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Thousands ZAP The Blackstone

Volunteers Work In River Cleanup

By DON SOCKOL

More than 10,000 tons of debris that must have taken decades to accumulate in and near the Blackstone River was removed yesterday by heavy machinery and by thousands of volunteers working with garden tools and bare hands.

Estimates of between 5,000 and 10,000 volunteers were given by ZAP organizers, who admitted they could only guess at numbers.

More than 200 pieces of donated heavy equipment were used to pile debris in the river, push debris on the banks into piles, and carry it to dumps in Woonsocket, Cumberland, Lincoln, Pawtucket and East Providence.

Almost two dozen persons were treated at the scene and at area hospitals for a variety of injuries, but there were no serious accidents.

"I'm extremely gratified," said Deighton Aulber, ZAP director, "in seeing so many people working off their own sweat. The thing that really gratified me was that everyone seemed to have a lot of fun. I think we accomplished a great deal for the Blackstone River."

All along the Blackstone River, from Pawtucket to the Massachusetts border, the debris from the Point plies of the bridge scattered along the banks vanished.

The massive citizen cleanup went ahead on a hot day after the threat of Hurricane Dawn was lifted, and survived light intermittent showers.

The cleanup was held behind the new Dyer Center on Mondon Road in Cumberland, where many workers cut up plastic bags for hats and slippers and kept working in a light mid-day shower.

Almost 100 communications

Logistical War Waged Against River's Clutter

By W. EDWARD WOOD

A vast fleet of trucks, an armada of small boats, millions of dollars' worth of construction equipment, aid trucks, food, weapons and communication vehicles.

It was the type of massed effort to be expected in the aftermath of some great disaster such as a hurricane or manmade flood.

But Project ZAP brought out an unprecedented volunteer work force and donated material in response, only to the date of Rhode Island's for a clean environment.

As the operation got rolling early yesterday, calling their days in the service.

It was like being back on some bare military operation again — enough organization to get the job done and enough confusion to make you wonder how.



Typical ZAP activity appears in this scene along the Blackstone River in Cumberland, photographed from a helicopter. Two full pages of ZAP pictures: B-14 and 15.

Target: Flotsam, Jetsam

It Was Warfare Along a 10-Mile Stretch

By WILLIAM S. WELZ - private means to describe what happened for 10 hours, asked by the straining of knees, muscles and manimate

Syria Strikes Back, Loses Three Planes

Seekom less than an hour later.

Volunteers began arriving at 10. Several traffic jams developed as throngs of volunteers and heavy equipment moved together down narrow roads. City and town police and by military police from the R.I. Army National Guard.

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23 Communities Vote In Primaries Tuesday

By JOHN P. HAGSEZT

With the excitement of statewide races jacking, voters in almost half the 33 communities, there will be no Rhode Island Democratic and Republican tickets Tuesday to settle internal party fights for legislative and council nominations and seats on state and local party committees.

Democratic Central Assembly contests in Providence and three suburban communities and town council bids in both parishes in Bristol have provided the most spirited primary election campaigning.

To handle the balloting, the state Board of Elections has provided for the opening of polls at 7 a.m. and closed by 7:44 p.m. Inspectors and state clerks, supervisors and state inspectors at a paragon cost of \$31,360 to the state.

How many of the eligible voters will cast ballots is not predictable. Two factors affecting the turnout are the first time use of the minimum voting age from 21 to 18 and the abolition by the federal district court this year of restrictions that previously bound primary participants to one party for a 28-month period.

The younger voters had their baptism at the 1968 presidential election. This year is the first primary for state and local offices for which they have been eligible.

The judicial outwitting of the old 28-month statute offers entry to either party's primary to all qualified voters, with the added benefit that they can be voted for young men by any subsequent

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at Quonset Point: "This is where we live, man. It's up, or you live in your own early yesterday morning.

Trucks and heavy equipment rolled in convoys to pre-arranged sites marked by large ZAP signs.

Trucks came way to a block, a rush and then a torrent of volunteers — arriving by bus, by

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Ken Ruzze, 29, of Cranston, a radio hobbyist, if we make it that way."

