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## HOUSTON REFINERY

"It Strikes Us This Way"

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TO ALL STAFF EMPLOYEES

### Negotiations

SETTLEMENT REACHED; UNION MEMBERSHIP MEETS TUESDAY NIGHT

This couldn't be news to anyone - but just in case you missed any of the "particulars", the negotiators agreed on terms to end the nearly year-long strike at noon yesterday after a marathon 27-hour bargaining session. Now, the settlement goes before the Union membership tomorrow night for ratification. If it is accepted, then hourly employees begin returning to work Wednesday. Terms of the settlement agreement remain confidential until ratified.

### Employees Meeting

ALL STAFF EMPLOYEES URGED TO ATTEND MEETINGS IN CAFETERIA TOMORROW NIGHT.

All staff employees not working the 4-12 shift are urged to attend a special meeting tomorrow evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Hash House. For those employees on the 4-12 shift Tuesday, another meeting will be held immediately after you come off shift - around midnight. Up for discussion will be subjects of interest to all - the terms of the settlement reached by the negotiators over the weekend.....as well as back-to-work and indoctrination procedures that swing into effect Wednesday if the Union membership gives the "OK" to the settlement proposal Tuesday night at a special meeting of their own.

Although we won't be able to lay on a steak feast on such a short notice..... we do promise to have a "goodie" bar set up, with soft drinks, pastries, and stuff like that ----- So please be there!

### Operations

NO NEWS IN DEER PARK.....IT ALL HAPPENED ELSEWHERE

A look at the note pad for weekend news on the operating front tells us that all went well in Deer Park....No news to report.....'cause the news makin' was taking place in Houston.

### Hash House

SOME NOTES ABOUT THE HASH HOUSE AND BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY

Come Wednesday morning, the Hash House is going to be a busy, popular spot. Present plans are to use most of the Cafeteria for the meetings of three departments, which get underway at 7:30 a.m. Then, on top of that, the Hash House folks will be busy preparing food for their noon business. All this means that space - and cooks - are going to be at a premium Wednesday. Something has to give, so in this case, that "something" is breakfast. We're asking that only the folks who've worked the 12-8 shift Wednesday morning and those going on as their relief for the 8-4 shift drop by the Cafeteria for breakfast. As for the rest of us .... we'll have to settle for coffee and donuts, to be picked up and taken to our job site. One additional note for the "grave-yarders" who do come by for breakfast, we'll have to close down the serving line at 7:15, so you'll want to make your relief connections accordingly. Noontime will still find us with the same "space" problem, so here's how that will be solved. Rather than setting up a full-course serving line, items will be served that can be "sacked up" and carried back to the office or job. Such things as sandwiches, chips, cookies, fruits, and refreshments, will be "on the line" at noon - with a big sack

to put them in. Plan on going to the Hash House at your regular noon time....but return to your office or job site to eat. Your cooperation will be appreciated - to say the least....And it'll make it possible for us to fit all the pieces together in our jig-saw timetable.

#### ODDS & ENDS

##### BIRTHDAY BELLES & BEAUS:

August 5 - George Box, Charles Cutler, Bill Dierker  
 August 6 - Kent Gillum  
 August 7 - Harley Duncan

##### SERVICE SYMBOLS:

30 years - Dick Bannerot (August 7)  
 20 years - Norm Morse (August 6)

PILLBOX PALAVER: Two Thermal Cracking vets were off last week, but hope to be back on the job soon. Eddie Madden has been at home, while Joe Phillips was in the hospital a few days for a check-up.

SYLVIA SAYS "THANKS": Got a call from Sylvia Fuglaar...Said she was home enjoying a cup of coffee - but wished she was drinking it here. She asked us to use the SHELLETTER to say "Thanks" to all her friends who remembered her during her hospital stay...and that it "certainly is nice to know that you are missed as much as I miss my friends at the refinery." Sylvia has high hopes of being back in the refinery routine by mid-August.

'NOTHER KEY FOUND.....in the employees parking lot. It's a GM auto key. Claim the key in the editor's office, Room 132, Main Office Building.

THIS IS IT.....TIME FOR "30" ON THE SHELLETTER

Subject to "ratification", this is it - as far as the SHELLETTER is concerned.. ....If the Union members approve the new contract at a meeting tomorrow, Wednesday will see the beginning of a return to "normal" as our ranks will once again be closed with a full work force.

For almost a year - through 135 issues - the SHELLETTER has attempted to bring to you a reporter's eyeful of what was going on about us. Even 'tho we blew a deadline once in a while (but not too often, we hope)....and an occasional "typo" brought red faces when the rush-rush of meeting that deadline caused one to slip by....We've enjoyed it.

Passing out orchids for all who had a hand in produc'ing the SHELLETTER would have to start with our gals on the keyboard and duplicating machine. They managed the "impossible" regularly - and met a 5:30 deadline many-a-time when the editor felt it was humanly impossible. Our typists included Margie Riley, Ety Mathews, Betty Lewis, and Lil Long. The "press room" crew listed Ina Foster, Margie Samford, and Pat Mahone. Certainly not to be forgotten - and definitely not overlooked - are the bosses, those "ghost writers in the sky"(or rather, the second floor), whose eye for the obvious - and the not-so-obvious-helped us keep on the straight and narrow. And, finally, to you, the reader - the contributor - the eyes of the reporter - who passed along those little items that added spice and interest to the publication.

The 'LETTER lived a long life - much longer than most anticipated back when the ink on No. 1 wasn't yet dry. Now it becomes part of those "memorable 300-plus days of '62-63."

And now, you ask (we hope), "What comes next?"

Fortunately - for the editor - we're not out of the publishing business. It won't be the SHELLEGRAM right now, though. Getting together and producing a glossy publication like the SHELLEGRAM takes weeks---We felt we needed something to fill that gap---so's we'd have a means of passing along information and news to you in a hurry. Another news-letter - that can be prepared and made available to you within hours - seems the answer.. ...So that's what we'll have. We'll call it the SHELLEGRAPH, and it's first publication date will be on Thursday, August 8. For awhile we'll be hitting the newstands on the same tidy schedule as before - Monday and Thursday. It's purpose will be to keep you informed....a rather lofty ambition that we'll try to fulfill....with your help.