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موضوع الحال

على السفينة وذلك للمحاكمة على اتزال دفة
العامة الاتهام عمليه رفعها وازالتها

استمرت عملية انتزاع جوازي السفينه
 ولم يصرع في تنفيذها وذلك بخلاف المصالح
الضرر بالسفينة او العوامة نفسها - وأخيراً
فك كابالت الشرط عن العامة التي استقرت
فوق سطح الماء، وبذات السفينة تم فاتح
قوارب الشرطة بحسبها الى موقع موقت
ازلاتها

قبل ان يتم تثبيت المسسومه وتركها في
موقع المقصس لها وذلك في وقت الحق
من هذا العام - سوس يتم بقائها وطالها -
سوف توضع هذه السفينة الجديدة مكان
عامة سفينة لم تكن صممه الهندسون من نفس
الاعوام . اعطي القبطان اشاره البدىء في
نيل العامة من جزيرة مالطا في المفترض
رفع العامة الى ميناء القفل - والسفينة
السفينة ويات العوامة الارجعه في التاريخ
منذ ان بدء انتاج النفط من عمان عام ١٩٧٧
ويؤدي ان تقل هذه العامة في الحجم
القشرة تباين ٢٥ عاماً وذلك اذا ما لقيت
الصياده المنائية والتقطش المستمر عن اية
مقابر للنفط



بيغ وزن عامة الراسمه الجديدة التي
وضلت الى ميناء القفل يوم الجمعة ١٦ يوليو
على قبور يافورة خاصه ما مجموعه ٢٠٠ طناً
وبلغ عرضها ١٦ متراً وطولها اكتر من
٤ امتار وقد تم ازالتها من على المياحه في
نفس اليوم الذي وضلت فيه .

تم استئناف سفينة نقل بضائع فرنسية
لنقل العامة من جزيرة مالطا في المفترض
الtronssse الى ميناء القفل - والسفينة
السفينة ويات العوامة الارجعه في التاريخ
بعد زيتها الى ٤٤ طن وذلك في كل رغبة
ازلتها في البحر والمحاكمة على استقرار
كافيها لرفع العامة وازالتها .

عوامة الارسا، الجديدة تصل

إلى مينا القفل من مالطا !

الملايات

الاسترجاع

بلغ معدل الانتاج اليومي للنفط الخام خلال شهر يوليو ٢٧٧,٣٣٠ برميلاً بينما بلغ مجموع الانتاج للشهر كله ٨٩٩,٩١٢ برميلاً .

التصدير

قسم تصدير ٥٧٤٦,١٤٤ برميللاً (٣٠٠ طن متري) وذلك في ١٥ شحنة خلال شهر يوليو ١٩٩٧

اما اكبر شحنة منفردة خلال الشهر فهي التي حملتها الناقلة الروسية «بروج بروفن» والتي بلغت ١٥٢,٠٢٠ طن متري .

تسجيل خصائص تكوينات الآبار

بعد تسجيل العلامات عن ما يتم العثور عليه في الآبار من اهم اوجه عمليات الحفر.

عند اتمام عملية حفر احدى اجزاء البئر ولذلك من وجوه المفاز او النقطه فيها يجري ازاله معدات حاسمه في طرف تلك يتم ازاله الى داخل البئر . وتقوم بذاته قطع المعدات الشبيه بالسلك في اساليب الاندساسات غير السلك التي تستخلص حيث يجري تسجيلها او اخذها في حفل (تسجيل للخصائص)

تتوارد اخوات اوعواز مطلقة من العلامات المفاص
القواعد المطلقة للصisor ويعتبر اخوات
الناسية من هذه المعدات . يمكن تحويل
النماذج التأثير توارد اخوات او المفاز والقدر
كميات . كما اسرى كذلك . امام اسرى كذلك .
نتائج سلسلة هذه الحالات اعادة الاختبارات
الواردة من داخل البئر ونحوها الى شكل يمكن فرامة ودراسة .
اما ما تطلب الامر الدمه فيها من جديد .