Christine Childs, 5, of 459 North Main St., Providence, says she "loves" to play the river with my sister."

At 11 a.m. of Riverside, owned by the M. A. Gammino Construction Co.: "Because the good Lord's gonna bless me."

Mrs. Arthur Thompson of 36 Larch St., Providence, says she "loves" to play the river with my sister."

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But the victory was in the beginning, in the knowledge that the river is a nicer place today than it was yesterday.

It was a beginning, not an end. It was a beginning, not an end. It was a beginning, not an end.

These are the answers some

acoustic instruments, and submerged again to vessels with invisible enemies embedded in the mud of the bottom.

Chain saws screamed in high-pitched volleys as they bit into thick dead tree trunks and limbs.

Heavy dump trucks lumbered along dirt roads, throwing up thick dust clouds as the crews waded even the seams of the ditches.

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a battlefield yesterday. Thousands of soldiers comprising a unique, all-volunteer army marched along the way to attack the plateau and (claim) of nearly two centuries of disposable civilization.

It was code-named Project ZAP, and the metaphors of warfare are the only appropriate.

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Light Offers to Assist School Negotiations

By IER DYKAS

School officials and teacher representatives in the eight school districts involved in contract disputes met or met-nouveurs yesterday with hints of progress but little more.

Governor Litch met for more than an hour with Dr. Fred C. Burke, state commissioner of education, to discuss the situation, to be affected in the 50,000 school children in the state.

In a statement released after the meeting, Governor Litch offered to assist in the negotiations if that would be "fruitful."

He said that together with Dr. Burke he reviewed efforts by the commissioner of education to settle the disputes and to get the schools open.

"Some movement seems to be taking place," the governor said, "but it would be fruitless to make any final

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2 Men Arrested In Island Murders

Christened, St. Croix, Virgin Islands — (AP) — Ally, Gen. Ronald Dohson of the Virgin Islands announced yesterday that two men have been charged with eight counts of first degree murder in the robbery-slappings at his plush Fountain Valley Golf Course Wednesday.

Eight persons — four tourists from Miami and four club employees — were gunned down in the robbery.

