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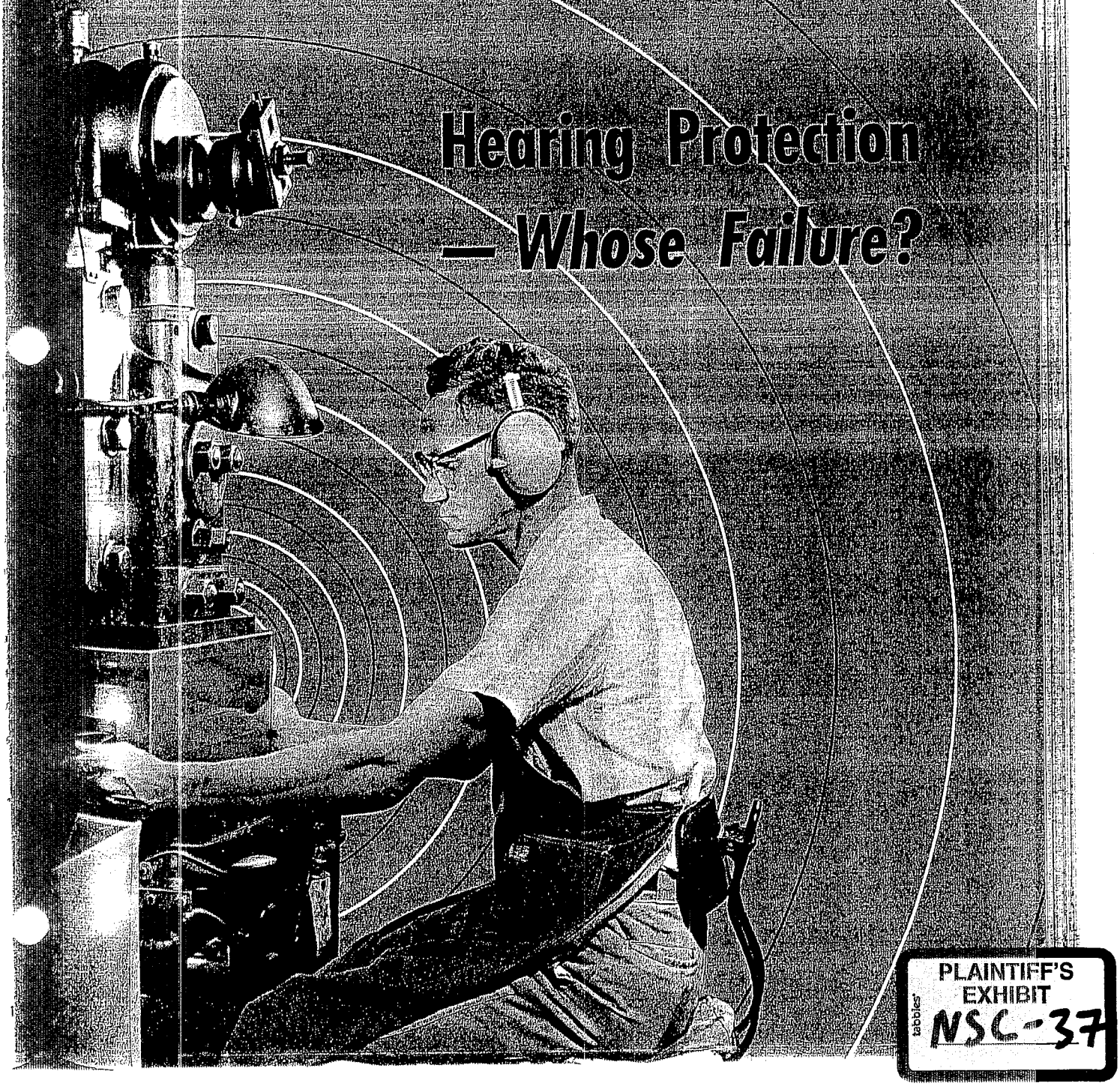
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son and had, therefore, been passed over when I hired Joe.

Louis is a much less prepossessing person than Joe. He doesn't wear clothes well, doesn't articulate his ideas well. But he does know a good deal about the book-learning side of safety engineering and statistics.

What is far more important, he is a humble young man with good native intelligence. Unless I am very wrong in judging character, he is almost the exact opposite of Joe Burton.

And that, right now, is exactly what I want in an assistant.

Bagassosis Disease Increasing in Industry

Bagassosis, a pneumonia-like disease previously considered rare, recently has been described in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* as "an industrial disease of growing importance."

The disease, first recognized in 1937, is a respiratory disorder caused by inhalation of the dust of bagasse, the dried sugar cane fiber left after the sugar is extracted from the cane.

There are many unexplained aspects of bagassosis. One puzzling feature was the absence of the disease in some great cane-growing areas of the world, such as Cuba, Argentina, Hawaii, the Philippines, and Puerto Rico.

The disease is now known to have resulted from contact with bagasse produced in the United States, Italy, Spain, and Puerto Rico.

Writing in the *J.A.M.A.*, Dr. Edward A. Buechner of New Orleans said personal observations of cases in Louisiana showed few, if any, resulted from contact with moisture-laden bagasse immediately after it is produced by the cane-grinding operation, or from exposure to freshly baled material.

It is only after the baled bagasse has been stored outdoors and allowed to undego thorough dehydration, and perhaps degradation from the effects of heat and exposure, that it apparently becomes capable of producing disease.

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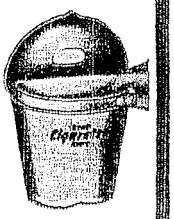
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