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تعريف رجال الشرطة بصناعة النفط في عمان

ياد مختار سلسلة من الدورات التعرفيية
المخصصة لفروع الشرطة عمان السلطانية
للملحقين لوحة مهارات النطق واللغة
تعريفهم بصناعة النفط في عمان وسلطنة
المرسمة لل殿下

بعد درعهم بالشركة وبناتها . استمعوا
إلى خطب عن البيانات الاقتصادية والاتجاهات
محضون بعض معلومات الشرطة المنشطة . كما تم
تعميم على الرجال الشرطة شرائط تخصص فيها
الدراسات والعلوم التي استمروا بها

كما تم في الحسنز الاخير من المدورة
تعريفهم باموال وأختصاصات مختلف الموظفين
والعاملين بالشركة . وبذل المختار ان عدد
افراد الشرطة الملتحقين في هذه الدورة بلغ
١٦ شرطي وكان عدد ممثلين افراد الشرطة
قد شارك في الدورة الاولى التي اقيمت خلال
النصف الثاني من العام . في نهاية الدورة قرب افراد
الشرطة اسلمة همة تعلم بالمواضيع التي
استمروا بها .

تعززت الدورات نواتها برئاسة معاشر
سيجيرون تفتقر خالق ولاقى من هذا العام
في مبني معرض صناعة النفط مهباً العمل وسوف
يمكناها كبر حجم المانيا والجهود الاصحالية
القاهرة من زيارة عدد الاشخاص الذين
يهتمون بهذه الدورات الاعلامية المعرفية
حول صناعة النفط في عمان .



دورات جديدة في اللغة الانجليزية

لتشجيع ان تعليم اللغات يعتبر جهة مهم في برنامج المدرسة
للتوصيل المطلوب وتدريبهم . ويشمل كل المدورة في تعليم المطلوب
التجدد بخلاف واللذين الانكليزية والعربى .

تم افتتاح دورات جديدة تهدف الى تعلم المجال الانجليزى
العاملين بالشركة والذين يخدمون اللغة العربية فرقة كتبيات
التعليمات . وقام لهم بحضور كلية العربية . استعدادات الشركة . النسخاء
ووسائل الاعمال وذلك كلية الانجليزية . كما يتم اهتمامهم
على استعمال المصطلحات الفنية البيضاء في اجتماعاتهم . ويدرس
المختار ان معظم المصطلحات الفنية التي يتضمنها العاملين بالشركة
التي تدرس من اصل انجليزى وقد ادخلت الى اللغة العربية
دور رجل . وغايتها تلقيهم بالمصطلحات الفنية التي يستعملها العاملين
والكتابية لغص الزملاء الانجليزيين وهم جمعة عبدالرحمن ، هيث
محمد ، سيف سليمان وسعود محمد .



العملية هدية الروايات تقوم بتقديم المصطلحات الفنية
والكتابية لغص الزملاء الانجليزيين وهم جمعة عبدالرحمن ، هيث
محمد ، سيف سليمان وسعود محمد .

يقول الرجل عبدالله مبارك استغرقت الرحلة
الدولية من الدول الاروبية والشرق اوسطية
التي مدراها . وقد تجاوزت مدة أيام في
العراق والكوت لم يتم حصوله مسبقاً على
ترخيص الذهاب والعودة ولولا ذلك
لاشتراكه بدخول الكويت والسودان . وبعد ذلك
بعد رحلة الـ ٩٧٧٧ كيلومتراً :



رحلة الـ ٩٧٧٧ كم من لندن الى مسقط

ثلاثة من طلبة من اهوا دراستهم بكلية
شاركت في بطولة لموسيقى البريتانية فرقوا
الموسيقى في الوطن على طريق الناس عبر اوروبا
وامريكا .

السلطان الزملاء عبدالله مبارك سالم وسعود
احمد فرش وعبدالله محمد حمزة حلقة في مدارسهم
البيشرون الفنية المسنة من مدينة بيتر
الى اليهود دوف على شاطئه الشلال الانجليزي
حيث شهدت السياحة الى الشاطئ ، الفرنسي
وونها انتللاع عبر البدان الاروبية الثالثة
رسوسرا . ايطاليا . بروسيلا . بولندا .
ثم الى اسيا الصغرى (تركيا) والuarق ثم
الكوت والسودان . وطر وامارات وغيرها
مسافة .