Tombin identified the two as — Continued on Page A-18

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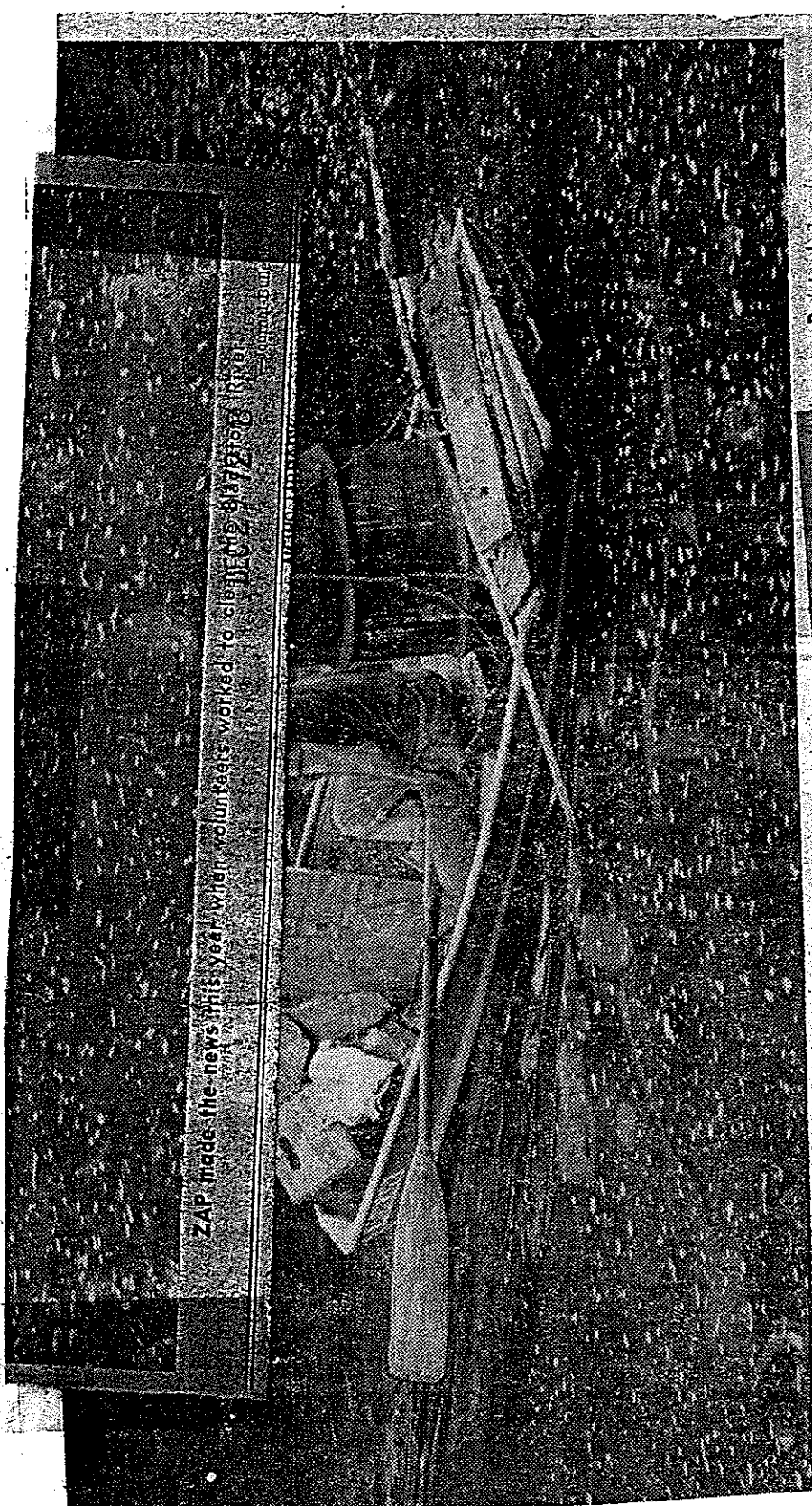
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ZAP made the news this year when volunteers worked to clean up the Blackstone River.

