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Toxic soil will burn at base in Gulfport

By The Associated Press

GULFPORT, Miss. — The Air Force will burn Agent Orange-contaminated soil at the Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport as part of an experimental waste-disposal project. The Environmental Protection Agency last week issued temporary permits to vaporize the dioxin-contaminated soil in portable incinerators and to monitor the surrounding air, land and water, spokesman Carl Terry said.

It will be the first time the process has been used, Terry said. Air Force spokesman Maj. Jim Heaberg said the soil, on 18 acres of the Battalion Center, was contaminated by leaking Agent Orange tanks during the Vietnam war.

Dioxin is a contaminant sometimes formed during the manufacture of Agent Orange, an extremely toxic herbicide that was used by the Air Force to defoliate jungles in southeast Asia. Some servicemen who handled Agent Orange have said it is responsible for health problems and birth defects in their children.

About 880,000 gallons of Agent Orange were stored at the Seabee base from 1967 to 1977 before being incinerated at sea aboard the Dutch ship Vulcanus. The material to be incinerated is called concrete-stabilized soil and is made up of asphalt, pea gravel, sand, crushed shells, soil and cement, Heaberg said.

The \$5.4 million disposal project is expected to have nationwide ramifications because it radically reduces the cost of disposal, Terry said. The closed thermal incinerator, which burns the soil twice, can reduce the cost from \$3,000 a ton to \$350 to \$600 a ton because the contaminated material doesn't have to be transported, he said.

Both the incineration and the monitoring will take place 24 hours a day, seven days a week, Terry said. The incinerator will be brought to Gulfport aboard 18-wheelers beginning Aug. 4, Heaberg said. The process will

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United Way's flag relay



A crowd gathers in front of Jackson Square Sunday to listen to a free concert to help kick off the United Way's 1986 pacesetting campaign and to watch a "flag relay" representing about 100 companies taking part in the drive which will give momentum to campaign that starts Sept. 12. STAFF PHOTO BY NORMA

Union Carbide: Sabotage cause of Bhopal leak

By United Press International

DANBURY, Conn. — Union Carbide said Sunday that an investigation shows that a disgruntled employee was responsible for the gas leak that killed more than 1,700 people at the company's Bhopal, India, plant in the worst industrial accident in history.

Union Carbide would not release the name or nationality of the suspect because of pending legal action, said Harvey Cobert, a spokesman at Union Carbide's corporate headquarters in Danbury, Conn. "Our investigations to date

demonstrate that the Bhopal tragedy was a deliberate act," Cobert said.

"Those investigations are now focusing on a specific individual employee of the Bhopal plant who was disgruntled and who had ample opportunity to deliberately inject the large amount of water into the storage tank, which caused the massive gas release," Cobert said.

Cobert said Union Carbide's investigation indicates that there has been no evidence of political motivation behind the sabotage. "We cannot comment further at this time because of litigation considerations," Cobert said.

Cobert said he was long Union Carbide's long into the Bhopal tragedy under way. "I since the beginning believe the gas leak sabotage," Cobert said. The Indian government released figures this week that 45 tons of cyanide leaked from central India.

A lethal cloud of cyanide gas leaked Carbide's pesticides 3, 1984.

The deadly gas, used in making pest to nearby shantytown, 1,773 people and injured others.

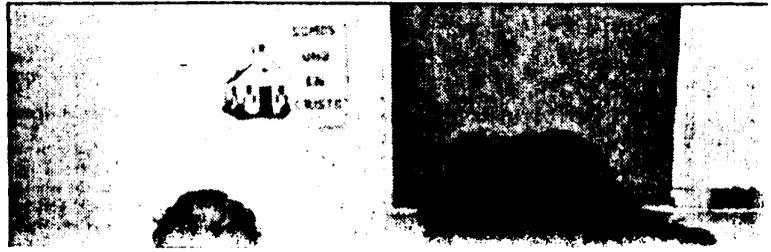
A legal battle has tragedy, with attorney whether U.S. or India have jurisdiction of legal suits filed against Carbide.

U.S. District Judge Keenen has since courts of India are ate place for claim company to be held

Medical tests a big deal for little boy

By JOAN KENT Staff writer

Carlos Grijalba didn't hesitate



\$50,000 in fishing equipment if the pots are not reclaimed.

"We never thought there would be any problem about where we put our pots, because the day we did it there were several Japanese fishing vessels in the area, but no Soviets," Parks said. "We were simply putting out a bunch of test pots to see if the area was good for harvesting crab."

Parks, 39, said the pots were scattered in a 20-mile radius about 95 miles east of Cape Navarin in the Soviet Union. The 108-foot Katie K was one of about 60 vessels fishing in the area Wednesday when it was approached by two Soviet vessels, the Coast Guard said.

One Soviet vessel was described as an inspection vessel; the other's description was unknown.

Officials on one Soviet vessel told Katie K it was fishing in Soviet waters. As the Soviet boat attempted to come alongside, the other Soviet craft fired two flares and started lowering its small boat, the Coast Guard said.

The Seattle-based Katie K turned for Alaska and was pursued for an hour and 40 minutes before the Soviet vessels turned back.

This weekend, the Katie K and other crab boats were waiting about 40 miles from where the chase originated.

The Katie K was fishing in an area that has been disputed since Russia sold Alaska to the United States in 1867. The dispute is over whether the line drawn when Alaska was sold is an international boundary or a less significant maritime boundary.

Shoe polish law urged

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A municipal official who is irked by graffiti wants to cut down on the problem by outlawing the sale of liquid shoe polish to minors.

he talks like a little old man," Martinez said. When a pretty girl walks by, he looks at her out of the corner of one eye and then winks at her, she said.

He cannot read because he has not had formal schooling, Martinez said. His parents sent him to school when he was 6, but his mother said they had to take him out because the other children taunted him. The children at Bethany Baptist Church, 5834 Elysian Fields Ave., have been kinder, said Martinez, his Bible School teacher.

When they ask him why he is so little, he replies, "No es chiquita (I'm not small.)"

Martinez said her 8-year-old son asked why Carlitos is so small. She told him that he is sick, and since then her son has prayed every night that Carlitos will get better, she said.

Carlitos' parents have taken him to many doctors in Tegucigalpa, the Honduran capital, but

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continue until December or early January.

It will be monitored by the Navy and two private laboratories, Heaberg said. A permanent facility is in Arkansas, but there is no other portable incinerator, he said.

The actual incineration process is closed and the contaminants are vaporized by temperatures "several thousand degrees Fahrenheit," Heaberg said. There is no danger to residents or wildlife, he said.

"What comes out of the stack is basically carbon dioxide and water. There are no traces of contaminants," Heaberg said.

Air Force officials say no dangerous levels of dioxin have been found in the area outside the Navy site.

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