

# 43 trains derail, 3 explode

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LIVINGSTON, La. — A third explosion rocked a "war zone" of 43 derailed railroad cars early Wednesday, shooting shrapnel through homes, and officials feared toxic fumes

would force more people to join the 3,000 already evacuated. The cars derailed in the middle of the southeast Louisiana city and one exploded early Tuesday, triggering a fire that sparked two later blasts. Offi-

cialists had feared the massive fireballs might wipe the town off the map.

A tank car carrying tetraethyl lead, a gasoline additive, burst about 4 p.m. Tuesday and a third car loaded with vinyl chloride exploded just after midnight Wednesday, sending metal flying through the air.

"Parts of the tank are strewn about town," said State Police Lt. Ronnie Jones. "It broke out windows in some homes."

"It looks like a very small war zone."

Shifting winds were keeping toxic smoke close to the ground, Jones said, and more evacuations were possible. The evacuated area extended 5 miles to the north and northwest of Livingston and one mile to the south and east.

Air quality experts were monitoring the smoke and chemical cloud for dangerous substances.

Emergency workers moved about 25 cars from the scene late Tuesday, but were prevented from fighting the fire by the volatility and variety of chemicals. Water was worthless and flame-smothering foam was ruled out because it would concentrate heat on already stressed tank cars.

"We're just sitting on a powder keg with a fuse, hoping that the fuse will go out before it explodes," Jones said.

Gov. David Treen cut short a Florida vacation and was ex-

pected to visit the derailment site today.

Officials had feared an explosion of the tetraethyl lead would produce a fireball up to one-half mile wide. But leaking pressure in the car lessened the blast.

At least seven cars carried vinyl chloride, which is flammable and can produce poisonous gases when burned. It also can cause dizziness or suffocation and irritate skin and eyes.

Many of the 3,000 evacuees stayed with relatives while others gathered at emergency shelters set up at high schools in the nearby communities of Walker and Holden.

Emergency crews remained near the scene throughout the night.

Only two minor injuries were reported as residents fled Livingston, a town of 2,000 about 20 miles east of Baton Rouge. At least three tank cars and four homes caught fire and were destroyed after the derailment and first explosions at 5 a.m. Tuesday.

Lt. Gov. Bobby Freeman declared a state of emergency to allow police to control the area and physically remove stragglers who stayed in their homes or later sneaked back through a wooded area.

Officials had not determined what caused the Illinois Central Gulf train to derail. Crew members apparently escaped without injury and railroad officials at the scene declined comment.

# Wallace victorious in primary election

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — George Wallace, a runoff winner with black support despite his segregationist past, cannot walk and is almost deaf, but has a strong chance for a record fourth term as Alabama's governor in November.

Wallace, 63, will be matched in the general election against Republican Emory Folmar, the pistol-toting mayor of Montgomery, in this deep south state that has not elected a Republican Party chief executive since 1872.

Wallace edged Lt. Gov. George McMillan, 38, for the Democratic nomination Tuesday with a strong showing in Black Belt counties and other rural areas.

He maintained he did it despite a heavy Republican crossover vote for McMillan.

With 4115 of 4144, or 99.3 percent, of the precincts reporting, Wallace had 505,243 votes, or 51 percent, to McMillan's 486,223 or 49 percent.

"We're not governor yet," said Wallace in his victory speech. "We are going to be governor in November. I want to thank the broad mass of Alabama citizenry, black and white, for the support

they have given me." Wallace swayed blacks who believed he underwent a deep religious train, experience after Arthur Bremer shot him in a Maryland shopping cen-

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"He is the only white man to openly apologize to blacks and say he was in error," said Mac Hollis, 64, a retired black school teacher who marked his ballot for Wallace.

"I have forgiven him. I am going to get me some walking

shoes and hit the streets," he said.

Another black who voted for Wallace, Alabama State University student Eric Boulter, 20, said he did not have time to protest the past.

"My grandparents said it was bad in the '60s and they lived through it and they are supporting Wallace, too," Boulter said.

McMillan received about two-thirds of the vote in most of the state's metropolitan areas, but the city vote was not sufficient to overpower Wallace's strength in rural Alabama.

Although McMillan had the support of the state's largest black political organization and such national black leaders as Coretta King, widow of Dr. Martin Luther King, and Jesse Jackson of Operation Push, Wallace urged the state's blacks not to let anyone tell them how to vote.

He reminded them he had provided free textbooks, trade schools and junior colleges during his three previous terms.

Wallace has dominated state politics for most of the past two decades.

