Executive committee members of the Beirut Employees Association for 1961 are, from left, front: Hussein Mokdad, Henriette Nahas and Raja Bikhazi; rear: Maurice Kerbage (vice-president), Melhem Melhem, George Hajjar (president), Muhammad Duweik (secretary) and Salim Najjar. Not available for the photograph was Victor Khattar. (Photo by Nasr).

Badanah Operation Saves Life of Saudi Boy, 5

The case of five-year-old Muhammad Said seemed an almost hopeless one when members of his family brought him to Badanah Base Hospital one day last October. The Bedouin youngster had fallen from a camel as his tribe traveled in the Saudi Arabian desert, many kilometers away, and he had suffered a severe depressed fracture of the skull. Days of tedious travel went by before little Muhammad, unconscious and completely paralyzed, reached the Badanah Hospital. Urgent X-ray and laboratory examination revealed the critical nature of the injury. Dr. Marcel N. Prince performed a delicate three-hour emergency operation that restored the contour of the boy's skull and relieved the pressure by bone fragments on some areas of the brain.

For days afterward little Muhammad hovered between life and death. Within a week after the operation he had regained consciousness. But the youngster still suffered from considerable paralysis of face, speech, arms and legs. A long, hard struggle to live lay ahead. Muhammad, cheerful and brave, responded enthusiastically to tube-fed for weeks, he gradually learned to take food again by himself and to move his legs and arms slightly. Modern physiotherapy techniques were applied. After three months, miraculously, the boy not only could walk again but also had completely recovered all his faculties.

One day recently a grateful Muhammad, happy and smiling, walked out of the hospital. The hospital staff weren't so cheerful. "We have become so attached to this boy," one of the staff said, "that we almost hate to see him go."

Abdallah Cheekh, nurse, physiotherapist, helps Muhammad Said with his rehabilitation exercises. (Photo courtesy of Michel Salame).

HAJJAR HEADS EMPLOYEE GROUP

George M. Hajjar, of Purchasing and Traffic, will head the Beirut Employees Association as president and chairman of the executive committee for the third consecutive year in 1961. Election of officers was held January 24 at the Tapline Sporting Club. Selected as executive committee members were Maurice Kerbage and Raja Bikhazi, of Accounting; Miss Henriette Nahas (law); Salim Najjar, of Operations; Musa Mokdad, of Communications; Melhem Melhem, of Engineering; Victor Khattar, of Purchasing and Traffic; and Muhammad Duweik, of Government Relations.

In their first meeting February 7, the new officers elected Mr. Kerbage vice-president and deputy chairman and renamed Mr. Duweik secretary.

The association was founded in mid 1956, and since then has served as an effective medium of communication. The association's executive committee and members of management meet monthly or oftener to discuss employee-management matters.

2 SAUDIS CITED FOR INITIATIVE

Saleh bin Yahya el-Ghamidi, shift foreman, and Muhammad bin Mukhlif el-Shamiri, engine room operator, Rafha, have been commended by Manager of Operations Robert A. Prusinski for their "initiative and ability in extinguishing the lube oil fire on the Shubah turbine, on the night of February 1."

In his letter to the two Operations and Repairs employees, Mr. Prusinski also said: "This type of quick thinking is an example to all employees, and it indicates your awareness of the responsibilities of good operators to safeguard the company's interest and enable Tapline to maintain throughput which benefits all employees."
Aramco International Air Record Is Cited by Bargen and Noble

The most outstanding record of Aramco's international air service between Dhahran and New York has been cited by President T. C. Berger, of Aramco, and President John Noble, of Tapline. Both commanded Aramco's Aviation Department, and held the responsibilities and authority of the highest management standards, as well as an aversion of any possible flight practices. The efficiency, courtesy and skill of flight crews is commonly noted. They earned the gratitude of thousands of passengers and the comfort of travel as they provided. Over the years, all have noted many compliances on the service of dramatic international flights to New York. Let me assure you that all were merited. On behalf of the management, we should like to express appreciation to all concerned with this service and thank them for a job well done.

