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Laughter is one of the most important aspects of the American way of life, - our cartoons, our punch line, our latest funny story. We have proved that we can win a war, and tell jokes and sing songs, all at once!

BUT -- there is seldom a time when a Practical Joke does not turn sour for someone.

Last Friday afternoon the Laboratory had its annual Christmas Party. It was a cooperative affair. The Committee had done a tremendous job and expended much time and personal effort so that all of us might have a good time. Mr. Raynes, the SFNS Recreation Manager, lent us the Yard's Santa Claus suit (The same Mr. Raynes has been most accommodating in providing the use of the Theatre on many occasions.) We promised to return it when the party was over. Alas! We did not allow for practical jokes.

SOME PRACTICAL JOKER MADE OFF WITH SANTA'S PANTS AND BEARD!

In some circumstances, this might not have been too serious. As it happened, Saturday was the Shipyard's CHILDREN'S PARTY. And what is a Christmas Party without a Santa Claus? Hurried calls were made to rental agencies. No Santa suits were available. There was only one thing left to do--purchase another costume -- cost \$40.

Now, this joke (or whatever you might call it) happened at our party. It is, therefore, up to us to assume the responsibility for the act of one ir responsible person at our party. You are already indignant and you will no doubt feel that the \$40 paid for the suit is an indebtedness caused by us and consequently payable by us.

A small contribution from each of us will do it, and will give everyone concerned a feeling that the act of one has not reflected on the entire Laboratory. It should improve relationships -- a good way to start the New Year.

May we ask the Division and Branch secretaries to receive contributions and forward them to Information Services, Code 8-226, Building 351 who will make settlement of this moral obligation.

TRANSPORTATION TROUBLES

Ride Wanted
San Francisco
Margaret Wells (Proj. Off.)
1995 Oak (Nr. Stanyan)
Sk 2-1119.

THE RDM IS OFF THE PRESS!

Advance copies of Volume II of the Radiological Defense Manual have just arrived and are available for loan from the Library. This is the volume which our own personnel had a large part in preparing, as is shown by the second paragraph of the letter from General H. B. Loper, the Chief of AFSWP, quoted below:

...." I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the most valuable aid of your organization in the production of this volume. The field to be covered was so broad that it was only through obtaining the assistance of a laboratory such as yours, with its diversity of both technical and military knowledge, that we could be assured of accurate coverage of the many different phases of this subject."

OUR LAST 1951 BABY?

A boy, Eric, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Marko Lipanovich on December 17. Eric weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces. His father is a member of Instruments Branch.

BLOOD -- Information Services reports 10 blood donors who have called in since we issued our plea!

RECENT LABORATORY VISITORS

Mr. Adolph Lovoff, Bureau of Ships, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Ross Simpson, Atomic Energy Services, San Francisco.

Dr. Blair Bennett, University of Washington School of Med., Seattle.

FROM UC, BERKELEY:
Dr. Nathaniel Berlin and
Dr. Grace M. Hyde.

FROM CALIF. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LIVERMORE:
Mr. William E. Browning,
Mr. Robert V. Steele, and
Mr. Saul Siegel.

The Bank of America. Shipyard Branch will keep customary hours this week: 10 - 12 on Saturday.

RECAPITULATION

As a decrepit old fellow, scythe in hand, white beard flowing, shuffles off toward eternity to make room for the lusty infant New Year, may we hesitate for a farewell glance in the rear view mirror at the events of the past twelve months:

January saw Congressman Havenner introduce a bill for an appropriation of \$7,800,000 for a new Laboratory building, the design contract let to the Leland S. Rosener Company.....

Division locations were changed --- Tech Info moved to Building 351 --Chem Tech and Nucleonics to Building 508..... "Dog Tags" were issued with instructions to "wear at all times for your protection" (how many of us do??)..... Shipyard badges were eliminated for the Lab (Hurrah!).....

The Laboratory furnished a number of speakers for various events -- Dr. W. H Sullivan, Dr. Paul C. Tompkins, Mr. W. E. Strope, Mr. A. L. Baietti, Mr. R. R. Soule, Dr. V. P. Bond, Mr. H. L. Seidelman, Dr. Joseph Teresi, Mr. Porter Evans, and others....

Dr. William H Sullivan resigned as Scientific Director, and was succeeded by Dr. Paul C. Tompkins.. The annexes to Building 351 were begun... Working hours were changed on July 16 to begin and end a quarter hour earlier.....

The first Lab patent was issued to Robert L. Rosenthal and Charles Tobias, followed a few months later by another patent issued to Frederic French... Traffic problems (parking mainly) were a year long headache, solved by zoning in November....

The Lab's own recruiting film was made, also a film service inaugurated to bring movies of interest to different Divisions....

Fortnightly seminars were held by Bio-Med, culminating in two all-day seminars in October... OPERATION GREENHOUSE seminar also held in the same month stressed the technical results of the various projects carried out at the Eniwetok Site.... New Lab building 815 was included in the Military Construction Bill to the amount of \$8,580,000, plus \$140,000 for Building 351 Annex....

Tragedy struck twice with the death of two members of the staff, LT Jarrett and Mr. Bliss...

The Laboratory was well represented at several national meetings which included the American Chemical Society's Diamond Jubilee in New York (Drs. E. R. Tompkins, Schwob, Gevantman, Messrs. Wellhouser, Singer, Bunney, and Cole); the Political Science Meeting in Berkeley (Messrs. Lindsay and Feder and Mrs. Penny Lentz); and others... the first public exhibit was at the IRE Convention at the Civic Auditorium....

Among our many distinguished visitors were half a dozen of our admirals, military men of other nations, world famous scientists and groups from conventions in the Bay Area, such as the American Public Health Association.....

Special Military Commendations were presented to Laboratory personnel --- CAPT Bird and CDR Brinckloe for outstanding performance of duty during World War II; Major Olson for his excellent service in Korea; Atilana Cook for her service which contributed to the success of the Philippine Campaign.

Letters of appreciation came from many sources -- from General Quesada and Dr. Graves to the Laboratory's participation in OPERATION GREENHOUSE, stressing the "tireless efforts of the whole group," especially the contributions of Drs. Paul Tompkins, Lou Werner, Andrew Guthrie, Messrs. George Koch and Jeff Hodges; and from many others who toured the Lab and expressed keen interest in its activities and personnel.....

We said goodbye to several old timers and made welcome many newcomers... Releases on individuals who were at the Eniwetok Test Site were published in home town newspapers... The Library initiated its "Journal Offerings" and new circulation regulations... Volume II of the RDM (our baby) came off the press....

Congratulations go to a number of Lab people for a number of varied accomplishments ---to the many civilians and military who received promotions --- to Ed Novi and Bill Greiner for their appearance with the San Francisco Opera Company-- to Bill Murray for his one-man photographic show at De Young Museum -- to James Lynch for his TV performance on "Science in Action"-- to Marybell Weldele and Nick DeLambo for winning Benny Suggs awards-- to Martha Klein for her five years of faithful service Certificate -- -- AND to the 23 new prospective Lab employees who arrived via Dr. Stork in 1951!

And so, we come to the threshold of a New Year. It is ours to do with as we will. We all have the same number of minutes, hours, days. Let the failures, the mistakes, the heartaches of the year just gone slip into oblivion. Let its achievements, our kind and charitable thoughts, our inclination to do right remain, to help us greet this New Year with confidence and make it a truly and completely

Happy New Year!