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But Superior Court Judge Christian Markey ruled Tuesday trial may proceed on two parts of the suit based on contracts Bloomingdale, 66, allegedly signed in a hospital shortly before he died of cancer last summer.

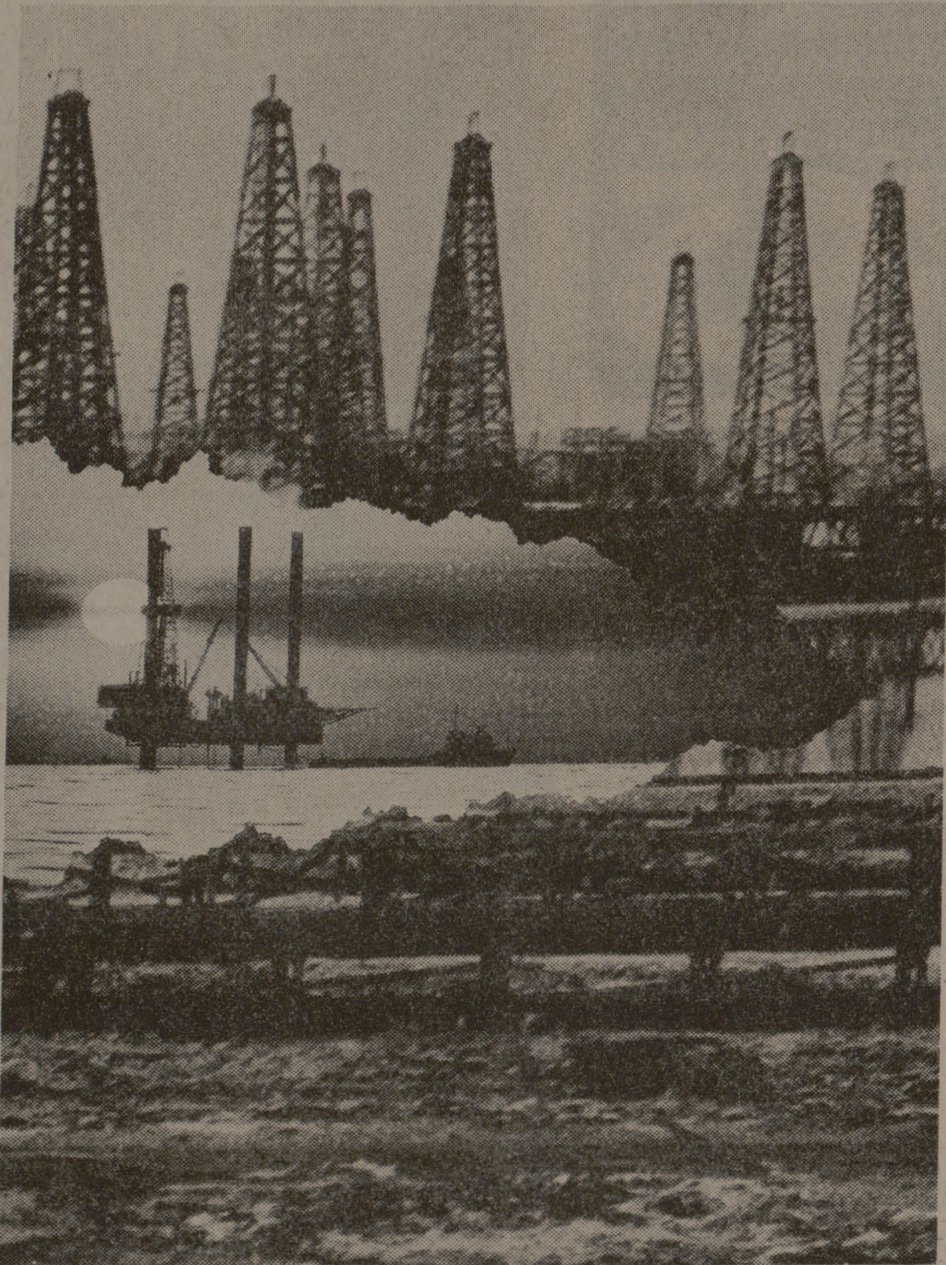
Those actions seek \$10,000-a-month support for Morgan

for two years and half of the profits from his share of a joint business venture.

Morgan, 30, who filed the \$11 million suit in July, said she was "extremely disappointed with the decision."

The sensational suit, filed by attorney Marvin Michelson, who won the landmark Marvin vs. Marvin palimony suit, shocked Beverly Hills society and embarrassed the White House. Bloomingdale, a cofounder of the Diner's Club and a member of President Reagan's "kitchen cabinet," and his wife of 35 years were frequent guests at the White House.

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