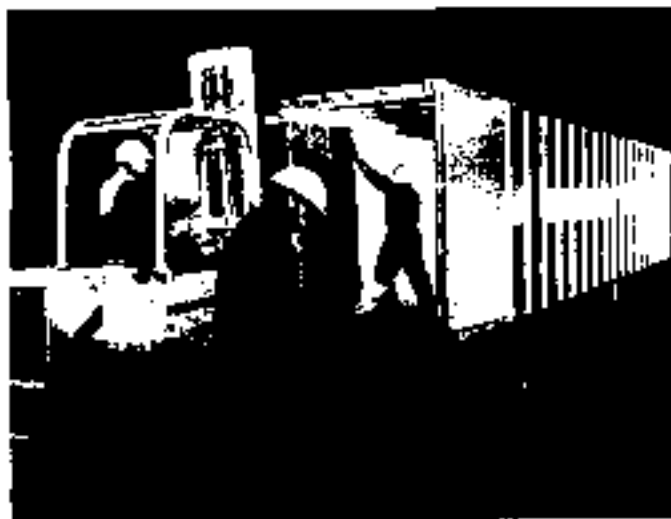


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## *Rail carriers OK city switch rates*

At the end of a public hearing before the Southwestern Freight Bureau in St. Louis, the Houston railroads approved increased switching charges as originally docketed in SWL Proposal 98-118. However, the Port Bureau and other interested parties convinced the railroads that a reduction was necessary on privately-owned cars. Thus, the switching charge on privately-owned cars was reduced from \$300 to \$288 per car when moving in intrastate commerce only.

This charge of \$288 is subject to the latest railroad cost-related increase of 4.7 percent, and will become \$302 upon implementation of the increase. This reduction will result in a savings of \$26 per car compared to what was proposed by the railroads in July, 1981.

The railroads did not approve any further reduction in the interstate private equipment proposed charge of \$350 per car which, as a result of opposition by the Bureau and others, results in a reduction of approximately \$40 per car. The new switching charges for movement in Houston are \$417 for both interstate and intrastate railroad cars, \$364 per private car moving interstate commerce, and \$302 per private car moving in intrastate commerce.

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## *ICC unit upholds grain case decision*

The Interstate Commerce Commission, Division I, has turned down a petition for administrative review filed by Great Lakes Port Interests. The petition sought to overturn the commission's decision in ICC Proceeding No. 37411, *Western Great Lakes Port Association, et al. vs. Archison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Co., et al.* This decision favored the railroads against the Great Lakes Port Interests which sought parity with Gulf ports on railroad rates for hauling export grain from Kansas and Missouri. The Houston Port Bureau was an active intervenor and filed a reply opposing administrative review. Division I of the ICC reviewed the case.

The Great Lakes Ports alleged that tariffs published by the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad equalizing rates Midwestern points to Chicago, Green Bay and other Great Lakes points with rates to Pensacola, constituted an admission that the prior rates were unlawfully discriminatory. The commission disagreed and affirmed the original decision.

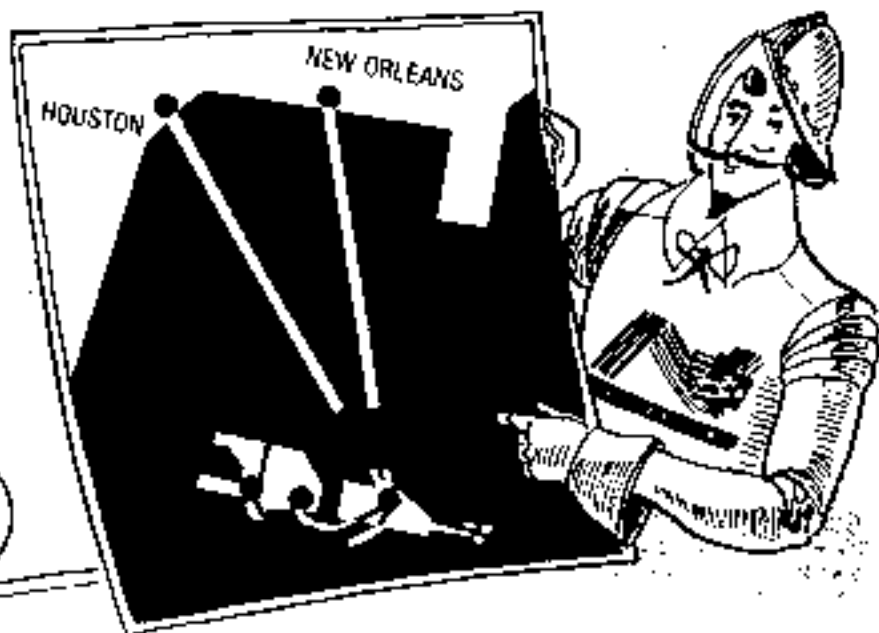
Division I, however, clarified certain areas of the initial decision. The division said the initial decision did not rely and need not have relied on competition between Great Lakes and Gulf ports as a basis for proving discrimination since transportation conditions at the Great Lakes and the Gulf were completely different.

