

Sites for smelter cut to two

Copper plant supposedly headed to Texas City

HOUSTON (AP) — Site selection for a multimillion-dollar copper smelter that will create hundreds of jobs has been narrowed to the Texas City-Houston Ship Channel area and Uncle Sam, La., a Mitsubishi Metal Corp. consultant confirmed Thursday.

Speculation has centered on Texas City as the final choice for the plant since a Louisiana state official Wednesday told a business seminar that the election of George Bush helped steer the Japanese company's decision.

But the president of Mitsubishi's U.S. subsidiary and consultant Thomas S. Mackey of Texas City-based Key Metals and Engineering said Thursday the final site has not been chosen.

"We've narrowed it down to Texas and Louisiana," said Mackey, who has served as a consultant to the project for more than three years. "Texas City is certainly one of the prime cities in the ship channel area, because it's one of the deep-water ports."

The tiny Louisiana town of Uncle Sam is located on the Mississippi River, about midway between New Orleans and Baton Rouge.

Hiroshi Sakurai, president of the Tokyo corporation's New York-based subsidiary, said Thursday only that Texas City "may be" one of the final sites remaining from hundreds that had been considered for the plant.

He said three sites remained as contenders for the plant, but Mackey said Baltimore recently had

been eliminated from the competition.

"We worked for about two years to squeeze down from over 1,000 locations to these three," Sakurai said in a telephone interview from his New York office. "And also we graded the three and the place we found best suited is now under review, but we have not made a final decision."

Izuma Sukekawa, project manager for the copper plant and the Tokyo company's general manager for metallurgy, was in Texas City on Thursday, but Mackey said he was not there to inspect any sites.

"We've done all the site inspections months ago," Mackey said. "We're now looking at the data, trying to finalize a conclusion."

Sukekawa will recommend the best plant site to company officials in Tokyo, who will make a final decision "within weeks," Sakurai said.

Mackey said an announcement could be made by the end of the month.

The copper smelter, estimated to cost between \$200 million and \$300 million, probably would employ 200 or more people and result indirectly in the creation of 100-200 jobs, Sakurai said.

Arnold Lincove, secretary of the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, caused a stir Wednesday when he told a business seminar that the company would locate its copper plant in the Houston area.

And U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas said Thursday he is optimistic that Mitsubishi will announce plans

by early next year to build the smelter in Texas City.

Gramm said he had been in touch with the chairman of the board of Mitsubishi and the University of Texas over sale of property to the Japanese company. UT holds considerable property in the ship channel area, Mackey said.

The smelter would produce semi-finished copper, known as "anode," and primarily would be supplied by mining operations in Chile, Sakurai said. Mitsubishi already has invested in the mine, which is expected to start producing in 1992, he said.

Sakurai said the cost of the plant

would depend on whether Mitsubishi would have to construct a shipping facility or purchase property with a port already in place.

Site selection for the plant also focused on proximity to markets for byproducts, such as sulfuric acid and non-hazardous slag, often used in roadbuilding and insulation, Mackey said.

"We have to decide our final (plant) location within weeks, and then there is quite a lot of time necessary to construct a plant," Sakurai said. "It will take about two years, or maybe a little more, to have it operating."

Continuing recovery tops '89 Gramm plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Phil Gramm says keeping Texas' economic recovery on track tops his agenda for 1989, but he's also planning to make the troubles facing rural hospitals "a major issue."

"The economic recovery in Texas started last year and I want to be sure we build on that," Gramm said Thursday.

"We've been picking up steam for the last two years," he said. "But in the last four years we've not shared in the national prosperity because of problems in the oil industry, the financial industry and real estate."

At the heart of his plans are a bipartisan proposal to bring stability to the oil industry, securing funding for a host of federal projects in Texas including the super collider, negotiations to open export markets and beginning work on creation of a free-trade zone with Mexico.

He is also dealing with industries considering locating in Texas and is optimistic Mitsubishi Metals Corp. will announce plans by early next year to build a copper smelter in Texas City.

He said it would involve an investment of about \$300 million and create several hundred jobs.

Gramm said he had been in touch with the chairman of the board of Mitsubishi and the University of Texas over sale of the property to the Japanese company.

Gramm said he also had been negotiating with many other industrial prospects but none was firm enough to announce.

He is also considering giving up his seat on the Senate Armed Services Committee to take a post on the Appropriations Committee.

"It's a tough decision," Gramm said. "I'm really torn. I'm trying to sit down now and look at everything I need to work on related to Texas' interests next year."

