

# Hart courts labor votes in Midwest steel regions

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**EAST CHICAGO, Ind.** — Sen. Dan Rostenkowski Tuesday, telling rank-and-file unionists his policies will do more to revitalize the steel industry than the "bailouts and hand-outs" endorsed by their leaders.

Hart, in the first of at least three visits to Indiana before the May 8 primary, took a three-hour detour between Chicago and Missouri and Ohio, where he campaigned for voters in the steelmaking region along the shores of Lake Michigan, the nation's largest-volume steel-producing district.

"I have not voted for anything that the AFL-CIO wants," Hart said, conceding his differences with labor's national leadership, which has endorsed Walter Mondale. "In some cases, I did not think it was in the best interests of this country."

But, trying to make inroads into Mondale's natural support in the heavily industrialized northwestern portion of the state, Hart outlined his alternatives to union-backed domestic auto content and steel import quota legislation.

"No area of the country has been so victimized by the failure of past economic policies as this area," Hart said. "The old policies of bailout and handout and band-aids will not put the steel industry back on its feet."

Hart called for labor and management to jointly fund job retraining programs for laid-off steelworkers and said he would seek changes in tax laws designed to encourage steel companies to modernize their plants to compete more effectively in the world market.

"This country must have a steel industry," he said. "We cannot have an old steel industry. We have to have modern plants and modern equipment and the best-trained workers in the world."

# Investigations say colonel defrauded U.S. Army on test equipment contract

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**EL PASO** — Fort Bliss investigators have completed an 18-month investigation that revealed a Fort Bliss lieutenant colonel tried to steer a \$9.3 million contract for missile test equipment to a firm without any competitive bidding.

The officer, Jerold Schroeder, was reprimanded but not court-martialed. He was charged with trying to defraud the Army, conflict of interest, violating Army rules for procurement, and making false statements regarding the award of a contract.

The investigation began Sept. 8, 1982 and was completed April 5, 1984. The documents from agents conducting the investigation filled 15 volumes, with the final report taking another two volumes.

According to the CID agents, the case revolved around a computer to be used in conjunction with the AN-TSQ-73 Command and Control System, dubbed the "Missile Minder." The system, which the agents said was designed originally by Litton Industries for use with the Hawk missile, is intended to enable a commander to control up to 48 individual missile firing units.

Schroeder, who worked in the Directorate of Combat Development, was involved in the development of computer software, one of the agents said. The officer believed it was possible to develop a system that could use a computer to simulate a Russian aircraft attack. The computer could be used to test the Missile Minder without actually having to fire missiles. Such a system, Schroeder believed, could save the taxpayers money.

One of the investigating agents said the problem developed when Schroeder, described as a "genius" and "brilliant at what he does," decided to "circumvent the procurement system that we had in the military. And that's what this whole thing is all about."

# 90-year-old lady rape, murder victim

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**PHILADELPHIA** — A 90-year-old woman was found battered and strangled in her bed in a nursing home where five other elderly women were raped and killed, a medical examiner testified Tuesday at the trial of the accused killer.

Joyner was charged with the crimes a few days later. Assistant District Attorney Judith Rubino has told the six-man, six-woman jury Joyner admitted to police that he killed the women.

In other testimony Tuesday, Alston's granddaughter said she was suspicious of Joyner at her grandmother's funeral because he walked to the open casket twice to view the dead woman.

The slayings were discovered when police were alerted to two suspicious deaths at the home last July, leading them to investigate the deaths of other residents since 1981.

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