

Wanted: Teachers for Texas

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A shortage of teachers in Texas has sparked recruiting trips to the high unemployment states of Ohio and Michigan, where a job can be found if instructors are willing to live in rural parts of the Lone Star State. Part of the problem is that most teachers who graduate from Texas colleges want to live in the big cities of Houston, Dallas and San Antonio, education officials say. Education throughout Texas is being hurt by the teacher short-

age but students in smaller, rural schools are bearing the brunt of the problem. Officials of the Texas Education Agency and school administrators all agree that there is a serious problem. "It's the schools in the small towns that are hurting," said D. Levermann, personnel director for the San Felipe-Del Rio School District. Schools in Del Rio, Odessa, McAllen and throughout the Rio Grande Valley have launched recruiting drives in an

attempt to lure teachers from Michigan and Ohio. "Most of the graduates from Texas schools want to teach in Dallas, San Antonio or Houston," added Levermann. "I tell the kids in Michigan to get out a Texas map and find a small town and they can find a job." The number of new teachers produced by Texas schools decreased 47 percent from the peak number of graduates in 1974 — 16,100 — to the 8,555 who graduated last year, said Richard Swain, a TEA assistant

commissioner. Some school districts have received emergency permits from the Texas Education Agency to allow high school graduates and college-trained but non-certified instructors to teach. The agency issued more than 2,000 temporary certificates to out-of-state teachers in 1981, while issuing more than 4,000 emergency permits allowing school districts to hire non-certified persons or reassign teachers out of their specialty areas.

Four men arrested in angel dust bust

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DALLAS — Authorities held four men in lieu of \$1 million bond each, along with enough angel dust concentrate to "dope up" 300,000 marijuana cigarettes, police said. Narcotics officials said Sunday that more arrests were likely and the seizure of \$3.7 million worth of liquid "angel dust" capped a year-long investigation and a four-state undercover chase. Narcotics agents swooped down on a north Dallas neighborhood Saturday and arrested four men. They said they seized enough concentrate of phen-cyclidine — a hallucinogen commonly referred to as PCP and used to make marijuana cigarettes that sell for \$30 to

\$50 each on the west Coast. Held in lieu of \$1 million bond each were Glenn Ray Haliburton, 33, of suburban Plano; Morgan Ernest Black, 45, of St. Louis; Freddie Gene Cooper, 38, and John Henry McCovery, 45, both of Los Angeles. Department of Public Safety Capt. Wes Crites said Sunday the four suspects were being held on charges of possession of a controlled substance and more arrests were expected. Los Angeles authorities said the suspects may have traveled by motor home from California to Texas to buy a chemical ingredient needed to brew PCP. Texas DPS authorities said the suspects were in Texas to escape the "heat" on the West Coast.

Authorities believe the operation involved processing the angel dust for enhanced marijuana cigarettes, primarily for West Coast distribution. Authorities said the arrested a four-day surveillance operation involving officers in Los Angeles, San Diego, New Mexico and Texas. It began when six officers cover Los Angeles officers following the motor home as it headed east from Los Angeles. Narcotics officers in Arizona, New Mexico, Texas took up the undercover surveillance as the van passed through each state. It was the first PCP bust in the Dallas area in six years. Authorities also seized mobile home, where the suspects reportedly was maintained, and a shotgun.

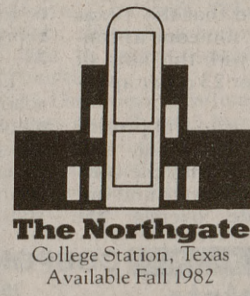
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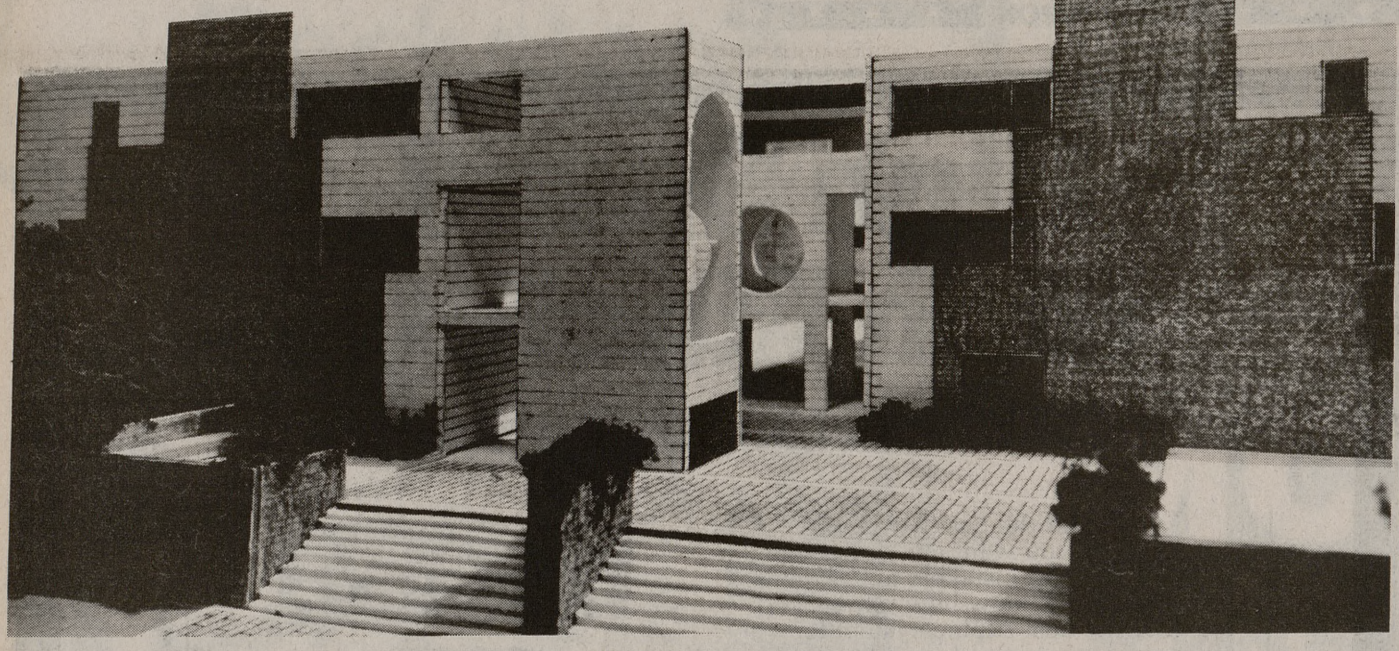


