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Ohio, office. AOCS member R. T. Krai also moves from the Beachwood office to the Cleveland office.

On the Filtrol side, AOCS member R. T. Smith is business manager for Filtrol's clays, operating from the Oakland office. Woody Sorenson continues as general sales manager for Kaiser Chemicals, the parent firm for Filtrol.

"Customers using Harshaw and Filtrol products will continue to be called on by separate salesmen," Hastert said. Tom F. Oonk has been named vice-president of international operations and John B. Toogood is vice-president for sales.

Hexane use may decline

Use of hexane in the United States is forecast to decline by 1.8% annually through 1990 in a new market study of aliphatic hydrocarbon solvents by Frost & Sullivan Inc.

Hexane is used primarily for vegetable-oil extraction and rubber polymerization, the report said, and accounts for about 19% of the total aliphatic hydrocarbon market. The total aliphatic hydrocarbon solvent market was about 695 million gallons in 1981; projected total demand in 1990 is 607 million gallons, according to Frost & Sullivan.

The report, "Aliphatic Solvents in the U.S. (#1148)," costs \$1,300. Frost & Sullivan offices are located in New York and London.

Soviets at 76% capacity

The Soviet Union's oilseed-crushing industry operated at approximately a 76% capacity rate during 1983, according to a report from Weyland Beeghly, agricultural attaché at the American Embassy in Moscow.

The Soviet Union has about 100 oilseed-crushing plants with an average capacity of about 400 metric tons a day, Beeghly's report said. About 70 of the plants are solvent-extraction plants, the others are oil-press operations. In 1979, the Soviet crushing industry operated at about 80% of capacity. Estimated operational rates for 1980, 1981 and 1982 were 73.3%, 73.7% and 74%, respectively.

Efficiency of crushing plants was indicated in reports on processing losses. In sunflower solvent-extraction plants, oil losses were 1.04% in 1981, the last full year for which data was available; losses in press operations were 2.77%. On the meal side, losses in solvent plants were 0.60%; in press operations, 2.27%. Comparable figures for soybean plants were: oil, 1.09% (solvent extraction), 4.74% (press); meal, 1.08% (solvent), 4.72% (press). For cottonseed, the figures were: oil, 1.24% (solvent), 4.63% (press); meal, 0.53% (solvent), 3.80% (press).

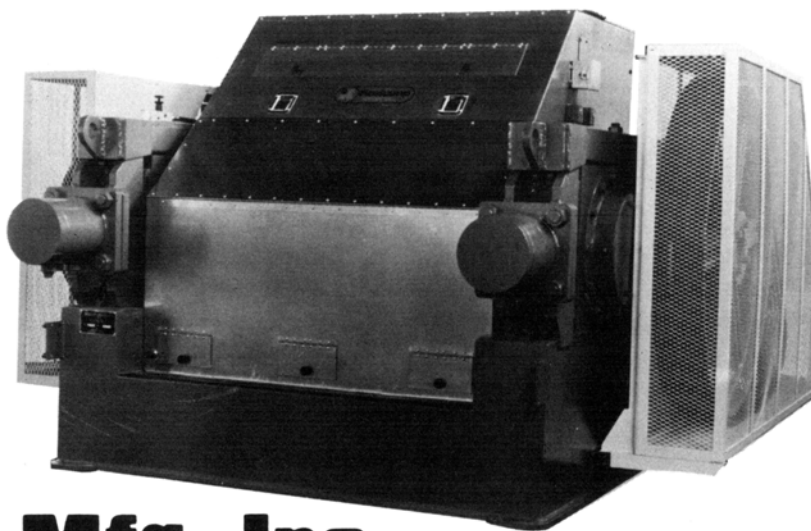
Production of vegetable oils during 1982 was officially reported as (in thousand metric tons): sunflower, 1,463.8; cottonseed, 729.2; soybean, 285.0; castor, 13.5; mustard, 11.1; corn, 8.9; linseed, 3.1; and others, 15.46.

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