

# Shutdown

## Armco closes steel plant in Houston

United Press International  
HOUSTON — Armco Inc. announced Monday it will close its Houston Ship Channel steel plant, which as late as January employed 4,200 people, and a union leader who had tried to save the facility called the decision a "shock."

Armco area vice president George W. Hansen said the depression in the energy industry and competition from imported steel forced the move.

"The employees of the Houston Works have made a tremendous effort to keep their plant

going, but the depression in energy-related markets and the flood of lower-priced imported steel here have been too much," Hansen said.

Approximately 1,100 people were employed at the plant as of Monday, the date preparation for the shutdown began, Hansen said. The shutdown is scheduled to be complete by Jan. 27, 1984.

United Steelworkers Local 2708 President Early Clowers called the shutdown decision a "shock," but blamed federal government failure to control

imported steel, not Armco.

"It reminds me of somebody in the family dying. It just shocks the hell out of you," said Clowers.

"I think both of us (labor and management) tried our best. I think the problem is in our government. We could compete with any steel mill, but we cannot compete with governments that are subsidizing their damned steel mills."

Clowers said American steelworkers have extended jobless benefits under the Trade Readjustment Act, but he wonders

what they will do for work in the long run. Houston unemployment in September already stood at 10 percent.

Hansen said Armco's Houston Works had operated at less than 20 percent capacity this year and lost nearly \$40 million so far in 1983.

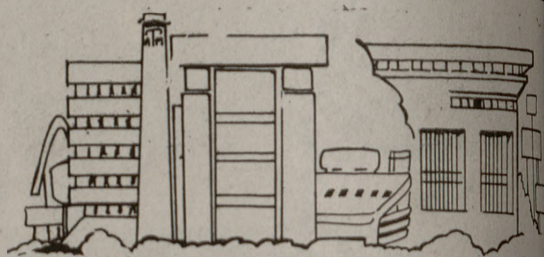
"We cannot continue to sustain these losses and see no hope that business in carbon and alloy plate — Houston's products — will be profitable anytime soon," Hansen said.

In addition to the energy industry recession and foreign

competition, Armco cited soaring energy costs and the cost of pollution control as factors hurting the Houston plant.

Hansen said Armco will continue efforts to find a buyer for the plant, but at the same time will seek alternate employment opportunities for active and already laid-off employees.

"The employees have given their very best to keep it alive, and Armco will make every effort to be sure they are all treated fairly," Hansen said.



## Around town

### Alpha Zeta holds key signing social

The Texas A&M chapter of Alpha Zeta, the national agricultural honor and service society, will hold an ice cream social tonight for initiates to have their keys signed. Current members, initiates, and alumni are encouraged to attend. The social will begin at 7 p.m. in the atrium of the Klesche Animal and Food Science Center.

### History department gives film series

The Department of History will present the classic western movie "High Noon" (1953) with Gary Cooper, tonight in 100 Harrington. The free presentation is part of the department's fall film series on the American West. The series is designed to supplement the regular instruction program, and each movie is introduced by a member of the history faculty who places the film in historical perspective. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Committee sponsors Halloween party

The MSC Hospitality Committee will sponsor its annual Halloween party for the children of faculty and staff members Wednesday, Oct. 26. Children ages 3 to 12 are encouraged to dress in costume and enjoy the games and refreshments. Committee members will be present to take care of the children. The party will begin at 7 p.m. in 201 Memorial Student Center.

### Bishop to speak on nuclear arms

The Catholic Student Association will sponsor a speech tonight by Bishop L.T. Matthiesen of Amarillo on nuclear disarmament. The speech will begin at 8 p.m. in Reed Auditorium.

### Free U registration opens today

Registration for the second session of the fall MSC Freshman classes will be held today and Wednesday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in 212 Memorial Student Center. Brochures listing classes are available in the MSC, at Sbis, Duncan and Commons Dining Halls, the Blocker Building (A&M) and Zachary Engineering Center. Applications for teachers for the spring semester are available in 216 MSC.

### Individual Aggeland photos taken

Individual pictures for the 1984 Aggeland yearbook are being taken at the Yearbook Associates office at 1700 S. Kyle behind Culpepper Plaza, and will be taken at the Pavilion campus.

Dates to have photographs made are:  
• Juniors — Nov. 7-11, Nov. 14-18 and Nov. 28-Dec. 1  
• Yearbook Associates; and Dec. 5-9 at the Pavilion  
• Seniors, graduate students, veterinary and medical school students — Oct. 25-28 at Yearbook Associates  
Oct. 31-Nov. 4 at the Pavilion.

To submit an item for this column, come by The Battalion office in 216 Reed McDonald.

## Lebanese at UH want Marines safe

United Press International  
HOUSTON — About two dozen Lebanese students Monday demonstrated outside the University of Houston student center, in support of U.S. Marine presence in Beirut.

The students chanted "God Bless America, God Bless the Marines, Marines Stay." They had placards that read "Terrorists and Enemies of Peace in the Middle East Must Not Pre-

vail" and "Martyr Loss of Marine Grievous Loss of Marine." Joseph Rouhana, president of the Lebanese Student Association at the time, said the demonstrators wanted to express sympathy and support for the United States. "It hurt the Lebanese tragedy that happened today, and they want the Marines there to support the Lebanese but they want the Marines safe," Rouhana said.

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