Tapline's delegation to the Third Arab League Petroleum Congress held in Alexandria, October 16-21, included from left, S. Al-As'ad, Miss Samira Abdelnour, J. W. Breidi, W. R. Chandler and D. W. Dreter. The group left Beirut International Airport October 12 via an Aramco Convair and returned to headquarters ten days later. (Photo by Issa Bros.).

Hardy Retires, Barger Named to Tapline Board

T. C. Barger, Aramco President and the company’s newly designated Chief Executive Officer, has been elected to the Tapline Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, effective December 30. Arrangements have been made for Tapline's technical and administrative coordination with Aramco.

Aramco's Board of Directors meanwhile announced in Dhahran on October 10 that R. J. Bougham and P. H. Arnot have been designated Senior Vice Presidents, newly created positions. J. H. McDonald as Vice President, Secretary and Director of Aramco. He will retire from the company at the end of the year. J. J. Johnston was elected Director and Secretary of Aramco and succeeds Mc-Donald as General Manager of Aramco's U.S.A. offices. R. M. Henry has been elected Assistant Secretary and succeeds Johnston as Assistant General Manager of the company's U.S.A. offices.

Mr. Barger will observe a quarter century with Aramco next year. He went to Saudi Arabia as a young geologist in 1937 and worked in oil exploration for the next four years. In 1941 he received an assignment in Government Relations and concentrated in this field of activity during most of his career with Aramco. Mr. Barger succeeded Mr. Hardy as President of Aramco on May 20, 1959.

A geologist by training, Mr. Hardy has worked as an oil explorer and administrator in widely separated areas of the world where petroleum has been found. He went to Dhahran in 1951 and moved successively through several management positions and in May, 1959, became Board Chairman.

P.P. Nibley

Preston P. Nibley, who had a major role in designing and constructing the Tapline system and in developing the company’s Capacity Increase Program, has joined the General Engineering Department of Socony Mobil Oil Company in New York.

Contagious enthusiasm, initiative, intelligence, a warm personality, and a fervent desire to do things right have gained Pres industry wide respect and affection. He welcomed the most demanding projects as “a challenge,” and yet the results of his work always approached perfection. Pres accomplishments in developing and inspiring Tapliners assigned to his department are continuing testimony to his abilities.

Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, Pres is a 1940 B.S. graduate of the University (Continued on page 2)
A Jack-of-all-trades who has worked in seventeen Texan oil fields on forty-nine different jobs; the son of an oil-industry man who moved to Longview, Texas, in 1939, a few days after the first oil well was spudded in California. Dad Joiner in the great East Texas oil field and worked in it with a pipeline gang as it developed into the largest oil field in the world; a qualified Senior Red Cross Life Guard and a swimming and diving instructor who has rescued ninety-nine people who were drowning during five years of work as a life guard; a holder of the Expert Marksmanship Badge in rifle shooting who, during the war, participated in the Atlantic theater and served as a naval aircraft gunnery instructor; a holder of a private and commercial pilot’s license who has served as a pipeline pilot, tanker and barge loading supervisor, storeroom superintendent, engineer, and who, as field grades supervisor, handled 10 million barrels of oil; a former member of the United States Air Force participating in a tour that has been engaged in Air and Sea Scout activities for over twenty years and who attained the rank of Eagle Scout with all palm awards and fortynine merit badges. This, in brief, is Superintendent of Purchase and Traffic R. J. Quick, who completed five years of service with Tapline on October 1 of this year. Two weeks before joining Tapline at Turaif as a storekeeper in October 1956, Mr. Quick had completed ten years of continuous service with the American Oil Pipeline Company, a totally owned subsidiary of Standard of Indiana. He was made Coordinator—Stores, Turaif, in July 1957, and Coordinator—Stores and Community Services in March, 1960. On coming to Beirut headquarters on July 1, this year, to assume his new duties as Superintendent of Purchase and Traffic, Mr. Quick was making his thirtieth move in piping line with the opportunity to see the former Miss Audrey Faye Dunlap in early 1962. There moves gave him the opportunity to work in various fields in Texas, including King’s Ranch (largest ranch in the world with its three million acres), Quitman (where oil gravity ranges from 20 to 70 degrees) and Morganfield (which is three wells wide and twenty-one miles long). The Quick’s incidentally, have three children attending the Indian School in Beirut. They are: Deborah, 11, Janice and Richard, 19. 

