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111-Day Shutdown Ends, Operations Resume

Normal pipeline operations resumed Sept. 19 following a 111-day shutdown caused by sabotage of the pipeline in the Golan Heights area occupied by Israel. It was the second time in two years that the pipeline suffered an extended period of shutdown for reasons beyond the company’s control. Following the June war (Continued on page 4)

President W. R. Chandler’s presentation of a 35-year service emblem—a tie clasp with two diamonds—to retiring Executive Vice President W. E. Locher.

A beautiful icon (left) was presented to Mrs. Locher by Mrs. J. J. Kelberer on behalf of all of the Lochers’ Tapline friends.

A distinguished 35-year petroleum career that stretched from Venezuela to Lebanon enters a new phase November 1, when Executive Vice President W. E. Locher officially joins the ranks of company retirees.

Born on June 16, 1910 at Ploesti, Rumania, where his father worked for Romano-Americana (Jersey), Tapline’s retiring Executive Vice President completed his high school studies in French at Villa St. Jean in Fribourg, Switzerland. He obtained his B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering with high honors from the University of Dayton, at Dayton, Ohio, in 1933. He then received his Master’s degree in the same field from Case Institute of Technology, Cleveland, Ohio.

Walt Locher’s affiliation with the petroleum industry started on September 4, 1934, when he joined Creole Petroleum Corporation, La Salina, Venezuela. In 1941, he transferred to Plantation Pipe Line Co. in Atlanta, Ga. In June 1946, he was appointed Superintendent of the Western Division of Plantation Pipe Line Co., which extended from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to the Georgia state line.

During December 1946, he returned to Creole in Venezuela, particularly for the construction and operation of the Ule-Amuay pipeline. Three years later, he moved to the Caracas office of Creole to head the Pipeline Division.

Mr. Locher transferred to Tapline on July 30, 1950, as Manager of Operations. He was elected Vice President—Operations in May 1954 and Executive Vice President and a Director of the Company in May 1963.

The Lochers have four children—Ralph, 30, Jeanne, 28, Anne, 26, and John, 16. Ralph, who is employed by G. E. in Auburn, (Continued on page 2)
N.Y., and Jeanne are married and have one and two children, respectively. Also working in the Publications Department of Children’s Hospital in Boston, Mass., John is attending Clark State College in Waltham, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Locher were born in New York City, and their marriage is the management of Tapline, R. E. Barger, and W. A. Robinson, was held on September 3rd, when the Bargers sailed the following day on a cruise of the Greek Islands. The Bargers have now joined the Bargers in Beirut; Mrs. Mary Eddy, who has now joined the Bargers in Europe, has told him that there just wasn’t an area to restore it to a safe condition after a period of two years without any maintenance.

Eddy also spoke to the Department of Fine Arts Students’ Fine Arts Society. A total of 40 people attended the farewell dinner for the Bargers on Sept. 3, from left, F. W. Ohliger, R. E. Marsh, Garry Owen and Dr. Fuad Sarruf.

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In addition, oil-skimming dams or dykes were built at suitable locations on streams and water courses to capture any oil which might flow into them following a line break.

Loose revenues to the Arab governments from the pipeline shutdown have amounted to about $100,000 for each day of shutdown. The Company’s losses have also been very high, since its food costs continue whether the line is operating or not, and these costs amount to about $50,000 per day.

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Hambali Builds Own Power Boat

Anyone who has ever been irritated by honking, congested roads and airports, the endless smoke of a large city, ought to follow in the suit of Tyco's Airport Representative Mohammed Hambali.

The renowned "Harib's" at Falkhoun and Amerena know him best, succeeded in getting near him all when he started almost four years ago to mix plans and imagination in a private garage to build a power boat, without assistance, a simple kit into a sophisticated Sport Fisherman Cabin Cruiser capable of 35 knots an hour.

The 24 ft. long cruiser, with a beam of eight feet, was launched at Beirut's Coral Beach this season in the presence of Hambali's wife, Marcelle and another "Marine" for Mohammed, who offered the Champagne for the occasion.

Christened "Marmore," the cruiser is anchored at the Harbour, Jounieh. The whole idea of building the cruiser sprung into Hambali's mind while on a visit to London--where fishing and crossing are popular pastimes.

Hambali embarked on the project almost four years ago when he set off to buy all kinds of marine magazines dealing with the subject. He ordered the kit from the City Co., a few months later and immediately started to build it in a private garage.

He used his own imagination to make some modifications in the original design--opting, for instance, for a stern drive or inboard-outboard engine in lieu of an inboard engine; for two sleeps instead of four and for glass fiber instead of four and for glass fiber.