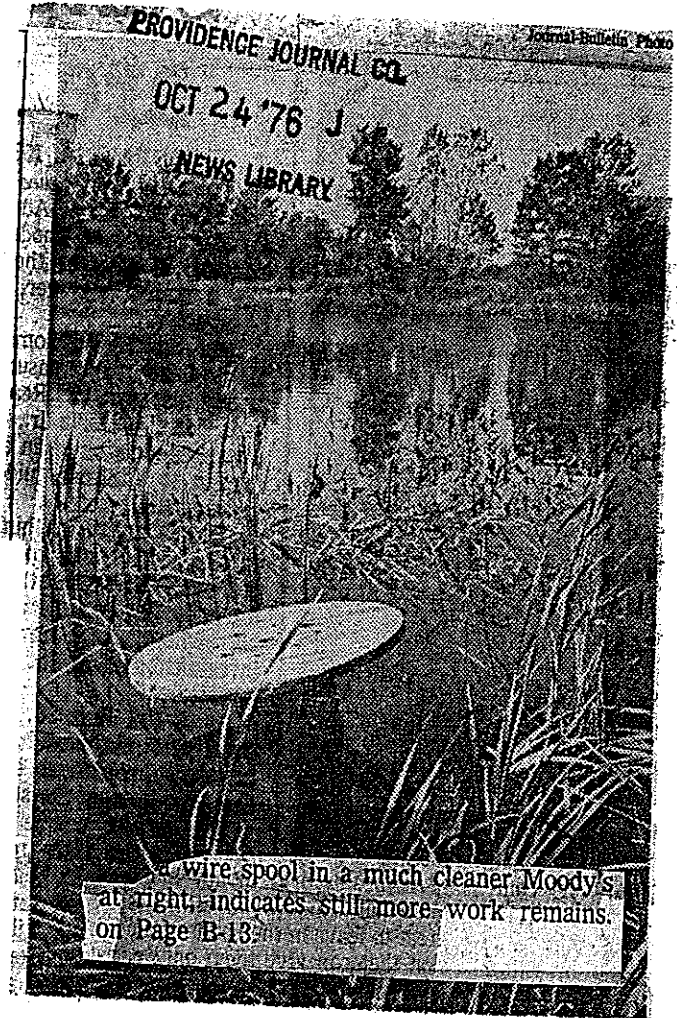
Riding mighty low in the water, boat loaded with ZAP scrap-headers in to unpad behind Roosevelt Avenue, Pawtucket.
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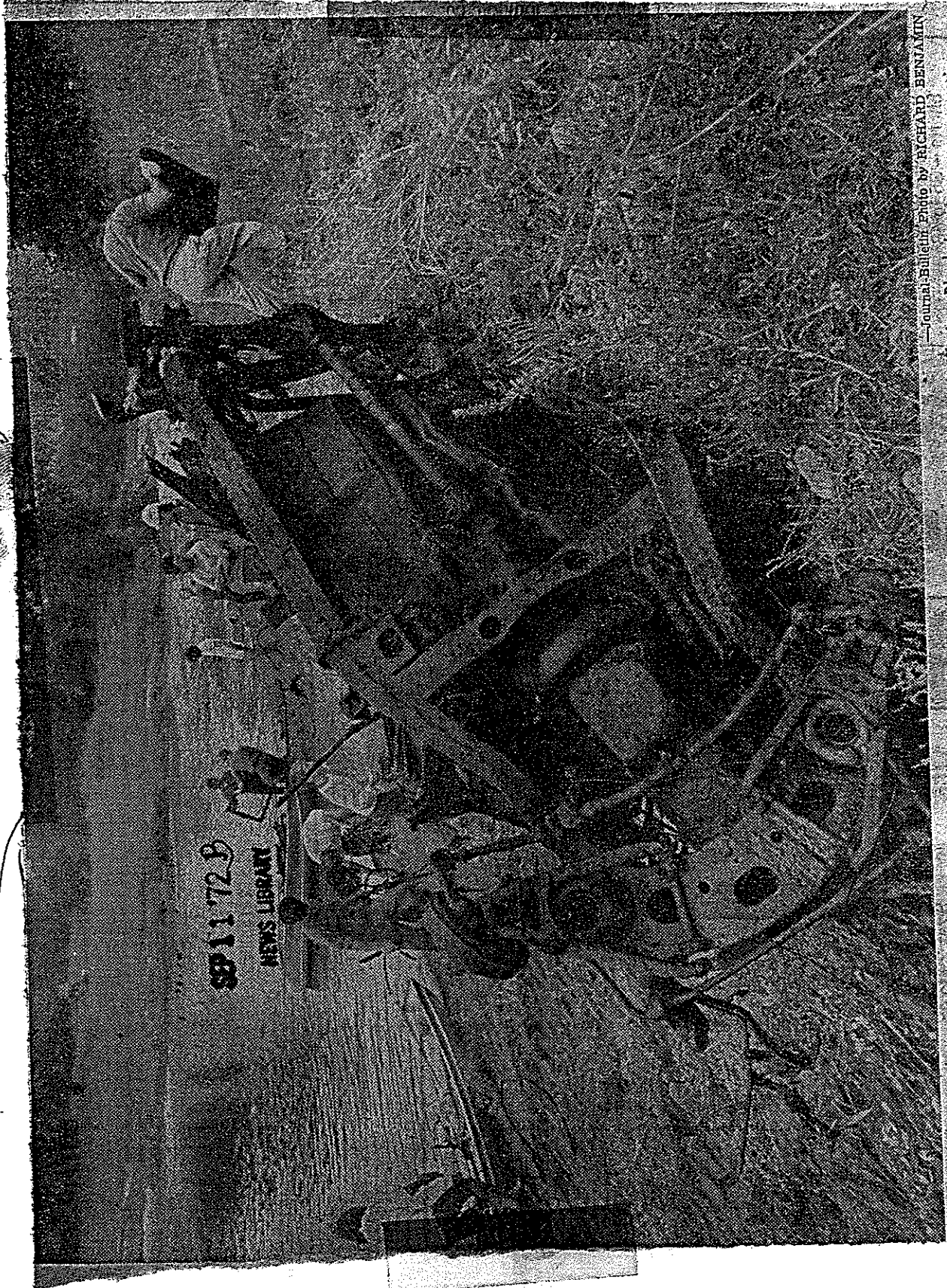


