The new Tapline agreement with Syria was signed in Damascus on February 25. Shown above discussing the supplemental accord just before its signature are, from right around the table, Mr. Husni El-Sawaf, Governor of the Central Bank, Mr. Muhammad El-Alem, Head of the Government’s Petroleum Agency, Mr. Adnan Kuwatly, Minister of National Economy, Mr. Abdul-Rahman El-Huneidi, Minister of Industry, Mr. Rashid Dakar, Minister of Finance, Mr. Henry Cattan, Legal Adviser, Mr. John Noble, President of Tapline, and Mr. William A. Robinson, General Attorney.

**TAPLINE SIGNS SUPPLEMENTAL ACCORDS WITH SYRIA, JORDAN**

Negotiations between Tapline and the Governments of Syria and Jordan concerning the increase in transit fees have been successfully completed. On February 25, an agreement was signed in Damascus on behalf of the Syrian Government by Minister of Finance Rashid Dakar and Minister of National Economy Adnan Kuwatly. The Jordanian agreement was signed in Amman on March 12 by Dr. Hazem Nuseibi, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Abdil Wahab El-Majali, Minister of National Economy, Mr. Hanna Khalaf, Minister of Justice, and Mr. Ezzedine El-Mufti, Minister of Finance. The two agreements were signed on behalf of the company by President John Noble.

Both of the new agreements are supplemental to those previously in effect between Tapline and the two Governments. In addition to a substantial increase in annual transit fees, both countries receive lump sum payments of $10,000,000 each in settlement of all claims prior to the effective date of the new accords, which is November 1, 1961. As Mr. Noble pointed out, the settlements with Jordan and Syria have a significance that goes far beyond the material advantages accruing to the Governments and the Company. They are a further and encouraging demonstration of the ability of people of good will to resolve important and complex issues through the democratic process of negotiation.

**PIPELINE LEAK**

A leak in an underground section of the pipeline at KM. 863, near the Jordanian border, was reported February 22, at 4 o’clock in the afternoon. The leak was due to a 6-inch long crack in a circumferential weld. Repairs and welding were completed twenty-one hours after the leak had been reported. Loss of oil was estimated at nearly 7,500 barrels and loss of throughput, at about 450,000 barrels. The pipeline break, however, did not affect tanker loadings because of a full tank farm in Sidon at the time.
TAPLINE SAFETY ACHIEVEMENTS IN '61 ARE BIG ENCOURAGEMENT

Letters of congratulations from Tapline President John Noble were presented between February 27 and March 1 by Vice President of Operations Walter E. Locher to George F. Heide, Dudley P. Harbin, Horace C. Davis, Amnon A. Hadad, and Arnold D. Odender for the fine safety efforts achieved in 1961 by Tapline Central Facilities, Rafha, Qummah, Sidon Operations, and Sidon Marine, respectively.

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PIPELINE PERISCOPE

This month's Spotlight feature gets double—billing with the presentation of twenty years of service pins to John R. Terry, Senior Superintendent—Stations, and James V. Foody, Coordinator of Employee Relations, who completed twenty years of service with Tapline, parent and affiliated companies on March 2 and 20, respectively. The presentations were made at Turaif’s Britton House by General Superintendent George P. Heide.

A native of Rockmart, Georgia, Mr. Terry joined the Plantation Pipe Line Company of Atlanta, Georgia, on March 2, 1942, and remained with it until 1948 — except for the period 1943—1945, when he was on loan to the Defense Plant Corporation to operate a pipeline from Greenboro, North Carolina, to Richmond, Virginia. From Plantation, Mr. Terry moved to the Crore Petroleum Company in Venezuela as electrical supervisor on the Uc-Army pipeline. He transferred to Tapline on September 11, 1956, as Instrumentation Foreman. He became Supervisor—Electrical and Instrumental Maintenance in September, 1952, and Coordinator—Turbo Maintenance five years later. Mr. Terry was promoted to Station Superintendent in July, 1958, and to his present position as Senior Superintendent—Stations in September, 1961.

Mr. Foody started his career in the oil industry with Standard Oil of New Jersey on March 20, 1942. Five years later, he transferred to the New York office of the Crore Petroleum Company, where he conducted recruiting work and assisted in establishing a processing and travel office for expatriate families on route to Venezuela.

