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Oil's use on roads criticized

WASHINGTON - A House subcommittee report on hazardous waste criticizes state officials as well as a private firm for an incident in said. which contaminated waste oil was spread on several roads near Corri-

gan. Waste oil contaminated with toxic chemicals, principally nitroben-zene, was laid down on nine roads in east Texas. It originated from the **Browning Ferris Chemical Services** Inc. transfer facility near Nederland.

The case was one of about a dozen discussed in a report on hazardous waste disposal released Saturday by the House Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

'The Orange District Office of the Texas Department of Water Re-sources did not perform an adequate investigation of contaminated road It said for at least two years, man-agement permitted hundreds of thousands of gallons of nitroben-

oil dumped in east Texas and, therefore, failed to discover a potential health problem until after any damage was already done," the report

It noted that the company accepted "full responsibility and, to its credit, promptly consented to remove the contaminate sections of eight of those roads under orders from the Texas Department of Water Resources

But while "BFI testified that such contamination was accidental" and the careless practices which led to the problems had been eliminated, the report said subpoenaed docu-"In the face of these incentives, a ments "suggest at a minimum a pattern of negligence on the part of the management of the Nederland facility prevailed through Nov. 2, 1978."

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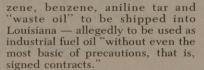
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The toxic materials had been obtained under a contract with DuPont which called environmentally sound disposal, according to the report.

"Further, a study prepared by the subcommittee staff documents the

comprehensive system of internal and external controls is necesary to prevent such occurrences. The condition of the BFI records delivered to this subcommittee suggests the absence of even proper accounting controls prior to November 1978," it added

It said the extent of the contami-nation of adjacent land and water was unknown, but it was possible roads in Louisiana and Mississippi also might be contaminated since small recyclers to whom the materials were supplied do much busi-ness with asphalt contracts in those

states. 'Sombrero' repaired

to try capping Ixtoc hoped Monday they could swing a large steel cone onto the runaway Ixtoc oil well in an effort to halt the flow in the world's worst spill.

The 310-ton "sombrero," de-signed to catch 80 to 90 percent of the oil gushing from the well, was returned from Jackson Island, Sunday where cracks were repaired, of-ficials of the government oil monopoly Petroleos Mexicanos said. They said the cone should be in place by today

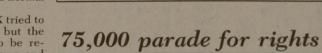
The gusher diminished to "inter-mittent burps" of oil on Friday, ap-parently a result of 108,000 tennissized steel and lead balls that were injected into the well and also an unexpected reduction in pressure. But a PEMEX spokesman

cautioned that the reduced flow of MEXICO CITY - Workers the gusher was believed to be temporary and at any minute the well could again begin spilling its normal 10,000 barrels a day

Three weeks ago PEMEX tried to place the cone over Ixtoc but the funnel cracked and had to be returned to Texas where Brown and Root contractors repaired it for a second try.

The unique funnel project, known as "operation sombrero," is the first such attempt to cap an oil well

PEMEX also is drilling two relief wells. One made contact Friday with Ixtoc 1 at a depth of 9,400 feet. Since the blowout June 3 the well has poured more than 2.4 million barrels of crude into the Gulf of Mexico.



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Theater refuses to show [a 'trashy' Monty Python fill United Po

BATON ROUGE, La. - If moviegoers want to view "The Life of Brian," they'll have to do it in a theater outside East Baton Rouge Parish, at least at present.

District Attorney Ossie Brown said he convinced a theater manager not to show the film, which was to have opened last Satur-day, because the film is "trashy

and sacrilegious." "I just think that we don't need a movie that says the Virgin Mary was a prostitute and that Jesus Christ was the result of a rape by a Roman soldier," Brown, who admitted he had not

Brown said he acted at the re-quest of a group of Roman Catholic laymen in asking Jerry Nance, manager of Cortana Mall Cinema, to reconsider showing the film. Nance then contacted the theater owner in Boston who

agreed to cancel the movie, he said

Dick Schroth, local American Civil Liberties Union president, said Brown "leaned on people rather heavily as a private citizen who just happens to be the district attorney.

'We urge one of the local theaters to show the movie, Schroth said. "We will give that theater owner our full support if the DA attempts to harass him." He said he was unsure what

action, if any, the ACLU would take He said Brown's request vio-

lated the theater's First Amendment right to freedom of speech and the guarantee of separation of church and state.

"In the past he has illegally pre-censored movies for supposed obscenity, but now he has violated the separation of church and state as well," Schroth said.

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every state in the union and 23. foreign countries. The marchers carried colorful banners indicating their home states "We are everywhere," "Two, four, six, eight; how do you know your kid is straight?" and "Closets are for NOW. Demonstrators included the to gay politics.

handicapped in wheelchairs, the blind and deaf, the young and the elderly. But most participants were white men and women in their 20s

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Pennsylvania Avenue Sunday to a rally on the Washington Monument House It was the first national gay rights march in the United States. Or-The marchers carried signs that read: "Two, four, six, eight, how do you know your kid is straight?" and "Closets are for

WASHINGTON - Declaring, shirts. "We are everywhere," tens of thousands of homosexual men and One man wore a yellow-flowered women from across the country and

red dress, had a pink ribbon in his hair and accented the outfit with a pair of old Army boots on his feet. Another dressed in black leather and carried a sign that read,

"Gung-ho gay guerrilla." The crowd was in jubilant spirits and many blew whistles or chanted slogans such as, "Discrimination has got to go, hey-hey, ho-ho," as they marched past the rear of the White

A rock band on a stage at the monument grounds entertained early arrivals, and Arlie Scott, vice president of the National Organization of Women, told the crowd: "Eat your heart out, Anita Bryant!"

'America, you see us (gays) in your offices, schools, in your government, in Congress and I dare say in the White House," Scott said. "We are 20 million strong in this na tion. We are moving from gay pride

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Reps. Ted Weiss, D-N.Y., and Phillip Burton, D-Calif., co-sponors of a homosexual rights bill extending