The division claimed the initial decision did not thoroughly discuss but did not need to discuss any question of actual common control by the rail carriers. Great Lakes Ports had challenged the entire routing structure of defending railroads, but did not present sufficient evidence to prove actual common control over the rates. Division I thus clarified initial decision in that it may have been read to imply that common control had been established.

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## *Port honors D-FW shippers at reception*

Shippers and other members of the world trade community of Dallas-Fort Worth were entertained recently by the Port of Houston Authority at a reception held at beautiful and scenic Mansion on Turtle Creek in Dallas. C.A. Rousser, director of trade development; Basil Finn, general sales manager; and David Simpson, western sales manager, served as hosts. Identifications are made from left to right.



Earlene Albright, Pat McHugh and Debbie Railsback, all of Kuehne & Nagel, Inc.



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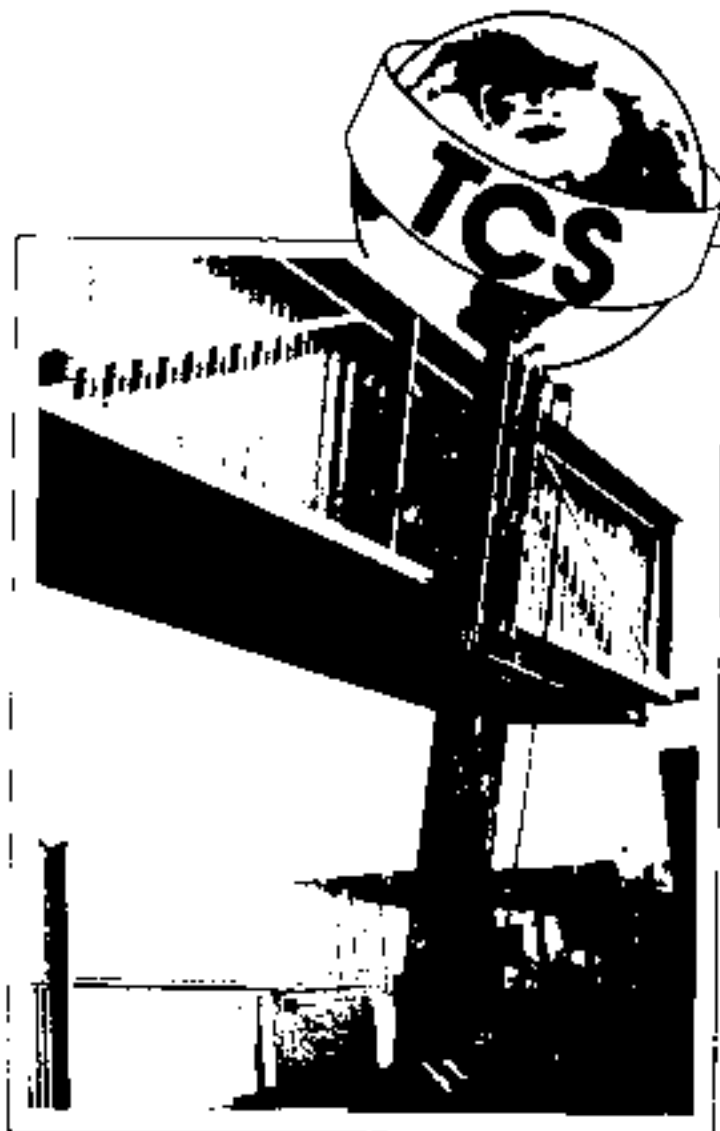
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## **Marine/offshore conference planned**

Developments and trends in oil exploration and production as they affect the marine industry, both inshore and offshore, will be the focus of a one-day conference in Houston April 22.

The annual Marine/Offshore Industry Outlook Conference is sponsored by the Sea Grant College Program at Texas A&M University and the Marine Services Association of Texas. It will be held in the Marriott Hotel on South Braeswood near the Astrodome. Registration is \$40.

