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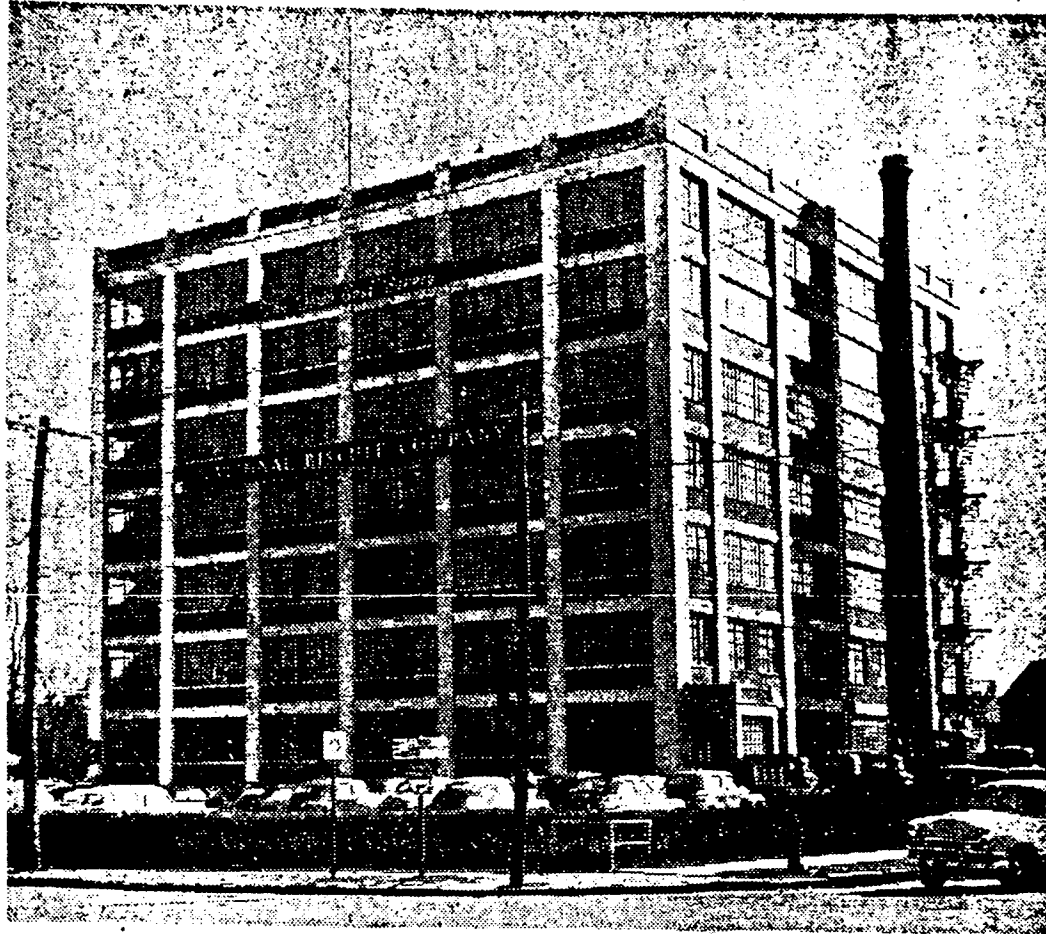
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Will Close May 28

100 Will Lose Jobs When Bakery Closes

Approximately 100 employees of the National Biscuit Co. bakery at 304 Forest Ave. will be discharged when it is discontinued at the close of business May 28, the company announced yesterday.

The company said they will receive "liberal severance allowance based upon length of service."

The company, announcing construction of a new warehouse

at 252 Anderson St. in the new Marginal Way industrial area, said it planned to shift all warehouse and sales personnel from the Forest avenue plant to the new building.

The bakery has been operated here since 1931. In a statement by Edward A. Hobbs, plant manager, and Henry N. Noring, sales manager, the company said the present bakery "does not lend itself to Nabisco's modernization program as the structure cannot be remodelled to house the

modern band ovens and other new type equipment."

The seven-story structure, built in 1919, was purchased by Nabisco from the T. A. Huston Baking Co. in 1931.

The Huston firm was started by Thomas A. Huston on North Main street, Auburn, in 1869 during the post Civil War business boom.

In 1919 the firm moved here and in ten years was heralded as the "largest independent cracker manufacturing company in the East."

It employed more than 300 people at the time it was sold in 1931 for a sum "in excess of \$1,000,000."

Nabisco said there are no plans for disposition of the building.

The new warehouse in the Marginal Way section is being built by the Verrier Corp. It is one-story, with 16,000 square feet of floor space and will house modern facilities for handling.