... had spotted large rats, ... human excrement in the ... rown yard. Neighbors had

... Tuesday's ... three had been apprehended. The gunbattle broke out shortly before

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... trude to reporters on the lawn of Sadat's Alexandria summer home, appeared to be a victory for Sadat, who has long insisted that the United States should become even more involved in the search for a Middle East peace by assuming that stance.

... for war. President Sadat and I owe a debt of gratitude to President Carter for his bold diplomatic initiative."

Asked if a breakthrough agreement could be made with Sadat in Carter's presence at Camp David, on the spot, Begin answered:

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Hospitals alerted to chemical spill effects

By RICK NICHOLS
Staff Writer

Health officials and hospital emergency ... ome have been alerted to watch out for ... usual skin rashes or sicknesses in at least ... North Carolina counties where roadside ... mical spills, laced with hazardous ... Bs, were discovered last week.

... tate epidemiologist Martin P. Hines ... said Tuesday that the U.S. Environ... tal P otection Agency had been asked ... onite air pollution levels in the coun...

... ll water in the counties will be ... ed for contamination today and state Agriculture Department chemists have been asked to test vegetables from home gardens that may have been poisoned.

The Department of Transportation has already spread sand over puddled areas along the spill routes to prevent the substance from splashing.

Hines said Tuesday that the hospital alert was just a precaution. "We don't believe, at this time, that there's going to be any significant health hazard."

Three 20-mile-long trails of an oily industrial waste were reported on highways through Johnston, Harnett, Alamance, Chatham, Warren and Franklin counties last week, giving rise to speculation that it may have been intentionally dumped to evade new federal rules on toxic waste disposal.

Besides PCBs, state environmental technicians have found a toxic trichlorobenzene (TCB) in plants along the spill areas. That chemical, poisonous, flammable and irritating, is used in pesticides to kill termites.

A.F. McRorie, director of the State Environmental Management Commission, said the dumping, apparently from a tanker truck, might have been an effort to get around the restrictions of the Toxic Substances Control Act that went into effect Aug. 1.

PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls), which have caused liver cancer in rats, do not break down naturally and must be incinerated at high temperatures.

Industrial workers exposed to the chemical — used in electrical transformers, carbonless typing paper and some radio capacitors — have developed swellings and an acne-like rash.

It will be illegal to manufacture PCBs after January.

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Christine Ong...

Rome buzzes with talk of a non-Italian pope

New York Times News Service

ROME — Churchmen familiar with the trends and needs of the Roman Catholic hierarchy say the election of the first non-Italian pope in 456 years is possible, though not probable.

Local newspapers and magazines, engaging in lively speculation as to who Pope Paul VI's successor will be, Tuesday published the pictures and biographies of non-Italian prelates thought to be potential candidates.

Cardinal Jan Willebrands, the archbishop of Utrecht in the Netherlands, was an everybody's list. A liberal, he is an advocate of interfaith collaboration. He is 68, considered a good age for a new pope.

Meanwhile, nuns in black, peasants from the countryside and touri...

Workmen were preparing his tomb as cardinals met to discuss arrangements for Saturday's funeral and the conclave that will choose the 263rd pope to lead the world's 500 million Roman Catholics.

In Washington, the White House announced that Rosalynn Carter will head the U.S. delegation to the funeral. The pope will be buried in the crypt of the basilica alongside his two predecessors, Pius XII and John XXIII, and not far from the site archaeologists believe St. Peter was buried.

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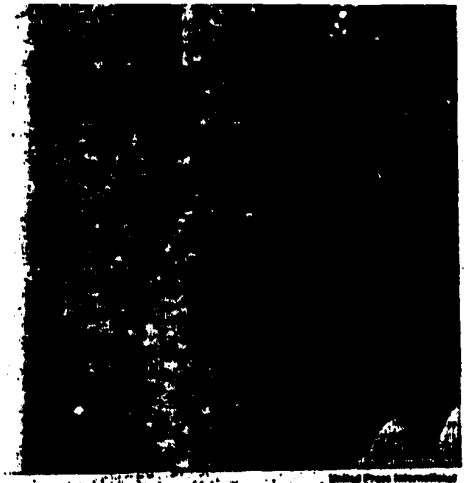

United Press International

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, right

with Cyrus R. Vance in Alexandria

preconditions.

