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TO ALL STAFF EMPLOYEES

SIGN OF THE TIMES - Posted on the door of the men's room at the Cat. Cracker is the following sign:

S T O P !
You Don't Have Time

SCHOOL DAYS - ...and now we're in a new month. For the little folks of our community this is also "back-to-school" time, and the roads and streets will be filled with boys and girls making their way toward the "little red school-house". Some will be walking, others will be riding bicycles....and a LOT of them will be preoccupied with the day ahead... This places an added burden on us as drivers, to drive carefully and be especially watchful for children.

LABOR RELATIONS

So we're beginning to sound repetitious....but we repeat it for good reasons and urge you: Drive with CARE, CAUTION, and COURTESY - and slowly - as you pass the pickets entering or leaving the Refinery...and, if you possibly can - come to a complete STOP before passing the pickets.

OPERATIONS

Not much new to report here....the units that are operating just keep right on operating....The men in white suits stay busy - some operating, some training to become Operators and others doing necessary maintenance work.

NEWS FROM OTHER LOCATIONS

As you know, two other Shell refineries are also in a strike situation - Norco and Wood River....Latest reports have it that Norco is running at pretty near full blast..and Wood River resumed partial operation the latter part of this week. Just like here "supervisory and staff personnel" are manning the units. AND COMES THIS WORD FROM 'way down South' at the Chemical Plant -- our southern neighbors beyond the fence have a number of their units back in operation including EPON-I, EPON-II, EPON-III, BPA, PDU, EC, IPA Reactors, Strippers, Chemicos and LPG, MEK and DMK Furnaces, A&B Distillation, SBA Reactor and Strippers, SBA and MEK Distillation, and Effluent Treating. Also, shipping operations at the Chemical Plant are progressing normally, and shipments are up to date.

SAFETY

Safety Hints by Louie: Not trying to be critical, just helpful..noticed that a good many of our first aid cases (and thank goodness that's all they've been) are due to burns..These are caused by contacts with hot lines..just to be on the safe side, you'd better treat ALL lines, and especially the un-insulated ones, just as though they are hot - the same way you treat an electric wire. Also high on the injury list are foreign bodies and liquids in eyes. Best defense here is to wear protective goggles....Must say that the first aid cases are noticeably light what with so many people doing work with which they are not familiar....Let's keep it that way. Make our Nurses lonesome while they're on duty --- BUT do report those first aid cases and get the proper treatment. Don't let the little cases today become major problems tomorrow due to neglect....

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CAFETERIA

Those call-ins for the carry-out lunches are still coming in too late at the Cafeteria... Remember, for the noon meal, PLEASE call in before 9 a.m. ..and for the evening meal, call in before 4:30 p.m...With the "rush" hours during the regular meal periods taking all hands in the Cafeteria, late carry-out meal orders may not be filled.

ODDS & ENDS

REMINDER TO ALL OPERATING DEPARTMENTS: Please call the Boilerhouse, Extension 272, when putting on major steam and electrical equipment..... Some people are finding out that just because they pick up a "Ma Bell" phone and dial "9" they may or may not get "outside". Not every Bell telephone is rigged up that way...So if you have occasion to use the phone, and you find out that dialing "9" gets you nowhere - call the Operator (Dial "0") and ask for an outside line. SEEN OUT AND ABOUT - L. J. Lambin changing a flat tire between rain drops....Tom Reed putting the finishing touches to his new tune "The Panel Board Bounce"....Cooling Water Operator R. J. McCarthy calling for an increase of 25 gallons-per-minute and getting the smart reply: "Whatcha gonna do - make a pot of coffee?"...and the Researcher trainee's appraisal of the Cat. Cracker: "This is just a bigger pilot plant."

BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARDS goes "Prof." Hubie Miller this morning, as his first class of fire fighters begins training sessions.

ADIOS - Brooks Metcalfe of Research left us yesterday to enter academic life as a professor at West Virginia Institute of Technology...Brooks wanted to say "good-bye" to his many friends, but couldn't locate a lot of them due to the "abnormal situation"...But it's all in how you look at it. To Brooks it wasn't too unusual. When he came to work here (10 years ago) a strike was in progress.

REMEMBER -- If you have a news flash, Call 540.

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LOST (WE HOPE YOU FIND) - One pair of black...
"Tissot" Swiss wrist watch with broken band. If found, please call John Herrick, extension 481 or 289.

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