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STRIKE REPORT

To bring you up to date on what's happening in regards to the strike at other Shell locations, representatives of the several AFL-CIO unions striking at Wood River have accepted the strike settlement package offered by management. However, that agreement is subject to ratification by March 29 from union members. In Denver, Shell representatives scheduled a meeting today with union officials. But nothing new has happened at most other Shell locations--Norco, Wilmington, Dominguez, Martinez and Anacortes--where management representatives made a strike settlement offer Tuesday just as they did at the DPMC. While meetings continue at all those locations, including Deer Park, no agreements have yet been reached. Keep tuned to the Negotiations Hot Line (476-5243) for any new developments.

ROADS CLOSED

There were temporary, but very visible, traffic jams for awhile yesterday afternoon along both the chemical and refinery main entrance roads at about the center of the Complex. The diversion of traffic was caused by a release of hydrochloric acid (HCL), containing small amounts of VCM and EDC, to the atmosphere when a ball valve failed on the quench column accumulator.

Some of the HCL formed a vapor cloud which drifted in a northwesterly direction across the Complex; hence the closing of those two affected roads. Four contract people were observed by doctors and released without injury as were several Shell people who had gone in with protective equipment to stop the leak. The valve has been replaced and the unit is being prepared for re-start today. The reason for this equipment failure is being studied.

It's possible the vapor cloud could have exposed vehicles in the following areas: G Maintenance Building, G Operations, CPS, and the Dispatching Tank Farm Control House. These department managers should contact employees who may have had vehicles in these areas Wednesday afternoon, March 20, and submit a list of individuals with potential vehicle damage to: Financial Manager-General Accounting at the GS&F Building. The list should include employee name, year and type vehicle, and license number.

PLEASE RETURN

Both cafeterias report insiders who eat their meals away from the dining rooms are forgetting to return trays and other cafeteria property. If you have any items from the cafeterias, please bring them back.

Starting Monday, March 24, any employee with questions concerning
the payroll should call 6000.

NO NEW WINNER

As we go to press, we have received no word about any new jacket winners coming forth with Wednesday's lucky number of 447. Today's lucky number is 291.



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