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NOTES ON NIMROD POWER SUPPLY SHUTDOWN WORK DEC 73/APR 74

The Editor is grateful to Ron Baker of the Nimrod PSAP Group for the following notes:-

No major dismantling of the main power supply rotating plant has been necessary during this shutdown, although detailed ultrasonic inspection of machine journals has been carried out. Amidst the host of other routine maintenance tasks, the following non-routine items may be of interest.

During the year, the vigilance of the shift staff was again rewarded, by finding some high voltage cables in an incipient breakdown state. The outer sheaths of many of the HV cables that carry the premagnetisation pulses to the interphase transformers were decomposed due to corona discharge wherever they passed over earthed metalwork. Fortunately, this was noticed before a breakdown occurred and during the shutdown these cables have been re-installed in plastic trunking to avoid close proximity to earthed metalwork.

In Bulletin No 8 of 1973 mention was made of possible commissioning of the new master timer for Nimrod, if time permitted. This timer was in fact commissioned and it operated successfully for the remainder of that year. It was, however, installed on a trial basis and during this shutdown it has been rehoused permanently in the ACR together with its new control interface.

Advantage was taken of the long shutdown to install thyristor units in place of the existing mercury arc pumpless steel tank rectifiers on the alternator excitation circuit of No I machine. This investigational work became necessary because we were suddenly informed by GEC during 1973 that manufacture of these units had ended and that the reconditioning service would cease after December of that year. The cost of producing suitable thyristor units, including the design of new interface equipment, was quoted at about £18,000 for one alternator. This was considered excessive, particularly since required circuit modifications were not included. The design and manufacture was therefore carried out by the PSAP Group. It is interesting to note that equipment costs amounted to about £2,000 and in addition 6 man-weeks of design and development plus 6 man-weeks for construction were also required.

The tests proved to be completely successful, but the mercury arc rectifiers have been reinstalled because of their superior overload capacity and because no spare thyristors have been purchased. Nevertheless, we now have a satisfactory alternative solution, when the mercury arc rectifiers finally require replacement.

MISSING EQUIPMENT

An 'Arrow' projection screen has been reported missing from Building R35. Will anyone with information on its present whereabouts please contact either Mr C F Jones, Ext 237 or Mr P J Horton, Ext 541.

FILM BADGE NOTICE

Period 5 commenced Monday 22 April. Colour Strip - BLUE for $\beta\gamma$ films and BLUE/GREEN for neutron packs.

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 ORST.

OVERSEAS VISITS

Mr P T M Clee, to the USA, I-15 May, to attend the IXth International Conference on High Energy Accelerators at SLAC and to visit Berkeley and Los Alamos.

The Director and Dr D J Baugh, to CERN, 2-3 May to attend ECFA Working Group 3 Meeting.

NIMROD SCHEDULE

INTERNAL EVENTS

NIMROD LECTURE SERIES Monday 29 April, 11.30 Tuesday 30 April, 15.00 Wednesday I May, 15.00 Friday 3 May, 11.00 Lecture Theatre

PROPOSAL TALKS Monday 29 April 14.30 & 15.15 Conference Room, Building R12

(times are approximate)

An Introduction to Gauge Theories for Experimentalists - a series of four lectures at the times and dates shown

Dr Illiopoulos/Orsau

14.30 Proposal No 148: "A Proposal to Measure the π^+ and π^- Total Cross Sections on Deuterium and of the Total Cross Sections for the Production of Neutral Particles in the π D interaction for π Energies from 50-350MeV at SIN", Sin/Karlsruhe U./ Neuchatel U./Oxford U./Heidelberg/UCL. Talk by

Dr N Tanner/Oxford.

15.15 Proposal No 149:

"A Proposal for a E* Experiment at the BNL Multiparticle Spectrometer". Imp. Coll/Southampton U. Talk by

Dr G McEwan

TRADE DEMONSTRATION Tuesday 30 April 9 09.30 - 16.00 Conference Room, Building R12

PROPOSAL TALKS Tuesday 30 April

Lecture Theatre

HEP SEMINAR Wednesday I May 11.00 Lecture Theatre

SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS MOBILE **EXHIBITION**

Channel Electric Equipment Ltd will have on exhibition a range of components including rail mounted terminal units, miniature connectors, pipe and cable clamps and cable identification. A new range of terminal junction modules may prove of interest to anyone concerned with high quality hermetically sealed, noise free connections.

