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HOUSTON REFINERY

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TO ALL STAFF EMPLOYEES

OPERATIONS

By now you've "heard" the BIG NEWS . . . the "Big Cat" is running for real. -- However, some "bring-up" pains were still around at press-time -- but everyone is hopeful these will not last through the week end. All of us share in this pride of accomplishment, with a special vote of praise to the maintenance and operating crews who performed tomorrow's miracle today.

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

Meanwhile Down South at the Chemical Plant, the latest "Chem Plant News Bulletin" tells us . . . "Rates have been increased to essentially normal on most of the units previously reported as 'on stream'." The following units have been put into operation in recent days: Ethylene Plant, Allyl Chloride Unit (G-200), and Ethyl Chloride.

SUNDAY IS "VICTORY OVER POLIO" DAY

This Sunday, September 9, between the hours of 12 noon and 6 p.m., citizens of Harris County take dead aim to strike another telling blow against polio. At over 200 schools in Harris County, trained nurses and doctors will administer the Type III oral poliomyelitis vaccine to what they hope will be a record turnout. We'll have to go some to make it a "record," though, since the Type I mass inoculation program, given earlier this summer, enjoyed overwhelming success with over one million Harris County residents taking the vaccine. Like the Type I vaccine, the Type III vaccine is administered on a lump of sugar. Local newspapers have given lots of publicity to this program, and have repeatedly printed the exact locations of the schools where the vaccine centers have been established. Also, to speed up the waiting line, these daily papers have printed the Oral Polio Vaccine Request Form, which should be filled out in advance for children under 21 who will be taking the vaccine.

A follow-up day is scheduled for Sunday, September 16 for those not able to take the vaccine on the 9th . . . Also, in answer to many questions raised by employees who will be working during the hours the emergency vaccine centers will be open the next two Sundays, you may take the vaccine at a later date by going to the designated Health Center in your community. We'll have more information about this, though, after the "Big Push" of the 9th and 16th is over.

SAFETY

In case you need a Fire and Safety Inspector, here's their work schedule for next week: Sunday - Louie Grossheim; then Monday through Saturday - 12-8 shift, Hubie Miller and John Flynt; 8-4 shift, I. C. White and Lawrence Mancuso; 4-12 shift, J. B. Floyd and Walter Cannon. If you need one of them and can't locate him, call the Main Gate. The Gateman will have a list of the inspectors and the shifts they are working, and can give you the code to use to call the inspector. The inspectors will keep the Gateman posted as to where they are working, and will call in periodically . . . Louie suggests that verbal or written request for F. & S. Permits be arranged a day in advance of the job if at all possible.

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While walking in the Refinery the other day . . . someone noticed a dozen discarded shop towel wiping rags apparently tossed away at random along the side of the road. This is a good example of where a small expense item can mount up in a hurry --. Each towel thrown away is another nickel down the drain. Green towel containers are located throughout the Refinery, and that's where the used shop towels should be dropped.

Many of you have expressed concern for E. R. Elliott, who suddenly became ill yesterday afternoon. At the advice of his family doctor he was taken to the Pasadena-Bayshore Hospital in the Refinery ambulance. We are happy to report that E. R. had a restful night. To determine the nature of his illness, three or four days of testing is necessary before a conclusive diagnosis can be made. Although he cannot have visitors at the present time, he is in room 268 for those of you who would like to send him a "get well" card. As soon as we have more information, we'll pass it along to you.

ODDS & ENDS

. . . Tom Reed is back in the news today - trying to solve the Case of the Missing Fork Lift Forks . . . Helen Watson "doubling in duty" by adding the title of receptionist in the Main Office Building . . . And some nicknames from Norco, penned for the duration: the "Tilton-Hilton" (where they sleep in air-conditioned comfort), and Mel's Wash-a-Terror (a place to wash your do-dads) . . . Locally, Carl Uthoff and J. C. Dunbar have earned the moniker of the "Black Dust Twins" . . . Happy to report that John Merritt has been reunited with his Tissot wrist watch, thanks to Paul Titus who found the lost timepiece. . .

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OBSERVATIONS

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