Representatives of marine drilling, transportation and construction firms will discuss anticipated supply and demand, regulatory and technological developments, and labor and financial aspects of the future of marine oil exploration and production, according to Dewayne Hollin, seminar coordinator. Hollin is marine business management specialist with Sea Grant's Marine Advisory Service.

Special guest speaker will be Capt. Warren G. Leback of the Maritime Administration of the Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. Leback will explain current U.S. maritime policy and discuss its effects on the offshore marine industry.

For further information about the conference contact Dewayne Hollin, Marine Advisory Service, Sea Grant College Program, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843; telephone 713-845-3854.

## **Colbeck sets up office in Houston**

T.J. Colbeck & Co. (U.S.A.), Inc., international freight forwarders, has opened an office at 2010 North Loop West, Houston 77018. The firm is a subsidiary of T.J. Colbeck & Co., Ltd., of London, which has been involved in international transportation and project forwarding since 1951.

A subsidiary company, Date Line Shipping, offers NVOCC service from Houston to England, Scotland, France and West Germany. Other services offered are expediting, rate quotations, warehousing, packing, insurance, documentation, consular work and ocean-air consolidations.

Martin A. Grochoski is sales manager for the Gulf region.

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# **PORT TIDINGS**



**News & Views  
From Around The Port**

## **Customs attorney heads Federal Bar**

Gordon L. Moise, a U.S. Customs Service general attorney in the Office of the Regional Counsel, has been elected president of the Houston chapter of the Federal Bar Association. He will serve during 1982.

The Federal Bar Association is a national organization. It seeks to promote knowledge of federal legal practice and develop excellence in federal legal specialties. The association also studies the Federal legal system and makes recommendations for change.

Moise has announced an extensive program of professional meetings, expert speakers, special projects and legal events to assist the association in accomplishing its 1982 goals.

## **Incotrans initiates Gulf-Mexico service**

Intercontinental Transport (ICT) BV of Rotterdam (Incotrans) has started a weekly fully containerized Gulf Mexico Express Service between U.S. Gulf ports and Vera Cruz, Mexico. Houston is the last port southbound and first port northbound.

Transit time between Houston and the Mexican port is two days. It is anticipated that service can also be offered to and from the ports of Tampico and Coatzacoalcos, Mexico starting in April.

Further information is available from Kerr Steamship Company, Inc., general agents.

## **Houstonian elected chairman of AIMS**

A shipping executive from Houston has been elected chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Merchant Shipping (AIMS) for 1982.

He is T.J. Lengyel, manager of Shell Oil Company's Marine Department.

Lengyel has been with Shell Oil Company since 1953 and with the Marine Department since 1974. He assumes the leadership of a national association which represents American-flag ships and operators. AIMS' 29 member companies own or operate almost 12 million deadweight tons of tankers and dry bulk vessels in U.S. domestic and foreign commerce.

Other 1982 AIMS Board members, in addition to Messrs. include W.H. Banks, president of Chevron Shipping Co. of San Francisco; J.J. Ervin, president of Trinidad Corporation of Philadelphia; A.J. Herman, manager of Marine Operations & Chartering for Mobil Oil Corporation of New York; Ran Hettena, president of OSG Bulk Ships, Inc. of New York; Charles M. Lynch, president of ARCO Marine, Inc., of Los Angeles; O.R. Menton, general manager of the Marine Division of Exxon Company, U.S.A., Houston; Richard T. du Moulin, vice president of Ogden Marine, Inc., of New York; and T.D. Patrick, president of Sun Transport, Inc., of Aston, Pennsylvania.

## **Costa Line names manager, plans expansion**

Costa Line Cargo Services, Inc., has appointed James Milgrew as line manager for the Costa Line Gulf Services and announced plans to extend Gulf operations.

Two Costa Carriers, the *COSTA ATLANTICA* and *COSTA MEDITERRANEA*, were expected to join the service in March.

