

Pre-dawn fog could result in daytime spraying

# Spraying continues despite protests

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LOS GATOS, Calif. — State officials Monday intensified aerial pesticide attacks against the crop-eating Mediterranean fruit fly and ordered a new crackdown on San-

ta Clara Valley residents who refuse to strip infested trees.

A full squadron of eight helicopters sprayed a huge area from Atherton to San Jose with a mist of the pesticide malathion in the

largest attack yet on the pest. Officials had warned that spraying will be done in the daytime, instead of before dawn, if conditions are too foggy. But the helicopters were able to operate in

the pre-dawn darkness Monday. Medfly project officials responding to pressure from farmers concerned about possible statewide quarantines announced the intensified second round of spraying of the populous 227-square-mile infested area.

There was no aerial spraying early Sunday "to give those who stayed out late Saturday a chance to return home safely," said Medfly project spokesman Richard Steffen.

Most of the spraying that began July 13 and was expected to be concluded in about five weeks has been confined to pre-dawn hours,

but "there's a good chance we will have daytime spraying if heavy fog early in the morning makes flying dangerous," he said.

Noting that two more maggot sites have been located in the infested area, bringing the total known sites to 165, Steffen said, "We're waging full-scale war."

Hundreds of eradication project workers were sent to cover some 770 square miles Monday in a renewed effort to convince residents to strip their fruit trees and vegetable gardens. Those who refuse will be cited and subject to a \$500 fine or six months in jail, said medfly project spokesman Dick Thompson.

Uncounted tons of produce have already been stripped and left in plastic bags along the manicured suburban lawns of communities south of San Francisco.

California's farmers, living in the richest agricultural region in the world, have said the threat of invasion by the pest that feeds on some 200 varieties of fruits and vegetables doesn't frighten them as much as quarantines.

Unsatisfied with a year-long, \$53-million battle against the infestation in the smaller Santa Clara Valley — just across a range of coastal hills from the farm-rich Central Valley — six southern

states attempted to quarantine California farm produce.

The quarantines — through California's \$14 billion general industry — were blocked by U.S. district courts while the Supreme Court was asked to rule out all of them.

The southern states and California's own farmers had agreed to step up its war against the pest. Gov. Edmund G. Brown refused to allow aerial spraying of malathion — opposed by environmentalists and many students, particularly women — until threatened federal quarantine.

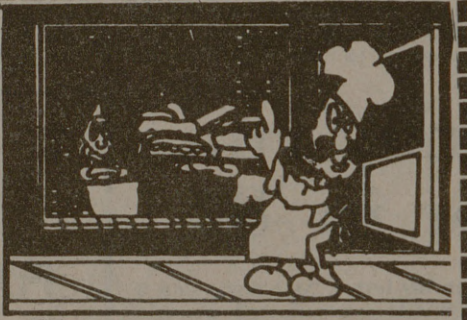
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## Officers reply to racial violence

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WILLACOCHEE, Ga. — Federal and state law officers are arriving in response to the mayor's plea for help in investigating racial

violence that has plagued the tiny rural community since a cross was burned on the lawn of a white "race mixer" in April. Mayor Luce Futch, who wrote

the FBI for help last May after a shooting incident, said Sunday he wanted the government to investigate the violence in his town of 1,600 "before it gets any worse."

So far, no one has been injured. "We want to stop this before it gets any worse," said Futch. "Our town is a quiet, little, old town and we've lived in harmony in the past — ever since it was incorporated in 1889, I guess — and we want to see it continue that way."

Agent Jim Mullen says members of the FBI Savannah office will join officers from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation in investigating the incidents.

