will be held at 7:30 that evening.

Cass Co. IIA

In Pilger Home

ARENZVILLE — Cass County H.I.A. met January 20 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Deryle Pilger for an all-day meeting with a potluck dinner at noon.

Present: husbands and wives

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Ronald Staekus, a Democrat, backed by Gov. Daniel Walker for the Democratic nomination for attorney general, charged his opponent, Se-

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reichert Roodhouse, became parents of a daughter at 12:00 a.m. Saturday at Passavant hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Owens, 40 North Laurel Ct., became parents of