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Fruit flys to get dose of malathion

Court action fails to block spraying

United Press International SAN JOSE, Calif. — Choppers were loaded in secret staging areas with the pesticide malathion today to spray infested fruits and vegetables growing in a fashionable, 15square-mile area of 40,000 homes. Some residents frightened by the possible health

hazards of the spraying fled their houses or sealed themselves inside. Others threatened acts of civil disobedience. One tactic, they said, would be to block refueling trucks for the helicopters

Opponents of the spraying lost two court battles Monday - in the California Supreme Court and in a county court to stop the aerial spraying of the Mediterranean fruit fly, which could devastate California's vast fruit and vegetable crops

Federal authorities planned to start their attack on the pest shortly after midnight. The first spray was to cover a 15 square-mile area in the fashionable neighborhoods of Palo Alto, Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills, where there are 40,000 homes

Federal planners said the first flights, undertaken in the dark, would cover a smaller zone because pilots and crews

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were tired and needed more time to familiarize themselves with the terrain. A few practice flights were launched Monday night.

The way was cleared for the aerial attack by Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Bruce F. Allen, who found no evidence that malathion was dangerous to residents' health, and by the California Supreme Court, which ruled against attorneys who sought at least a one-day delay in the spraying so they could present arguments showing the pesticide was dangerous

About 70 San Jose residents took refuge in American Red Cross shelters. Innkeepers in Santa Cruz, 25 miles west of San Jose on the coast, reported that most of their rooms were booked in anticipation of the spraying. Allen's ruling and the Supreme Court's decision came

after the Agriculture Department expanded the quarantine to include all of Santa Clara, San Mateo and Alameda counties.

Harvey Ford, deputy administrator for plant protection and quarantine for the federal agency, said the fruit fly's larvae had been discovered in a 2,500-square-mile area. The area to be sprayed in the next several weeks covers 109 square miles with more than 300,000 homes. Judge Allen, after listening to arguments from oppinents at an all-day hearing, said, "I would not stop form LO minute to forbid the spraying if I thought it could make prepa

single person ill. But Jean Mahoney said she planned to leave her i incide Alto home for the spraying because of her 15-year. Calific daughter.

"I don't want to take any chances with her," Mr Capt Mahoney said. "She's my only child, and I just don't wa which to expose her to this kind of risk."

Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. permitted the spray preworth ram after the federal government threatened to quaratine to ma the entire state of California unless there was an aerial and Tr started against the fruit fly.

The state tried a sterilization ground attack against pest, but, when more larvae was discovered, it was deter mined that aerial spraying was the only alternative. Tyear California Highway Patrol is already manning roadbles to confiscate fruits and vegetables carried by motoris

After losing two court appeals Monday, attorneys forthe protesters said they would not file any other appeals

Better treatment of cattle, sought by Ohio lawman TOMMY'S 🛧

United Press International WASHINGTON — A Cleveland congressman has introduced a resolution to establish a committee that would address the growing controversy over animal rights — the treatment of livestock and poultry produced for food.

But Agriculture Secretary John Block plays down the importance of the issue. "I don't think that the animal rights issue is a very big or important issue," Block said in a long-distance

interview with a group of radio broadcasters

The resolution introduced late last week by Rep. Ronald Mottl, D-Ohio, would establish a 16-member Farm Animal Husbandry Committee to address the issue of treatment of animals on farms.

"I hope that by the creation of the Animal Husban-dry Committee, a meaningful dialogue will be established between all farm interests and those individuals and groups concerned with the growing use of the new farming techniques," Mottl said.

Animal rights activists criticize modern livestock production techniques, including confinement of animals in small spaces so some of them never venture outdoors.

They also criticize a resulting need to add more antibiotics to livestock feed to prevent spread of disease in such close quarters.

Producers counter that animal welfare activists unrealistically attribute human qualities to animals. Said Block: "I think livestock producers are very

humane in their treatment of animals. Six thousand hogs a year are produced on Block large farm, but he does not use some of these modent techniques. In fact, his litters are born outdoors in Is: woods rather than indoors.

"I can't take it (animal rights) very serious, Block said. But, he acknowledged, if it becomes larger issue, he would have to pay more attention He also said it should be handled, if necessary, a

a state level at a time when the government is true to reduce rather than expand federal regulation. The proposed 16-member Farm Animal Husb

dry Committee would be made of up small farm agribusiness interests, consumers, animal well advocates and scientific and medical experts. The committee's purpose would be to cond

thorough review of all aspects of intensive livestood production, including modern farming practices welfare of involved animals, quality and cost of as mu cultural products produced and ultimate cost to consumers

Poultry and livestock producers have turned is mass production to reduce per-unit costs for consum sus ers, but Mottl said there is some question as to whether the new methods are any more cost Publ effective than non-intensive farming methods. Many people have expressed concern over suffer an ing and stress to animals and the behavorial and environmental modifications they undergo whe produced in confinement, he said

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bond in question

Payment of 1871

United Press International PINEVILLE, Mo. — A southwest Missouri resort owner cleaning out his attic came across an 1871 bond worth more than \$3.5 milling Monday, enough to bankrupt his home county if he were willing-

and able — to cash it in. McDonald County, whose budget for the year isn't even half the rit amount due on the 110-year-old bond, argues that the bond we ith already cashed years ago and is worthless now.

George Foster found the musty paper document last month in the ad attic of his Ginger Blue Lodge and Resort. He presented the bondt rin the county's administrative court July 2 and was refused payment on McDonald County Clerk Lou Harmon recommended to the conter that the bond not be cashed.



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'It has not been appropriated in the budget," he said. Foster said he does not want the money.

"The main thing is that I want the moley." accumulating \$1,100 in interest every day," he said. or Foster said he has suggested the county pass a law to avoid futur an disasters with bonds. He recommended the county place a call dat in with simple interest on its bonds.

The county clerk argues that Foster's bond was one of a batch of \$100 ie bonds carrying 10 percent annual interest issued in 1871 and cashedii 1877 when a pair of investors sued the county for payment.

But Foster said, according to records, the bond was never cashed G "The bond has never been marked that it was paid," Foster said. "Itis: ro legitimate instrument.

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