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HOUSTON REFINERY

"It Strikes Us This Way"

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TO ALL STAFF EMPLOYEES

NEGOTIATIONS

As previously noted, negotiations between the Companies and the Union are currently in recess, subject to call by either party or the Conciliator...By now most of you have read the letter to all Supervisors, circulated yesterday, describing briefly the course of events at the National Labor Relations Board hearing yesterday in Houston. Summing up the meeting, with a look at where we stand now: Early in the course of the meeting, Shell's attorneys questioned the validity and reasonableness of the subpoenas issued by the NLRB requesting documents concerning the questions under consideration. Recognizing the need to resolve the questions of the subpoenas before continuing the hearing, the Trial Examiner adjourned the hearing, and advised the Shell representatives that the subject would be referred to a Federal District Court. The NLRB will now file this case with the court, but as of now, the date for this case is unknown. The Trial Examiner will reconvene the NLRB hearing after the Federal District Court rules on the subpoena question.

OPERATIONS

Another freeze is presently swirling about the Refinery...and once again we've weathered those below freezing nights without serious problems. Over in Utilities at Boiler House No. 1, Boiler No. 12 is down for routine maintenance and inspection...and in the Gas Department, C-099 (Ammonia Compressor) is back in service today after being down for a few days for a valve and piston ring job...Not to go un-noted: the blower at the Flasher unit in Thermal Cracking was back to blowin' today after a weekend of no huffin' and puffin'.

SAFETY

That ever-faithful Silver Dollar Mystery Man is back on the trail, and this week he tracked down five more members for our Silver Dollar Safety Club. And - he admitted later - he had 42 "applications" for membership before he could find five who could recite the two line slogan correctly. Hopping aboard for a ride down Question and Answer street, it went something like this:

DON CHRISMER: "Just a minute...THE SLOGAN FOR THE SILVER BUCK
IS BE SAFE, DON'T TRUST TO LUCK."

(So Don got that silver buck.)

BILL ANTONE: (No hesitation...he "rattled" it right off)

L. S. GALLIK: (In between bites of lunch, he repeated the slogan and proved that it paid to eat out.)

CLARENCE SHARPE: "...5:45 a.m. is a heck of a time to ask a man THAT
question..." (But the time must not have been too bad,
'cause Clarence had the answer.)

BILL SNOW: (Bill repeated the slogan...without hesitation and with authority.)

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Editor's Note: The fact that 42 people were asked to repeat the slogan before our MM could find five winners appears to prove a point made by a member of the Slogan Committee; to wit: - "This slogan (two lines) will be harder to learn...People will have to think more about this one than for a shorter slogan". One thing is for sure, though, that Mystery Man will be back in the saddle next week for another round-up of Club Members. You can make his travels shorter - and improve his batting average - by tucking away the following info for that magic moment:

THE SLOGAN FOR THE SILVER BUCK

IS BE SAFE, DON'T TRUST TO LUCK

BIRTHDAY BELLES & BEAUS:

February 13 - George Hartsfield, George Paulissen

February 14 - E. D. Clark, Doc Harrison, George King, Ross Phillips, Nell Wells

FOUND: One brown jacket...left in J. C. Grissom's white Ford station wagon this morning by mistake. Call J. C. at extension 384.

FOUND: Set of six keys on a silver key ring. Two G.M. keys, 1 "foreign" key, and 3 miscellaneous keys. Keyless owner can claim keys at Main Gate.

GOLFER'S NOTE: For the ardent golfer - teeviewer and participant - we've just received a limited supply of a booklet entitled "Shell's Wonderful World of Golf". Besides being a pictorial guide to the 11 golf matches currently being shown each Sunday on television, the booklet contains golfing tips by the stars who appear on the Shell-sponsored telecasts. If you are interested in having one of these booklets, drop by the Editor's office, room 132, Main Office Building, and pick up a copy.

