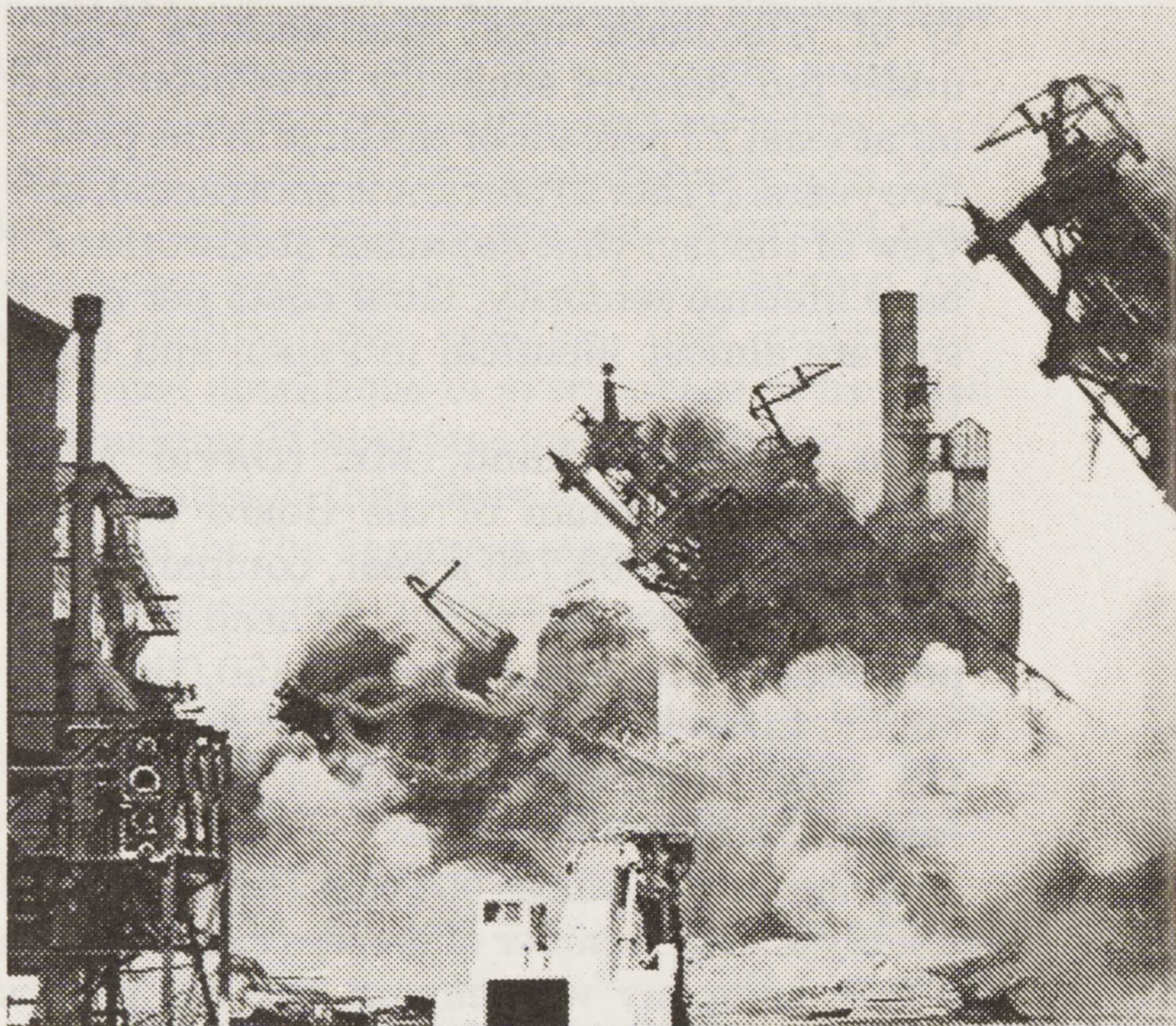
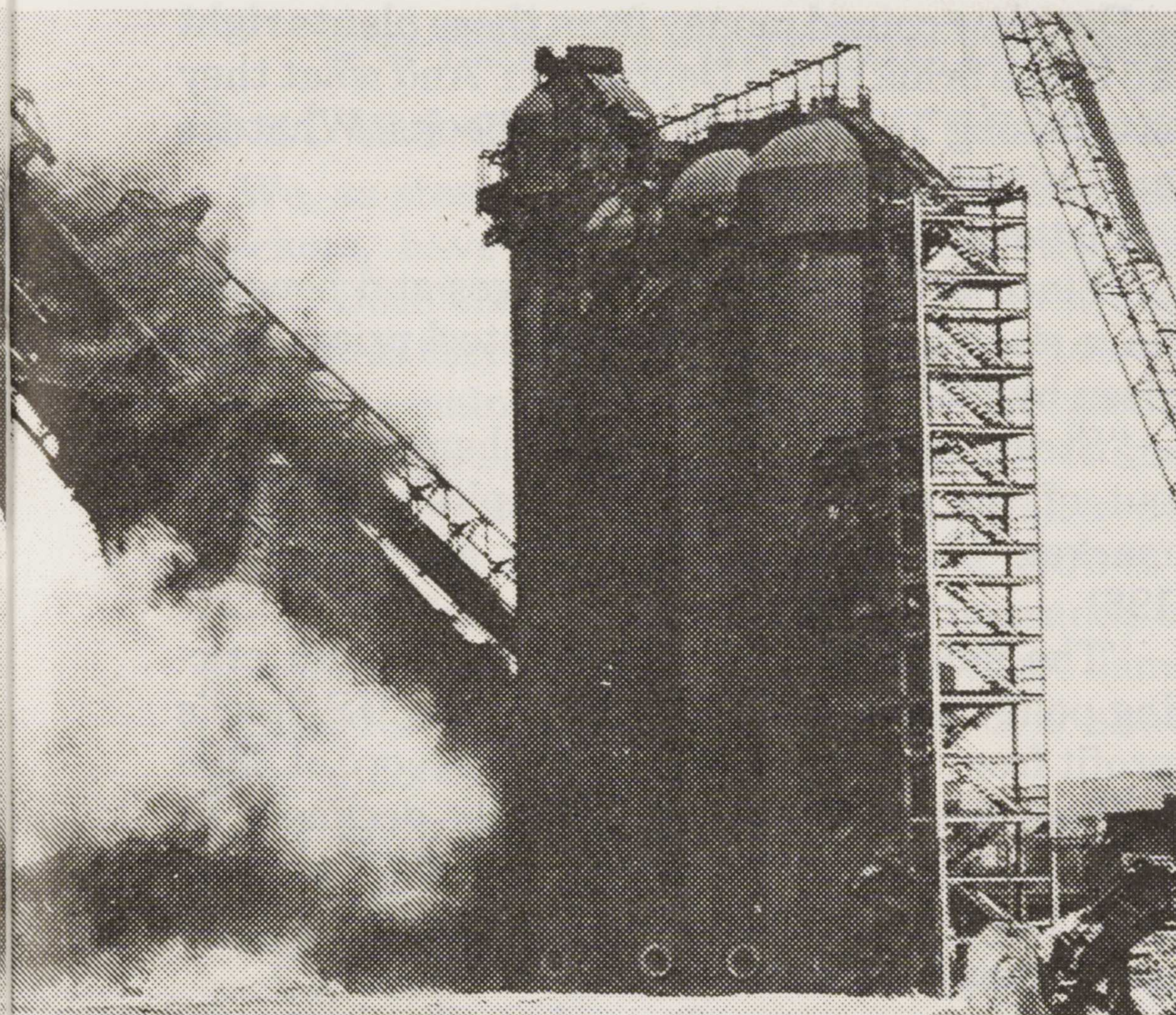




US Steel blows up its Ohio Works at Youngstown, October 1982. The main reason for doing this was to intimidate the

Japanese competition. Japan never produced more than 20 percent of U.S. production before World War II, and less than ten percent after that war, until the end of the Korean War.

But U.S. big business made its deal with Japan about the same time General MacArthur was advising Japan to re-arm for another war—this time as a U.S. ally (New Year's speech in Tokyo, 1951). Modern Japanese steel plants and antiquated U.S. plants may not have been part of the deal. But any way you look at it, they were part of the result.



steelworkers and make them think that all was lost. But the steelworkers will yet have the last word.

Nevertheless, the fat steel bosses of the U.S. still made big money on American steel long after some of their U.S. plants were ready for the junkpile.

It is the companies' greediness, backwardness and willful blindness about the health of their own plants (never mind the health of the workers!) that has caused the present extreme decline—on top of the general business decline. They have laid us off right and left, wrecked their own furnaces, and even blown up their own plants.