Nuclear power plant owners forced to prove its safety

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FORT WORTH — A deputy administrator with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission told the owners of the Comanche Park Nuclear Power Plant they must prove cracks found in the plant's concrete containment building do not weaken the structure. Karl Seyffrit told the Texas Utilities Generating Company that no operating license will be issued until the company can sufficiently answer charges of defects at the \$3 billion plant. Federal hearings for a license will resume Monday. Reports obtained by a group fighting the license indicated cracks in the concrete at one of the silo-shaped reactor contain-

ment buildings could go all the way through the 7-foot-thick walls. Another report said concrete was poured on the dome of a building during a heavy rainstorm in January 1979, and a crew had to work feverishly to keep it from slipping off. A small section of concrete did wash out and fall to the ground, the report says. The general foreman then made up a new batch to replace what had fallen off, and the company was ordered by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to have the concrete inspected, the report said. The company reported in

October 1981 that a contractor had inspected the concrete and found it acceptable, it said. Reports were made available to the Citizens Association for Sound Energy, an intervenor in the hearings. TUGCO has already a construction license after six years before the Atomic Energy and Licensing Board. No board, appointed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, is hearing testimony to determine whether to grant an operating license. The plant near Glen Rose, southwest of Fort Worth, has two nuclear reactors supply electricity to Dallas and other areas. Its completion has been pushed back to



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Oil-rig death hearings may explain causes

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NEW ORLEANS — Hearings resumed Monday in the deaths of 84 crewmen on the world's largest semi-submersible oil rig and a congressional subcommittee investigated why the offshore oil industry is so deadly. The Ocean Ranger collapsed under 50-foot waves off the coast of Newfoundland Feb. 15. All 84 crewmembers were killed, although only 22 bodies were recovered. A U.S. Coast Guard Marine Board of Investigation and National Transportation and Safety Board panel in Boston began hearing testimony on the sinking Feb. 19. Board members later conducted fact-finding trips to various U.S. and Canadian cities. Public hearings in Boston April 20-29 focused on events the night of Feb. 14 and morning of Feb. 15 when the rig collapsed and sank under the cold ocean waters. Witnesses, searchers and shore personnel involved with the rig testified. The latest hearings will examine the history of the huge Ocean Ranger which was designed in New Orleans, the headquarters of rig owner Ocean Drilling and Exploration Co. International. The rig was operated by Mobil Oil Canada Ltd. when it sank. In addition to the Ocean Ranger hearings, the House subcommittee on manpower and housing was to hear testimony

Monday on the safety of offshore oil and gas rigs. The inquiry was prompted by a study which showed a number of deaths and injuries on offshore rigs, said subcommittee counsel Richard G. Grawey. "It looks like there's a real number of injuries and deaths there," Grawey said. "There's a rate 10 times that of the general oil drilling industry. "It is a fact-finding hearing to determine if there is a health and safety problem with the Outer Continental Shelf that we do about it." The hearing also will examine confusion over which agencies have jurisdiction over offshore rigs and whether they have adequate resources to inspect the rigs, Grawey said. Investigators will focus on several aspects of the offshore industry, including how deaths occur. Industry officials believe a large percentage of offshore fatalities happen to workers are being transported to the rigs. Often workers have to be on "Tarzan ropes" from boats to the rigs, Grawey said. Many of the deaths occurred on those transfers. Witnesses will include representatives of the American Petroleum Institute, the International Association of Drilling Contractors, the Offshore Operators Committee and Associated Diving Contractors on an industry panel.

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