

Then there was the immunization process of daily lunches at a certain 55th Street restaurant to which members of the group were subjected, apparently on the theory that if they survived there would be no danger of losing them to illness at some future time of crisis.

Glenn anticipated by two decades the value of the telephone-booth-packing craze of a few years ago by use of his cubbyhole office to hold group meetings. This developed esprit des corps. It was here that heated and exciting discussions of decontamination, scavenging, and waste storage occurred.

But Glenn had his human side. I remember that when he came back from his first trip to Oak Ridge to see the industrial separations plant designed to scale up to 1 gram per day from the microgram laboratory scale, his first remark was, "I felt positively irresponsible".

He also had his human side in other ways—as when he left suddenly on a business trip to California and came back with a bride.

And there was the time he took an evening off to go down to a radio studio as a guest of the Quiz Kids—and casually announced two new elements to the world.

Also there was his scientific hobby with which he liked to refresh colleagues who showed signs of going stale. This consisted of late afternoon investigations of the properties of small white balls with respect to potential wells to be found in the grass of the Jackson Park golf course.

Another aspect of the Plutonium Project was the outstanding success that Glenn and the other section chiefs had in impressing the purchasing office with the importance of meeting the scientists' every request instantly. This was demonstrated when a harried purchasing agent called a scientist, who had just put in a rush order for a platinum boat, to ask, "Do you really want a PT boat?"

GLENN T. SEABORG I thought for sure, John, you were also going to remark on the requirement that a fellow ought to be able to go out on the golf course on short notice at almost any time.

Before concluding, I want to make special mention of the contributions of the leaders of our project, Arthur Holly Compton, and those who worked with him such as Norm Hilberry and Dick Doan.

During this 25th anniversary of the first weighing of plutonium we have looked back at some of the events that helped to begin the Nuclear Age. I hope that during the next 25 years we will see that age becoming one of peace and plenty for all men, and that plutonium will prove to be a major asset in helping us to achieve that universally desirable end.