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# VISIT OF ENGINEERING BOARD ON 30 OCTOBER

HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK ACT-"IT SHALL BE THE DUTY"

When one studies the text of this Act there are two phrases

which impress one by their repition, ie "it shall be the duty ..." and "... so far as is reasonably practicable ...". The first of these is used in the definition of the many obligations imposed on all persons at work, while the second is used to temper the obligations with common sense and perspective.

The Health and Safety Commission have taken the first of these phrases as the title of their first publicity film. "IT SHALL BE THE DUTY" is a professionally produced film which graphically presents the Act in a form which is understandable and informative. It shall be your duty (so far as is reasonably practicable) to spend 30 minutes viewing this film in the Lecture Theatre.

Dr Stafford has given permission for this very important film to be shown during working hours so that all who work in the Laboratory may see it. The times of showing, see Internal Events, have been deliberately chosen for your convenience; the I.15 showing is particularly but not exclusively aimed at staff with a fixed (12.30 - 1.15) lunch-time. All supervisors are urged to ensure that all who work for them are enabled to see the film.

# OVERSEAS VISITS

Dr A G Clark, to CERN, 8-22 November for analysis of R205 experiment.

Dr C J S Damerell, to CERN, 10-12 November, to attend EEC Meetings & work on experiments.

Dr B H Meardon, to ILL, II-13 November, to attend discussion meeting.

Mr H O Normington, to CERN, 11.14 November, to discuss dismantling etc of Omega experiment.
Dr R J Ott & Dr R M Brown, to CERN, 13-14 November,

to attend Hyperon 300 collaboration meeting.

Dr M M Curtis, to Paris, 13-15 November, to attend SEAS Executive Board Meeting.

Mr P T M Clee & Mr R Roberts, to the U.S.A., 15-26 November, to visit various laboratories for discussions on superconductivity.

Mr J M Dickson, to CERN, 16-19 November, for discussions with the Health and Safety Group.

Dr M R Jane, to CERN, 5-12 & 19-26 November to participate in experiment.

Mr E W Fitzharris, to the U.S.A., 22 November - 12 December, to participate in technical test on T.S.T. in 12 foot bubble chamber at Argonne National Laboratory.

### SALES TO EMPLOYEES

Sales of scrap metal/plastics as set out in RLN12/73 will be made

on 14 and 28 November.

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# INTERNAL EVENTS

NIMROD LECTURE SERIES Monday 10 November 11.30

Lecture Theatre

TRADE DEMONSTRATION
Monday 10 November
09.30-16.30
Adjacent to R20

HEP SEMINAR
Wednesday, 12 November
11.00
R61 Conference Room

HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK FILM At 11.15 & 13.15 on Wednesday 12 November, Friday 14 November & Tuesday 18 November. Lecture Theatre

DIRECTOR'S STAFF MEETINGS Thursday 13 November 10.30 and 1500 Lecture Theatre

SEMINAR IN COMPUTING Thursday 13 November 11.00 R61 Conference Room

NIMROD LECTURE SERIES Monday 17 November 11.30 Lecture Theatre

HEP SEMINAR
Wednesday 19 November
11.00
R61 Conference Room

HEP DATA HANDLING SECTION SEMINAR Wednesday 19 November 13.30 R61 Conference Room

TRADE PRESENTATION
Friday 21 November
10.00-12.30 & 14.00-16.30
Lecutre Theatre

FILM SHOW Friday 21 November 12.40 Lecture Theatre

NIMROD LECTURE SERIES Monday 24 November 11.30 Lecture Theatre The CERN Experimental Programme

Professor W Jentschke/Director General, Laboratory ], CERN

OLTRONIX, a Division of Roberts and Brezet Ltd, Bicester will display in their mobile demonstration vehicle, a wide range of quality manufactured Power Supplies & Instrument Cases. Of special interest to Lab staff is the prototype of the new Labpac Mk IV, designed for ease of servicing. Mr Lars-Hendrick Lindstrand (European Sales Manager) & Mr Jim Wratten (UK Sales Manager) will be in attendance.

New Developments in the Method of Zeros

E Barrelet/Ecole Politechnique

It Shall Be The Duty - a 30 minute film on the Health and Safety at Work Act.

