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HOUSTON REFINERY

"It Strikes Us This Way"

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TO ALL STAFF EMPLOYEES

THE STRIKE SITUATION

"We are now in the thirteenth week of the strikes at the Norco, Houston, and Wood River Refineries and the Norco and Houston Chemical Plants.

"Supervisory and other staff employees are continuing to operate these facilities most efficiently and product output has been maintained at very satisfactory levels at all locations. Moreover, the throughput at Wood River is expected to increase substantially when the No. 2 cat. cracker there resumes operations in about two weeks. This unit has not been on stream since the strike because the pre-start-up inspection revealed the necessity for somewhat extensive repairs, which are now nearing completion.

"Negotiations with the individual unions at the various locations are continuing intermittently."

/s/ Monroe E. Spaght
President, Shell Oil Company

OPERATIONS

Notes from a reporter's scratch pad.....ain't no more "water, water everywhere"..... just like the little Dutch boy who plugged the dike, Shellmen plugged off the gushy water line at Flasher 2, only our water-stoppers needed a super size pipe clamp. The furnace at Dubbs 6 Cracking in the Thermal Cracking Department comes under the watchful eye of "those who care" today, as work continues at that unit.....And over in Utilities, our on-the-spot reporter says that our men of maintenance should be winding up their chores on Boiler No. 11 today.

SAFETY

Lookin' 'em over at the Main Entrance picket line yesterday, another member of our broad reporting network make some observations that seem worthy of passing along..... and it has to do with some plain, common-sense rules of traffic conduct. (1) The STOP sign at LaPorte Road in the area of the pickets applies to all three exiting lanes of traffic; so please come to a complete stop at the picket line, regardless of which lane you are in or what color the traffic light happens to be. (2) The gentleman in a uniform standing by the guard trailer is a helpful soul, and is there but for one purpose - to assist you. So, as far as possible, take the lane he suggests. (3) The traffic markers are placed where they are to keep cars in the proper lane. Now if you knock over the markers swapping lanes, then the markers just aren't serving their intended purpose. (Also, we hear that one of the markers is filled with cement.....but we're afraid to test the truth of this statement with the front end of our auto.)

UNITED FUND

The 1963 United Fund Drive in Houston and Harris County is a success. Winding up with a last minute drive for additional contributions, the goal of \$6,324,363 was reached just prior to the close of the campaign on November 9.

This year 2,657 Shell employees in Houston and Harris County (including 708 at the Refinery) contributed generously to the annual fund raising drive, pledging \$66,100. In addition to this amount, J. A. Horner, President of Shell Pipe Line Corporation, presented the fund a check for \$87,000 on behalf of the Shell Companies Foundation, Inc. Horner served as Chairman of Unit "A" of the Special Gifts Division.

The \$66,100 represented gifts from employees of Shell Oil Company's Houston Refinery, Houston E. and P. Area, Shell Pipe Line Corporation, Shell Development Company, and Shell Chemical Company in Houston and Harris County which included the Houston Plant.

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Jack Kelbaugh, Refinery Administrative Superintendent, served as Chairman of Section "C", Ship Channel Division (which included all Shell units) in this year's drive, while John Harkness, Manager of the Refinery Dispatching Department, was the Campaign Chairman for the drive at the Refinery which totaled \$21,481.54 in contributions.

ODDS & ENDS

.....Happy to report that Floyd Remkes, hospitalized the past few days in Baytown for surgery.....feels "on the mend".....and hopes to be going home soon.

IN TOW: The piece of paper had all the necessary blanks filled in and the approvals initialed, so the Gateman saw nothing out of the ordinary as he inspected the material pass at the Main Gate. Date: "November 12". Name: "Barbara Foxworth". Then, there it was in bold print..."One live armadillo in a tow sack". So, though the request was unusual - it was official. And Barbara could claim her armadillo as her very own. There just had to be a story here, and here it is: Seems this poor little armadillo was discovered outside the Research Building in a dazed, unconscious condition. Now Barbara has a boy friend who is studying to be a taxidermist (in East Texas we called them "animal stuffers")...So Barbara simply did what any enterprising young girl friend should do in a similar situation...she claimed the unconscious -but still alive - armadillo, in the interest of education. And this must have been Barbara's day, 'cause it just so happened our Stores Department was running a special on live armadillos, Monday, and they let her have it for "no charge". But with all this luck, and on her lucky day, Barbara couldn't quite bring herself to personally handle either the armadillo - or the tow sack.....and Teresa Helenberg ended up carrying the tow sack to Barbara's car.

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