Earlier this year, Hambali had made a special trip to Europe to acquire a Johnson stern drive, 30–155 hp. engine for the boat. The boat is made of marine plywood with a white oak frame and a Philippine mahogany cabin cover with fiber glass. It has a stainless steel gas tank with a capacity of 58 gallons--enough for a roundtrip to Cyprus.

Skippers Hambali has "one, but excellent, crew member" in his wife Marcelle. Both do the regular maintenance work on the cruiser and both intend to complete some unfinished work this coming winter, including the installation of lockers in the cabin and chrome fittings, and waterproofing of the cockpit for winter sailing.

Most of Hambali's friends, including President W. R. Chandler, have enjoyed a cruise on the "Marine." Many others are planning one.

A piece of advice is due to the latter: "Take your shoes off when boarding the 'Marine' if you don't want to be thrown overboard... and rightly so."
**Badanah**

Badanah P. Holmes of Aramco arrived here Sept. 30 on an orientation and business assignment with Government Relations which will extend through Nov. 11. Mr. Holmes will be working in the office of the Company Representative—Pipe Line Area and will be residing with Mrs. Holmes in Badanah throughout this assignment.

Dr. Mansour arranged a meeting with Dr. K. Khorasani, Professor of Anatomy and Surgery, and Dr. D. I. Dakhil, of Surgery, Al-Falah Hospital, on September 19. The meeting was held at the hospital in Badanah.

**Qaryatani**

Service Foreman Mohamed A. Yousif has left the field permanently after 20 years of company service. Good luck to him in his new surroundings.

**Yemen**

Manager of Public Relations A. A. Al-Zabari made a three-day business trip to Qaryatan, Sept. 4-6.

Fred H. Dicker is relieving W. A. Robinson as General Attorney, Taqif, during the latter’s absence from Beirut from July 17 until September 4.

Mr. D. K. K. Cooper, Manager of Employee Development, returned to Taqif Oct. 1 following a four-day business trip in Beirut.

**Qaryatani**

General Superintendent J. L. Keeshin arrived here on business Oct. 4, returning to Taqif on the 11th.

General Superintendent Capt. A. A. Al-Shabani, who arrived here Sept. 3, is on holiday in the States while his wife holds his position at the station.

Mr. A. B. Al-Hajj, of Government Relations, returned to Beirut Sept. 25 from a two-day business trip in Qatar.

A Silver Certificate for English Proficiency was recently awarded to Miss Suad Zoum, Supervising Nurse and Adelia Shuweiri, Assistant Dietician.

Mr. A. A. Nasri, of Marine, has left on vacation and will return to the station in October.

Mr. I. Hadi, of Marine, has returned to the station in October.

Mr. B. W. Smith, of Government Relations, is visiting Qatar for meetings with the State Department.

**Beirut**

Dr. E. A. H. Hermon was granted a leave of absence for the main pump stations during the same period.

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OPEN HOUSES MARK COMPLETION OF GIRLS SCHOOLS ALONG 'LINE

Construction of schools for girls at Tapline pump station towns in Turaif, Rafha and 'Ar'ar was completed in September and turned over to the Directorate General of Girls Education.

A fourth smaller school for girls at Qaisumah was completed in September 1968.

Each of the three schools just completed includes six to nine classrooms (eight at Turaif, nine at 'Ar'ar and one at Rafha), an administration wing, a library, a reading and all-purpose room, an art room, a home economics room, an open stage, and a playground of some 7,000 square feet equipped with standard playground equipment and a basket and volley-ball court.

The Turaif and Rafha schools are located north and east respectively of the Saudi Home Ownership Plan (S.H.O.P.) area, while the school at 'Ar'ar is located in the northern part of town.

The company sponsored open houses at the Rafha and 'Ar'ar girls schools on September 15 and 16, and at Turaif on September 16 and 17.

In Rafha, about 70 men attended on the first day and 120 women on the second. The Relations staff hosted the men while Mrs. Mohammed Sayer, aided by the girls school teachers, hosted the ladies open house.

A much larger turnout was experienced at 'Ar'ar, where nearly 1,000 men and women attended each open house. Mesdames H. Jensen, T. Groh and M. Abdul Rahman hosted the women and their children.

About 800 men and 700 women attended the open houses at Turaif. Mrs. S. Raddadi and the headmistress hosted the ladies.

At each location, the company served cake and soft drinks. Conducted tours of the schools were given and reaction was highly favorable.

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