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HOUSTON REFINERY

"It Strikes Us This Way"

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Friday, January 17, 1969

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS NOW UNDER WAY AGAIN

Company and Union representatives met for contract negotiations from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 16, 1969, at which time negotiations were recessed until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 17, 1969.

STAFF REFINERY START UP PICTURES TELL THE STORY

If you have not already seen some of the pictures taken during the start up of the Refinery on Sunday, January 5, go by the Cafeteria where a display of the pictures is on exhibit. It has been said often that a picture is worth a thousand words, but perhaps the words under the pictures in the Cafeteria will tell something too. Anyway, it's all in fun and intended to make the long hours seem not so long.

STAND BY FIRE CREWS ORGANIZED

Six Refinery stand by fire crews have been organized, consisting of 11 employees each. The men have all received at least one training session and are scheduled to receive two additional lessons a week for the next several weeks.

One of the crews is on fire watch duty for 24 hours every sixth day, which means that once every six days each crew will spend the night at the Refinery.

These six stand by crews complement the Refinery's Fire and Safety personnel and Engineering Field fire crews so that in any 24 hour period there are at least 20 persons at the Refinery ready and available to fight fires should they occur.

The organization of these six crews, as well as the other two fire fighting groups, is just another safeguard for employees and the Refinery in case an emergency occurs.

Among the personnel assigned to the six stand by crews are these members of Crew I: F. D. Macy, D. Urbanek, R. Lopez, B. R. Starker, G. D. Cheak, R. W. Bell, B. P. Eriksen, J. R. Jones, R. B. Hovorka, P. H. Fischer, and P. V. Peurifoy. Members of the other crews will be listed in future issues of the SHELLETTER.

ODDS AND ENDS

Automotive asks that all persons who are assigned a Company vehicle to bring it to the garage at some time for servicing. If you plan to bring your vehicle in, please call the garage (phone number 679) in advance so they may be sure to have transportation for you. When you bring your vehicle to the garage, you will be given another one to drive while yours is serviced. Periodic care and regular maintenance of the cars and trucks are necessary to insure their safe and proper operation.

STAFF EMPLOYEES REPORTING OFF ILL

Before the strike departments were instructed to call J. R. Lamb, Plant phone 549, or Nurse H. T. Hines, 546, or, during off hours, the Plant Hospital, 222, of a staff employee's non-occupational disability absence that extended five or more workdays. Until further notice, current supervisors should notify the above when an employee is off sick for more than one day, and, also, when the employee has returned to work.

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SAFETY IS THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY



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SAFETY SENSE AND TIPSAbout Vapors and Gases -

We may be prone from time to time to overlook the most simple and obvious safety precautions, so periodic reminders are in order. Both chemical and hydrocarbon vapors and gases present a toxic hazard from a minor to a major degree. The principal times we must be alert to such exposures are:

- ...When drawing samples.
- ...When draining equipment.
- ...When opening equipment.
- ...When there is a leak.
- ...When gauging tanks.

This work can all be done safely if we will observe two simple precautions:

- (1) Wear proper respiratory equipment.
- (2) Always work on the windward side, and, most important, cut off the flow.

If in doubt, consult your supervisor or call the Safety Department.

"SHELL'S WONDERFUL WORLD OF GOLF" GOES TO NAIROBI, SATURDAY

Refiners are reminded that Roberto DeVicenzo, Tony Jacklin, and Bert Yancey compete at the Karen Country Club, Nairobi, Kenya, for a share of \$164,000 in prize money on "Shell's Wonderful World of Golf."

Broadcast in full color on Saturday, January 18, over the NBC-TV network, KPRC-TV, Channel 2, at 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., this is one of nine matches in an international elimination tournament.

Notable during the contest is the unusual effect that high altitude has on golf. Because the Karen course stands some 5,000 feet above sea level, the thinness of the air allows players greater distance in their drives. At least twice during the match, players use nine irons on second shots to make the green on a 538-yard hole.

DeVicenzo conducts one of the many "clinics" of the series during the match by analyzing his use of the pitch-and-run shot.

This is the third of six preliminary elimination matches in the tournament. Past winners have been Ben Arda, who beat Billy Casper and Gene Littler at the Manila Hotel and Golf Club, Republic of the Philippines, and Arnold Palmer, who edged out Gay Brewer and Juan "Chi Chi" Rodriguez at the El Conquistador Hotel & Club, Puerto Rico.

WELCOME TO SHELL

Another new face may be seen around the Refinery beginning January 15, with the employment of Joseph S. Bindo, who has joined the Research Lab as a Research Engineer.

CLASSIFIEDS

Although the offer for classified space has been made in the SHELLETTER, there has been only one ad turned in. Ed Ratley wants to buy a CHAIN SAW, and he may be reached by calling 422-5824.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

The seemingly ever present taxes and licenses required in our everyday lives still exist. However, to make it a little easier for you to remember when and what you must do to meet these obligations, here are a few deadlines you might be interested in.

- ...Voter registration certificates must be obtained by January 31.
- ...State and county property taxes must be paid by January 31, to avoid a penalty charge.
- ...Automobile licenses go on sale on February 5, and must be on vehicles by April 1.

SAFETY BELTS AND TIES

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"SHELL'S WONDERFUL WORLD OF GOLF" GOES TO KANSAS, SATURDAY

Belmont are reminded that Roberto DeVicenzo, Tony Jacklin, and Gary Yarnor compete at the Karen Country Club, Kansas, for a share of \$104,000 in prize money on "Shell's Wonderful World of Golf."

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