

## AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION

Whenever an aisleway  
begins to be continually cluttered and blocked  
with carts and flats Goodstone Aircraft Company will  
quickly hang a huge  
sign there emphatically prohibiting the leaving  
of carts and flats in the aisle,  
just as Goodstone  
immediately leaves DO NOT CROSS HIGHWAY, USE THE TUNNEL  
signs on the corners of intersections  
where droves of employees are starting to regularly cross,  
just as Goodstone puts up  
YOU WOULDN'T THROW TRASH AROUND IN YOUR OWN LIVING ROOM  
SO WHY DO IT HERE?  
signs  
in areas of the shop where the floor is beginning  
to be chronically covered with things like plastic cups  
and wadded-up potato-chip bags,  
just as Goodstone puts up those big  
FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS, OR GET THE DIRECTIONS CHANGED  
posters  
in those areas of the shop  
where it's getting to seem like no one does  
what the paperwork tells them to do.

Don't blame it on Goodstone.

## AS I AM BURIED DOING THE WORK OF 2 MACHINISTS

Tim  
the layout man wanders over to my machine  
and motions with his head  
toward the new machine next to me  
that has sat useless and unhooked-up for a month,  
saying, "Yeah you know Goodstone's got to go through  
ALL that red TAPE before they can hook that machine up,  
they got to go an'get CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL before  
they can even begin to THINK about hooking it up,  
everyone's got to have a piece of paper sitting on the  
right desk in the right building  
first ...."  
and I nod frowning  
and Tim grins at me happy like a cat  
torturing a grasshopper,  
knowing  
the red tape won't REALLY begin  
until after they hook the new machine up  
and have to go through all of the proper channels  
to okay  
someone running it.