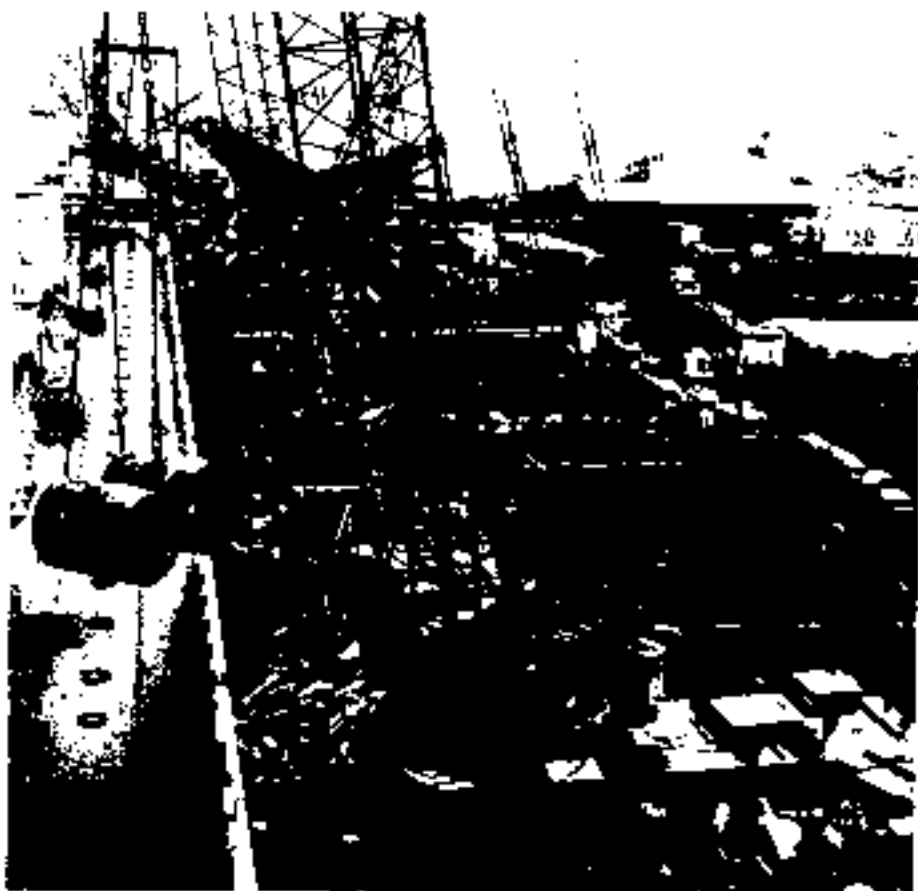
These modern multi-purpose vessels, with a bale capacity of in excess of 1 million cubic feet, can accommodate 664 TEUs, and up to 150 vehicles. They will operate between Houston and the Mediterranean.