Born in Dallas, Texas, in March 1926, Mr. Quick has a very rich and diversified “vocabulary.” Terms like “tanking a tank” (i.e., checking its contents to find out the condition of the oil) and “following a pig” (i.e., putting a script inside a pipeline that squeals like a pig) are common to him because, at one time or another, he has had to use them on the various jobs he has handled. Mr. Quick is very smooth, however, that the most interesting job he has ever handled is the one he holds now.

Mr. Quick, Superintendent of Purchase and Traffic, Beirut (Photo by Nasr).

P. P. NIBLEY

Mr. Nibley has served in the Navy as a Gunner in the South Pacific and in the Yukon Territory, where he worked with Executive Vice President W. R. Chandler, who, at the time, was Pipeline Superintendent and later Project Manager. Rejoining SOCAL’s Engineering Department in 1943, Mr. Nibley was loaned to the Tapline construction effort in 1947 as Project Engineer. He joined the company officially in September, 1950, as Assistant Chief Engineer. Three months later he was promoted to Chief Engineer and in August, 1955, he was appointed Manager, Operations.

Mr. Nibley is co-author with W. E. Locher and A. E. Olsen of "Design and Operation of Intermediate Diameter Trans-Asian Pipe Line Company," a paper presented to the ASME Gas Turbine Power Conference in Washington, D.C. on March 5, 1988. He also is author of the design of Tapline’s new 48" pipeline in the Middle East, "presented at the SPE conference in June, 1954, he returned to the New York office in his present position. Besides being an active member of the American Pipeline Contractors Association, Mr. Nibley chairs the Pirouette Pipeline Club, which he has been a member of for over forty years.

E. E. Thoits Receives 20-Year Pin

S. E. Thoits, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer of NVO, was presented a four-star service emblem September 4, representing twenty years of service with Tapline and affiliated companies.

Following graduation from Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, Mr. Thoits taught school for one year and then worked for four years with the U.S. Treasury Department in Portland, Maine. He began his career in the oil industry in 1943 with the Portland Pipe Line Company, and was associated with that company for over nine years, the last three as Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Thoits transferred to Tapline in January, 1953, working in New York until March of that year when he was assigned to Beirut as Superintendent of Purchase and Traffic. On June 14, 1954, he returned to the New York office in his present position as Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Thoits lists bridge and reading as other hobbies.

NET STORAGE ROOMS TO BE BUILT AT TYRE

Tapline has informed the Ministry of Public Works and the Mokhaat of South Lebanon, Mr. Ghali el-Turk, that it has decided to build six fishermen’s net storage rooms in the port area of the city of Tyre. The fishermen will use the rooms to store their nets and equipment after each catch.

Tapline is underwriting the project as a gesture of good-will toward the community of Tyre. The Government had formerly donated the land needed for construction of the net-facility.

Schaub, to start early in November, construction of the facilities is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Effective at 12:01 a.m. Sunday morning, October 1, company clocks in Saudi Arabia and Jordan, the Sidon, Rafha, and Port Chantre Shore Control and Marine Traffic Control stations were shifted back one hour. This placed the company on Greenwich Mean Time plus two hours.

