

# Drum Explodes; Machinist Hurt

SOUTH AMBOY — A machinist at the roundhouse of the Raritan River Railroad was seriously injured yesterday when a lacquer drum exploded in his face, police said.

Leonard Maxfield, 46, of 255 Bordentown Ave., was admitted to Perth Amboy General Hospital at 1:30 p.m. yesterday with a broken arm and multiple injuries to his head and face. Capt. Raymond Mundy and Ptl. John O'Leary investigated.

Maxfield was reported in critical condition last night.

Robert Kipp, general manager of the Raritan River Railroad, said Maxfield apparently had been trying to cut the head out of the drum when it exploded. The company is investigating the accident, he said.