T. C. BARGER

Seven Taplines are enrolled in the current Lebanese Management Association training program. The men, selected by the Association, are: Ali M. Moussawi, of Administration and General; Adder Y. Noujar, of Accounting; Rashid W. Broussi, of General Office Services; Mike G. Aja, of Engineering; Victor Y. Khalaf and Sabah A. Kuteh, of Communications, and George G. Sobeh, of Purchasing and Traffic, all of Beirut. The course, which extends through April 6, consists of a series of lectures and discussion groups held two nights weekly at the Industry Institute, Beirut. The program covers a wide variety of subjects, including management, organization, the implementation and interpretation of company policies, the use of statistics in business, the art of supervision, salary administration, advertising, financial planning and control, super-visor-employee relations, materials handling, and police relations.

Fifteen company employees successfully completed essentially the same course last year, when it was given under Industry Institute sponsorship.

TEN-YEAR PINS

Two-tiered awards for completing ten years of continuous company service were earned by the following employees during February:

Badanah
Fadl Muhammad of Operations and Repairs
Hamoud, of Operations and Repairs
Rehab, of Operations and Repairs
Michel H. Badal, of Purchasing and Traffic
William A. Robinson, of Law
Quassim
Hamoud, of Operations and Repairs
Abdul Khalil, of Operations and Repairs
Mohammed Mansour, of Operations and Repairs

Sabah, of Operations and Repairs
Fadi Matti, of Administration and General
Abdel Karim, of Administration and General
Rhoda, of Company Services
Hamoud, of Company Services
Salim, of Operations and Repairs
Salim, of Company Services
Habib, of Administration and General

NECESSITY

Two necessities in doing a great and important work: a definite plan and limited time.
A NEW HOME FOR CARGO AND TRAFFIC

A few steps and fewer minutes from Tapline's Beirut main offices in the Arida Building, the Cargo and Traffic section of the Purchasing and Traffic department now carries out its many activities. The section handles most of the myriad of detail involved in moving the thousands of items needed to keep Tapline operating. The section shifted its operations recently from the St. Michel Warehouse in the Beirut port area, which had been leased by the company since 1947 construction days. Planned since 1955, the move greatly improves the section's efficiency by physically combining purchasing and traffic operations, centralizing and simplifying administration and paperwork. The change-over also results in total cash savings of about L.L. 43,000 a year. Here the Pipeline Periscope camera lens looks in on the section's employees and their activities.

(Photos by Nasr)

Preparing supplies for shipment are from left: Hassan A. Labban, Mahmoud B. Halabi and Hussein D. Khraibateh. At right, Tamer B. Ganim, receiving and shipping clerk, instructs driver Amine F. Kiwan to get proper certifications on covering documents.

Unpacking a shipment of stationery in the new Arida warehouse storage area is Hassan A. Labban, warehouse foreman. At right is Mahmoud B. Halabi.

Loading a section of pipe into a Tapline pickup truck at the new warehouse area, from left: Hussein D. Khraibateh, Simaan B. Madani and Youssef A. Ghannam.
Along the Shore

Sidon

To James Byron Brown, former Medreco manager, who left Lebanon February 2 to take up responsibilities with CalTEX, the Zahle Country Club in Sidon and its heartland members/membership at a farewell dinner party sponsored by the club’s executive committee January 21 at the Auditorium. Speakers at the farewell dinner were Tapline President John Noble, Terminal Superintendent Abraham A. Brichak, C.C.C.P President Merian Rutherford and John Arnold. Master-of-ceremonies Victor Thomasson, William Chatham and Mrs. Frank Delcastro put in hours of arduous but rewarding work to organize the event.

Mr. Brown’s present to Z.C.C. for the occasion was a beautiful silver cippe that will be competed for on Sunday following August 2, 2002. Presented to Mr. Brown was a silver cigar box with a map of the Zahle golf course etched on it. In his acceptance speech, Mr. Brown, who spends most of his recreational time on the links, was presented by Mr. Arnold with a book on “How to Speak Dutch” and an overcoat to be worn while golfing with a liner shirt (for water shots in Holliday’s Law Department) (for look), a sign-out (to get out of work earlier), a reminder on people who talk business while golfing (to wipe away the tears if the company), and a crying towel (for every Sunday following national time on the links, was presented to Mr. Brown by President John Noble.)

