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Paul Weeditz, public affairs coor-dinator, said the refinery's rated op-erating capacity will be cut from 400,000 barrels of crude oil per day

to about 200,000 barrels. However

he said over the past two and a half

years the plant has taken in an aver-age of only 240,000 barrels per day. Principle operations of the plant will be the manufacture of lubricat-

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United States are as much as 25 per-

In addition, gasoline imports for the first six months of 1984 were up

40 percent over the same period in 1983, while demand for gasoline in

Townsend said the reduction is necessary because petroleum prod-ucts demand has declined substan-

processes.

cent below capacity.

#### **United Press International**

PORT ARTHUR — Texaco USA announced Thursday it will lay off 1,400 workers and slash production at its 82-year-old refinery. Additionally, Du Pont will end

methanol production at its nearby Beaumont plant with the loss of 140

Unemployment in the Texas coastal area has been running at above 10 percent for several months. Lee T. Townsend, the Port Arthur area manager for Texaco, said the layoffs will begin Nov. 6 and in-

volve both union and non-union employees. He said a 60-day notice was served to Oil, Chemical and Atomic Worker Union locals early Thurs-

The refinery currently employs about 3,000 workers, although Texaco has an additional 1,600 employees in Jefferson County. Union jobs to be cut include those of operating, maintenance and clerical employees, Townsend said.

The layoffs are expected to be completed by late January.

## Henry Lucas provides law officers tour of California murder sites

#### **United Press International**

LOS ANGELES — At least 15 gruesome California murders have been solved by an exhaustive escorted tour of the state that condemned serial killer Henry Lee Lucas gave law officers, Attorney General John Van de Kamp said Thursday.

Lucas, 48, who has been sentenced to die in Texas, has claimed to have committed more than 360 murders nationwide during an eight-year spree. Authorities have linked him with 175 killings, includ-ing the 15 confirmed during his trip to California.

'Lucas is considered to be one of the most brutal mass murderers in this nation's history," Van de Kamp

Lucas led officers to dozens of sites across the state during a 10-day trek last August, telling how and where 14 female victims and one male were murdered.

His youngest victims in California were 4 and 5-year-old girls abducted from their homes, beaten, strangled and buried in a dry river bed in San Luis Obispo County. One was also raped.

Van de Kamp told reporters that Lucas claimed he and a companion, Ottis Toole, committed the California the string of killings from 1975-83, following Lucas' release from a Michigan prison. Toole is now in prison in Florida for murder, arson and other crimes.

The California slayings took place throughout the state, ranging from Imperial County near the Mexican border to Humboldt County near the Oregon border. Others occurred in Orange, Riverside and San Ber-nardino counties in Southern California, and Kern, San Luis Obispo and Yolo counties in Central and Northern California.

In a videotape shown to reporters, Lucas said he used various methods to kill people so police would not find a pattern in the murders.

'I've committed shootings, stabbings, beatings and crucifixions of humans," Lucas said in an interview with ABC earlier this year.

The tour culminated effort by the Attorney General's Office to resolve 67 possible crimes believed linked to

Company officials said discussions the United States was up only 1.8 percent, Weeditz said.

"Our objective is to make the Port Arthur refinery a more efficient operation which can compete success-fully now and in the future," Townsend said

Du Pont officials said methanol production will end Jan. 1 as part of the company's plan to discontinue methanol sales. The plant currently employs 1,350 workers, but only 140 are employed in methanol produc-tion. The other employees are in-volved in the production of two syn-thetic rubbers and three chemical intermediates.

Du Pont plant manager David J. Willette said normal attrition, trans-fers and reassignments will reduce the number of employees who might eventually be laid off.

To further minimize the number of people who might be laid off, the plant is planning to offer a voluntary termination incentive." Willette said

Lucas, primarily by his own statements, Van de Kamp said.

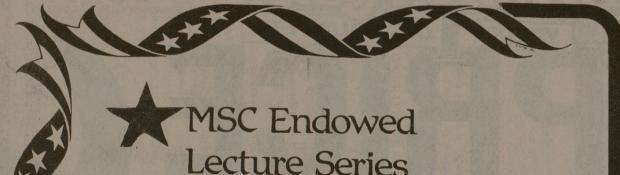
"Lucas, it seems, decided to talk because he claims to have had a 'religious experience' while incarcerated in Texas, and he wanted to let families know what had happened to their loved ones," the attorney general said.

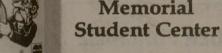
Van de Kamp said he wants to arrange another trip for Lucas to in-vestigate more possible murder sites.

Lucas, sentenced to death earlier this year in Texas for the murder of an unidentified hitchhiker in 1979, also has been convicted of three other murders, including the stab-bing death of Frieda "Becky" Powell, his 15-year-old companion.

Lucas was first imprisoned at age 18 in Virginia for burglary. Follow-ing his release in 1959, Lucas stabbed and killed his mother in Michigan. He served 10 years for that murder, six in a state mental hospital.

After being paroled in 1970, Lu-cas returned to prison for five years for kidnapping and was released in 1975.





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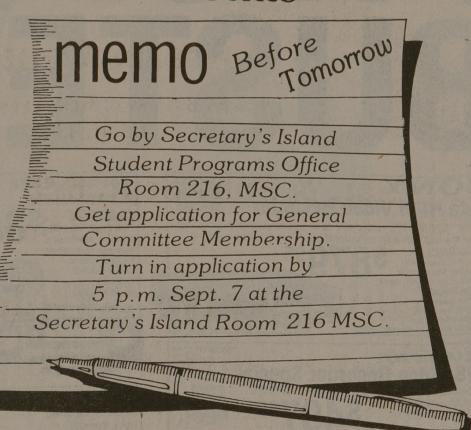
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