

Ron Bath Returns



The 6 February marked the return to Sulphide by Ron Bath who has spent seven of the past nine years on secondment to our sister company Commonwealth Smelting Limited, at Avonmouth, England. The first stint of two years came when CSL became a member of the AM&S Group. This was followed by two years here at Cockle Creek as Works Superintendent — Sinter-Acid before returning to CSL for 5½ years, firstly as Technical Manager and later Works Manager.

Ron returns to Sulphide as Production Manager replacing Brian Tozer who transferred to Melbourne Office during 1979, and Barrie Coppock who was Acting Production Manager during the interim.

Hugo Magrics

Newly elected SEU Secretary, Hugo Magrics, claims he has a lot to learn about Industrial Law and associated Union matters if he is to maintain the standard set by the recently retired Secretary, Bert Dick.

Hugo, who has been Union Treasurer, since 1973, is no newcomer to the clerical field. In his native Latvia he was a graduate of the State-run Commercial College where he studied all facets of business management in a 5 year full time course. Even during World War II his efforts were confined to clerical duties both in the Army and in a British POW camp in Belgium.

After the war he became Employment Officer at a Displaced Persons Camp before immigrating to Australia in 1949. Prior to his arrival in this country Hugo had not worked in heavy industry. His first job was at BHP, where, common to all migrants of non-Commonwealth countries at that time, he served a two year bond. Later he was to work at Tubemakers, own a mixed business, and become a company representative, before joining Sulphide as one of the "Class of '61". i.e. one of the many employees recruited for the new Smelter complex during that year.

Hugo makes no claim to being a sportsman, but lists among his recreational activities winemaking, reading, and listening to classical music. However, he does not envisage he is going to have too much spare time in the near future to indulge in any of these activities with perhaps the exception of reading up on Industrial Law and the like.

We'd like to wish him well in his new position.



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SAFETY NEWS DOUBLE ADAPTORS

The shortage of electrical power points in many homes has lead to the use and abuse of what has become commonly known as the double adaptor. This is an electrical plug into which two single plugs may be inserted thus doubling the number of appliances that can be used from a single outlet.

A double adaptor or multiple outlet should only be used where the maximum output of the power point will not be exceeded.

For instance, it is quite safe to run a table lamp and a radio or television receiver from the same socket, or to have an electric blanket with an adaptor plug into which you can fit the plug of a bedside lamp — but a large electric radiator or any other appliance which draws a high current (usually these produce heat — for example, clothes dryers and portable stoves) should not be attached to a double adaptor.

A standard general purpose power outlet will deliver a maximum current of 10 amps.

This means that with the normal 240 volts used in Australia the maximum for any single outlet is 2400 watts. If in doubt divide the total number of watts by the voltage, i.e. 240 and the answer should not be more than 10 for any single household power point.

Remember too — the greatest single cause of domestic electrical accidents is the use of damaged or incorrectly connected flexible cord or combination of cords.

Most of these accidents are caused by extension cords.

Also — when repairing an appliance don't assume that switching off is enough — disconnect the appliance!

LOST TIME INJURIES

Department	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
PRODUCTION	2	6											
ENGINEERING	1	2											
SERVICES	NII	NII											
PROGRESSIVE TOTALS 1980	3	11											
PROGRESSIVE TOTALS 1979	6	10	14	18	21	26	33	41	48	52	56	65	