

# Federal job safety agency cites 60 per cent of firms inspected

WASHINGTON (AP)—In the first six months of operation the new federal job-safety agency has cited 60 per cent of the firms it inspected for alleged health or safety violations, the Labor Department said Monday.

Concentrating its fledgling efforts in high-hazard firms and industries, it inspected 9,300 establishments and issued 5,536 citations calling for \$361,692 in proposed fines, most of which

have been paid without an appeal by the violators.

In addition the department said in a report sent to Congress Monday, another 20 per cent of the firms were found to have minor hazards that did not result in citations. Only 20 per cent were found to be violation-free.

Although President Nixon signed the nation's first comprehensive job-safety law last Dec. 29, it was not until April 28 that

the Labor Department set up the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to enforce it. Safety standards were issued a month later, and businesses were given until Aug. 27 before actual enforcement began. As of Nov. 1, the OSHA had hired only 313 inspectors of an authorized force of 500.

The law covers 4.1 million businesses employing 60 million workers, the report said.

Top enforcement priority goes to investigation of deaths. Asst. Secretary of Labor George C. Guenther, in a briefing for newsmen Monday, said a OSHA inspector was on the scene of last weekend's Port Huron tunnel blast, in which at least 22 men died, less than four hours after the explosion. He said he did not know whether any OSHA man had inspected the tunnel site beforehand.

Next inspection priority goes to employees' complaints of unsafe conditions. The report said OSHA has received 868 complaints, more than half of them concerning health matters rather than safety, and has acted on all valid ones.

The third priority is a concentrated attack on five target industries selected because they have the worst safety record.

The target industries are longshoring, with 69.9 injuries per million man-hours; roofing and

sheet metal, 43; meat and meat products, 38.5; manufacturers of mobile homes, campers and snowmobiles, 37.6; and lumbering, 36.1. The average for all manufacturing in the United States is 14.8.

In addition to the three priority areas for enforcement, the government plans to inspect a random cross-section of establishments of all types and sizes in all parts of the country.

The new law has stirred up criticism by both management

and labor.

Employers contend that some of the standards they are being forced to meet actually make no contribution to safety, and slow down production.

Labor complaints argue that there are too few inspectors. It also is unhappy about OSHA's ruling that state job-safety programs do not have to allow union representatives to accompany safety inspectors on tours of plants.

## A&M leading state in volume of research

A&M leads the state in volume of research conducted by institutions of higher education, according to a report issued by the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System.

The Coordinating Board study showed that research activities totaled \$26,321,909 during the fiscal year ended Aug. 31.

Coordinating Board tabulations revealed research at the University of Texas at Austin totaled \$25,301,280, with Texas Tech University having \$3,528,349 and the University of Houston \$1,946,657. The total research volume for the 23 state-supported schools included in the survey was \$6,856,518.

Dr. Jack K. Williams, President, said the university's research budget included \$11,769,881 from federal sources, \$9,991,454 from state appropriations, \$1,942,891 from private organizations, \$1,753,330 from institutionally controlled sources and \$864,353 from other sources.

Fields in which A&M had the largest financial outlays for research were engineering, marine science, agriculture, veterinary medicine and economics.

## NASA funds are obtained for research

Additional funds of \$23,000 have been received by the College of Engineering to continue a two-part research program on "Hypervelocity Impact Effects" for the Manned Spacecraft Center (NASA) in Houston.

Dr. J. L. Rand, associate professor in aerospace engineering and principal investigator on the project, said the purpose of the research is to investigate mechanical properties of glass as used in the Apollo spacecraft. It is concerned with the impact of meteors on windows and with determining the mechanical strength of such glass in a heated environment.

Dr. Rand is assisted by two master of science candidates in this phase of the project. The second part involves development of a launch system capable of simulating meteoroid impact. NASA also provided a miniature light gas gun which can accelerate model meteors up to about 20,000 feet per second. Dr. Rand said part two of the research seeks to increase that to at least 30,000 feet per second.

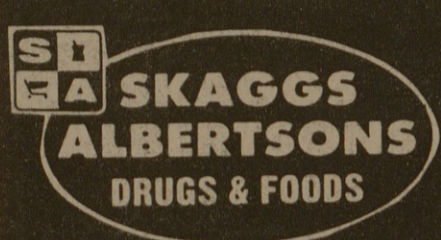
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#### THURSDAY Breakfast


- Tang
- Asst. Dry Cereal  
Cherry Strudel Rolls  
Grilled Ham
  - Scrambled Eggs  
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Toast - Jelly - Oleo  
Coffee - Milk

- Sbisa — All of above plus Hot-cakes, Fried and Scrambled Eggs
- Dinner
- Turkey Pot Pie
  - Buttered Rice
  - \*Cut Green Beans
  - Buttered Carrots
  - Tossed Salad
  - French Dressing
  - Cherry Tarts
  - Bread - Oleo
  - Grape Punch

- Christmas Dinner
- Relish Tray
  - Assorted Olives, Asst. Pickles & Ketchup
  - Roast Young Texas Turkey
  - Broast
  - Chestnut Dressing
  - Geblet Gravy
  - Chilled Cranberries
  - Marshmallow Sweet Potatoes
  - Buttered Mixed Vegetables
  - Chef's Salad w/Green Goddess Dressing
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