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TO ALL STAFF EMPLOYEES

NEGOTIATIONS

If you've read the Supervisors' letter (dated today).....then you know that Company and Union representatives met with the Federal Conciliator in Houston yesterday. Also.....you noted that another meeting is planned for tomorrow morning involving the same groups.....the one difference being that a panel of three conciliators from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service will sit in on the meeting. But if you haven't read this Supervisors letter.....please do.

OPERATIONS

'Round and 'bout.....In the Lubricating Oils Department, the HVI shutdown continues.....At the cat. cracker, the condensers and coolers have been acid washed for another season, and after the washing was over the operators were able to shut down one of the eight compressors on account of they just don't need it for a spell.....Also on yesterday's program, an acid wash of the A column tops condenser at the Aromatics Department's feed prep.....And not to be overlooked - the comment on a log sheet turned in by a tank gauger the other evening.....stating that he had encountered - at 3 AM - a black fuzzy creature with a white stripe down his back, standing within firing range of the gauger's left leg. It wasn't a kitty-cat, and our gauging friend immediately recognized the difference. However, the story turned out "A-OK", though. The little animal was mad at nobody.....and our gauger escaped with only the loss of a few anxious moments.

SAFETY

Louie reached for his "coming events" calendar today...and passes along some advance "scoop" about safety matters of interest: (1) Hand type face shields will be provided at each operating unit where furnaces are in operation. These hand units consist of a shield to cover the face, and colored lens for the protection of the eyes. These shields are to be used for visual inspection of the furnace tubes, fire boxes, and burners ONLY. When firing burners, the usual protective hoods, coats, and gloves should continue to be used. (2) Attractively colored caution signs are being provided each department to remind employees of the presence of chemicals in an operating unit and the need for using protective equipment. Your cooperation in the use and observance of these safety measures will help get the job done.....safely.

.....Another Hallmark safety-ism..."A safety record is like a head of hair; you don't miss it until it's gone."

ODDS & ENDS

ON THE MEND:Walter Felscher - recovering from surgery at Houston's Hermann Hospital...and hopes to be homeward bound in a few days.

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