11.30 Proposal No 150: "A Study of Exchange Mechanisms in Ouasi Two-Body Final

States using the R.M.S. Facility", Westfield Coll/ Edinburgh U./RL. Talk by Professor P V March/Westfield.

14.00 Proposal No 140: "Experiments with High Energy Charged Hyperons at the

SPS", Geneva U./Heidelberg/Lausanne U./Orsay/Strasbourg/ RL. Talk by Dr J J Thresher/RL.

Permanently Bound Ouarks - New Solutions to Old Field Equations

G Guralnik/Brown University and Imperial College

European Marketing, an organisation set up to enable British and European Manufacturers of Scientific Apparatus to expose their equipment to potential users in the major British R & D Establishments are visiting the Laboratory for the first time with their Mobile Exhibition Unit. On display and demonstration:-Cameras for oscillography, micrography and laboratory close-up work: peristaltic pumps: high vacuum components: digital read-out printer, laboratory monitoring devices for flow, temperature and level: vacuum coating plant: electro-chemical marking equipment plus many other items of equipment from some twelve firms. Further information from the Editor.

TWO-DAY MEETING ON DEEP INELASTIC PHENOMENA - LECTURE THEATRE R22

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	New Leptoproduction Data	D Perkins	16.00	Perspectives	J Polkinghorne
15.20	Final State in Leptoproduction	J Cleumans	17.00		o Torkinghorne
16.10	Tea			2.10	
16.30	Short Contributions				

People who have not had invitations are free to attend, but please inform Mr F Harden (R20). It is regretted that expenses cannot be met for those not specifically invited.

NIMROD LECTURE SERIES Monday 6 May Lecture Theatre

New e e Results from SPEAR

Dr R F Schwitters/SLAC

TRADE DEMONSTRATION Tuesday 7 May 10.00 - 16.00 Conference Room, Building R12 S E Laboratories (Engineering) Ltd will be demonstrating a range of their products including ultra-violet recorders, pressure transducers, signal conditioning, digital multimeters timer counters, frequency response analysers and instrumentation type recorders. Several of these items are new to their range

EP SEMINAR Wednesday 8 May Lecture Theatre

Scaling in Critical Phenomenon

R K P Zia/Southampton

NIMROD LECTURE SERIES Monday 13 May 11.30 Lecture Theatre

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GODFREY MISS P M NBRU rm 2.2 RI Ext 383

JACKSON MRS S B NBRU rm 2.05 RI Ext 418 Secretary to Dr L C W Hobbis

EXTERNAL EVENTS

OXFORD UNIVERSITY

ELEMENTARY PARTICLE PHYSICS SEMINARS/NP LAB - 14.30 hrs
2 May: Dr J Iliopoulis/Orsay - Field Theories invariant under Super-Gauge Transformations.
9 May: Dr N McCubbin/CERN - Some Two-Particle Correlation Results in High Energy p p

Collisions

COLLOQUIA/CLARENDON LAB - 16.15 hrs

Prof N F Ramsey/Harvard - The Dipole Moments of the Neutron

Dr T G Phillips/OMC - Millimetre-Wave Line Astronomy

ELEMENTARY PARTICLE THEORY SEMINAR/NP LAB - 14.20 hrs

10 May: Dr A J Macfarlane/DAMTP, Cambridge - The Renormalisation Group

LOW TEMPERATURE & SOLID STATE PHYSICS SEMINAR/CLARENDON LAB - 14.30 hrs

Prof A D B Woods/Grenable - Neutron Scattering and the Dynamics of Liquid 4He

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY

PARTICLE PHYSICS SEMINARS/H H WILLS PHYSICS LAB - 16.00 hrs

30 April: C M Solomonides/Westfield - A Test of C-Violation in the Electromagnetic Decay of

the n Meson

G A Ringland/RL - e e Physics, the Present and the Future

PHYSICS & GEOPHYSICS COLLOQUIA/SMALL LECT THEATRE, RM GI2 ROYAL FORT - 1700 hrs.

