

# ARCO will cut 1986 spending by \$1 billion

LOS ANGELES, Calif., February 12 — Atlantic Richfield Company announced that capital spending for additions to fixed assets will be reduced in 1986 from a budgeted level of \$3 billion to \$2 billion.

The revised 1986 budget will provide \$1,350 million for exploration and production capital expenditures.

Spending for Alaska will be \$500 million. This will provide funds at the original budget levels for all major facilities programs related to the Sadlerochit, Kuparuk and Lisburne

formations on the North Slope.

Lower 48 expenditures will be approximately \$500 million. International spending will be at the \$350 million level.

Lodwick M. Cook, ARCO chairman and chief executive officer, said, "Given the uncertainties of the external environment for oil prices, these actions will preserve our operating and financial flexibility. We will pace the resumption of higher spending programs in these areas to the emergence of firmer oil prices."