The film is being run six times at the times & dates shown. Further details are given in the General News section.

A Staff Meeting will be held in the Lecture Theatre at 10.30 hours on Thursday 13 November with a repeat at 1500 hours the same day. The Director will address the meeting. Invitations will be made by Divisions.

Computer Installation Management Methodology & Techniques (IMMT) - P Kritzinger/IC.

Few people would spend even several hundred pounds buying something not knowing whether the item is really what they need, nor whether it works effectively when they get it: or would they purchase more of the same if the initial purchase appeared to have failed to meet their requirements. Yet millions of pounds are being spent on computers. We will discuss some current issues; put forward our our approach to the problems of computer performance analysis and report progress we have made towards finding solutions using as a time-base detailed information being collected on the RHEL's Central Computer System.

The Production of New Particles in a Boorish World

Dr D Sivers/RL

Partial Wave Analysis of  $\pi^+ p \rightarrow \pi \pi N$ 

K Barnham/Imp. Coll:

Portable Software for Small Computers - M Calderbank/Culham

The virtues of portable software are much extolled. Several methods of achieving this end will be discussed & the particular system used at Culham will be described in detail.

The Norsk-Data Electronikk presentation postponed from 21 October, as detailed in Bulletin 21 will feature their Nord-10 and Nord-50 computers. The morning session will be concerned with hardware and the afternoon session on software including on-line demonstrations to Oslo. This will be their first presentation in the UK.

The Historic Route - a colourfil film about Ethiopia's heritage of ancient monuments and the richest grouping which lies along the former trade route from Lake Tana to the Red Sea.

Work With Water - a colour film about the Hydraulics Research Station at Wallingford.

Right-Handed Currents for the Weak Interaction??

Dr R L Kingsley/RL

# EXTERNAL EVENTS

ELEMENTARY PARTICLE PHYSICS SEMINARS/NP DEPT, OXFORD - 14-30 hrs

bv: Dr W S C Williams - Round-up from the Stanford Electron/Photon Conf.-ψ/J Particles, heavy Leptons etc

20 Nov: Dr D Sciama-Particle Creation by Black Holes.

COLLOQUIA/CLARENDON LAB - 16.15 hrs

14 Nov: Dr H M Rosenberg-Zero Gravity Physics-the Spacelab Project.

21 Nov: Prof.J L Olsen/Zurich-Recent Experiments on Flux-Flow in Superconductors.

THEORETICAL PHYSICS SEMINARS/CLARENDON LAB - 16.15 hrs
13 Nov: Prof.C Michael/Liverpool-Regge Poles & Reaction
Mechanisms in High Energy Physics.

20 Nov: Dr F Close/CERN & RL-The New Particles-some Questions.

Questions.

PHYSICS DEPT.COLLOQUIA/JJJ PHYS.LAB, READING U.-1700 hrs
10 Nov: Dr G V Marr-Synchrotron Radiation Work at Daresbury.
17 Nov: Prof.H Elliot/IC-Cosmic Rays & High Energy Astrophysics.

HEP SIMINARS/4th FLOOR SEMINAR ROOM, MANCHESTER U.-1600 hrs 13 Nov: G Myatt/Oxford-Recent Results in Neutrino Physics. 20 Nov: J Rande/Manchester-Inclusive Rho Production.

THEOR. PHYS. SEMINARS/MANCHESTER U. - 16.30 hrs

CYCLE 8 17.10.75-23.10.75

12 Nov: Dr G Shaw-High Energy Photo Absorption on Nuclei: Shadowing and Vecotr Dominance.

19 Nov: Dr P Higgs-Some New Examples of Dynamical Symmetries.

THEORETICAL SEMINAR AT QMC-16.15 hrs

10 Nov: Prof. O Penrose-Statistical Mechanics of Metastable States. NUCLEAR PHYSICS SEMINARS/SURREY U. - 14.00 hrs

12 Nov: C J Batty/RL-Experiments with stopping Kaons & Pions.
18 Nov: J R Rook/Oxf.-Optical Potentials for 3He and α
Particle Scattering.

HEP SIMINARS/CAMBRIDGE UNIV. - 1500 hrs
13 Nov: Dr W J Zakrzewski - The Intercept of the Pomeron.
20 Nov: Dr R Kingsley/RL-Right-handed Currents for the
Weak Interactions.