P. P. NIBLEY

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E. E. Thoits, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer of NVO, received his twenty-year service emblem from Vice President R. P. Coke, attending the four-star pin presentation at A. G. Gray, Chief Accountant.
**THE OIL INDUSTRY IN THE NEWS**

**Oil Use**

A blue furnace designed for burning oil on a commercial scale to produce pig iron (an initial step in steelmaking), has been installed in the Oil Refining and Oil and Steel Industries Division. Experimental work with the furnace and industrial scale fuel systems is being conducted at this plant in the USA. In one of the furnaces, natural gas is also being used to replace a part of the coke ordinarily employed as fuel. For the oil industry, this development offers a potential new market which, at 1970, might reach over 100 million barrels of oil and more than 200 billion cubic feet of gas annually. To steelmakers, hydrogenation in injection represents an important phase of their effort to modernize operations. The increase in efficiency and economy has been large enough so that steelsmiths can, in this plan, further the largest steps forward in their industry in years. The blast furnace project, tested extensively in the UK and USA, is one of the most important elements of the New Petroleum Committee, a think tank of committees and a consultant to the government. The details of this plan are being discussed at length, and important to the students who will be trained for the future.

**Ten-Year Pins**

**Badal**

M. H. P. Meuse, of Administration and General, R. M. Mose, of Designing Room, and B. V. Foody, of the Refining Division, have been among the most active members of the Ten-Year Pin Club. This organization, which has been in existence for over ten years, is composed of officials who have completed ten years of service. The members of the club wear special pins to show their service.

**Middle East Developments**

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**Under construction at the Equitable Petroleum Company shipyard in New Orleans**

The oil industry is the newest and largest free-floating offshore drilling vessel in the world. The craft is Global Marine Exploration Company's newest ship designed for Gulf of Mexico operations. The company has been placed in operation at the new Equitable Petroleum operations in 1961. The new ship is equipped to drill to depths in excess of 15,000 feet in any water depth.

**Expenditures**

McGraw-Hill's third annual survey of U.S. companies overseas operations finds U.S. oil companies currently expect their capital expenditures outside the U.S. to total $8.14 billion by 1962, down 7 per cent from $9.17 billion planned for 1961. Actual expenditures in 1960 were $3.8 billion. Expenditures of all companies on chemicals (excluding petrochemicals) will increase 5 per cent to $80 billion.

**Tankers**

During the first half of 1961 the tanker fleets of the world showed a net increase of 1.7 million tons, to a total of 65.7 million tons. Orders for nearly 3 million tons of tankers were placed during the same period. The average size of the average tanker is 40,000 tons, which is about 25 per cent larger than a year ago.
**Qaisumah**

Fifty-five students are attending classes at the Amira School in Qaisumah town under the tutelage of Mr. J. L. Foreaker, who has resigned from the company to return to the United States. Mr. Foreaker joined Tapline four years ago at Turaif as Load Diesel Mechanic. His last job here was Foreman, General Services and Relations. C. S. Bubban arrived in the city to replace him.

Lead Mate Transportation Mechanic Saleh Kharraz is again from Turaif, where he completed the new one-week advanced English training course in Beirut.

Yahya Jassim has also returned to Turaif, where he completed the company’s Pumphouse Shift Foremen Training Program in Beirut headquarters and the Sidon Marine Terminal. The program consists of familiarization instruction at the oil dispatching office in Beirut, orientation on station oil handling, shore control, tank control and powerhouse operations at Sidon; as well as training in gauging, sampling and miscellaneous operations and drills.

Welcome to Station Accountant Saleh Abou-Samaha and I. S. Salaamer from Turaif, Rafha, Jordan. A soccer and tennis pioneer are already out training for their new Turaif fitness club with all the living care of a wrestler combing his beard. The “greens” are being treated to a face lift and the stun- ders are already out hunting for last balls.

Other sportmen in Rafha are displaying a lot of pep and zest to form regular volley ball, football and tennis squads to represent the station.

Farewell to C. S. Bubban on his transfer to Qaisumah, October 1. To fill the position of Foreman General Services and Relations. He replaces J. L. Foreaker, who has resigned. J. L. Foreaker, who has resigned. J. L. Foreaker, who has resigned.