29 April: Prof H A Blevin/Australia and Swansea - Solar Energy Conversion

6 May: P S Aplin/Bristol - Gravitational Radiation - A Progress Report

13 May: Jon Ogborn/Chelsea - Problems of Improvement in University Physics Training

EVENTS AT HARWELL

NUCLEAR PHYSICS DIVISION COLLOQUIA/CONF RM H8 - 15.30 hrs

2 May: Prof J C Walker/John Hopkins U. - Detection of Thermal Spikes using the Mössbauer

Effect following Coulomb Excitation

Dr E J Robson/CMC - The Cosmic Sub-Millimetre Background Radiation

THEORETICAL PHYSICS SEMINARS/LECT THEATRE H8 & CONF RM H8 RESPECTIVELY - 14.00 hrs 30 April: Dr J A Moriarty/Cambridge - Generalized Pseudopolonial Theory to d-Band Metals 7 May: Prof K W H Stevens/Nottingham - Exchange Interactions Between Rare Earth lons in Insulators

HELLO GIRL SAYS FAREWELL Last Friday, 19 April, Mrs Thompson said farewell to the Laboratory after

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some ten years service. If that name is unfamiliar to a lot of readers, the smiling face on the photograph should be instantly recognizable as 'Peggy' who has graced the front office of Building RI for so long.

Dr Valentine, who on behalf of Peggy's many friends, presented her with a number of gifts said he was very sorry to see her go. One of the important things in a laboratory is to greet people in the right way and Peggy had done a magnificent job in the front office. So often she was referred to by visitors as 'the lady who is always smiling'.

John Bellis then rode into the RI Conference Room on a bicycle which was <u>the</u> present to Peggy. We all know that the Conference Room area is due for demolition but Peggy's efforts on her new 'bike' almost started the work ahead of schedule.

Peggy has sent the following message - "My very grateful thanks for all the lovely gifts I have received from all friends and colleagues at the Rutherford - I am sorry I was not able to see every-one before I left".



Peggy, we all wish you a very happy future and come and see us often - on that bike, but Peggy, do remember to drive on the left hand side of the road, even in the Laboratory. * * * *

LETTER OF THANKS

Ernie Newbold who left the Laboratory recently (at the end of the financial year!) has asked me to say 'thank you' to the friends who contributed to his parting gift, a super Parker pen. He continues - "I am sorry that I could not make some personal calls to say 'cheerio' but send my best wishes to all".

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Friday 3 May. All are welcome to join in a time of prayer led by John Thomas of Building RI at 12.30 in the Conference Room, Building RI2.

Friday 10 May. Ephesians chapter 5 is a chapter concerning marriage, Christ and the Church. Jimmy Darius of Building R12 will be leading a Bible Study commencing at 12.30 in the Conference Room, Building RI2.

SEVEN-A-SIDE SOCCER LEAGUE

Fixtures for the two weeks beginning 29 April.

Tuesday 30 April Nomads v Taylors Tuesday 7 May Atlas v R.H.G. Thursday 2 May R9 v Apprentices Thursday 9 May Admin v Bldg 3 Friday 3 May Trans v Rovers Friday 10 May Trans v C.A Bldg 353

The league tables printed below show that the Harwell teams seem to be establishing themselves at the top of Division I again and the Rutherford teams will have to do a lot better if they hope to arrest this sort of annual superiority. In Division 2 the competition at the top is very keen with several teams running neck to neck. It could be anybody's title with only goal average separating the four top teams.

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Trans.	2	0	1	1	2	3	1	Atlas	2	1	0	1	3	1	2
Admin.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	R.H.G.	3	0	0	3	4	9	0
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SPRING FLOWER SHOW

The Spring Show has been cancelled due to lack of entries.

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