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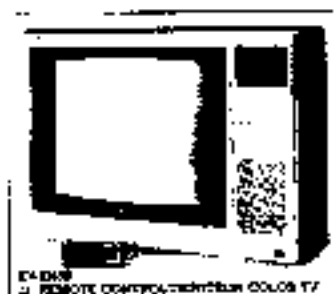
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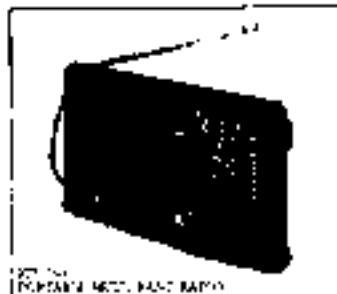
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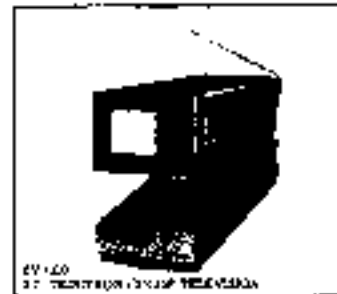
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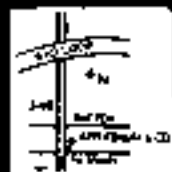
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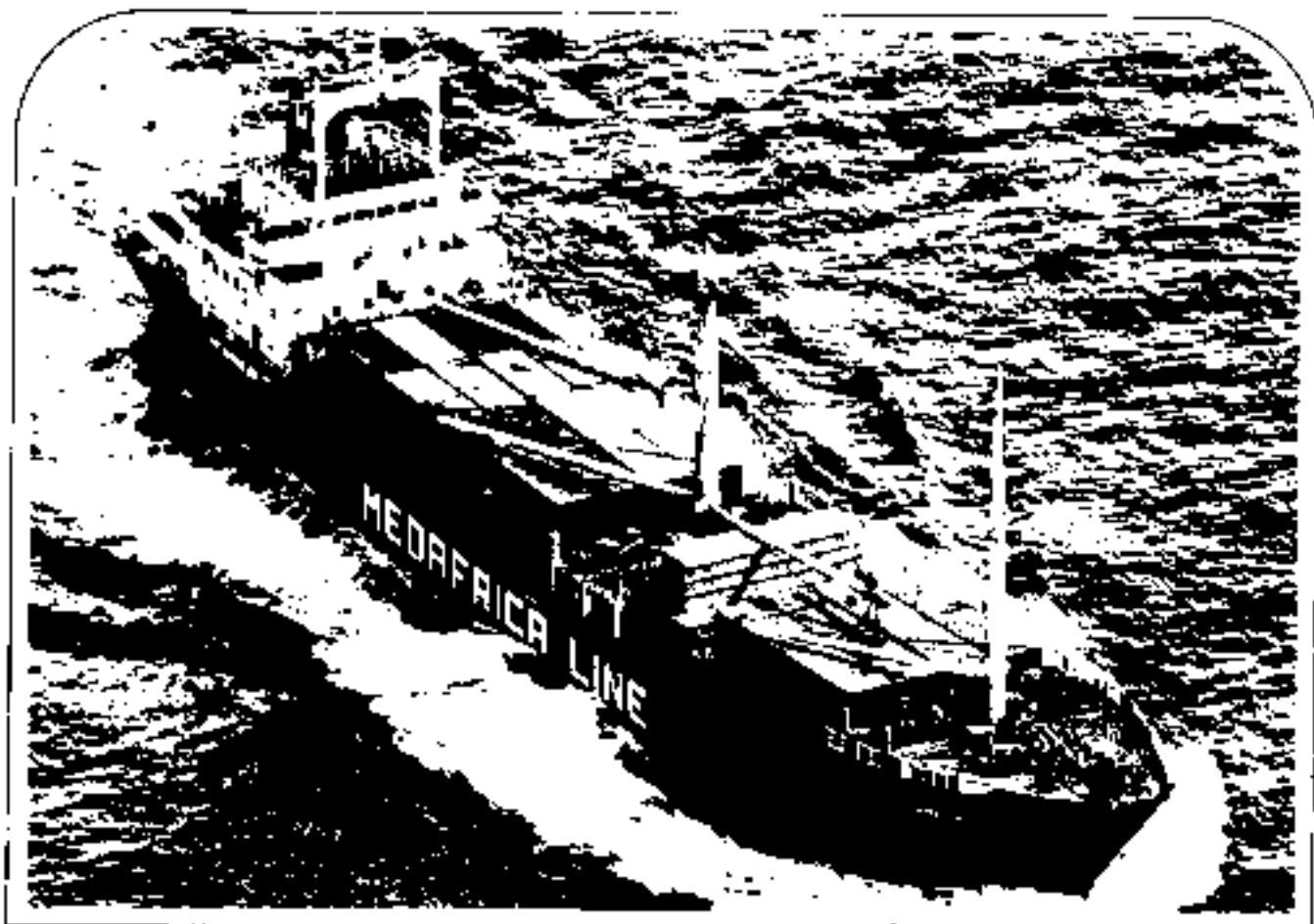
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Commissioner W.D. Haden, II; Mrs. F. William Colburn; C.A. Rousser, Jr., director of trade development; the Princess; Richard P. Leach, Port Authority executive director; Mrs. J.R. Curtis; Angela Hall, Port Commissioner Howard J. Middleton, and J.R. Curtis, director port operations.