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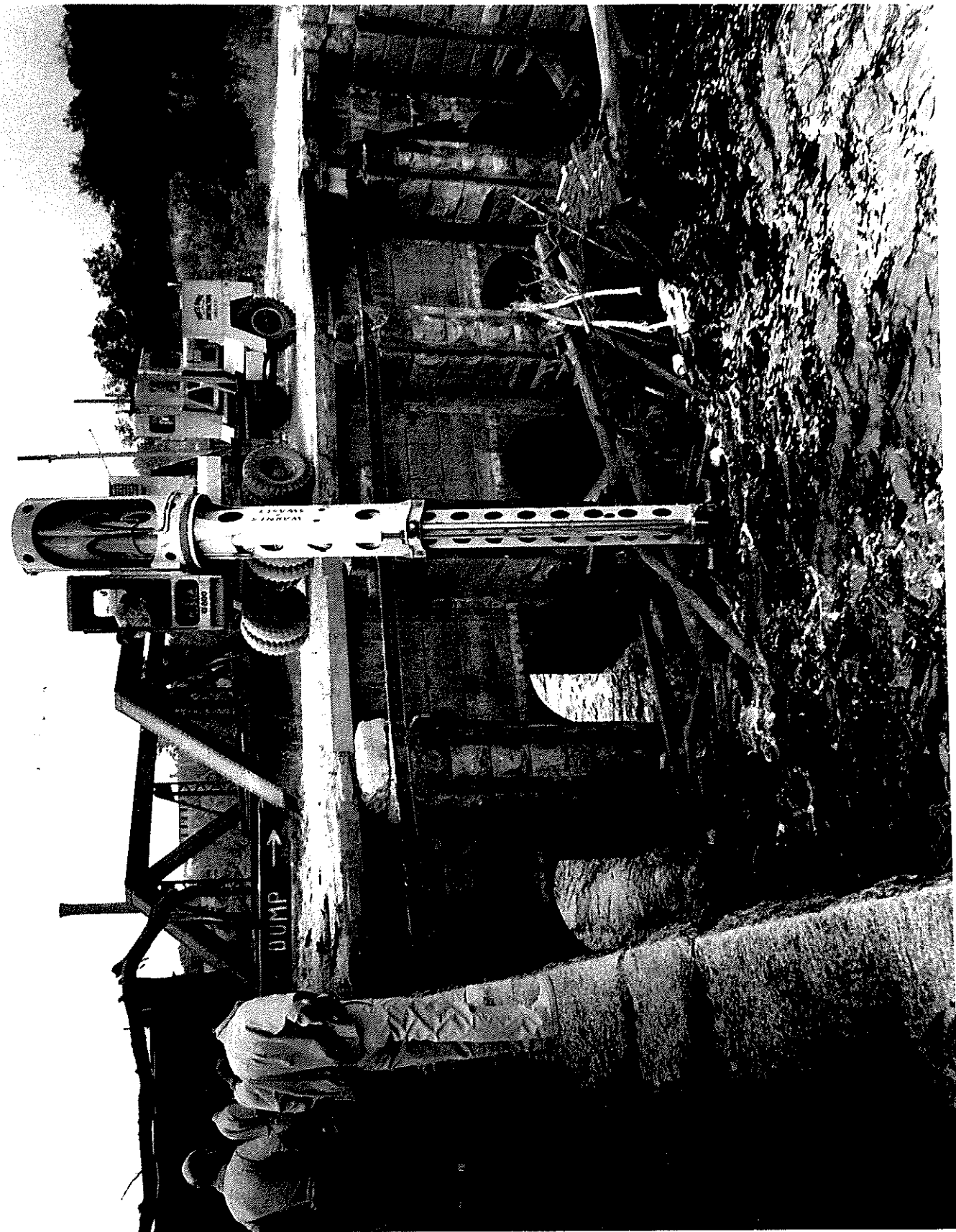


