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This and other pictures of the 102,000 deadweight tons vessel appearing on pages 4 and 5 were taken at the terminal by K. Nasr.

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The previous record cargo was 701,011 barrels, lifted by the BERGEPHLOT last Nov. 2.

The GOLAR NOR is the biggest ship ever to call at Sidon. It was her third trip to Sidon. She had taken aboard partial cargoes from Tapline's terminal last December and January.

Built last year by Kawasaki Dockyard Co. in Kobe, Japan, the vessel is owned by Sterling Tankers Ltd. and chartered by Caltex for a period of 15 years.

It has an overall length of 849 ft. 6 inches, with a beam of 131 ft. 3 inches and a summer draft of 49 ft. 5 inches. It is powered by a 22,000 horsepower engine and is the fastest tanker of its size. Its service speed is 16} knots per hour.

The GOLAR NOR carries a complement of 35 officers and men. The normal crew for a 16,500 ton war-built T-2 tanker is about 40. Commanding officer of the ship is Capt. J. B. Crichton.

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The GOLAR NOR cargo was 17,000 barrels more than the total amount of crude lifted by all four of the tankers (SUNSET, OLYMPIC LAUREL, PETERSEN and KENTUCKY) from Sidon Terminal during Tapline's first operational day.

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The economic attraction of the giant tanker can be realized when it is considered that to carry a ton of oil over a given distance in a 163,000 DWT tanker will be one-third less than the cost involved in a 20,000 DWT ship.

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SULTAN GETS 4-STAR AWARD

The distinction of being the first Saudi Arab Tapliner to complete 20 years of continuous company service goes to Trans—
**Bridge Tournament**

Dr. and Mrs. Michel Khoury, Dr. E. Sfeiri and E. Chalhoub, headed the tournament. Four Master’s Awards were presented: Badanah, while Melhem and Sani Kurban of Beirut took the Open Packs championship in the duplicate bridge tournaments held at the Tapline Sporting Club in Beirut, March 31 and April 1 and 2.

The Badanah foursome totaled 26 points, leading Beirut (26), Turaf and Rufa (23 each) and Qaisumah (19). The Beirut team included Mr. and Mrs. J. Thaddeus, Mr. and Mrs. H. Noujaim, M. A. Derwa, M. Nasser and L. Nottas.

Dr. E. Sfeiri, K. Najjar, G. V. Cressoit and S. Najjar represented Rafha while Dr. and Mrs. C. Sfeiri, S. A. Atfied and E. A. represented Qaisumah.

Mouaz, Melhem and Kurban of Beirut took top honors in the Open Packs tournament with an average score of 60.5 percent. They were followed by the Khoury’s of Beirut with 58.3 percent.

The fifth, Nasser, is head dispatcher in Turaf for a special event. On April 7, in fact, the first four-star insignia was conferred to Qaisumah as clerk. March 17, 1946, he was hired by Aramco as a driver for a group of engineers making the preliminary survey of the Trans Arabian Pipe Line system.

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**Sahmans Fete Nasser’s Wedding**

Five of the seven sons of Masri—Abdul—Sahman from a unique brother combination working for Tapline.

Four of them are stationed at Turaf. They are Station Office Supervisor Obeid, Electrical Instrument Man Ghareeb, Motor Transport Mechanic Mansour and Assistant Local Company Representative, Sahman.

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**Sidon Rebuilds Another Tugboat**

Rebuilding of Tapline’s tugboat, the M/S Kuwait is underway at the Sidon Terminal drydock facilities.

The tugboat was taken out of service and placed on the pier of March 1964 at Sidon. The President’s Cup Golf Tournament will be played at the hazardous Zahrani Country Club course in Sidon May 5 and 6. Tournaments from Saudi Arabia arrive in Beirut May 4 and depart May 7. The Arabic team, selected in the qualifying tournament held at Rafha April 21 and 22, includes:

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Mrs. H. W. Sutherland, Mrs. W. K. Despain, Mrs. E. C. Olsen and Mrs. C. P. Booth.

The “Phoenixian” cockles will be defended by:

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The President’s Cup, symbolic of the Tapline men’s team golf championship, has been contested three times—the Lebanon team winning three, drawing one and losing four to its Arabian Division counterpart.


Individual results of the qualifying Line Tournament held at Rafha April 21—22 were as follows: O. E. Ritter, first low gross (144) and first low net (136); H. W. Sutherland, second low gross (153) and third low net (145); Ahmad Said, third low gross (155) and third low net (141).

