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SPI EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE DIVISION SCHEDULES TWO SEMINARS ON PACKAGING... Part of EPS Shape Education Outreach program, sponsored by EPS shape molders, machine and tool suppliers, as an effort to acquaint future package design engineers with the material and its various applications... First seminar on November 20, 1985 (9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.), University of Wisconsin Stout, Menominee, Wisconsin... Second seminar on December 6, 1985 (9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) at Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana, has four speakers lined up: Leora Rosen and Mort Rosen (Polyfoam Packers), Jeff Elgin (Kohler General) and Al King (Foam Fabricators)... Additional information: Margaret Shallcross, SPI/Midwest Section.

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SPI INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK CONFERENCE SET FOR MARCH 20-21, 1986... "The Plastics Industry -- Positioning for Growth -- Issues, Challenges and Opportunities" is the theme of the Thursday-Friday meeting sponsored by SPI Committee on Resin Statistics... Glen Riner, senior vice president of General Electric, will be luncheon speaker on March 20... Three sessions with speakers include: Industry Analysis: "U.S. Automotive Plastics -- Uses and Trends," Louis Chmura (Ford Motor Corp.); "Innovations in Barrier Packaging," Rich Freundlich (Campbell Soup Plastics Center); "Plastics in Electrical/Electronics Applications," (AT&T); "The Changing Plastics Machinery Industry," Dean Reber (Cincinnati Milacron, Plastics Machinery Division); Materials: "Polyolefins," Frederick A. Hajduk (Norchem); "Composites," Jim Burns (Hercules, Inc.); "Polyvinyl Chloride," C.T. Lee (Formosa Plastics Corp.); and "Polyurethanes," Nicholas Cullen (Mobay Chemical Co.); Trade and Technology: "The Competitiveness of the U.S. Engineering Plastics Industry," Michael T. Kelley (U.S. Department of Commerce); "Shifts in Plastics Trade Patterns," Mineo Hayama (C. Itoh); "Plastics Combustibility," Jerome Heckman (Keller & Heckman); and "The Profitability of the U.S. Plastics Industry," Anantha Raman (Anantha Raman Associates)... Registration Fees: \$295 per person for SPI members, \$395 per person for nonmembers; \$25 additional per person for on-site registration... Additional information available from staff director Al Evans, SPI/New York.

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PLASTICS SUBJECT OF ARTICLE IN SMITHSONIAN MAGAZINE'S NOVEMBER ISSUE... Ten-page, illustrated article entitled "On land, on sea and in the air, those polymer invaders are here," states: "plastic has captured a new high-tech image -- and has captured the marketplace to boot."