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Army's 'Instant' Nerve Gas

[illegible] "binary" [illegible] of [illegible] chemicals [illegible] come [illegible] they are [illegible]

The [illegible] the use of [illegible] chemical [illegible] according [illegible] maintains [illegible] stockpile" in case another country uses them first.

First word of the decision came yesterday from Representative Les Aspin (Dem-Wis.), a persistent critic of Pentagon spending. Representative F. Edward Hebert, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said Aspin learned about [illegible] an Army letter sent [illegible] yesday to all members [illegible]

A spokesman said one of the chemicals, similar to a home pesticide, would be manufactured and loaded into artillery shells at the Pine Bluff, Ark., arsenal. The second chemical purchased commercially would have to be added to the shell on the battlefield before firing, he said.

The major reason [illegible] producing the [illegible] gas according to the Army is to reduce the danger of storing nerve gas munitions.

The letter said development of the binary gas will permit the disposal of present stocks [illegible] agent as they are replaced by the binaries.

Existing nerve gas munitions stored in Colorado [illegible] are lethal at [illegible] Aspin said the [illegible] the balance of terror, not the elimination of the danger from [illegible] nerve gas munition.

Hebert, a persistent Pentagon defender, called Aspin's [illegible] demogoguery and said that [illegible] evidence [illegible] [illegible] Press