

re Increase of Mechanics (Electrical)

It is becoming increasingly obvious that the NIMROD MACHINE ENGINEERING ELECTRICAL SECTION is understaffed both during the Shut-down and Running Periods. The amount of work entering the workshop has increased considerably during the past 12 months. The type of work has become more varied and complex. It is impossible to meet target dates on a lot of equipment brought in for modification and/or construction. There appears to be no prospect of a decline in the work loading in the foreseeable future; rather a steady increase which will become even more of an embarrassment than it is at the moment.

Two men could be continuously employed in RS on Vacuum Pump overhauls, modifications and experimental work in association with A. Brown and P. Griffiths. A further two men in association with D. Craft could be employed full-time on modifications, development and maintenance.

One electrician is, when available, kept fully occupied in work for the Electrical Laboratory under F. Gilbert, a further electrician could be ~~no~~ gainfully employed to relieve the Technician

● If the policy is not to have a mixed
Day and Shift staff any increase would have to
be incorporated into the system, this on the
present system, limits any increase to multiples
of Seven (7). It is not a realistic policy when
the Night Shift is looked into; as the output
of work from personnel on Nights is below
standard in quality and quantity. This is due to
the un-natural hours of work and rest.

The cost to the Establishment in employing
contract labour is high, and it would appear
to be economical to employ ~~an~~ an increase
of ten (10) Electricians on normal day work
in view of the ~~to~~ present and future requirements.

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Attached is Jeffs case for an increase in day work labour. I am in sympathy with his comments regarding an increase to cope with Vae repair and development work, and also that these men should not be employed on a shift system.

His comments regarding contract workers are valid as far as they go but these workers must surely be necessary to operate on a live and fire basis as the work load fluctuates.

An ideal solution to the present difficulties would be to put half our present labour force onto day work. This would ensure a more economical use of labour and cut out the waste of two men on night shift. Mr Louth is not in favour of this at present, but I think could be persuaded after the present system has run its promised time (1 year)

Peter