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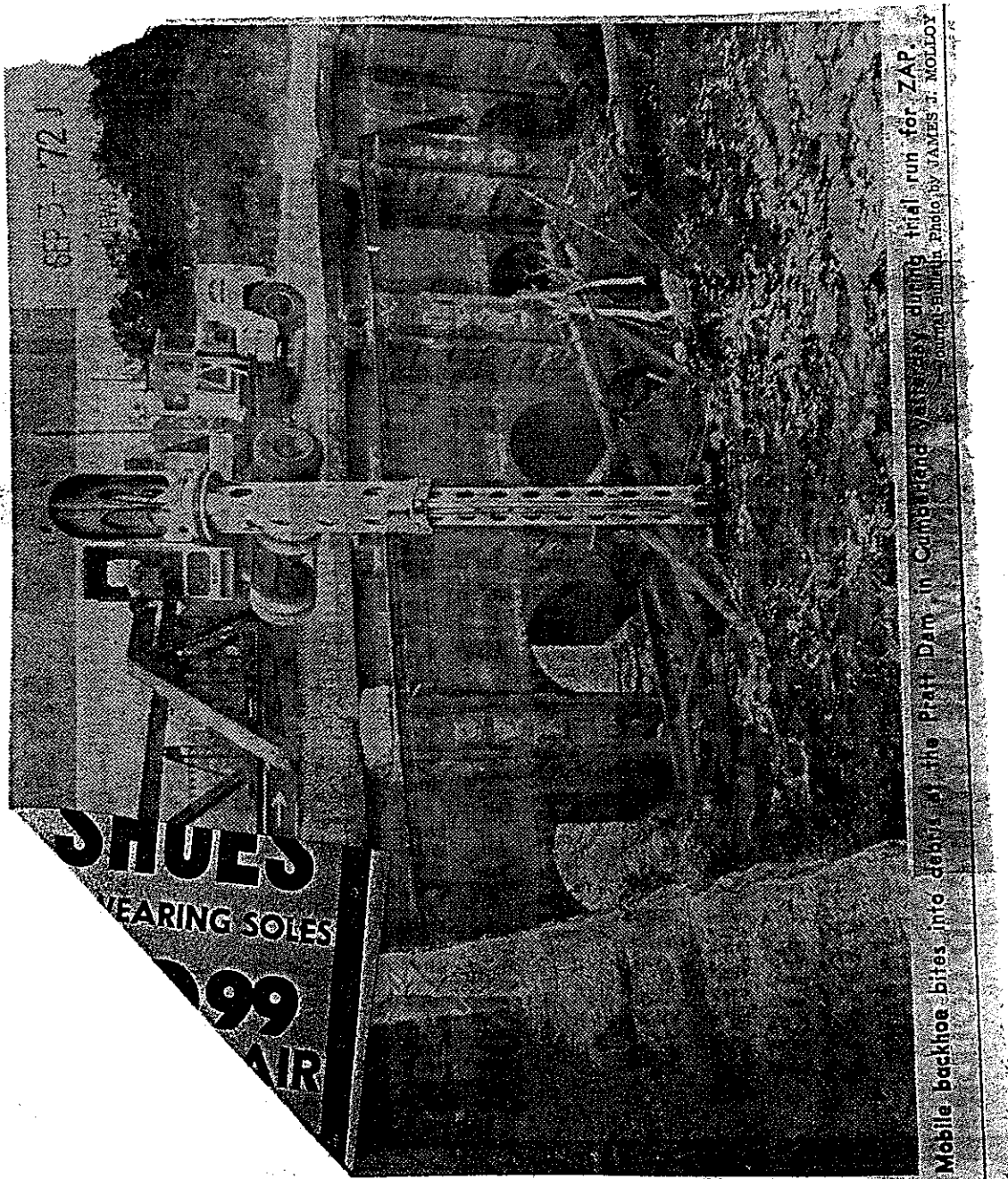