THEORY SEMINARS/DARESBURY LABORATORY - 1400 hrs
10 Nov: J. M. Irvine/Manchester - Neutron Stars.
17 Nov: R.G. Elliott/Oxf. - Excitations in Disordered Crystais.

DARESBURY LECTURE SERIES - 1400 hrs

II Nov: T Quirk/Oxf.-Some Aspects of High Energy Muon Interactions at FNAL (to be confirmed).

18 Nov: P J Duke - Report on EPS Cont. on Energy & Physics.

NP DIV-COLLOQUIUM/BLDG 220, AERE - 1400 hrs

13 Nov: J Middleton/Risley - Problems of Developing the SGHWR into a Commercial Reactor.

NP DIV COLLOQUIUM/CONF.RM. HANGAR 8, AERE - 1530 hrs
20 Nov: N E W Hartley and P D Goode - Report on a Recent
Visit to Laboratories at CNR Bologna and Padua
University.

CANADIAN ELECTRONICS SHOW, 10 - 14 November, 1000 - 1700 daily.

Canadian High Commission, Commercial House, - Grosvenor Square, London - admission free. (details from Editor)

NIMROD SCHEDULE

HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS

Experiment State  $K_p$  differential cross-sections  $\pi p \rightarrow K^0 \Lambda^0$  differential cross-sections and setting up BRISTOL/SOTON/RL No 120: KI5a CAMB/RL No 114: π12 polarisation BIRM/SURREY/RL Experiments with stopping Kaons KI7 No 113: Data Meson production near threshold Tests IMP.COLL/RL π8а No. 128:  $\pi 11$ No 154: Radiobiological Experiment Data OXF/ROME/RL Test beam facility Tests S = -2 Baryon Resonances using a rapid KI8 No 119: Hall I cycling vertex detector Polarisation in K'n elastic & charge Installation Hall I QMC/RL K20 No 136: exchange scattering.

FILM BADGE NOTICE Period 12 is commenced 3 Nov for βγ films and neutron packs.

Colour Strip - BLUE. Please check that you are wearing the correct dosimeter and that all old ones are returned.

Six monthly TLD change for people with surnames commencing S,T,U & V.

NATIONAL SAVINGS Monthly cycle ending 31.10.75
CERTIFICATES Certificates can now be collected from the Cash Office R20. New

members wishing to join the scheme can obtain enrolment forms from the Cash Office.

1975 ANGLING This years competition took place at CHAMPIONSHIP Clifton Hampdon on Saturday, I November. Fifteen anglers took part and found the conditions nearly perfect. After five hours Peter Craske was declared the winner, Ernie Russell came second and

Mike Greenwood third.

RECORD SOCIETY The record society is reborn and the opening lunch time concert is on Tuesday II November at 1310 hours. Please take careful note of this time - 13.10. The programme is - HANDEL-Music for the Royal Fireworks, and, Concerto a due cori in F Major (Concerto No 2 for two wind bands & strings. Pro Arte Orchestra - Charles Mackerras.

Tuesday 18 November at 12.25. BEETHOVEN - Emperor Concerto, No 5 in Eb (piano concerto). Nuremburg Symphony Orchestra - Rati Tshupp, piano-Hanae Nakajima.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP  $\frac{14 \text{ November}}{\text{Eaton of the Salvation Army}}$  at Abingdon will lead the meeting at 12.30 in the RI2 Conference Room.

21 November. Ray Powell of Wages Section, will be reading from the final chapters of Revelation, at 12.30 in the RI2 Conference Room. All welcome to both meetings.

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## **BEWITCHED**

As Bill Bosher, Head of Technical Services Group said, having been given the privilege of wishing Pat Howe all the best on her retirement, he was faced with the task of digging into her past.

He was shattered to discover that she at one time, had been a racing correspondent! "All those tips we could have had - just think, we could have all been rich!"

Pat was born in The Curragh of Kildare, Southern Ireland, (her parents were there at the time) but she insists on being called a Berkshire lass; none of this Oxfordshire business. Apart from the Irish affair (her father was a jockey) Pat has always lived in Chilton village.

