

Derailed train spills chemicals on pasture

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MERKLE — Twenty-one cars of a Santa Fe Railroad train derailed Sunday about four miles south of Merkle, spilling naptha and fertilizer chemicals onto a pasture.

No injuries were reported. Conductor Jess Alexander of Sweetwater said he was riding in the caboose when the accident occurred.

He said he saw a cloud of dust and pulled the emergency switch to shut down the engine, but by the time the caboose rounded a curve, the cars were already piling up.

Alexander said he did not know what caused the derailment, but said it probably was not caused by bad track since that part of the line had recently been repaired.

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May Day members promise additional demonstrations

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Members of the Revolutionary May Day Committee — who stormed the Alamo last week — promise more demonstrations and marches leading to nationwide protests on May 1, the "international day of the workers."

During the past month committee members have occupied Texas' most revered shrine, barricaded themselves in a giant statue of the mythical god Vulcan in Birmingham, Ala., and marched in the coal fields of Beckley, W. Va.

A Houston committee member — who says her name is Mary Jean Outlaw — has promised additional demonstrations to culminate in nationwide protests on May Day to "marshal the forces of the revolutionary minded people of this country."

Two men and a woman on Thursday climbed atop the front wall of the Alamo, replaced the U.S. and Texas flags with red banners and shouted political rhetoric, tossing leaflets to the angry crowd below. Outlaw's telephone number was printed on the leaflets.

The organization takes its name from the "international day of the workers," so designated in Paris in 1889 by the Second International Socialist Congress. May Day is an offi-

cial holiday in the Soviet Union and some other communist countries and is celebrated by left wing groups throughout the world.

The trio in San Antonio shouted that on May 1 the nation's streets "would be flaming," but Outlaw denied violence was planned. Committee members have chosen forms of demonstrations which will give them maximum publicity with minimum legal complications.

The three in San Antonio were charged with desecrating the flag; the 18 in West Virginia were charged with misdemeanor treason for carrying the red flag; and those in Birmingham were charged with seizure of a public building and burglary.

James Daniel Callahan, 21, of Oakland, Calif., one of three arrested in the crowd outside the Alamo for disorderly conduct, said police told one of those atop the shrine: "This puts you on the level of the Iranians — the lowest form of life."

Answered Callahan, "We're proud to be on the level of the Iranians in their struggle."

James Sabel of Atlanta, charged with spray-painting "May Day 1980" and other revolutionary slogans on the Georgia State Capital and four other state buildings, said he is not a

brigade member but is in sympathy. "I think it's great to see the country rocking and reeling," he said Friday in a news conference on the State Capitol steps after being released on bond.

Outlaw was asked what the foundation of the Revolutionary May Day Committee is.

"Revolutionary May Day Committee people all over the country are calling on workers and the oppressed minority and other people who are seeing where the system is heading to hit the streets on international workers day May 1 and to march in demonstrations all over the country with the international working class all over the world in opposing American imperialism and Soviet imperialism," Outlaw said.

How many people are members? "Not enough as far as we are concerned, but too many as far as the ruling class is concerned," she said. Who are the protesters?

"The people are members of a brigade of people who have been traveling the country to bring the people the message of May Day to organize and not to go to work or to school but to march on May Day," she said.

Was not the occupation of the Alamo an act of terrorism? "It's a political statement, a very strong political statement."

Teachers

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