In the ladies division, Mrs. Sutherland was first low gross (181) and second low net (138) while Mrs. Despain won second low gross (190) and first low net (130).

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**MAMMOTH TANKER LOADED AT SIDON**

Aft or rear of the vessel.

Capt. J. B. Crichton, Commanding Officer of the GOLAR NOR, signs the advice letter giving Tapline's Mooring Master W. J. Ludvigsen (second from left) command of the ship for mooring. Others from left are Chief Engineer J. G. Parsons and Chief Steward Knut Hangsland.

Lines to mooring buoys have been secured and the GOLAR NOR is ready for the hose connections.

The GOLAR NOR's funnel with a view of Sidon Terminal in the background.

General view of the engine room with controlling and metering panels, graph and radar screens.

The pilothouse contains numerous automatic navigational instruments including the master gyro-compass, automatic steering, engine room tele-graph and radar screens.

The submarine loading hose connected to the ship's manifold. Through these hoses, nearly 731,000 barrels of crude oil from the tank farm flowed into the ship's storage tanks below decks.
**PIPELINE PERISCOPE**

**Rafha**

Ed Olsen's birthday in March was celebrated with a splendid business luncheon at the Regency Hotel and across the street, as was the birth of Mrs. C. S. Babb's daughter, Holwa, on March 27. Mrs. Babb, who was the honored guest, was also given a flower bouquet and a cake. Mrs. Babb and her family are returning to Dakar, Senegal, for a month's vacation. The luncheon was held at the Regency Hotel and included about 30 guests.

**Badanah**

A "sunny birthday party" was held at the home of Mrs. Nabil and Miss Ali Saad. Mrs. Nabil and Ali Saad invited R. M. Y. M. A. and F. M. N. A. M. M. to the party, and the guests included many friends and relatives. Mrs. Nabil and her family enjoyed the party and the food provided by a local restaurant. Mrs. Nabil and her family were also given a gift of a beautiful vase as a token of appreciation for their hospitality.

**Qaisumah**

F. J. Stiles of Badanah received G. O. L. James, a former resident of Qaisumah, who is currently working in the oil industry in Dhahran. Mrs. James and her family were given a warm welcome by Mr. H. S. Saad, the general manager of the Badanah Petroleum Company, and other members of the management.

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**Colting Season Ends At Tuarif**

Tuarif’s Never Green Golf Group ended its 1965-66 golfing season March 24-25 with a 36-hole tournament and trophy banquet.

H. W. Sutherland was low net honors with a score of 154, five strokes under M. A. D. Brisco and his staff. Mr. Sutherland was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. S. A. S. S. T. and their daughter, Wanda, who is currently attending school in Switzerland.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Banks, who have been visiting Tuarif for several weeks, were also present at the tournament and trophy banquet.

**Tuarif’s Easter Celebrations**

Celebration of Easter at Tuarif was a short but successful event. A picnic luncheon was held for families and bachelor groups at the Adha Lodge. The program included a short service and the singing of Easter hymns. Mrs. C. S. Babb and Mrs. H. E. Robertson were the hosts of the event. The picnic luncheon was followed by a visit to the Adha Lodge and travel to the"golden eggs" hunt for the"blessed" children and adults.
A. D. Odegaarden and to Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Nasser, who stayed in Beirut on business.

Also, our thanks to the Tapline employee labor relations matter at Sidon Terminal. Mr. Fadil will be the third Sidon Terminal Superintendent A. A. Brickhouse at a dinner party in honor of Leonard Briscoe, who won the monthly golf medal for March with a net 69 for 18 holes. Twenty-two golfers participated in the contest, played on April 3.

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Pipe and butter for the release of Community Services.

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Mrs. C. H. Feldman hosted a coffee for the retiring bridge players on April 9. The Feldmans also held a bridge—dessert party on April 10 in honor of their guests. Winners at Bridge were: J. L. Stephens and Mrs. M. A. Kerrey. The consolation prize went to J. M. Gysen.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Nasser and family, Asda, Mona, Randa and Rita returned from Beirut on April 9. The children are spending the Easter vacation with their parents.

Coffee hostesses for the month of March were: Mrs. C. S. Rahb, Mrs. G. B. Faber, Mrs. M. H. Bogart and Mrs. J. L. Kerrey.