استغرقت الرحلة الطويلة ١٥ يوماً قطعوا
خلالها ٩٧٧٧ كيلومتراً . ولم يواجهوا في
الرحلة آية صعوبة من ناحية التعرف على
الطرق حيث اعتمدوا على خريطة الطريق

التنافس فى الفصول ينتقل للملاعب!

كلب من افراد شرطة عمان السلطانية الذين حضروا الدورة التعرفيه الثانية
التدريب بالدوره التمهيدي الفنية الغور

القصيمى الغولى في صفوفه ينتمى الى
باندراءة . ٤ اهداف مباراه ٢ امساك

لفرق المدربين على الـ ٨٧ الدقيقة .
ويتكى ان مثل هذه الابارات التي افسر

الجولى غول الغولى سلطان سلطانليس بغير
حيث يتم مخراها لقاء كبرى شقيق بين

المدربين . سقوف نساد على ابراز روع
المدربين على الـ ٨٧ الدقيقة والخمسون
المدربين على الـ ٨٧ الدقيقة والخمسون

و بعد مباراه سريعة وقوية استطاع مسرق



PROGRESS ON THE BATINA

The number of sheep and goats on the PDO sponsored Khabura Development Project farm has increased from 100 since the last time PDO News visited the project in September 1977. We thought it was time to take another look at progress down on the Khabura farm.

Khabura Development Project Director Roderick Dunton, who has recently left Oman having been here since the inception of the project, will continue to direct the project from the University of Durham. He emphasises that the agricultural techniques developed by the Khabura team have begun to have a positive effect on the farming community in the area.

After the initial studies between 1973 and 1976 the first years of the project were devoted to establishing the farm's development programme with the local community and learning by experience about the problems faced by small farmers in the area. Now that the Khabura farm is an established feature of life on the Batina the more effort can be directed towards communicating more efficient and profitable farming methods to local farmers.

A most important instance of this programme is the work in which the project has experimented with cross-breeding local and imported goats. Having demonstrated the benefits of crossing the Omani goat, with its resistance to heat and drought, with a heavier, stronger imported breed able to put on weight fast with good feed, the project has found local farmers keen to cross their own animals with the imported goats.

Closely related to livestock development is the work in improving fodder cultivation. Farmers on the Batina have agreed to allow their fields to be sown with a type of grass not traditionally grown in Oman. Sheep and goats may then be released to graze the grass — a labour-saving way of feeding the animals, given that fodder usually has to be cut by hand.

Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries

The spinning and weaving project, which is sponsored by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, aims to revitalise the traditional spinning and weaving industry using local wools. The recently arrived weaving specialist, Sally Brokensa, believes that a ready market exists for products woven from Omani wool.

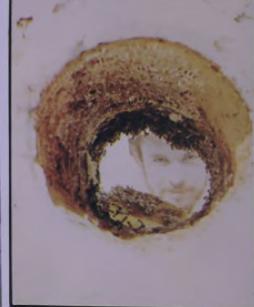
The Ministry also sponsors the honey project. Three specialists, in Khabura Research Station, are involved in a programme which seeks to develop beekeeping as a worthwhile means for small farmers to supplement their incomes. Tests in Dhofar have confirmed the honey potential of this region, and whilst two dry winters have reduced the honey flow from hives in northern Oman work continues in this area on the introduction of Australian bees and techniques. To assist in the development of Oman's honey colonies of Australian bees have been imported both for the Batina and Salalah.



Cutting fodder on the Khabura Farm



Bee specialist at work in Salalah



Sheep shearing



Tending the goats



Weaving specialist works with local wool

الخطوة لمشروع النواحي لتحقيق المحرز في النواحي

ارتفاع عدد وروس الاعلام من 25 إلى أكثر من 100 راس منذ ان افتتحت مجلس

مشروع المحرز لتنمية النواحي في العدد ١٥٠ من مجلة اختيار شركات أخرى للتفويض على تنفيذ اى

النقدم المحرز في هذا المشروع المعمول الذي تقوم بتمويله شركة تطوير نفع عمان للمحاصنة من المسحوف الصالحي.

