M. El-Youssef and Dr. Sefri Seek Training in U.S. and England

Damascus Office Manager
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Mr. El-Youssef, who has been in Tapline's employ since March 1, 1947, spent the first part of his vacation on the Continent, from September 3 through the 20th. His first stateside orientation and training assignment commenced in New York on September 21 and will last through October 16. His official schedule includes visits to the Tapline and Aramco offices in New York and Washington, a tour of all parent company offices in New York and San Francisco, a short American Management Association course in relations problems, attendance of the Middle East Institute Annual Congress in Washington, and a tour of a number of universities, hospitals and factories in various parts of the United States.

On his way back to the Damascus office, Mr. El-Youssef is scheduled to spend time in San Francisco with Standard Oil Company of California and then fly back via Japan. He is expected to resume his duties in the Syrian capital by the second week of November.

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Dr. Sefri will then take a 9-month post graduate course in pediatrics at London’s Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children Diseases, Dr. Sefri obtained his M.D. from AUB's School of Medicine in June, 1956.

Five Old-Timers Feted at Sidon

Five old-timers at Sidon who have left the company recently on account of old age were entertained by Terminal Superintendent Abner A. Brickhouse at a luncheon held September 6 in the recreation center. They are Muhammad A. Skafi, seaman, who had joined the company in January, 1952; Nimer A. Doaybess, guard, whose service date goes back to June, 1951; Osman O. Sinno, combination painter, whose Tapline career commenced in September, 1950; Abdallah S. Ashkar, lead guard, who had joined Tapline in September, 1949; and Darwish Iskandarani, guard, who had also joined Tapline’s ranks in September, 1949.
This month's "Spotlight" column is a double feature in which we introduce to Pipeline readers two outstanding Saudi Arab employees, Abdullah Hadi and Abdullah Muhammad Jassim, of Turaif, who were promoted last June to the respective positions of shift foreman and lead body fender repairman.

Born in El-Hassa, Saudi Arabia, some 35 years ago, Abdullah Hadi joined Tapline at Turaif on June 26, 1951 as a waterer. A year later he became a head busboy, and less than two years after his employment he had been assigned to the pumphouse as utility room operator. He became control room operator in December 1955, senior shift operator in April 1961, and shift foreman on June 1, 1962. Abdullah Hadi is married and the proud father of two sons (Ahmad, 8 and Muhammad, 6) and three daughters (Ibtisam, 7, Shaim, 4, and Houssa, 2). The family lives in a modern house built under the Saudi Home Ownership Plan.

Born in Mansa, Bahrain, some 44 years ago, Abdullah, on the other hand, has three sons—Muhammad, 23, who is employed as clerk by the Bahrain Ministry of Agriculture, Hassan, 13 and Ahmad, 4.

Abdullah embarked on a career with Tapline as scrapman in February 1961. Abdullah earned his present job as head body fender repairman on June 1, 1962, six months after having been granted the Saudi Arab citizenship.

OPERATIONS REPORT

August Year 1962

Average BPD received at Sidon 328,794

Ships unloaded 298,441

Average BPD loaded on ships 323,092

Average size of ships loaded 225,518

Average BPD delivered to ships and Medmen 304,988

Pipeline throughput rallied substantially in August to finish at 328,794 barrels a day, more than 51,600 barrels above the July daily average. Deliveries from Sidon to ships and Medmen in August inched higher too, averaging 304,988 BPD, against 303,682 BPD in July.

Probable average deliveries from Sidon for September are 302,000 BPD.

Community Affairs Representative Muhammad S. Saab served from right completing fifteen years of service with Tapline on September 17. He was presented his three-star emblem by Salih Al-As'ad, Manager of Public Relations, in the presence of Thomas D. Durrance (left), Vice President of Public Relations, and William A. Campbell (right), Vice President of Government Relations. Prior to joining Tapline in 1947 as Government Relations Supervisor, Mr. Saab served as Assistant to the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs in Saudi Arabia, then as First Secretary to the Saudi Arab Embassy in Baghdad. He taught International Relations, Political Science, and Diplomatic studies at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University in autumn. Upon their arrival in Badanah on August 1, the Saabs were entertained at dinner by Station Superintendent and Mrs. John H. Arnold. Shown above, from left are Doctors Marcel Prince, Jacob Thaddeus and Salim Mouslim, Mrs. Noble Jr., Dr. Edmund Safieh, Mr. Noble Jr., Dr. George S. Brick and Dr. Nancy York.

Supervisor of General Office Services Rashid W. Breidi (right) was presented his service award by Saeb Alwash, Mr. Breidi joined Tapline on September 3, 1947, as a materials checker and general clerk. Born and educated in Zahle, he was the prime factor in forming AGRICO, and egg production, one of the first enterprises of its kind in Lebanon. Mr. Breidi served as Government Relations Supervisor, Mr. Saab served as Mayor of Badanah, 1947, as a materials checker and general clerk. Born and educated in Zahle, he was the prime factor in forming AGRICO, and egg production, one of the first enterprises of its kind in Lebanon. Mr. Breidi served as Government Relations Supervisor, Mr. Saab served as Mayor of Badanah.
THE OIL INDUSTRY IN THE NEWS

Information matter report—ed in this column is compiled from and based on reports in the following magazines and periodicals: Petroleum Intelligence Weekly, the Oil and Gas Journal, and Petroleum Press Service.