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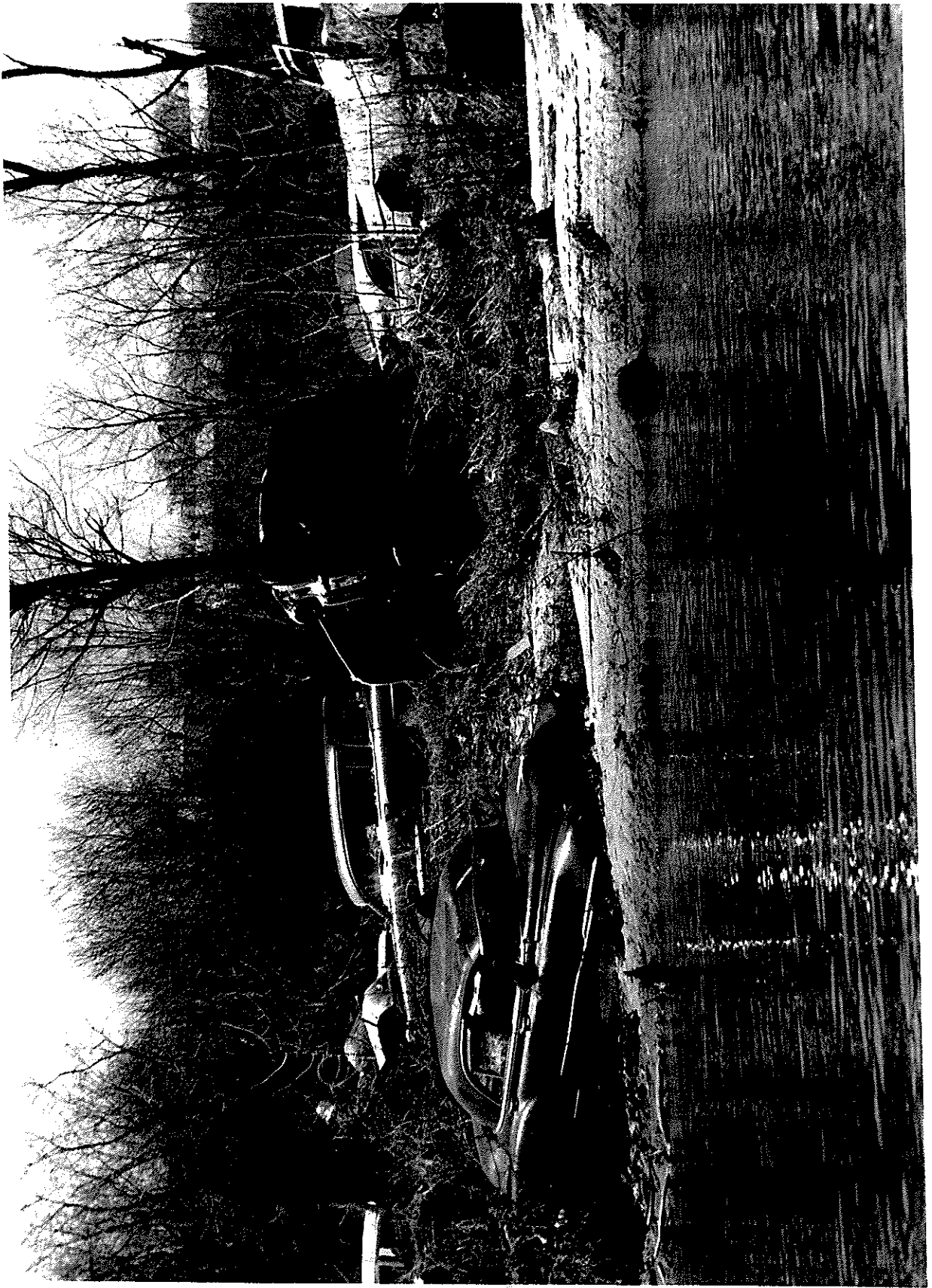