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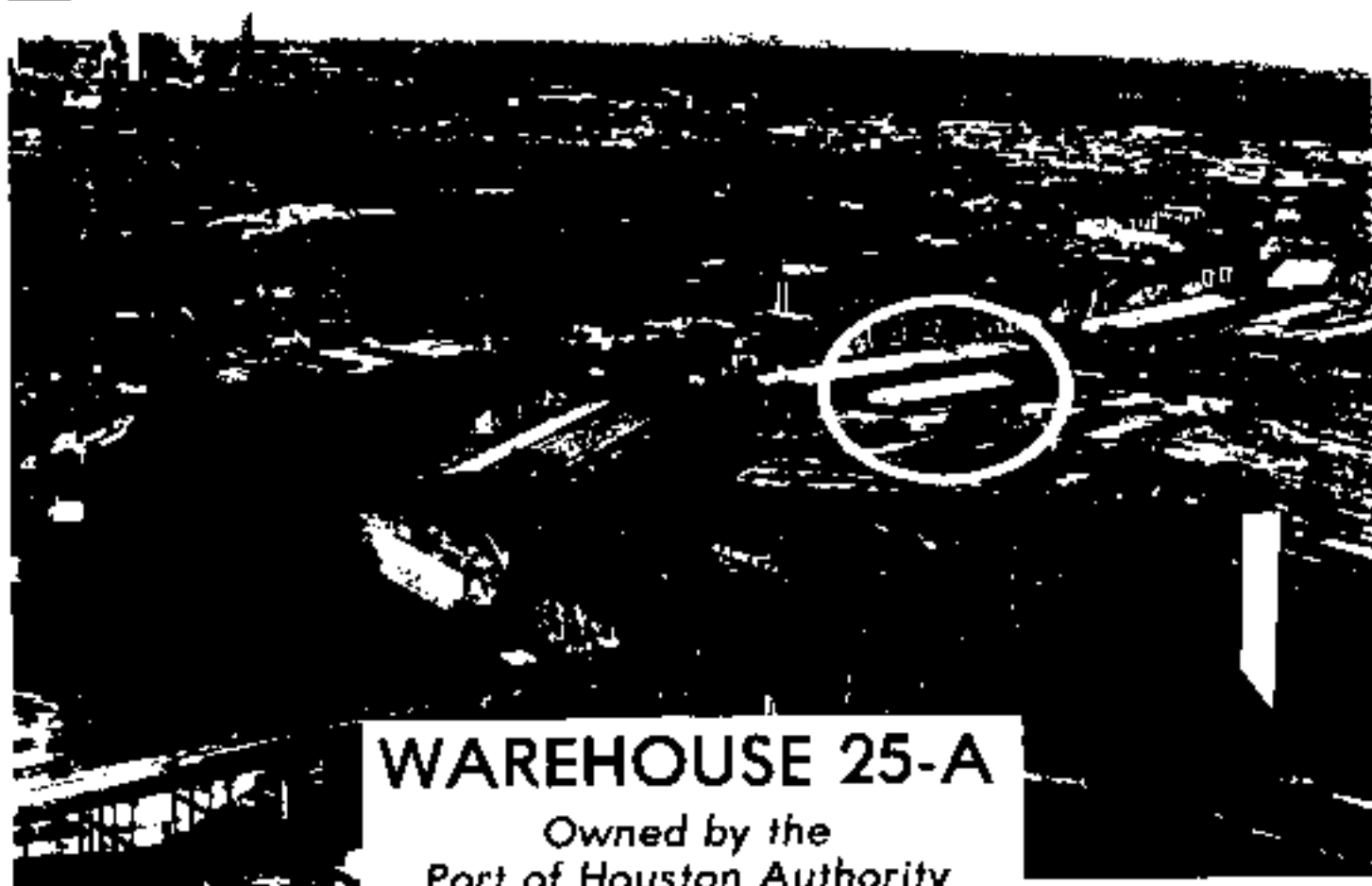
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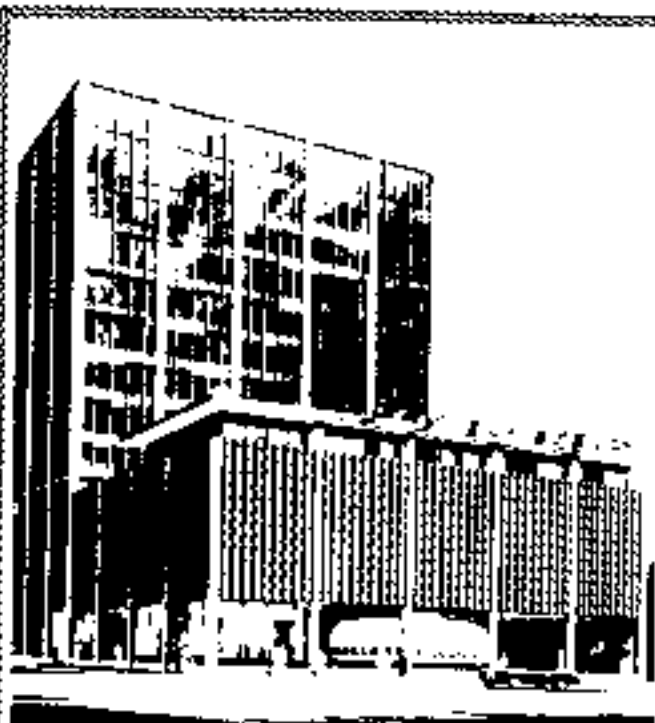
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