Legislative committee not notified

lew pesticide laws proposed

AUSTIN — A legislative committee Wednesday scolded the Texas Agriculture Department for writing a set of proposed pesticide regulations during "private work sessions" from which lawmakers were excluded.

Members of the House Agricul-ture and Livestock Committee com-plained that until a few weeks ago, they were not aware that the TDA planned to propose the comprehensive rules aimed at protecting farmers, workers and rural residents.

missioner, told the committee that the rules were developed after public meetings in Austin, Corpus Christi, Lubbock and the Rio Grande Valley. But he said he did not know if legislators were invited.

The proposed regulations were announced Oct. 19 by Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower, who said he hoped to have the regulations in operation by next summer.

White said TDA will accept recommendations when it conducts additional public hearings in Austin, TDA decided to develop the regula-San Juan and Corpus Christi during the 30-day comment

period.
"We're open to suggestions," he said. "We're obviously concerned with publishing regulations that are

Farm groups, most notably the Texas Farm Bureau, have claimed the regulations would "shut down agriculture" and prompt higher

White told the committee that vised

tions because statistics show that the number of people in Texas hospitalized due to pesticide injuries is two to five times greater than the national average.

Among the proposed requirements are a 24-hour notice to anyone living within a one-mile radius before pesticides can be applied by air, the furnishing of safe clothing to workers and the posting of warning flags in fields if it will be more than seven days before re-entry is ad-

OPEC members agree to cut oil production

United Press International

GENEVA, Switzerland — OPEC oil ministers formally agreed Wednesday to immediately slash the cartel's oil production by 1.5 million barrels a day in a bid to shore up its crumbling \$29 a barrel base price. Saudi Oil Minister Sheik Ahmed

Zaki Yamani told a news conference at the end of the 2 1/2-day emergency meeting that his kingdom will bear 45 percent of the production cut and Nigeria and Iraq were exempt.

"You might see an immediate reaction, a psychological one," Yamani

'But the real effect will start when the companies feel the flow of oil is restricted. I think this will probably be the second week of November. But I won't be surprised if it happens before that.'

The ministers announced an official agreement on sharing the cut, which will reduce OPEC's official reduction ceiling of 17.5 million barrels a day by 9 percent to 16 million

beginning Thursday. Saudi Arabia, OPEC's largest producer, was absorbing 43 percent of the overall reduction, cutting back by 647,000 barrels a day.

The United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Venezuela, Indonesia and Libya were also taking a large part of the reductions, while Iraq and Nigeria were exempted.

The ministers reached the agreement after their respective governments approved a tentative agreement on production cuts arrived at Tuesday in Geneva.

"Our expectation is that with this 1.5 million barrels a day cut, prices will improve and at the end of 1984, spot prices will be equal to official (OPEC) prices," acting OPEC president Subroto of Indonesia told a concluding news conference.

'Some oil companies do not have enough stock and therefore they have to buy," Yamani said.

Yamani said Saudi Arabia is determined to defend prices

New strangulatio Tex scares El Pasoans \$20

EL PASO - Residents of a quiet neighborhood have a special fear of Halloween this year following the strangulation of an 88-yearold widow Saturday and the similar murders of two other elderly women earlier this month.

Effie Gregory, 75, who lives near the trailer where Jewel Hay-good was murdered last weekend, said she dreads Halloween and will not open her door to trick-or-treaters Wednesday

night.
"The killer may still be out there, and we don't know who's going to be next," she said.
"We're dreading Halloween even more this year. We're living in a lot of fear.

Herman Haygood said he could not understand why anyone would want to kill his step-

Haygood found her body while paying her a routine visit. Police said they think she was strangled by someone who tried to burglarize her trailer. Officers said bruises on the victim's body indicated there was a struggle.

Police said they are looking a possible link between the Ha good killing and the strang tion murder of two women 15 by an unknown assailant or sailants who apparently tried

set them afire. Crime Stoppers, an El Pasoa sociation which provides reva money for useful information leading to arrests, offered \$1,000 cash reward for info tion leading to the arrest of wh ever was responsible for the mu

Officers said Julia Fleenor, and her daughter, Iona Dy were strangled to death by son one who broke into Fleen home, a few blocks from Ha good's home.

ders of the two women.

Detective Mickey Duntley the person or persons who for their way into Fleenor's ho also set at least two fires. other women living in the ho Sara Cass, 62, and Co Docksteader, 70, were injured the fire and are recovering Thomason General Hospital.



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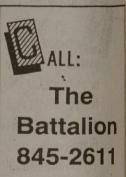
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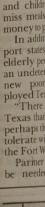
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