The successful operation was performed by Dr. Souhaib Beleid at Khoury Children’s Hospital, for services rendered to the people and government of Lebanon. Dr. Maroun Haddad, Head of ENT and Otolaryngology, read the presentation during the afternoon January 26 in Beirut’s Burlington Hotel. Earlier in the month, Dallas T. Pinckney, retired former Manager of Operations, received the award (Photo: News)."
OIL IN THE NEWS

Middle East: Crude oil production in the area increased 14 per cent during 1960, and last in the year was accounting for about 30 per cent of the Free World's output, according to leading economists. Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq and Iran all surpassed the million-barrel-a-day mark for the first time during the year (September). And in January of this year Aramco production reached a new monthly high of 4,356,462 BPD.

The Arabian Oil Company's (Japanese backed) has brought in its tenth producing well in the Khafji offshore field in the Saudi Arabia-Kuwait Neutral Zone. Daily production of No. 10 was put at 6,790 barrels. Capabilities of the ten wells range between 4,600 and 7,000 barrels a day, the Arabian report.

The General Petroleum Authority for the U.A.R., Northern Province has announced that seven of nine wells drilled in the Karatch district of the al-Hasaka area are producers. Yield of Well No. 9 is given as 4,000 BPD. Serra also is building a 50-kilometer, six-inch products pipeline connecting its Hassaka refinery with Damascus, Aleppo and Lebanon. The line is scheduled to be operating within sixteen months.

Iraq Projects: Iraq is studying two pipeline projects. One would connect the Khanaquin Field with the Baghdad refinery. The other would carry gas 50 kilometers from the Rumailah Field to Baghdad. The line would carry gas 50 kilometers from the Rumailah Field to Baghdad. The line is breeding the power station at there as well as supply a couple of oil refineries in the country.

The Jordan Petroleum Refining Company Ltd., at Zarqa, officially opened February 2. It is capitalized at ID 4,000,000. Of this amount, ID 1,000,000 was invested by the Government, the rest by 15,000 individual shareholders. Officials expect the refinery, which draws its crude from Tapline, to increase national income by ID 1,500,000 annually, to employ 450 Jordanians, and to save ID 17,000,000 annually in foreign exchange.

The U.A.R. Southern Region General Petroleum Authority has announced it will r.m.p.t. 1,200,000 tons (3,375,000 barrels) of crude from Saudi Arabia this year.

World Production, 1960: Forecasts for the year generally proved very conservative. European demand actually increased about 17 per cent for the year, Japanese demand 35 per cent, for above estimates. Vice President Howard Page of Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, one of Tapline's shareholder companies, credits greatly increased use of heating fuels for the big increase in Europe. Growth of the petrochemical industry is another reason. In Japan, expanding industrialization calls for vastly increased amounts of fuel for power.

North Africa: Almost completely disregarded by oilmen ten years ago, the continent had 106 rigs operating and 386 wells completed on January 1, according to International Oilman. Drilling has begun in the Spanish Sahara, the scene of intense exploration for months.

Syria has 41 completed wells with a potential yield of 115,161 barrels daily, at the start of this year, a government source reported. First Sirte, a Standard Oil of New Jersey affiliate in Libya, is drilling two妥客司 to its im—portant Raguba No. 1 discovery well in the Ceyreenne Province. Officials estimate Raguba No. 1 potential at 1,000 BPD.

Shareholder Companies: Mobil Oil Company's marketing center here, Mobil Oil Lebanon, will supply the Beirut Electric Power Company with some 610,000 barrels of No. 4 fuel this year. The fuel will come from Tapline-supplied crude refined by Medreco at Sidon. Last year the power company used Russian oil.

The Arabian Oil Company of New Jersey has refineries in 53 countries and sells petroleum products in 150 countries (United States, not included), Vice President Howard Page declared in a recent speech. He said the company spends about 7.09 million annually on research.

W. E. Lindemann, regional vice—president—Middle East, of Mobil International Oil Company, addressing the Quartermaster Association in Washington, declared that seven international companies dominated the Middle East petroleum scene ten years ago. Today, he pointed out, "twenty—seven private companies and five government-owned companies are now aggressively searching for oil or sharing in production in the Middle East."

Macabally: Although still a large net importer, France has announced that during 1960 it imported 6.02 million tons of Middle Eastern oil (roughly triple the present total) by 1980.

PAUL PIGOTT DIES

Tapline regretted learning of the death of Paul Pigott, of Seattle, Washington. In January Mr. Pigott was a director of Standard Oil Company of California, one of Tapline's shareholder companies, and a civic leader and industrialist. The S.S. Paul Pigott, one of a group of 21,000-dead-weight ton tankers, has made a number of calls at Sidon.