Miss Linda Van Der Pasen and Daniel Faber arrived on April 9 for Spring vacation with their parents.

The Turaif Swimming Pool hosted a dinner for friends on April 5. They also held a coffee on April 9 in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gysen and Mrs. R. L. Crosthwait.

Sidon

Assistant Superintendent — Iliyafor the lovely luncheons they gave throughout the season.

On behalf of Turaif players we note to Dr. and Mrs. Amjad Khoury on his recent marriage to the former Miss Georgette. Dr. Khoury is presently receiving J. J. Makkinjie as Supervisor C. C. & I.

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Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Nasser visited his old friends in Sidon Terminal while on a business trip to Lebanon on April 4. It was announced March 22 that J. A. Fadil, Assistant to the Manager, Industrial Relations, has been assigned on a regular part time basis to assist in handling employee labor relations matters at Sidon Terminal. Mr. Fadil will be at Saloon every Tuesday and Thursday.

Jack Price of Calhan New York arrived the Terminal March 22.

The Zabrina Country Club sponsored a trophy banquet at its clubhouse March 24 for the presentation of awards to winners of its 1965 golf tournaments and monthly medal competitions. The trophies were awarded by Capt. W. J. Ludvigsen, vice president of the ZCC.

Receiving monthly medals were: J. Bushehri (Medison), J. F. Faber, Mrs. K. Tronstad, K. F. Irons, Janu. Ted Greenwood and D. A. Schipper.

The Norah Cole Trophy was won by Synnove Tronstad and the F. E. Cole trophy by K. F. Irons. Tronstad won the J. Boreen Bosun trophy and the Medroco Cup. Capt. M. Rutherford won the Punphila Cup and the Charlie and the Margaret Sheild. John E. Corey won the Saybolt Shield.

Communications Technician B. Hanna is presently on a relief assignment at Geymen. He started his assignment March 29 and is expected to remain there until about mid May.

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Prof. and Mrs. M. M. Nasser of the University of Paris and Lille, visited Tapline's Beirut office and Satoon Terminal on April 5. Prof. Mueller, who is a world authority on industrial medicine, and his wife were accompanied by Associate Medical Director Dr. A. Ghannam on their visit to Sidon Terminal. Radio Operator C. Stragi had a part in assisting a ship in trouble in Beirut harbor on April 3. While on duty, he intercepted at 1440 the ship's call for help, the ship having been endangered by adverse weather with broken lines and nearly drifting. Mr. Svasti acknowledged the ship's call and relayed it to Assistant Superintendent—Marine A. D. Ghegbardour and to Beirut Dispatch at 0453. At 0453 the ship contacted Sidon Terminal Radio Center, OSSAL to acknowledge receipt of assistance and to offer her thanks.

Shift Foreman T. Bassion left Sidon April 8 on an eight day familiarization assignment in Beirut, Lebanon and Rafha. Mr. Bassion will be the third Shift Foreman to complete this assignment.

Sidon Terminal employees convey to his honored parents, wife, children, brother and sisters sincere condolences.

SERVICE STARS

Eightheen Trophies were awarded three—star employees in April for chalking up 15 years of continuous company service. Another five employees received two—star in recognition for completing 10 years of service during the same month. The 15 year pin recipients were:

Badran

Abdel B. Ahmed of Community Services.

A. B. Bashour of Dining Rooms.

A. H. Hanus of Community Services.

M. B. Sayed of Dining Rooms.

M. B. Said of Community Services.

Beirut

Miss Adna Shalshah of Accounting—GOAS.

Quainwa

Y. J. el—Dib of Operations and Repairs.

Ruthe

I. K. el—Sour of Community Services.

Rafia

S. Abdul—Alis of Motor Transport.

S. Chamats of Motor Transport.

K. M. E. Hanouz of Water Wells.

A. Nasser of Operations and Repairs.

Rafha

M. O. Abou of Marine.

W. J. Ludvigsen of Marine.

A. A. Najjar of Marine.

H. A. Tawfiq of Marine.

Doraf

D. Diboun of Motor Transport.

S. Sibian of Operations and Repairs—Station.

Over 1000 pins in April were awarded to:

Fahb A. Assad of Community Services.

Abdallah M. Chechar of Medical.

N. M. el—Bach of Community Services.

Sadih el—Shaleh of Medical.

Rafha

Muhammad Mukhlif of Operations and Repairs—Station.