

unresolved although the 1980 fiscal year which it covers already is almost six weeks old.

scenities Wednesday at 75 Iranian student protesters marching through downtown Houston.

Houston oil company employee Charles Hall stood on the City Hall steps with his arms folded and look-

Dirge Sounds For Fullerton Musical Instrument Company

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FULLERTON — Instruments through which the music of a half-century marched and rippled may still sound out somewhere but the equipment which manufactured them was being hauled away today from F.E. Olds & Son Co. in Fullerton.

The men who created those instruments are gone too, — gone to other jobs with the closing of the Fullerton plant at 350 N. Raymond Ave., working at or looking for other jobs.

The lone employee on duty this morning was the plant's general manager, Don Agard, who is being assisted by a corps of part-time aides, many of them former employees at the Olds plant.

At a marathon 11-hour auction, machinery and auxiliary equipment were sold Wednesday and will be moved out by the new owners during the next two weeks. The auction was attended by some 500 bidders and visitors at the start of proceedings. The number fluctuated during the long auction day.

Signaling the start of the day's activities was the sounding of "Taps" by a volunteer band of musicians hastily assembled when word came of the closing of the Olds business. Each musician was playing his Olds instrument, of course, in the sentimental salute.

The F.E. Olds & Son Co., moved to Fullerton from Los Angeles in 1954.

The company was founded in 1928 in Los Angeles by Frank E. Olds and his son Reginald. The company was operated by the son following the death of the father. The son retired in 1963 because of health problems and died four years ago.

At its peak in 1974, Olds employed some 400 workers but only 200 a year later, Agard said.

Many changes were involved in the diminishing operation of the company which had, at one time, claimed production needs that used more than one-third of the year's market for brass.

In 1948, Chicago Musical Instrument Co. brought a majority of the stock and Olds became a subsidiary of Chicago. In 1954, Chicago acquired the remainder of the stock and Olds became a wholly owned subsidiary. During the 1960s, Olds sales and marketing control was moved to Chicago and Olds remained as a manufacturer only, Agard said.

Chicago Music Instrument Co. was purchased in 1973 by the New York conglomerate, Norlin Corp., which changed the name of Chicago to Norlin Music Co.

During the past year, four serious negotiations had been conducted to sell F.E. Olds & Son as a going business, but all were unsuccessful.

The machines and men who created the musical instruments have gone or are going. Soon the building and its seven and one-half acres of land will be under new ownership.

But the music lingers on. Treasured olds instruments are being played by many musicians everywhere, despite the invasion on the market of foreign, cheaper

brands, it was indicated by visitors at the Wednesday auction when the volunteer band took an improvised stand.

As for the last employee, Agard is remaining faithfully on the job he has held for 28 years until the final piece of equipment is moved out and the building readied for its new owner. That will be about Dec. 1.

"Then I'll be out looking for employment — I'm not rich and I'm not ready for retirement, I hope to continue living in Fullerton and drive to that job I hope I find."

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Holocaust of World War II was the last atrocity that we could stand but apparently an even greater holocaust is occurring in Cambodia. We can not turn down a child's hand pleading for a piece of bread. We must help the people of Cambodia.

I am appealing to you to contribute money to help relieve this incredible misery which is occurring in our own day.

The International Committee of the Red Cross is asking for funds to aid the millions of Cambodians who are facing death from starvation. Today Dorothy Fisler, chairman of the North Orange County Red Cross Service Center, and I will open an account at Fullerton Savings and Loan. All of your contributions will be deposited into this account. On the day after Thanksgiving the money will be withdrawn and given to the Red Cross to be used to purchase food, medical supplies and anything else necessary to save the people of Cambodia.

Contributions should be mailed or delivered to Fullerton Savings and Loan, 200 W. Commonwealth Ave., Fullerton 92632, before Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 22). Checks should be made payable to Cambodian Relief-American Red Cross.

Please contribute as much as you can to this effort and show the world and the people of Cambodia that the

Chief Resigns

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — The executive director of the California Health Facilities Commission has announced his resignation.

Albert Lowey Ball, 37, said Wednesday he will stay on in his \$36,000-a-year position only until a successor is named, probably in a

people of Fullerton will not stand by and do nothing while an entire nation starves to death

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ment said any PLO effort to secure the release of American hostages in Tehran would be "a highly responsible action" welcomed.

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However, he said that American employees will not be used any more in San Salvador and that they will also be phased out of other foreign operations.

McDonald, 37, Whittier, director of a Beckman subsidiary in El Salvador, and Bucheli, 41, and engineer at Beckman headquarters who was visiting the subsidiary on business, were ambushed and abducted Sept. 21 on a highway outside San Salvador.

The kidnapers forced McDonald and Bucheli into a pickup truck at gunpoint and shot and killed their Salvadoran driver, Jose Luiz Paz Tratará, when he tried to resist.

Three days after the abduction, the Revolutionary Party of Central American Workers announced that its followers had kidnapped the two men. Beckman received two proclamations from the group, one addressed to "the people of Central America" and the other to "the people of the world."

The statement to the world defined "as a fundamental enemy of the

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