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## HOUSTON REFINERY

"It Strikes Us This Way"

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TO ALL STAFF EMPLOYEES

### Operations

35 MILLIONTH BARREL.....COMING UP!

If those slip stick figurers around the refinery have it mapped just right - and our three-fingered fortune teller from East Texas says they do - then long about daylight tomorrow morn the 35 millionth barrel of crude will go gurgling off toward a distilling unit. We're running along in the range of 140,000 barrels per day - just like we're supposed to - so things turned out to be rather quiet this weekend. Some of the things that did happen: the Actex washing of the C&R debutanizer was completed, and further maintenance there continues.....Shell Sol 71 column in Distilling is still down for repairs.....And up and on the job with maintenance completed: Boiler No. 15 in Utilities.

### "Newt" Requests

CALL THE GENERATOR ROOM IF.....

From Utilities comes this request from Mr. Newton: "All units should call the Generator Room (Ext. 272) before starting any motor 100 hp or larger. The firm power season begins May 15, and control of demand on the power company becomes very critical. It may be necessary to delay the starting up of some motors until adjustment of loads by the generator plant operator has been made"....unquote.

### Safety

SOME REMINDERS ABOUT MASKS...

From time to time it's good to review what we already should know about our safety equipment...so's we are ready if the need to use it ever arises. Here are a few things to brush up on about our cannister masks. When putting on the face piece, be sure it fits snugly. Test for leaks by crimping the air tube and trying to breathe with the face piece adjusted. If the face piece does not collapse when you inhale, either the head straps should be adjusted tighter or there's a tear or puncture in the head piece or the air tube. Also, be sure to check the bottom of the cannister to see that the seal is removed before using. As a rule of thumb, only use cannister masks in outside areas and on the windward side of the source of a gas or vapors. And anytime you detect odors while using a cannister-type mask, leave the area - pronto! Also, wash the face mask and breathing tube after each use with soap and water...and be careful not to get moisture in the cannister. The cannister chemicals have absorbent qualities for only eight hours exposure in low concentrations of gas and vapors, so mark the exact amount of time your cannister has been used, each time you use it, so the cannister can be changed when needed. Each cannister is dated and will be changed periodically, whether it has been used or not.

### News From Other Locations

WILMINGTON-DOMINGUEZ REFINERY TO EXPAND CRUDE OIL CAPACITY

(Editor's Note: Business must be good on the West Coast, too....a recent issue of the SHELLETTER carried an article about an expansion program at the Anacortes, Washington, Refinery.....Now comes the following bit of news about Wilmington-Dominguez.)

G. C. Montgomery, Manager of the Wilmington-Dominguez Refinery, recently announced that plans are in progress to provide additional facilities which are designed to increase crude oil throughput capacity by approximately 8,000 barrels

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per day. The increase is expected to raise the refinery's intake to about 92,000 barrels per day.

The expansion is intended to provide for the rapidly growing gasoline requirements in Southern California. The increased intake, when further processed and blended into finished products, will supply more than 10,000 motorists a day with Shell gasoline, and in addition, will provide needed supplies of AEROSHELL, turbine fuel, "DIESELIN", fuel oil and other products.

Addition of a heater and heat exchange facilities to crude distillation unit No. 5, together with other modifications to the plant, will enable the unit to process the additional crude oil. This expansion is expected to be completed in mid-summer, when gasoline consumption is normally high.

#### "Buy Shell" Cards About Gone

##### RESPONSE TO SHELL CARDS HAS BEEN GOOD

From the number of cards handed out to employees in the last few weeks, there must be something like 6,000 of those "Buy Shell Products" cards in circulation. Our original supply is about gone, and we're wondering about reordering. A number of employees have dropped by to pass along their experiences with the cards, and from their stories it looks like we have added some new customers. We'd like to hear more tales, though, from other employees who have helped get the "Buy Shell" theme before the public eye. So let us hear from you. Just call the Editor, Ext. 540, or drop by room 132 the next time you're in the vicinity. And if you'd like some more cards, let us know that, too...and we'll see about getting some more cards printed.

#### ODDS & ENDS

PILL BOX PALAVER: Hospitalized....for observation and tests - Harold Tighe. He's in Hermann Hospital and can see visitors on a limited basis. Back at work - Wade Callender; Ray Diamond, off the past few weeks following a heart attack, is reported improving.

#### BIRTHDAY BELLES & BEAUS:

April 13 - Betty Shallcross  
April 14 - Ron Johnson, Carl Uthoff  
April 15 - Harry Sandland

#### SERVICE SYMBOLS:

30 Years - Bill Brandes (May 13)  
25 Years - Lee Hayes (May 14)  
10 Years - Betty Lewis (May 15)

ADIOS: This past weekend to....."Legal Eagle" Preston Poole who leaves us to pursue a West Texas law practice.....and to John Doshier, who goes with a local engineering firm.

BANK NOTE: The grand opening Saturday of Pasadena's first skyscraper - the First Pasadena State Bank Building - drew large crowds throughout the day...Many Shellites were among those to stroll the lobby and private offices of the bank, and then go 12 floors up for a panoramic view of this part of Harris County. Some of the familiar faces in the crowd included.....Dan Urbanek and family, Peggy Shelburne and family, Luke Hamilton with his father-in-law, C. T. Coolidge, now retired but formerly the postmaster in Pasadena; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Boatright and granddaughter; Harry Walker; and Bill Fowler.

RADIOS AND ORBITS: A number of employees have requested permission to bring their radios into the refinery tomorrow (Tuesday) to listen to the orbital flight of Astronaut Gordon Cooper. The boss says it's "A-OK" following the standard procedure which is: Contact the Fire and Safety Department and get a permit. When you bring your radio, give the permit to the Gateman at the Main Gate. Then, tell the Gateman when you take the radio out of the refinery and he'll forward the permit on to Fire and Safety.....And that's all there is to it.