يشار إلى أن مدير المشروع والمسفوف بالإنجليزية، د. علي بن سعيد العتيبي، ينفي ذلك.

كما قدم المحرز أيضاً مسحوقاً مسحوقاً تربة التعلل استخراج العمل. حيث ينور

القليل خبراء في هذا السياق من كل من المعاشرة والدراسات والسلامة ويسعون جاهدين

لزيادة إنتاج العسل مما ينفع تطوير العصائر والمكسرات وذلك كمساعد للدخل له شأنه شأن مدار

الزارعين. وقد أثبتت التجارب بالاتفاقية

الموريشية المكاكية تربية التعلل والمحصول على العمل في الثلثاء، ودارجون أن اثنين

من المختبريين انتسبوا للجهاز في موسم الشتاء بعد ١٧٧٣ شهد انتشاراً شديداً في سلطنة عمان

الزرع وتربية النحل في الشاشة وتأهيله

والاستقرار والغابات والغابات على طريق التغارير التي ينبع منها العسل

في المختبر، مما ينفع في تقديم الإقبال المطلوب في تربية النحل في السلطنة. ولتساءلاته في

تأثيراته على النحل التي تسبب تناول العسل

عوالم مختلفة والبلسا وزيادة وزنها من

الغذاء، مما ينفع في تطوير المختبرين المسلمين

وغيرهم، أم سعاد على هذه العملية هي

المطرقة التي قام بها المحرز في إجراء

الدراسات، وهي المختبر الموريشية

والمسحوف، وقد يرتكب عيادة تجربة

المختبر على النمو السريع وزيادة وزنها إذا

ما تؤثر المخلفات الجديدة أنها وقد أيدى

المزارعون على الحقول في تطبيقاته في تجربة

من التجارب الأخرى التي لهاصلة بتطوير

السلطنة المطلوبة من النباتات التي تجري على زراعة العائلة

وأفاد المزارعون على زراعة العائلة

من زراعة العائلة في مختلف وذات المزروع

العربي على هذه المخلفات الجديدة في الحقول

المائية، وهي تجربة اقتصادية تجربة

التجربة بينما أنه درج العائلة سلباً على

الخطاب



INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD

An impressive and varied display of articles was on sale in the Ras al-Hamra Recreation Centre on Tuesday, 10th July, when the Ladies Committee held a charity bazaar in aid of the International Year of the Child.

There were stands for food, clothing, houseplants, pottery, jewellery and other gifts. There was such a crowd round some of the stands that it was impossible to get a photograph. Other stands had sold almost everything before the photographer arrived!



Teenagers on holiday helped their mothers at the sale.



Under the watchful eye of Mrs Christina Brown, children of the Ras al-Hamra School were selling the pieces of pottery that they had made under her guidance and tuition.



Nic Turner displaying an Oman Flour Mills bag — a popular purchase for turning into T-shirts and aprons.

QUICK ACTION SAVES SITUATION

A letter of congratulation was sent to V. L. Raman of Production Department by the Operations Manager for his prompt action in averting a possible disaster.

"On 11th June... the effective way you closed the valves on a leaking propane tanker avoided a gas leak that might have had very serious consequences".

We add our congratulations to the appreciation expressed by the Operations Manager on behalf of the company.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to Taki Ali Suleiman of Administration Department on the birth of a baby boy Haider on 14th July 1979.

Congratulations to Mahmood Sanjar Hashim of Production Department on the birth of a baby boy Ainan on 3rd July 1979.

AMBASSADORS VISIT TO MARMUL

Indian and Pakistani staff make an important contribution to PDO and the Indian Ambassador to Oman this the company last month invited the Indian and Pakistani ambassadors to the Sultanate to pay a visit to Marmul.

Indian ambassador Mr A.K. Budhi Raja and Pakistani ambassador Mr Anwar Saeed travelled to Marmul with administration manager Franz Jacobs to meet Indians and Pakistanis working for PDO and contracting companies in Marmul.

The purpose which allowed the ambassadors to learn first-hand about the South Oman project, included an inspection of drilling activities on rig-8 and lunch with the Marmul junior staff mess.

Industrial Relations Assistant, Rashed al-Mini made the following speech of welcome for the visit of the Indian and Pakistani ambassadors to Marmul last month.



