

Crews find 3 more bodies in plant ruins

PASADENA (AP) — Three more bodies were recovered Monday from the twisted ruins of a Phillips Petroleum Co. plastics plant, bringing the confirmed death toll to 17 from the explosion which leveled a large portion of the plant a week ago. Five workers remained unaccounted for.

The discoveries came as Pasadena-area residents prepared for a community-wide memorial service Monday night.

Despite thunderstorms and heavy rain, work crews continued moving the tons of steel and concrete in hopes of recovering the last of the victims.

Phillips officials said some of the rain actually aided in the search by washing dust from the rubble.

U.S. Rep. Mike Andrews, D-Texas, whose district includes the plant, toured the facility Monday and met with authorities to be apprised of the situation.

"You really have to be here to see how absolutely devastating that blast was," Andrews said. "Fully a quarter of the plant has been eliminated. There is still a safety factor at the plant site. There are still fires burning. It is an awesome sight to see."

Much of the search has been concentrating on the plant's control and finishing rooms, where debris is stacked as high as 40 feet, officials said. The polyethylene plant produced almost 20 percent of the nation's production of plastic pellets used in the manufacture of milk jugs and grocery bags.

Phillips officials believe flammable hydrocarbon vapor from ethylene and isobutane gases escaped from a leaking chemical reactor, triggering the explosion. But company officials have said they don't know how the gases were ignited and won't concentrate on finding a cause until all the missing victims have been found.

Besides the dead, some 124 other people were injured and required hospitalization.

Andrews said he would like to see a House Government Operations Subcommittee that has scheduled hearings on the explosion move slowly before taking testimony. The panel, which has oversight over federal aid and agencies like the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, which is investigating the explosion, already has scheduled hearings in Washington, with the first set for Nov. 6.

What's Up

Tuesday

RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION: will have RHA Halloween from 8 p.m. until midnight at the Grove.

OFF-CAMPUS AGGIES: will have a haunted house from 8 p.m. until midnight in the MSC ballroom.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION: will have a prayer for Revival at 8 p.m. in the Baptist Student Union behind the old Kinko's.

SNOWSKI CLUB: will have a costume contest and Halloween party at 7 p.m. at Mt. Aggie.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES: will have a Christian fellowship at 9 p.m. in the letterman's lounge in G. Rollie White.

ECONOMICS SOCIETY: Economics professors will describe their spring classes and provide syllabi at 5 p.m. in 105 Harrington.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS: will have a step study meeting from 8:30 until 10 p.m. Call the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280 for more information.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: will have a general discussion at noon. Call the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280 for more information.

MEDICINE TRIBE: will have a general meeting at 5 p.m. in front of the Academic Building behind the Sul Ross statue. Call Irwin Tang at 846-9447 for more information.

COLLEGE REPUBLICANS: Justice Terry Means of the 10th Court of Appeals and Peter Roussel, former press secretary for George Bush, will speak at 8:30 p.m. in 302 Rudder. Call Rob Giesecke at 774-1193 for more information.

STUDENT Y: applications for Youth Fun Day V are available in 211 Pavilion until Nov. 10. Call Mike Heffner at 847-6548 for more information.

Wednesday

STUDENT GOVERNMENT: will have a Senate meeting open to all interested students at 7:30 p.m. in 204 Harrington. Call Ty Clevenger at 845-3051 for more information.

OPAS: classical pianist Michael Tilson Thomas will play at 8 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium.

BETA ALPHA PSI: officer applications are due today in the Beta Alpha Psi office.

WOMEN'S BONFIRE COMMITTEE: will meet at 7 p.m. in 501 Rudder.

BLACK AWARENESS COMMITTEE: will have the third segment of "Eyes on the Prize" at 7 p.m. in 201 MSC.

AGGIE PARTNERS: will meet at 7 p.m. in 167 Read. Call Kathy Allen at 847-0291 for more information.

POLITICAL FORUM: Insight committee will have a discussion on "Mexico in the 1980's" with Dr. Schmidt at noon in the MSC Cashiers Dining Room. Bring a lunch.

HISPANIC BUSINESS STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will meet at 7 p.m. in 156 Blocker.

STUDENTS OVER TRADITIONAL AGE: will meet at 7 p.m. in 308 Rudder. Call Nancy at 845-1741 for more information.

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP: will have a worship service at 7:30 p.m. in All Faith's Chapel.

ALPHA EPSILON DELTA: state representative Mike McKinney M.D. will speak about the rural hospital bill he wrote and sponsored at 7 p.m. in 230 MSC.

PHI BETA LAMBDA: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Blocker. Check the billboard for room number.

AGGIE SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 402 Rudder.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS: guest speaker Radian will discuss acid rain at 6:30 p.m. in 203 Zachry.

S.W.A.P.: will meet at 8 p.m. in front of Rudder Theatre to discuss pornography and take a tour of an adult bookstore. Call Bingo at 823-1451 for more information.

AGGIES FOR THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS: will have a tour and lecture led by Mr. Ledbetter at 7 p.m. on the third floor MSC, the Sanders-Metzger gun collection.

A&M CYCLING TEAM: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 228 MSC.

AMERICAN HELICOPTER SOCIETY: will meet and hear speaker Dr. Youngblood at 5:30 p.m. in 116 Old Engineering. Call Lucille Fuller at 822-7705 for more information.

STUDENTS AGAINST APARTHEID: will meet at 7 p.m. in Rudder. Check screens for room number. Call Irwin Tang for more information.

AGGIE DEMOCRATS: will have a guest speaker at 8:30 p.m. in 504 Rudder.

BAHAI CLUB: will discuss "Unity in Diversity: Achieving World Peace While Maintaining Cultural Diversity" at 8:30 p.m. in 507 A&B Rudder. Call 846-1599 for more information.

BRAZOSPORT HOMETOWN CLUB: will meet for dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Flying Tomato.

AGGIES AGAINST BONFIRE: will have an organizational meeting at 5 p.m. in front of the Academic Building.

EUROPE CLUB: will have its regular weekly meeting upstairs at Sneakers at 10:30 p.m. Call 696-1413 for more information.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no later than three business days before the desired run date. We only publish the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are run on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3315.

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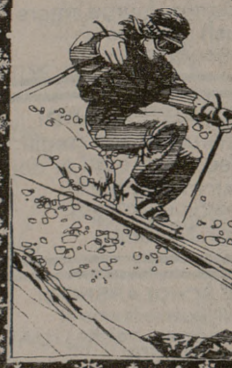
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