A graduate of the New York University School of Commerce with majors in management and marketing, Mr. Foody transferred to the plant

Last month, Pipeline Periscope introduced its first “photo-puzzle,” which represented a cigarette butt. Correct answers were received from Oskhah Mustafa, of Turaif, and Dr. Marcos Pinto, of Bahad. The question again is “what does the above picture represent?” The correct answer, which will be published in our forthcoming issue, is capably guarded at present by the author of the picture, Tapline contract-photographer Khalid Al-Nasir.

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C. G. Rush Ends Mideast Career

The retirement of Clarence G. Rush and his wife, Denece, was featured on Page 4. Mr. Rush joined Tapline on March 4, 1951, as pump station operator. After a short assignment at Badanah, he was transferred back to Reut to head the drafting division. In 1952, he was made superintendent at Reut. On April 1, 1952, he was left in charge of the metering station at Reut. He was then placed in charge of the records division in Reut.

Prince Leads Badanah Qualifiers

The Rocky Acres Golf Group at Badanah chose the Id al-Fitr holiday for the play-off to determine those members qualified for the Line tournament set for April 5 and 6 at Reut.

Of the station's male golfers and four distaff members, five qualified for the 36-hole event, March 7-8.

After the last putt was holed and the scores totaled, Dr. Marcel N. Prince led the qualifiers with 149 strokes. John H. Arnold and Richard L. Crosthwait followed in order, with scores of 179 and 175. A 16-point handicap also gave Dr. Prince top low net honors with a sparkling 133. Low net runner-up was Eugene L. Wood with 139.

In the ladies division, the scoreboard showed Mrs. Wood in first place with a low gross of 203. She was followed by Mrs. Haskell Hargrove, who grossed 216.

Change in Hours

Set for April 6

Effective at 00:01 a.m. (12:01) Friday morning, April 6, company clocks in Saudi Arabia and Jordan, the SABIC Tank Farm Control, Shore Control, and Marine Office, and the Riyadh Oil Dispatch Office will be advanced one hour, placing all oil operations on summer daylight saving time (Greenwich Mean Time plus three hours).

Working hours in Lebanon and Syria will continue on the basis of local standard time.

TEN-YEAR PINS

Two-star emblems for completing ten years of continuous company service were awarded by the following employees during March:

Cheninias
Owaid Harby, of Operations and Repairs
Sad Salim, of Government Relations
Rafha
Ahmad Zain, of Dining
Sidon
Yacoub Kuizi, of Marine
Shikrit Zahr, of Operations and Repairs
Rafha
Muhammad Hamoud, of Motor Transport
Abdelali Salim, of Motor Transport

THE CRADLE ROW

Beirut
Fatimah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Khalil M. Hassan
Leila, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Y. Khalil
Rafha
Fayez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mullaq Awad
Muhammad, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abdull-Hadi Muhammad
Sidon
Antoun, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Souissi
Elias, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hanna Y. Souissi
Rima, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nadim Salim
Abdali, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sami N. Wajih
This general view of the 'Ardah dance held at 'Ar'ar on March 7 to celebrate 'Id al-Fitr shows, from foreground to background, the drummers, lead-singers and sword-dancers surrounded by the audience.

Company representatives were guests of His Highness Amir 'Abd Allah ibn Musaad at the 'Ardah festivities in 'Ar'ar to celebrate the Lesser Bairam. Shown above, seated, from left, are Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Hopper, Robert G. Van Peursem and His Highness the Amir.

On Wednesday, March 7, Moslems all over the world celebrated 'Id al-Fitr, the Arabic word for Lesser Bairam, to mark the end of the fasting month of Ramadan.

In the desert town of 'Ar'ar, located about two kilometers east of Tapline's Badanah pump station, the populace commemorated the occasion with an 'Ardah, or parade, in which the rhythm of drums mixed with the voices of singers and the swish of sword blades.

His Highness Amir 'Abd Allah ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz ibn Musaad, Amir of the Northern Frontiers, invited neighboring tribesmen to the 'Id festivities. Many families from the station attended the 'Ardah, and company representatives were guests of His Highness at a luncheon of stuffed lamb, held at the Amir's guest house.