"Your Excellencies, Gentlemen,

On behalf of all of us working to bring this new oil field of Marmul into production, I welcome you here in our camp.

We hope that this visit will give you some idea of how we live in the middle of the desert and that it will raise the morale of our expatriate

communities.

On behalf of my Omani colleagues, I want to say that we are very happy to have them working with us. From them we have learned many of the skills that the country needs.

I hope that you enjoy your visit and that we shall be able to receive you again."

Congratulations

We congratulate Darwish Marhoun of the Department of Information and Public Affairs on passing his first year examination at the Polytechnic of Central London.



Darwish Marhoun

We congratulate Murtadha Ali Marhoun, who lately attended a two-month catering assignment in the United Kingdom, on taking over as Catering Contract Supervisor from his predecessor, Tony Clark, with effect from 1st July 1979.



Murtadha Ali



Congratulations to Rashid Amor al-Barwani on his marriage to Miss Mahira Mohammed al-Farsi.

The happy occasion was celebrated in the Ras al Hamra Recreation Centre on Thursday, 12th July with a large number of family and friends present.

Rashid is the eldest son of the late Amor al-Barwani of Engineering Department and Mrs Hadia Barwani of the Training Centre.

Darwish who has come back to the department during the summer vacation, act as leave supervisor and take some leave himself, received a reward from a friend in London giving him the good news. He will return to London in September to complete the second year of his translation diploma course.

We wish him every success in his second year.

Before being nominated for this course, Murtadha spent two years in the Interior working as Camp Services Supervisor, where catering supervision was an integral part of his responsibilities.

training

PDO Police Programme

A series of courses is being arranged for the policemen of the Oil Installation Division of the Royal Oman Police Force to introduce them to the oil industry in Oman.

After learning about the organisation of PDO, the policemen were given a talk on exploration and production accompanied by a film of the company's operations. Each policeman was given hand-outs of the talks to take away with him.

Finally they were told about the people in PDO and what they do. Like the first course last month, this one attended by 16 policemen was well received and many interesting questions were raised.



Mulsin Ayyub Sheikhani talking about the role and structure of the company.

This course will form the basis for similar programmes to be run in the oil exhibition centre later this year. With the additional space and facil-

lities it will be possible to double the numbers of people attending information programmes on the oil industry in Oman.

ALL WORK AND NO PLAY ?



A football match was played between students of the Training Centre at the end of last month in a spirit of friendly competition between the courses.

'PTC' beat 'INTEL' in a match that was enjoyed by both the players and spectators. Instrument instructor, Kalyan Boos, displayed hidden talents as a referee and Stan Stansilite, Head of Training, presented token prizes to both teams, when training staff and students met afterwards for refreshments and a 'get together'.



New English Course

Language training plays an important part in the company's development programme for its employees and every effort is made to increase the fluency of trainees in both Arabic and English.

A new course has been devised with the aim of helping Arabic speaking mechanics in the workshop to learn the important symbols in English, company forms, procedures and job descriptions written in English. They are also taught to use simple technical terms in conversation. Many of the words used on the workshop floor are English in origin and have passed into Arabic with the passage of time. The opportunity is also taken to teach the proper Arabic technical terms at the same time.



Mrs Hadia Barwani teaching mechanics the Arabic and English technical terms for the parts of a motor car engine.

London To Muscat By Road

Nearly 10,000 kilometers in 15 days.

Three of our students in the U.K. decided to return home overland on completion of their studies at the Charles Keene College in Leicester.

Abdullah Mubarak Salem, Said Ahmed Fureish and Abdallah Mohammed Khalifah set off from their College in Leicester, making their way to Dover, where they crossed over the channel to France on a car ferry. From France they entered Switzerland, Italy, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria. Leaving Europe for Asia they passed through Turkey, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates before arriving at their destination - Muscat.

The journey took 15 days and they covered nearly 10,000 kilometers. They said that they had no difficulty finding their way as they had a set of international world maps with them. They were however slightly delayed in Iraq and Kuwait as they



had not obtained visas for Kuwait and Saudi Arabia in advance. Abdullah Mubarak said that but for this delay they could have done the journey in only 10 instead of 15

days.

