
Industry News

Three processing plants to be built by H.L.S.

H.L.S. Ltd. Industrial Engineering Company, has announced contracts to build three processing plants. Deacidification-deodorization plants will go to Cape Oil Industries Ltd. in Cape Town, South Africa, and to Grill and Grossman, Austria for V.F.I. A solvent extraction plant, sold to Olivine Industries (Pvt.) Ltd., Salisbury, Zimbabwe, will process soya or prepressed cottonseed cake. □

Norda complex opens in Mexico

In August 1980, the first of a complex of Norda Inc. plants, manufacturing benzyl chloride and benzal chloride, was opened in Pedro Escobedo, 120 miles north of Mexico City. Operations for the production of benzyl cyanide, potassium phenyl acetate and sodium phenyl acetate are expected to start this year. Product lines such as additives for cosmetics and textured soybean proteins are under study for possible inclusion at a later stage.

Norda began operations in the flavor and fragrance industry in Mexico in 1963. This enterprise has grown to include manufacture of liquid flavors, powdered flavors, aromatics, perfumes, vegetable product extraction and synthetic essential oils. □

Fats and oils instrumentation sales

Process instrumentation sales to the fats and oils industry totaled approximately \$6 million during 1980 and are expected to climb to \$10 million by 1990, according to a Frost and Sullivan report summarized in the February *Food Engineering*.

The report notes the fats and oils segment of the food industry is already regarded as being highly automated, especially compared to other segments of the food industry. Total 1980 process instrumentation sales to the food industry were estimated at \$168 million. □

Nestle supports soy foods

Nestle S.A. of Switzerland plans to develop a wide range of soy foods for developed and developing nations, *Food Processing* said in its February issue. The firm is selling soya milk products in Singapore (a liquid) and in Malaysia and the Philippines (powder form). □

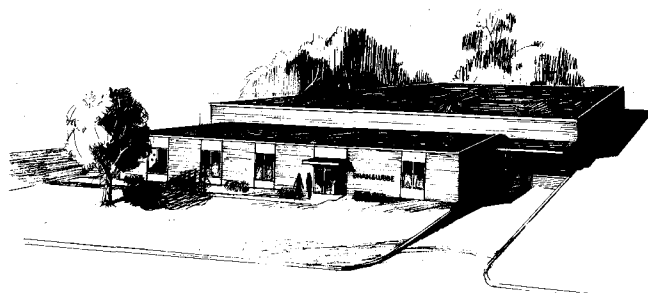
Coconut conspiracy charged

Three West Coast commodities firms have been charged in a civil complaint by the U.S. Department of Justice with attempting to monopolize the U.S. coconut oil market.

The complaint, filed during February in federal court in Los Angeles, said Crown Oil Corporation, Granex Corporation and Pan Pacific Commodities Inc. engaged in a conspiracy with a Philippine corporation for six months ending in March 1980 that sought to control coconut oil prices in the U.S.

A representative of one firm told the *Wall Street Journal* he felt the charges were unjustified. □

Bran and Lubbe announces expansion



This architect's sketch illustrates the proposed new full-production facility in Wheeling, Illinois, for Bran and Lubbe, Inc., manufacturer of liquid metering/proportioning pumps and systems for the food, chemical and petrochemical industries. The 30,000 sq ft plant is scheduled for completion in early summer.

Alfa-Laval, a worldwide producer of separators, heat exchangers, spray dryers and other process equipment, is a major stockholder in Bran and Lubbe.