**Rafha**

As a gesture of goodwill toward the community of Ar’ar, Tapline is donating three 550-gallon, one-ton tankers to the Municipality of Ar’ar to boost the water storage system in the fast-growing town. Complete-ly renovated and painted, the tanks will be moved to their location and filled with water by early December from the company’s submarine piping and hose system.

Mr. J. Foreaker, the general manager of the Safety Management Committee, met with Tapline Station Superintendent in Sidon to review safety achievements and plans for activities in the safety and fire protection field. The next meeting of the Safety Management Committee will be held in Badanah in late November.

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It is time for a chat with friends, over a cup of coffee, in the living room. Mrs. Chucri Georges is serving it to M. H. Abdul Rahman (foreground) and A. B. Touma under the watchful eye of her husband (right), who smiles triumphantly at the completion of his home decoration projects. (Photo by Nasr).

For two consecutive months, every time the workday ended at Badanah pump station for Tapline nurse Chucri Georges, "ingenuity" moved out of the Base Hospital's operating room and into a house in the heart of 'Ar'ar. In fact, some sixty days before marrying former Tapline nurse Miss Suheila Harb, Chucri decided that there could be no substitute for hand-done pieces of furniture and works of art.

Chucri moved into his rented quarters all the necessities needed by a carpenter and painter to furnish and decorate a home. Along with locally-purchased wood came the brace, saw, shaver, hammer, pincers and nails as well as the brush, palette and pigments.

Little by little, from material bought in 'Ar'ar and tools brought from here and there came articles of lasting beauty - and utility as well. When Mr. and Mrs. Georges returned from a honeymoon in Europe to occupy their new shining apartment, October 4, it was already graced by a hand-crafted double-bed, a comfortable couch, a fancy table with opaque glass, a dresser, a cupboard, two chairs, lampshades, a wardrobe, a number of paintings and original frames, a shadowbox and a corner-shelf - all "Made by Chucri Georges."

The few things needed to complete the house were a butagaz stove, refrigerator, air-conditioner, a transistor radio, a number of chairs and other personal household accessories.

"It's just like living in Beirut," Mrs. Georges is saying today. "Thanks to Chucri, we have all the comforts."

Mr. and Mrs. Chucri Georges in their cozy bedroom, designed and furnished by Mr. Georges. (Photo by Nasr).

This bouquet of roses is one of the latest paintings done by Tapline nurse Chucri Georges to grace his home in 'Ar'ar. (Photo by Nasr).

Beirut

Miss Dzia S. Manoukian, Clinic Nurse, is back from a long holiday in Canada and the United States, Staniside, Dzia met the C. A. Swigarts, H. S. Smiths, D. T. Pinckneys, J. R. Jones and H. C. Wells in San Francisco, California. Safety Engineer F. M. Najm made a one-week safety inspection trip during October to Turaif, Badanah, Qaryatain and Dera'a.

A meeting of the Aramco-Tapline Government Relations Coordinating Committee was held here, September 27 and 28, under the chairmanship of Executive Vice President W. R. Chandler.

A few days before taking a one-week leave, Dr. F. J. Zukoski made a nine-day trip to Saudi Arabia, where he visited company hospitals along the 'Line.

A meeting of the Aramco-Tapline Sporting Club racquet sporters are competing in the Fall Tennis Tournament that started October 26 on the T.S.C. tennis courts. Men's singles and doubles, ladies' singles and mixed doubles are being contested.

Mr. and Mrs. Chucri Georges in their cozy bedroom, designed and furnished by Mr. Georges. (Photo by Nasr).

Along the Line

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Mohammad S. Thabit on the birth of son Tarek.

Tapline President and Mrs. John Noble, W. R. Chandler, W. E. Locher, R. P. Coche, the T. D. Durances, W. V. Tietjen and D. J. Fullerton spent time in Dhahran during October on company business.

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