Visits were exchanged at 'Ar'ar on March 7 in celebration of 'Id al-Fitr. Serving coffee to a group of governorate officials and company representatives who came to wish him a happy 'Id is senior shift foreman Laft Nayef.

Guests of His Highness the Amir of the Northern Frontiers (right) at a Saudi luncheon of stuffed lamb on the occasion of the 'Id. From left, George O. Linabury, John H. Arnold, Dr. Jacob Thaddeus, a bedouin tribal leader and Robert G. Van Peursem.
Qaisumah

Au revoir to C. Van Der Kilink and M. H. Gerritsen, who have transferred to Turaif, and welcome to Su'Ayed Hamdan and they, their children, and their other mate- ries, the club recently voted to cancel the initiation fees. Deepest sympathy to Si- dor and Mrs. Richard Ragsdale, of Beirut, who passed away in Sidon, on February 9.

Ahlan wa Sahlan to Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Durrance, of Detroit, who joins our Base Hospital staff on a four-month term basis as Physician-General of the Everett Ralph Robertsons and their children, Everett Ralph Jr. and Mirion (second and third from left). There has been a remarkable slump in children activities at Rafha since March 1, date of the transferto Turaif.

Mr. and Mrs. Ab- dul-Salam Sami, of Rafha, opened a third letter in- pendently, held numerous medical conferences with 'Tapline's physi- cians' conference, held in Badanah February 2-9.

Dr. and Mrs. William Bickers visited Badanah Fe- bruary 17 through the 19th. During his three-day stay here, Dr. Bickers, who is a professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the American University Hospital in Beir- ut, held numerous medical conferences with Tapline's Base Hospital staff.

A mysterious party...
**OPERATIONS REPORT**

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Thruout the pipeline took a moderate dip in February and finished at 422,535 barrels a day, some 38,000 barrels below the January daily average. Deliveries from Sidon to ships averaged 451,182 BPD, or more than 12,500 barrels above the January daily average. Probable average deliveries from Sidon for March are 400,000 BPD.

Due to adverse weather, the Sidon Terminal port was closed for the first time this year. The previous longest port closure period of 100 hours took place in February, 1956.

**Tanker Developments:**

The carrying capacity of the world’s tanker fleet rose last year, reaching a total of 67.1 million DWT. For the past five years, ships have exceeded the year’s deliveries, with the trend upwards under construction or on order rose from 14.5 to 14.7 million DWT—much of it for early delivery. Owners in general appear to be taking an optimistic view, despite the clear indications that demand for oil carriers cannot be expected to increase at the same rate as in the recent past. The world’s tanker fleet has expanded to 3,195,000 BPD in the next four years. This and this year, Esso indicates, is due to the start of construction of the most of the eleven refineries planned in south Germany.

**Refining:**

That’s been a boom day in foreign refining operations. Demand in free world outside U.S. and Canada is growing so fast that refineries must hump to stay abreast of it. Free world refiners will expand their throughput capacity by 3,195,000 BPD in the next four years. This and this year, Esso indicates, is due to the start of construction of the most of the eleven refineries planned in south Germany.

**Average BPD received at Sidon:**

- February: 422,535
- March: 442,654

**OIL MARKETS:**

A rise of 10 million BPD in total oil demand last year, following up on a rise of 43 percent in 1959 and 25 percent in 1958, Japan now ranks as the free world’s fifth oil market in order of importance.

**THE OIL INDUSTRY IN THE NEWS**
WHEN BADANAH GOES OUT ON A PICNIC

When about fifty Tapliners from Badanah take advantage of made-to-order weather on the last day of the 'Id al-Fitr holidays, March 9, to join a picnic organized by the Rocky Acres Golf Group at Wadi ‘Ar’ar, located about 25 kilometers northeast of Badanah station, here is what happens:

(Photos by Nasr)

... They enjoy group singing as well as oriental dancing (Dr. Fuad Fays and Miss Helena Haddad)...

... They set up a tent upon arrival at the picnic site...

... They play bridge (from left, Mrs. Haskell Hargrove, Mrs. Jacob Thaddeus, Miss Salwa Nabti and Mrs. Richard L. Crosthwait)...

... They try their pitching...

... Other picnickers, however, just prefer to eat (Albert Saliba). Sahtayn...