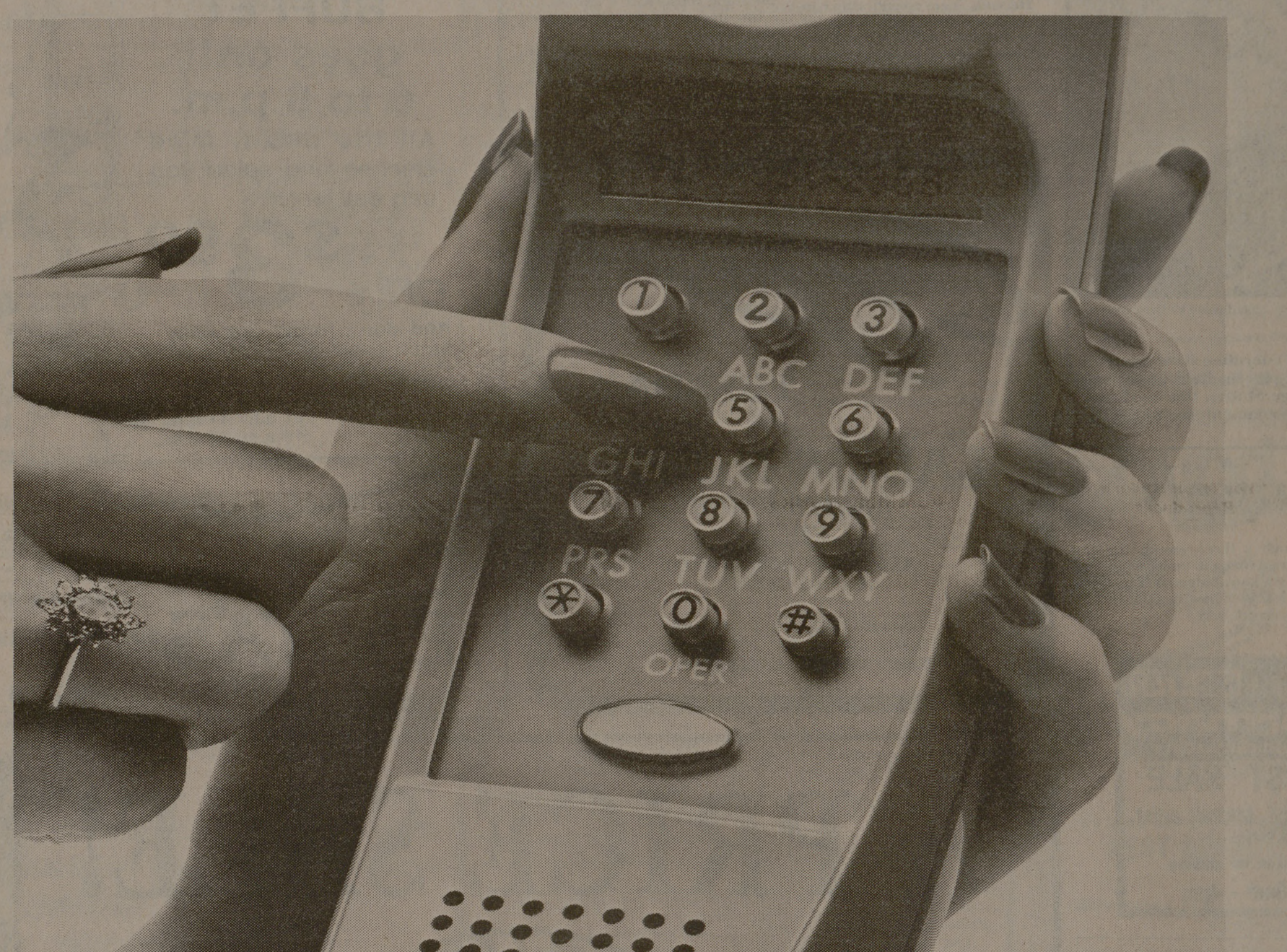
The mayor said it all started last April 17, when a cross was burned at the home of Helen McGovern, a white woman who allowed black children to play in her yard and sometimes fed them in her home. A letter that was mailed to at

least 35 other counties on July 19 contained a crude parody of a Ku Klux Klanman's back with a warning printed: "We will ride our horses through your blood until their bridles are full of your blood."

A shotgun blast was fired out the rear window of a car parked at the home of a white couple in nearby Kirkland. The couple has a 4-year-old child.

Despite the drawing of a threatening letter and the burning, Futch and Sheriff Haskins said there had been no KKK rallies or marches in the county in recent years.

FBI agent Tom McGowan said state investigators "have no information that the active down there."



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## Utah blazes spread through rangeland

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OAK CITY, Utah — Firefighters battled six major blazes across 80,000 acres of Utah rangeland Monday, and residents of a Mormon hamlet who turned back the flames with tractors and gave thanks for their safety.

As 700 firefighters in Millard County battled the two worst local officials charged that Forest Service crews allowed minor fires to flare into the inferno that raced across 35,000 acres of rangeland, halting only a few miles from Oak City, 100 miles southwest of Lake City.

The range fires — dubbed Clay Springs and Little Oak — blackened more than 61,000 acres in Millard County. But officials said the 26,000-acre Little Oak Fire should be contained by this week "thanks to cooler temperatures and a break in the winds."

"However, we have no estimate of when we'll contain the 10,000-acre Clay Springs Fire," a spokesman for the Interagency Fire Service said. He also said a 7,000-acre fire in Sage Valley, about 100 miles further to the west of the major blazes, was still out of control. In Northern Utah, crews managed to retain control of a 7,000-acre fire west of the Great Salt Lake and were cutting a circle around a 11,800-acre blaze on Promontory Point north of the lake.

In Summit County, officials held out hope for getting the hand over a 950-acre fire on private land. A fire also was burning Sunday near Cricket Mountain Valley 40 miles west of Fillmore. Its extent was not known.

On Sunday, Gov. Scott Matheson flew over Millard County to inspect the damage and the 425 people of Oak City, who gathered together with their own tractors and plows to dig a firebreak around the town and hold off the flames, gave thanks during church services for their safety.

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