Gramm said virtually all spending decisions will be made by the Appropriations Committee as it wrestles with the budget deficit, and he said he believes "it would give me an opportunity to do more things that are important to Texas."

Gramm said he would continue to

press for funding of Sematech, a research consortium of semiconductor companies in partnership with the Defense Department.

He is also seeking \$50 million for final construction of Navy homeports in Corpus Christi and Galveston, and anticipates some "heavy lifting" in convincing Congress to authorize the initial construction money for the \$4.4 billion super collider atom smasher, which would be built in Waxahatchie.

He also hopes to bring other nations into a super collider consortium, including Japan and the European Community.

If President-elect Bush decides to deploy MX missiles with a rail garrison, Gramm said he will push for Dyess Air Force Base to be chosen as the garrison site.

Gramm is also planning a series of seminars in Texas dealing with the troubles of rural hospitals "to be sure the federal government understands the problem and understands our perspective on the problem. I intend to make that a major issue next year."

Twenty Texas hospitals have failed this year, another 17 closed in 1987, and there were 18 failures in 1986, according to the Texas Hospital Association. About half were in rural areas.

"We've got to come up with a fairer way of reimbursing (these hospitals) to prevent these hospitals from closing," Gramm said.

Rural hospital officials say one of their biggest problems is that they are reimbursed less for Medicare patients than their urban counterparts.

More affiliation between urban medical centers and rural hospitals could be part of the solution, Gramm said.

Other priorities include the savings and loan crisis, cleaning up pollution of the Rio Grande with a targeted appropriation of \$8 million for sewage disposal facilities at Laredo and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, site of the worst pollution of raw sewage into the river.

He said he also wants to make the Gulf of Mexico a protected area from ocean dumping and pollution.

Palestinians hold strike in honor of Gaza revolt

GAZA CITY, Occupied Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli soldiers killed a teenager by shooting him in the heart, and the 1.5 million Palestinians held a general strike in the occupied lands Thursday, the first anniversary of their uprising.

The death of Yusef Mohammed Sbaith, 17, raised the number of Palestinians killed to at least 320 since the rebellion began Dec. 8, 1987, in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. More than 7,000 Palestinians have been wounded, and 11 Israelis also have been slain.

An army spokesman said Sbaith was shot in the heart when troops were stoned during a sweep in the West Bank village of Kafr Rai.

Soldiers also wounded a 22-year-old woman in the leg after meeting "violent resistance" from stone-throwing youths in Kafr Rai, said the spokesman, whose name cannot be revealed under army rules.

Hospital officials said a 23-year-old man suffered head injuries from a beating by troopers.

Army gunfire wounded six other Palestinians in Nablus, the West Bank's largest city, and in Gaza City, Arab doctors said. One of those

wounded in Nablus was a 14-year-old boy shot in the stomach, they said.

Arab witnesses said two of the wounded were hit by bullets fired from the window of a house the army used as a lookout post in the open-air Nablus market, the center of many clashes between soldiers and Arab youths.

Palestinians closed businesses and halted public transportation throughout the occupied territories.

The underground leadership, which the Palestine Liberation Organization supports, called the strike for the anniversary of the revolt in the West Bank and Gaza, which Israel captured from Jordan and Egypt in the 1967 Middle East war.

Israeli military authorities put all eight Gaza Strip refugee camps under curfew, confining more than 250,000 Palestinians to their homes.

Throughout the coastal strip, Palestinians erected road blocks and burned tires in sporadic acts of defiance. About 20 Palestinian youths were seen lobbing rocks from a barricaded alley in Gaza City.

Diarrhea kills 500 kids annually in U.S.

CHICAGO (AP) — A health problem that many Americans may regard as only distressing — diarrhea — is fatal to 500 U.S. children each year, most of whom could probably be saved, researchers said Thursday.

Diarrhea is a known major cause of childhood deaths in developing countries, but such deaths are gener-

ally thought to be relatively uncommon in more economically advanced nations, the researchers said.

But new research suggests that diarrhea accounts for 10 percent of all preventable deaths in U.S. youngsters ages 1 month to 4 years old, said Dr. Mei-Shang Ho of the National Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

"The key here is early treatment," Ho said in a telephone interview Thursday.

Diarrhea is life-threatening when it causes severe loss of fluids and electrolytes — body salts such as sodium and potassium — that are necessary for normal functioning of nerves and muscles, including the heart, Ho said.

Lost fluids need to be replaced with electrolyte solutions containing glucose, a form of sugar, she said. The solutions can be bought ready-to-drink at grocery and drug stores without prescriptions, she said.

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