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Mobile backhoe bites into debris at the Pratt Dam in Cumberland Valley during trial run for ZAP. Photo by JAMES G. MOLLOY

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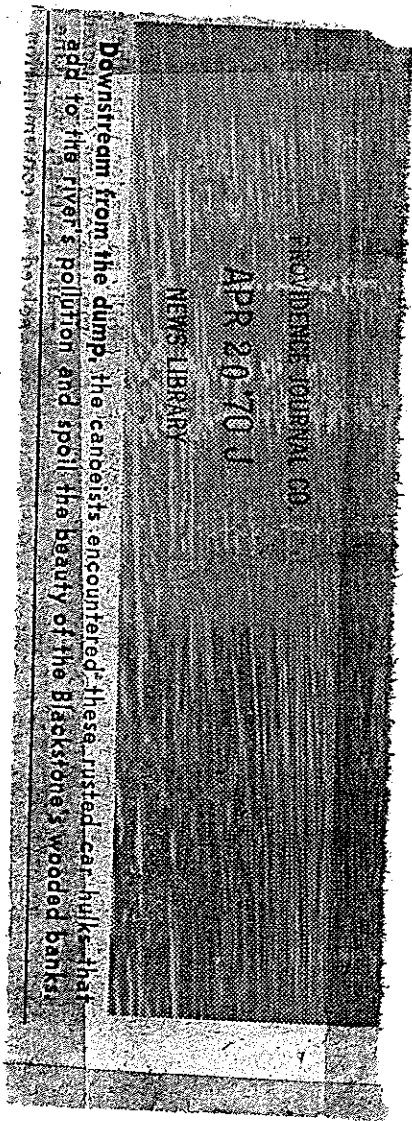
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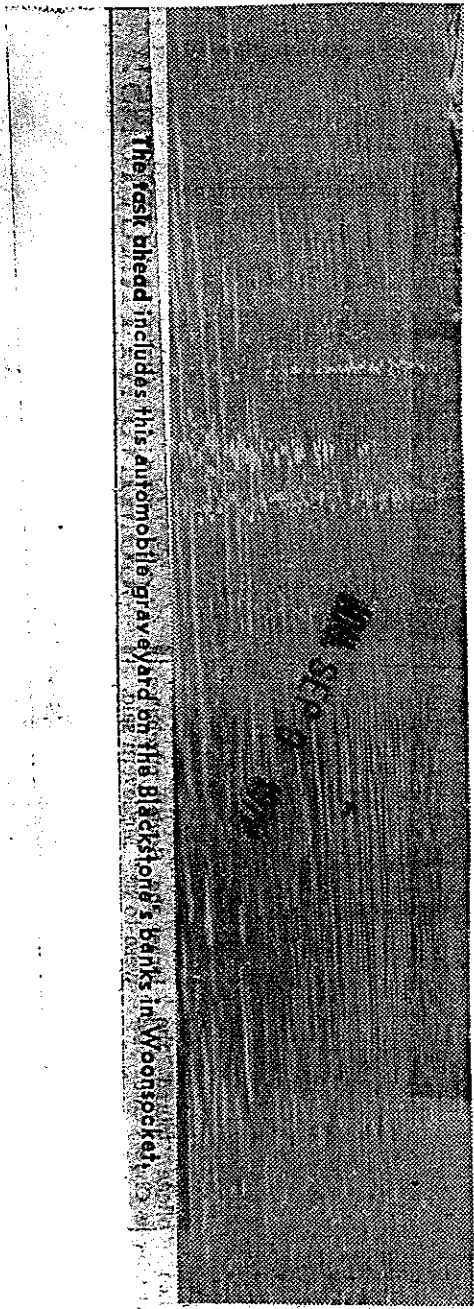
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Downstream from the dump, the carbeists encountered these rusted car hulks that add to the river's pollution and spoil the beauty of the Blackstone's wooded banks.



The rock shed includes this automobile graveyard on the Blackstone's banks in Woonsocket.