

Poison gas dissipates

BIG RUN, Pa. (AP) — A yellow-green cloud of nitric acid oxidizer from a derailed tank car dissipated yesterday, allowing 1,000 people evacuated in predawn darkness to return home.

The hazardous substance, which authorities say is combustible and potentially fatal if inhaled, escaped from a 6,500-gallon tank car, one of 19 cars that jumped the tracks in a 69-car Chessie System train.

"The cloud has dispersed. The emphasis now is on the acid that flowed into the stream," said Porter Duvall, a Pennsylvania Fish Commission waterways patrolman.

Bill Bogardus, head of the Jefferson County Office of Emergency Preparedness, said there was no immediate danger to local drinking water supplies.

An emergency railroad crew from Ohio arrived to contain and neutralize the spill. Chessie System spokesman Tom Johnson said the chemical is a combination of nitric and sulfuric acid.

No cause for the wreck has been determined, he said.

Seventeen people were treated at Punxsutawney Area Hospital for eye and lung irritation. One elderly woman was admitted in good condition, a hospital spokesman said.

State police were alerted about 20 minutes after the 3 a.m. accident by a Big Run resident who complained of trouble breathing.

Firemen wearing gas masks and oxygen tanks on their backs knocked on doors and alerted residents of the evacuation with blaring loudspeakers.

"They said it (the gas) wasn't going to hurt anybody, but I saw so many people vomiting in the streets that I knew better. I dumped myself," said fireman Bill Startzell.

"At 3:15 this morning, the fire whistle blew. We just thought it was a fire and then we got a call from friends telling us to evacuate. Nobody got too excited," said Judy Himes, a high school teacher. "It was a little spooky," said Gail

Heddens, 29. "I tried to stay calm for my kids' sake, but I was upset."

Both Mrs. Hedden and Mrs. Himes said they could smell an odor like that of swimming pool water when they went outside their homes.

State police at first said the leaking gas was chlorine, a poisonous element used in industry.

Two tank cars that overturned did contain chlorine, but railroad officials said they did not leak.

Duvall said the tanker containing the nitric acid oxidizer was upside down on an embankment and that its open hatch pointed toward the Mahoning Creek.

"Luckily the chlorine tankers turned the other way," he said, adding that nitric acid and chlorine could explode if mixed in large quantities.

C.E. Heck, Chessie System division manager, said: "The chlorine is not leaking and we don't foresee any likelihood of it leaking and mixing with the nitric acid. That (spilled) tanker will be out of here before we even attempt to right the chlorine tankers."

Summer oil crisis seen

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Unless the situation changes by June, Iranian oil production interruptions will be pinching U.S. supplies as much as the Arab oil embargo of 1973-74, Energy Secretary James Schlesinger said yesterday.

And even without taking the Iranian problem into account, he said, "One would see dollar gasoline three or four years hence."

Summing up matters in testimony to the House Commerce Committee, Schlesinger said: "The situation we face today is serious. It is not as yet critical."

The impact of the Iranian disruptions so far has been to reduce U.S. supplies approximately 500,000 barrels a day, he said. The Arab embargo cut off about 1.1 million barrels daily, said another Energy Department spokesman.

Schlesinger said the current shortage

could become as severe as the embargo if commitments under the International Energy Agreement force the United States to share from 500,000 to 800,000 barrels daily of its supply.

Iran's production cutbacks are largely being offset by increased production elsewhere, Schlesinger said.

But he said that by June, without a resumption of Iranian production, "The net drain ... will be equivalent to that experienced during the Arab embargo."

In some ways, the nation is better able to take the impact, he said: additional natural gas is available from the energy law of 1978; industry is moving away from oil; authorities are in place to require other fuel shifts and allocations to take up the slack.

Price increases by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, plus the

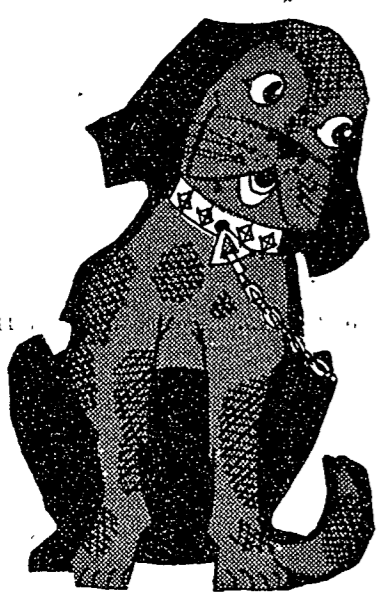
steadily higher prices of domestic oil, could drive gasoline up by seven cents a gallon at the pump this year, Schlesinger said.

Rep. Albert Gore, D-Tenn., accused the administration of "backpedaling" in its assessment of energy problems.

He said Schlesinger first called the picture prospectively more serious than the embargo; then Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal "said it was not that bad"; President Carter called it "not crucial"; and finally Schlesinger called it "serious but not critical."

"Have you been told to tone down the amount of concern you are expressing?" Gore asked.

"I have not been asked to tone down," Schlesinger replied. "Certainly, I would wish to be careful in terms of the reaction of the money markets."



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