(1) Stop can be easily fixed by commenting out this line in /etc/init.d/halt:
test -n "$REDIRECT" && exec 0<> $REDIRECT 1>&0 2>&0

I.e. you should put # as a first character of this line, or just remove it from /etc/init.d/halt.

(2) Can you check what /sbin/chkconfig --add sshd tells you?