As a young girl she worked for her grandfather as a racing correspondent for several national papers including the Sporting Life, Daily Express & Daily Mail. After the death of grandfather, her sister joined her and they continued the service until the outbreak of war in 1939.

The mental picture of Pat, complete with field glasses, hiding behind bushes & spying out the form was quickly squashed. She employed a little man (an ex stable lad) for touting while she contacted the local trainers by phone every morning. In those days the village Post Office sent her copy off by 'wire'.

Pat joined the Air Ministry at Milton Depot in 1941 working mainly on stores issues & receipts for the next 18 years. She considers this to have been one of the happiest periods in her life; mind you she did meet husband Doug (now in R2O Bill Paying Section) during that time. She left in 1959 owing to the closure of the Depot, or, was it as Bill suggested - Pat left Milton Depot - it closed!

After a 6 year break Pat joined the Lab in 1965 working for most of the past 10 years in Engineering Division (still being faithful to her grade of clerical assistant).

Bill Bosher said he was more than sorry that she was retiring. The Lab was losing not only an extremely good worker but as all present knew, someone with great wit and cheerfulness. (The corridors of R2O seem very quiet this week). How she had put up with us all he would never understand. He wished Pat a long and happy retirement & on behlaf of her numerous friends & colleagues, presented her with two large parcels, and a card. The parcels contained (& woe betide me if I get it wrong) a Lavender Rose pattern, Royal Albert, bone china, tea set. The card? Just 156 signatures!

Pat - well she was almost speechless but has since written to express her thanks for the beautiful tea set and accessories (I knew y'd forget something), and to say cheerio to all those she was unable to see personally before she left.

Pat, we all wish you lots of happiness. As for that Berkshire lass story, are you sure that you didn't bring some of that blarney back from the Curragh of Kildare?

## I'LL TELL YOU!

A man who did not suffer fools gladly, who always spoke his mind and, one is sure, will continue to do so, retired from the Laboratory on the last day of October.

Norman Venn, Head of Nimrod Division, spoke of the pleasure and honour in being asked to make the farewell presentation to Charles Halfpenny. "There is a lot one could say about his name, but he really is a sovereign chap, however there is nothing retiring about Charles". Charles is well known for his forthright manner and direct approach, sometimes dare we say, to the consternation of colleagues, but he was invariably right in his appriasal of a problem. Hardly surprising for a man who had spent 12 months on bomb disposal work during the last war, a job which rarely allowed a second attempt!

He is a veteran of the 1939-45 war; at Dunkirk with the 4th Battalion, Royal Engineers as a Mechanical Instructor, then trained and became a qualified Mechanical Engineer in the Engineering Services, a special branch of the R.E.'s.

After the war Charles joined the old Ministry of Supply Mechanical Inspectorate. Following a short spell as an inspector with Morris Motors, he joined Harwell in 1951, as a mechanical inspector concerned with both internal & outside manufacturing work.

He joined the RL in 1960 as a shift foreman in the original Nimrod Vacuum department and was very involved with the later stages of Nimrod's construction. For many years he has worked as one of the six vacuum shift foremen on duties which also involved a knowledge of radiation protection.

Norman Venn said that a lot of people would no doubt be surprised to hear that Charlie was a property owner in Italy & has been for 20 years. He and his wife have a charming flat at Borgia Varezzi on the Italian Riveria, 2 mins. from the sea. Their plans - summers in England &, you've guessed, winters in Italy. Can't be bad! Norman, on behalf of friends & colleagues wished

Norman, on behalf of friends & colleagues wished Charles many happy years of retirement & presented him with a quartz wrist watch, a pipe, a card containing many signatures, a unique paper weight. Unique because it is in the form of a highly polished 1910 halfpenny, encapsulated in plastic.

This last present, Charles valued above all; for many years in the past he had given a polished halfpenny to any apprentice he considered had done a good job. A bouquet of flowers was presented to his wife.

In reply Charles thanked everyone for the gifts. He was glad to have known & worked with many of the people present, but if they expected a speech they would be disappointed. The man who spoke his mind had for once, nothing more to say.

We should like to join in wishing Charles and his wife many years of happy retirement, with just perhaps, a touch of envy about these winters to come and a certain flat 20 miles from Savona.