Sadat, who had refused to attend more direct talks with Israel until Begin showed more flexibility on territorial issues, said he agreed to the summit after receiving a hand-written appeal from Carter.

He said the summit at Camp David "is in my opinion a new page. Let us not look back.

"All I ask at Camp David is that President Carter, on behalf of the United States, acts as a full partner. Whenever I am assured of this, I shall always answer any invitation from President Carter," Sadat said.

Sadat initially was advised by his Foreign Ministry to reject the invitation because Israel had not relented in its refusal to give up the occupied Gaza Strip and West Bank of the Jordan River.

Washington pressure

But Sadat gave in and agreed to the summit when he came under strong, if polite, pressure from Washington. He was told this was the only way the United States could lend a major hand.

The sources said it was Washington pressure, not anything Vance had brought with him from Jerusalem, that persuaded Sadat to change his mind.

White House press secretary Jody Powell said it was not yet known how long the Camp David meeting — the first meeting between Sadat and Begin since last Christmas day in Egypt — would last.

Each man will bring a small number of advisers,

pressures on Egypt peace negotiations. This position was ex Idaho, who said they Saudis was a primal sion.

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hile Rines minimized short-range health blems of small concen- ions of the chemicals, idents of Route 3, Ben- said Tuesday they and eral of their neighbors suffered eye and throat itations, nausea and dis- ss soon after spills re found near their mes.

"All we did (last ...) night was ... puke all night long, me and my husband," said farmworker Christine Gomes.

But a state chemist who went door-to-door in an affected area of Alamance County said he failed to find anyone who complained of illness.

Experts consider PCBs hazardous because they build up in fatty tissues and remain there for long periods of time.

More than 1,000 Japa... headaches, swollen limbs and liver ailments in 1971 when they contracted the so-called Jusho Disease from eating rice oil contaminated with PCBs.

One state chemical analyst, Clyde E. Fuller, said he got a whiff of a "moth ball-like smell" last Wednesday night as he drove away from the "Sword of Peace" outdoor drama near Snow Camp in Alamance County.

Fuller, who plays colonial Gov. William Tryon in the drama, had coincidentally been sent to check on the Johnston County spill earlier in the day.

"It sort of sparkled in the moonlight, a band of the stuff about two feet wide along the highway," he said. Fuller plucked blades of grass to send to the laboratory.

Other state chemists are still trying to find out how concentrated the PCBs are, and what other contami... nents might have been dis... charged.

Howard N. Lee, state secretary of natural re... sources and community development, is opposed to announce a strategy fo... cleaning up the chemical... late today. "The contamina... tions will be the pivotal fac... tor in what Lee does," department spokesma... said.

But state officials are a... ready downplaying earlie... state estimates, that ... might hold millions of ga... lons to plainly talk in the st... counties. "We're hopin... that this won't cost a lot ... money to correct," Rhin... said.

A Fort Bragg spokesma... said Tuesday evening ... chemical, now apparent... thought to contain some PCBs, was discovered o... the western portion of th... military base in late Jan... about 20 miles from the L... ith River which supplie... drinking water to the post

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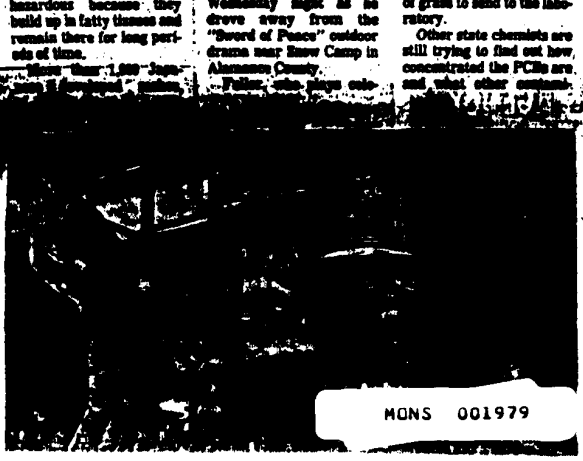

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