### A View From The Governor's Office

By Gov. Raymond P. Shafer

Pennsylvania soon will become mine drainage into ultra pure the abandoned mine drainage the site of the world's first facil- water.

ity for converting extremely cor- The plant will be built by 10sive stream polluting acid Westinghouse Electric Corpora- cept in mine drainage abatement

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and extremely poor quality of Lester, Pennsylvania. water in that region.

This plant signifies a new conbecause it places the cost of treatment on a pay-as-you-go basis through sale of the water rather than placing the burden on the taxpayers.

Perhaps equally important is the fact that the ultra-pure water produced will be a high quality product that will not only help pay for its operation but can be used to attract new industries to this area.

Pharmaceutical, photographic film or chemical and dye manufacturers could easily locate on available land nearby and take this water directly from the mine drainage treatment plant.

Edward Lashford, President of the Greater Wilkes-Barie Chamber of Commerce, already has announced that his organization is anticipating and planning for future industrial growth in the

The treatment plant will em ploy a unique flash evaporation process developed by Westinghouse in a four-year research program and is similar to the one used in desalting plants that convert ocean or backish water to fresh water.

Contracts signed this week call for Westinghouse to design and supply the technical and professional skills necessary for the plant's multistage flash evaporator system, and to engineer and supervise the general plant construction which will be put out on public bid. Both contracts will be on a cost-plus basis not to exceed \$14.2 million.

Westinghouse also will guar-

Susquehanna River. A site near be performed by the water pro- the Wilkes-Barra area. Wilkes-Barre was selected be-vince department of the comcause of both the large quantity pany's heat transfer division at

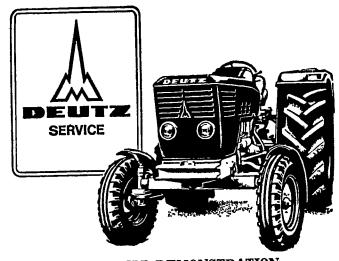
alization plant has already treated for July, 1971.

tion and will be capable of treat- antee operation of the plant and ed more than 50,000 gallons of ing five million gallons of acid the quality of the ultra-pure mine drainage water trucked water now flowing daily into the water it will produce. Work will from the Buttonwood outfall in

> Design and engineering work on the plant will begin immed-To withstand the extremely iately; site preparation is excorrosive effects of this particul- pected to start no later than ar acid mine drainage, the flash next January, with actual con-evaporator system will use ti-struction planned for next May. tanium tubing. A pilot deminer- Initial plant operation is schedul-

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