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TAPLINE WILL MARK FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY ON DEC. 2

Tapline will mark its fifteenth operational birthday on Dec. 2. In its brief 15 years of operations, Tapline has transported more than 1.8 billion barrels of crude oil while its Sidon Terminal loaded more than 11,000 tankers.

LENTIL AND CORN SEEDS ARE USED TO BUILD TAPLINE FLOAT

Mother Nature turned her back upon the sponsors of the nautical parade at Sidon which was to accompany the election of Miss Lebanon at its Chateau de la Mer (Crusaders’ Castle) on Oct. 23.

Winter’s first fury swept over Sidon that day, forcing cancellation of the nautical parade and the transfer of the beauty contest to Tanios Hotel.

Tapline’s entry in the unheld parade was a float representing a gigantic, sophisticated fish, adorned with a myriad of lentil and corn seeds and cereal grasses. The float received the unanimous appreciation of the spectators who walked about Sidon’s shores prior to the onset of the storm.

The brainchild of artist Vartan Bezdikian of Beirut Engineering, the Tapline float was built of metal sheets around the speed boat “Sainik.” It was scheduled to be manned by Yacoub Kazzi.

The company float was built at the terminal’s shops by Tapliners Karim Kheiri, Said Makhoul, P. Nassif, M. Abd Akra, working under the supervision of Tapline’s Senior Draftsman.

ROAD CREW IS MIDWAY TO TURAIF

The road improvement program reached in November the midpoint of the 826-kilometer pipeline road. The company embarked on the program to improve the 826-kilometer main line road between Qaisumah and Turaif shortly after signing a new agreement with the Saudi Arab Government in March 1963.

By mid-November this year, the earthwork spread had reached Km. 415, the asphalt prime had been applied on 403 kms., the first armor coat on 373 kms. and the second armor coat on 72 kms.

Surface treatment of the road is slated for completion in early 1967.
**PIPELINE PERISCOPE**

*Time and Tide*

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THE OIL INDUSTRY IN THE NEWS

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GASOLINE FROM COAL

Continental Oil Company has announced its intention to proceed with the production of gasoline from coal. This marks the first major effort of one energy company to combine the three major energy sources—coal, oil, and natural gas. It is expected that the new process will result in the production of gasoline that is cleaner and more efficient than existing methods.

Constructive efforts continue to progress. Shown above is the oil pipeline currently being added to the house of the D.E. Garrisons at Badanah station. (Photo by Nasr).

FOOD FROM PETROLEUM

Production of food proteins from petroleum has been reported by French chemist Dr. Alfred Champagnat, head of the Institute des Petroles, B.P. Speaking to the American Chemical Society, Dr. Champagnat affirmed that production was already underway; that the proteins would first be used to supplement cattle feed and that more widespread use would depend on the results of tests on animals. The French company des Petroles, B.P. is now producing 50 tons of oil, and more than 200,000 miles of pipeline in the U.S. have been laid in the last year.

177 S.H.O.P. Homes Built On Line

Completion and acceptance of 29 Saudi Home Ownership Plan houses for the year 1970 raised the number of S.H.O.P. houses built along the 'Line to 177.

Tapline's Saudi Home Ownership Plan enables eligible Saudi Arabian employees to obtain new, good quality and durable homes in towns adjacent to the pump stations through a deferred payment program.

Of the 177 homes completed and accepted by early November, 67 are at 'Ar'ar, 60 at Turaif town, 29 at Rafha town and 21 at Qaisumah. Fifteen more dwellings are being built near pump stations at 'Ar'ar (seven), Rafha (five) and Turaif (three).

The Periscope presents exterior and interior views of some S.H.O.P. houses along the 'Line. (PHOTOS BY NASR)

QAIŞUMAH CLUB GETS NEW NAME

"Al-Ahli"—the Arabic word for The Touch—in the name given in October to the Qaisumah Sporting Club, in a meeting attended by Station Superintendent G. A. Hans on Oct. 15, General Services Furnace L. J. MacNab, Station Office Clerk M. N. Nasser and Assistant Local Company Representative M. N. Korbin.

Taplines and friends gather for a coffee at the "surfing" of Tapline's Electric Instrument Man's Club, Halmo самостоятельности.
Badanah

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BERGEPILLOT TYPifies
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On Nov. 3 one of the world’s most automated supertankers, the M/T BERGEPILLOT, loaded the largest amount of crude oil ever taken from Sidon Terminal by a single tanker.

The huge vessel took aboard 701,011 barrels of crude in 15 hours and 53 minutes, at an average rate of 50,495 barrels per hour.

The BERGEPILLOT's new record was only about 12,000 barrels less than the total amount of crude lifted by four tankers from Tapline's terminal on its first operational day, Dec. 2, 1950.

Delivered to her owners, A/S Sig. Bergesen D.Y. & Co, on Oct. 22, the BERGEPILLOT was on her maiden voyage. Her record load from Sidon Terminal was destined for Rotterdam, Holland.

The 98,310 DWT vessel is 869 ft. in overall length with a beam of 121 ft. and a summer draft of 49 ft. It is powered by a 23,000 horsepower engine and carries a complement of 38 officers and men.

Commanding Officer of the BERGEPILLOT is Captain O. Hjorteland of Norway.