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## HOUSTON REFINERY

"It Strikes Us This Way"

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TO ALL STAFF EMPLOYEES

We were happy to have as our guest, yesterday, Monroe E. Spaght, President of Shell Oil Company. Mr. Spaght spent the day at Houston, visiting with employees and taking a "look-see" at what we've been doing these past few months... Time and again he expressed satisfaction for the job being done here, thanking employees for their support in making these accomplishments possible. From here, Mr. Spaght journeyed to Wood River where he is visiting today.

### NEGOTIATIONS

Wood River met yesterday, recesses today...and meets again tomorrow....

### OPERATIONS

Here and there...The Alky debutanizer, brought down on Wednesday for scheduled maintenance, was back up huffin' and puffin' this early a.m....Over in the Thermal Cracking Department, preparations are underway for the Dubbs 9 Cracking shutdown - due for this weekend. The shutdown will include decoking the heavy oil furnace, cleaning the main fractionator, and repairing the overhead products condenser....And over in Aromatics, the Platformer 1 shutdown is just around the corner, so the fellers are getting all in order for that chore....And that never failing aching instep indicates "cold weather" is practically upon us.....

### SAFETY

Today we take time out to pass along well deserved compliments to the staff employees at the Wood River Refinery who have now topped the "One Million" mark for hours worked without a disabling injury since the strike began. A news story in an Alton, Illinois, newspaper said in part...."The last disabling injury occurred last August 17, the day before the current strike began....This 142-day record has been amassed by some 900 staff employees performing normal operating and engineering functions necessary for the operation of all phases of the refinery...."

Also, we understand the folks over at Norco are busy piling up quite a safety record of their own.....

### OTHER NEWS FROM OTHER PLACES

We quote below from the Norco Refinery's Daily Distillation of Monday, January 7:

"During the early hours this morning the homes of Robert Braud and Ben Graves were blasted with buckshot. Fortunately, members of their families were not injured, but the blasts did considerable damage to Robert's home and to Ben's car and fiber-glass boat. Local and state police view these atrocities with grave concern, and are launching a thorough investigation. The Company has issued the following release to newspapers, radio, and television.

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OTHER NEWS FROM OTHER PLACES (Cont'd.)

NEWS RELEASE

"More than a half dozen shotgun blasts were fired at the homes of two staff employees of the Shell Oil Company Refinery at Norco in the early hours Monday (January 7).

"The home of R. G. Braud, Shift Foreman, of 317 Apple Street, Norco, was fired at about 3:30 a.m. Buckshot from the blast penetrated the front door of the house and went through two walls before lodging in a third wall. At four different times between 1:30 and 5:00 a.m., blasts of buckshot were fired at the home of B. S. Graves, Manager of Fire, Safety, and Security Department, 10 Prospect Avenue, Good Hope. The Company is offering a \$10,000 reward for information resulting in the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who fired the shots in either instance."

BIRTHDAY BELLES & BEAUS

January 11 - N. B. Dorman, Ben Peek, Ray Schneider

January 12 - Jim Grissom, Dick Hunt, Marvin Shipper

January 13 - Bert Mueller, F. L. Robinson

.....And the Safety Slogan for this month.....

LOOK IT OVER, MAKE IT SAFE, DO IT!

ODDS & ENDS

WAYWARD WHEELS: The Truck Loading Rack is missing one bicycle today....and according to the boys over there...without wheels, things just aren't the same...Seems their "black beauty" was parked at the Hash House yesterday, and.....(well, it must have been a case of mistaken identity)...the bike is long gone. So if you've seen such a bike with the tender inscription "Loading Rack" printed on the fender, please call 257, and make someone happy.

COLD COLD KEYS: And then there were these keys.....covered with mud on a cold, rainy day...found this a.m. by Nurse Charlene Conway in the east parking lot. It's two keys with a red tag holdin' them together....The Main Gate now holds the keys... so you can claim them there.

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