World Crude Production: World crude production rose 6.4 percent in the first half of 1962, to 23,904,000 barrels daily average, compared with 22,755,000 BPD average during 1961. Eastern Hemisphere output rose 9 percent while Western Hemisphere production increased 4.8 percent. By midyear, crude supplies from the two hemispheres were almost equal in volume. The USOR is estimated now to be producing 13.5 percent of the global oil supply, compared with 14.8 percent in 1961.

Middle East Developments: Paced by record output in Saudi Arabia and Iran, crude oil production by the five principal Middle East producing countries (Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Qatar) rose nearly 12 percent in July over year-earlier levels. The most striking gain was Saudi Arabia’s. The July output represented a 220,000 BPD advance from June and nearly a 330,000 BPD increase over a year before. For the five main Middle East oil exporters as a whole, January-July output represents a little more than a 7 percent gain over the same months last year.

Tankerannon: According to Messrs. John I. Jacobs’ Tanker Fleet Review, the world tanker fleet now rose by just under 1,294,000 DWT during the first half of this year, which compares with an increase of 1,434,000 DWT in the second half of last year and of 1,678,000 DWT in the first half. Taking speed into account, the increase in the carrying capacity of the commercial fleet was little more than 2 percent in January-June 1962, as compared with a rise of almost 6 percent for the whole of last year.

At June 30th, the world fleet embraced 3,230 tankers with an aggregate deadweight tonnage of 64,434,000 tons. Of the total, oil companies owned 35 percent, tank-owners 37 percent and governments and miscellaneous owners the remaining 5 percent. The past six months have seen a good deal of activity in new orders. In fact, the total backlog of orders is down by about 5.5 million DWT, as compared with the first half of 1961. The number of vessels now under construction is almost 55,000 DWT and above. For the second half of the year the average is almost 55,000 DWT.

Record Tanker Load: Loading 718,597 barrels of crude oil and 68,412 barrels of bunker fuel oil, the Manhattan Tanker Company’s “Manhattan” established a record for single ship off- takings at the Ras Tanura Terminal, August 24-26. Destination of the cargo is Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. The Manhattan is 940 feet long, 160 feet wide and has a capacity of 106,565 DWT.

Down-Hole TV: Drillers and completion engineers can actually watch what they are doing several thousand feet down hole with a compact television system perfected by Shell Development Co. They can check formation fractures, and the condition of the well or pipe as deep as 5,000 feet. For the TV camera can monitor every one of her wonders. Every one of her creatures is astonish and rabbits are no exception. One outstanding thing about rabbits is that they thrive almost anywhere—on rocky islands among ice and snow as well as in the great spaces and dry sands of deserts.

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Soviet Gas: Lagging natural gas production could put a crimp in Soviet plans to boost oil aids to Free World markets, at least temporarily. It all depends on how much oil will be diverted from potential export to meet the shortfall in gas availability. The Soviets in fact have failed to meet gas targets in each of the last four years. Prospects of achieving the 1963 goal of 150 billion cubic meters are seen as increasingly dim. It is believed that Russia may miss its target by as much as 15 billion cubic meters, or 10 percent. The main reason for the natural gas lag is an equipment shortage. Both transmission-line companies have faried to meet their capacity goals.

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THE CRADLE ROW

Beirut
Chale Jacques, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sabouh A. Kufeijian
Sharbel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michel B. Abu-Jawdeh
Rafha
Badi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Muhammad Habis Fatmeh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Naif Muhammad Sidon
Fadi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maximos K. Reda
Mamoon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Geha.

Sanaya’s gas turbine No. 2, which was dismantled during the second half of last year for complete overhaul, has been back in operating condition now. In fact, the turbine was put on stream on September 16, three weeks earlier than the upper section of the second stage nozzle of the machine. From left, Ali Saad, Mjejer Mohammad, Mjejer Ali, Ahmad Shams- nineh, Mjejer Khalid and Mjejer Abdallah. (Photos by Mustafa Asghar)

While rounding off his plains game, Reda Abdul-Salam succeeded in adding this trophy, a kangaroo rat, under circumstances slightly different from this catch. The onlookers are Dr. Maurice Baroudi (right) and Richard Rados.

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Quick thinking, coupled with safety and first aid instructions helped duty driver Joe Geha save the lives of four persons recently. At 22:30, September 6, while Joe was on his way to Sidon, he came across a badly damaged sedan which had crashed into a utility pole near Deputy Maarouf Saade's residence. The driver of the damaged car was in a state of panic, not knowing what to do with his four seriously-injured passengers. Three of them were unconscious, and the fourth had his left foot caught under the front seat. Without losing a single second, Joe parked his company car, called his relief Khodr Skeini who lives near the accident site, and the two moved the injured passengers to the company vehicle and drove them to Sidon Hospital. All have since recovered.

Welcome home to Hikmat Badawi, on return from a pleasant holiday in Greece. Fifty employees at Sidon Terminal were present 5 and 10-year Driver's pins on September 10 by Robert G. Thompson.

The last section of pipe extending Berth No. 1 was installed September 10. Berth No. 1 has been extended 2,200 ft. in deeper water to accommodate larger super tankers. New leaders were scheduled to be placed by the end of September. The first phase of extending Berth No. 3 some 1,100 ft. in deeper water has also been started.

Badanah

The Badanah welcoming wagon happily received in September five new additions to the Base Hospital staff. They are: Samaan A. Samaan, Mahmoud D. Jabr, Michel G. Nahhal and Misses Isra'il D. Hindi and Bahnia Y. Haddad. Of Aminun, Lebanon, Mr. Samaan joins the Tapline ranks as X-Ray Technician. He was formerly associated with the American University Hospital, where he completed his training as radiographer and X-Ray Technician.

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