

WORLD NEWS

At campus panel forum

Warren Co. dump site discussed

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Although Warren County and the state of North Carolina agreed originally that PCB-contaminated soil found along 210 miles of N.C. highways in 1978 would be dumped in a state landfill in Warren County, the state might have had to handle the situation differently had more chemicals been found, secretary of the N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety Heman Clark said at a panel discussion in Greenlaw Tuesday.

"If we find it we'll have to treat it somehow," Clark said during the two-hour discussion which was co-sponsored by Student Government and the University's Institute for Environmental Studies.

Department of Transportation personnel began dumping the soil in the landfill on the 140-acre tract of land last month, only temporarily hampered by protestors unhappy with the state's actions. Citizens continue to protest in Warren County where more than 230 people have been arrested.

Some protestors contend the state chose the county because of its high concentration of blacks, poor economic status and political weakness. Warren County is 59 percent black and has the lowest per capita income in North Carolina.

Clark argued that the site was not chosen as an act of racial, economic or political discrimination. Instead, he said, geographical location, characteristics of the soil and economic feasibility were reasons Warren County was selected over 90 other sites and eventually over Chatham County.

But Ken Ferruccio, head of Warren County Citizens Concerned about PCBs said the site was chosen

because the county is not a rich and politically powerful area.

"We will, I promise you, blow the lid off this landfill issue until the site is removed from Warren County," he said.

The state acted on the theory that it could change the site into a safe one by using landfill technology, Ferruccio said, adding that a former North Carolina State University professor had examined the site before the dumping and had declared it unsafe.

The bottom of the dome-shaped landfill is seven feet above the water tables, a waiver of the original requirement by the Environmental Protection Agency that the ground level be 50 feet above the water tables, Clark said. At the very bottom of the hole is a monitoring device to detect any problems that may occur, which is topped by a thick plastic lining. A thick clay substance is placed over the plastic and a layer of soil is added.

A second detector follows along with fiber, the contaminated soil, an additional two feet of clay, a plastic liner and a buffer soil. "More than 99... percent of the substance is dirt," not PCBs, Clark said. "If it does leak, the system is there to detect it."

"It is a very dangerous chemical and I think that's recognizable" throughout the United States, Ferruccio said. He cited a book, *Malignant Neglect*, in which the author examines the dangers and symptoms of PCBs — among them cancer, numbness of the limbs and still births.

"EPA has declared this to be a dangerous toxic substance," Clark said.

But the hazardous chemicals are only seriously harmful when ingested in large doses, said Alvis Turner, associate professor of Environmental Studies

and Engineering at the School of Public Health. If PCBs got into the water and eventually into the food chain it could be harmful. "But the risk of it getting in the food chain is even more remote than it getting into the water," Turner said.

Bill Holman, member of the N.C. Waste Management Board, said the problem never should have happened. Instead of trying to control, bury and destroy pollution, "let's prevent it," he said, adding that the board should have been more aggressive in stressing this attitude.

Holman, who is also a lobbyist for the N.C. Sierra Club and Conservation Council, said the landfills should have been a last resort. California has banned landfill methods and is considering detoxification and incineration instead.

Someone has even developed a PCB-eating bacteria, he said. "I think we should at least send off some soil to be tested," he said.

But the soil probably is better off in Warren County considering the alternatives, said Bernard Greenberg, former dean at the School of Public Health and former chairman of the Governor's Task Force on Hazardous Waste Management.

The task force had considered Alabama's offer to incinerate the chemicals if North Carolina transported it — a task that would cost North Carolina \$12 million. The state chose the \$2.5 million in-state option instead. Besides, the people of Alabama have their constitutional rights, too, said Greenberg, also a member of the Waste Management Board. "We always want to put it on someone else." He added that Federal Conservation Act appoints each state with the responsibility of its own wastes.

BRIEFLY

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Full 11-member U.S. Court of Appeals here will hear a challenge to the Reagan administration's plan for desegregating the public university system in North Carolina.

The full court's decision Thursday to review the case nullified a ruling by one of its three-judge panels to let the plan take effect.

No date for the arguments has been scheduled.

The desegregation program was adopted as a consent decree between the Department of Education and the state of North Carolina.

The decree, approved by a federal judge in North Carolina, was signed last year after 11 years of court battles and state-federal negotiations to find an acceptable plan.

WASHINGTON — Israel's foreign minister, Yitzhak Shamir, met for four hours Thursday with Secretary of State George P. Shultz to push Israel's demand for iron-clad protection of its northern border with Lebanon.

Although the two sides still differed on the best approach to the problem, Shultz and Shamir established a joint working group "to examine the Israeli proposals and the U.S. ideas" that were also presented.

The Israelis are demanding a security agreement with Lebanon before withdrawing their troops, which have been in Lebanon since June 6.

WASHINGTON — Despite President Reagan's claim that the nation is "recovery-bound," another 695,000 Americans filed first-time claims for unemployment benefits in the week ending Oct. 2, the Labor Department reported Thursday.

It was the second-highest filing binge since the current recession began in the late summer of 1981, falling 8,000 claims short of the record 703,000 initial pleas for government relief that were filed in the week ending Sept. 18.

The 695,000 claims, placed with employment offices in the various states, were 12,000 higher than the previous week's revised figure, the department's Employment and Training Administration said.

The agency also reported that in the week ending Sept. 25, there were 4,461,000 people claiming regular unemployment benefits under the basic 26-week payment period, 64,000 more than the previous week, and the highest since the peak of the 1975 recession.

WASHINGTON — President Reagan vowed Thursday to "end the drug menace and cripple organized crime" with a \$200 million program that will blanket the nation with federal narcotics task forces.

The president, criticized in Congress last year for scaling back the fight against drug traffickers, said the government will hire up to 1,200 more federal agents and investigators to form a dozen task forces.

"The time has come to cripple the power of the mob in America," Reagan told more than 300 people in the Justice Department's Great Hall.

"Our commitment to this program is unshakable. We intend to do what is necessary to end the drug menace and cripple organized crime."

The illicit drug business in the United States is worth an estimated \$80 billion.

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK — Warren County residents opposed to dumping PCB-contaminated soil in a landfill near Afton marched Thursday to the Environmental Protection Agency to meet with government representatives.

A group of about 50 marchers left Warren County last week on a 55-mile trek to Raleigh. The marchers stopped for a rally at a Raleigh church Tuesday night before the group, its ranks thinned by rainy weather, resumed the trek Thursday to the EPA.

Before the march began, the group met with Gov. Jim Hunt to express concern about the nearly completed landfill. The state has scraped up soil from along 210 miles of roadside for disposal in the landfill. The soil was contaminated by an illegal spill of PCB-laced transformer oil.

Meanwhile, the Warren County citizens group met Wednesday night and elected three people to work with state officials and EPA representatives on alternative ways to detoxify the PCBs. The group was the idea of Hunt.

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