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### Angered with cheap imports

## **U.S. Steel to file complaints**

United Press International HOUSTON — American steel ucers, angered and worried nat foreign producers are dumpng tons of cheap steel into the nited States, plan to challenge neir foreign competitors with leg-

David Roderick, chairman of Juited States Steel Corp., Tues-ay said U.S. Steel will file as nany as 14 anti-dumping com-laints and countervailing-duty ses over the next six months to on the flow of cheap foreign steel to the American market.

The heads of several steel proacers also expressed concern to he American Iron and Steel Instite about foreign underselling. Republic Steel Corp. Chairan William J. DeLancey emphazed that the American producers

"When we landed the first time

side Russia, the agent told us,

aid. "They took our visas away, and our passports, too. So when we got to Moscow, as we walked off the plane, one of those guys

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do not want a protected market. "The fact is, our industry benefits from foreign trade," DeLancey said. "We want free trade, but only if it is also fair trade, and that is all we seek in objecting to dumped and subsidized imports."

Industry statistics for 1981 show steel is being imported at record rates — up more than two million tons for the first eight months of 1981 over the same period in 1980 — and foreign steel is claiming a larger portion of the available supply. August imports alone totalled 2.2 million tons, the highest single-month figure on record, and accounted for 25 percent of

domestic sales. Although there is a system to track the price of foreign steel imported into the American market,

he plans to file complaints with the have. "We are not sending signals Treasury Department to stop foreign underselling. using the legal means at our "With the breakdown of the posal to insure out survival."

effectiveness of the Trigger-Price Mechanism in monitoring and regulating foreign imports, and with the mechanism proving useless in preventing dumping; I be-

ference for detecting potential violations of U.S. trade law by ance costs. 'Its enforcement is not strin-

gent enough," Roderick said. "The lag between setting the trigger price and measuring its effect come academic

Roderick said it does not work and tell what effect the complaints will to commerce or Congress; we are using the legal means at our dis-

> Roderick did not specify who the target in the complaints was, but said U.S. Steel had compiled evidence for five or six cases already and was working on about

lieve we have no other recourse but to seek relief provided us under the law," he said. The mechanism provides a re-government can fine importers who bring foreign steel into the country at prices that are lower establishing price grades for im-ported steel products based on manufacture, shipping and insur-facturing costs, an industry spokesman said.

The countervailing duty cases, if proved, will provide a floating tariff on steel products from foreign producers that get governis so great the problem has be- ment subsidies. The extra duty Roderick said it's too early to the subsidy, the spokesman said.



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#### bagged in Russia for early arrival United Press International AUSTIN — Rep. Gibson D. Lewis, D-Fort Worth, and former Rep. Richard C. Slack may think 35 to 40 degrees Fahrenheit. We finally got out of there by bluffing a little over the airline reservations, fudging a little about the time," Slack said. Mam twice before including the Soviet se att Inion in their next six-week, round-the-world hunting safari. Their troubles were not yet

**Texas politicians** 

over, however. Although the Soviets allowed When Lewis and Slack arrived them to fly on to Bombay, they were not allowed to take their at the Russian border after hunting in Mongolia about three weeks ago, officials confiscated their clothes, weapons, or hunting trophies with them. assports and visas because they ere not scheduled to enter Russia for two more days. Russian offi-

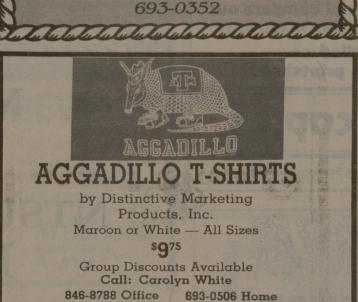
Lewis, front-runner for Texas House Speaker in 1983, began a ials, however, did not stop them barrage of telephone calls to Moscow authorities from Bombay, asking that the expensive baggage be sent to India. 'Hey, this is too early," Lewis

"What finally worked was when (Lewis) Telexed at the bottom of the message, 'Believed stolen by Russians at Moscow airport,'' Slack said. "That must have done t, because the bags arrived in India the next night.

With their baggage returned, the pair continued on through In-

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