city forces at city expense.

IRONICALLY, the mess, caused by the leak at the transmission plant surfaced in. Westland in the area of Merriman Road and Edward Hines Drive and affected many Westland residents along the way.

way.

In view of this, Mayor Eugene McKinney, of Westland, was quick to join with Mayor, McNamara, in asking that the polluter clean up the "messi, and to pay all costs incurred in the cleanup.

in the cleanup.

He was joined by other mayors including John Canfield, of Dearborn Heights, in the plan to relieve the taxpayers of any expense to clean up the river.

Ford To Correct Rouge Oil Leak

By W. w. EDGAR
Livonia, after viewing the oil.
Ford Motor Co., named as spouts in the river and meetthe source of the reddsh-white ing with the officials who tooil that fouled the Rouge River is a with the source of the reddsh-white or the source of the reddsh-white ing with the officials who tooil that fouled the Rouge River is a with the source of the view of the redden with the source of the redden with the source of the oil within the source of the oil within the

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MEANWHILE THE Ford Motor Co. has amounced that it is planning to spend approximately 1750,000 for new equipmately 1750,000 for new 1750,000 for new 1750,000 for new 1750,000 for the necessary equipment, but has let it be known that construction of the new sys-

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cratic candidate for the governor, and the mayors of several
cities on the downstream side
of the Rouge.
"This is just an example of
what has been going on forsome time" candidate Levin
stated, "and it is proof that
we need much sterner laws
and punishment for polluters."
The reddish-white oily substmade the state of the reddish-white oily subststated, and the state of the state
at the transmission plant by
officials of both Livonia, Westland and the state Michigan
Water Resources Commission.
working with the Ford Management team.
WHILE THE source was
suspected the previous Friday, it
wasn't until Monday that
Mark Whitman, plant engineer
at Ford, called Livonia officalled Livonia offithe state of the state of the state
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construction of the new sys-tem will take about a year. -In the group that viewed the oily substance in the Rouge

Thursday morning, aside from

"It isn't fair to ask the residents and taxpayersto meet this expense." McKinney said." and it is about time that the polluters foot the bill. clais and continued that un-known quantities of transmis-sion oil had gotten into the san-itary sewer. Let was stated that the oil Ford Oil Leaks Go Back To '64

on leaks into the Middle Rouge River goes back at least six

River goes back at least six years.
A state Water Resources Commission report in 1867-showed that Ford's transmission and chassis plant a 32500 Plymouth [8d. Livonia, had problems every year, without exception from 1964 to 1867.
The WRC report on "Water Quality Evaluation of the Middle Rouge Basin," reported on in the Observer Newspapers in 1865, said, his about the Ford plant:
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"THE TEST track area on the east side of the plant is served by the Ryder Drain, which eventually discharges in

which eventually discnarges in the Detroit sewer system. The Levan Road sewer re-ceives some of the wastes from the plant. This sewer runs west along the south side of the plant to Levan Road and then south to the Middle River Rouge.

Ford Motor Co.'s history of ill leaks into the Middle Rouge river goes back at least six nears.

The 72-inch outfall is lo-cated just above where Levan Road would cross the river if it were extended in a straight

errors.

2. Insoluble oils are not allowed within any sanitary sewer system in accordance with Detroit's policies covering sanitary effluent. Livonia is a Detroit water-sewer customer.

3. The Ford Motor Co. is taking bids for a new treat-ment system which should be in operation within a year.

line.

"The discharge of oils to the river has also been a problem at this plant. The files of the Water Resources Commission, not discharges in 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1967.

1966 and 1967.

"At the time of the September 1966 survey, an irridescent film of oil was observed below the outfall while no visible oil film was observed above the outfall.

above the outfall.

"Samples collected on Oct.
21, 1966. revealed 3.0 mg/l
of oil and an estimated flow of
100 gpm in a sewer on the east
side of the plant. 1.5 mg/l
of oil and an estimated flow of
50 gpm in a sewer on the west
side of the plant, and 2.48.
mg/l of oil in the Levan Road
sewer at Parkdale-Street, the
last manholo before the sewer

"At this time the Levan Road sewer had an oil film on the water surface with a oil" dodor at every manhole from Ford Motor Co. to the river. The discharge was causing an oil film on the Middle River Rouge from the outfall on downstream.

A similar irridescent oil film was observed on the river below the outfall on May 31, 1967.

THE WRC report further on had this report:

The Ford Motor Co. has hired a consulting engineering firm to conduct studies of the waste water discharges to the sewer system of their transmission and chassis division."

mussion and chassis division."

Down the road, the Chevrolet Spring & Bumper Plant at
Plymouth and Ecktes had also
had an oil problem, with a
complaint to the WRC reported
in October that Chey "is-currently having an oil separator
'constructed in their storm
sewer." It was completed
within a few months of the
report.

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