Congratulations on your achievement and thanks for letting us know that you arrived safe and sound.

THE HOLY MONTH OF RAMADHAN

Eat and drink until the white thread becomes distinct from the black thread of the dawn. Then strictly observe the fast until nightfall.

Ramadhan is the name given to the ninth month of the hump year which is eleven days shorter than the solar year. Thus Ramadhan falls earlier by between 10 or 12 days each year and is now entering the hottest part of the year. It takes 32½ years for Ramadhan to pass through all the seasons of the solar year.

Ramadhan is the only month of the Muslim year to be mentioned in the Quran, for it was during this month that the Quran was revealed by God, an occasion of obvious significance, known as "Lailat al-Kadr".

Fasting

Fasting, the fourth of the five Pillars of Islam, is observed during the month of Ramadhan, but Muslims may also fast on other occasions—particularly if they have had to break the fast during Ramadhan for reasons of necessity. All healthy Muslims over the age of puberty must fast from dawn until dusk throughout the month. Children, pregnant or nursing women, the seriously ill, aged, infirm and invalids are exempted. Temporary exemption can be given to travellers or persons engaged in heavy manual work, but if they break the fast they are expected to fast on another day in the year instead.

Prayer

Ramadhan is a time for prayer and religious devotion; it is considered meritorious to recite the entire Quran during the month of Ramadhan. Ramadhan is also a month of peace when man must respect his fellow human beings and not lose his temper, nor provoke an argument.

Muslims throughout the world keep the fast and customs of Ramadhan with only minor variations in different countries. What about the Muslim who is travelling or studying in a country where there are few fellow Muslims and where no allowance is made by society for his religious beliefs?



New Qaboos Mosque - Ruwi

In a Muslim country where nearly everyone is keeping the fast, the entire pace of life changes and working hours are altered to suit the requirements for fasting. Inevitably there is a noticeable change in people's habits and although business and offices remain open for part of the day, most people try to sleep for as long as possible and to rest before the breaking of the fast in the evening. There is tremendous solidarity and sense of purpose amongst Muslims during Ramadhan. When the end of the day is broken at dusk by the muezzin's call for ramazan announcement, everybody rejoices. There is much social activity throughout the night, music is played, special food is prepared and people watch films and television.



Medical Aspects

A London doctor raised the question of the medical aspects of fasting in a British medical journal recently. Practising medicine in an area where there were many Muslims, he was concerned at what treatment he could advise his patients, while they were fasting.

Injections, according to some authorities, should not be given; but they are generally not regarded in the same light as medicines taken orally. For instance a diabetic, who has to inject himself with insulin at regular times, is usually exempted from fasting.

Doctors do not seem to be able to point to any specific dangers brought on by fasting. Some loss of body weight has been recorded, but pulse rates, blood pressure and other bodily systems continue to function normally. Any ill health in Ramadhan is usually caused by eating too much rich food in the middle of the night and catching cold because of the temperature change when the sun goes down, rather than from the

direct results of fasting.

Religious Duty

Muslims and people of other religions have been fasting for centuries so it is hardly surprising that the doctors admit that there are no ill effects to be feared from fasting. It is after all a religious duty ordained by God and not a test of superhuman strength. It is written in the Quran: "God knew that you were deceiving yourselves in this respect. He has turned towards you and believed you". This refers to the fast from the sun. Muslims used to fast from one evening meal to the next which was clearly bad for their health in a hot climate to say the least!

THE NEXT FIVE YEARS !



Bob Jetes



Dave Loftus



Max van der Schalk

Recent technical discussions in The Hague between PDO(O), Government representatives and OMP laid down a programme for PDO's activities during the next five years characterised by continuing intensive exploration and the maintenance of higher production levels than at present through the development of new fields.

These were the main points that emerged when Bob Jetes invited all senior staff to a presentation and discussion on PDO(O)'s present position and plans for the future in the Ras al Hamra Cinema Hall early in July

Dave Loftus outlined Exploration Department's plans, which entail continued emphasis on South Oman aimed at locating new oil in two distinct zones of the southern concession area. Future discoveries here should lead to the arrival of significant new reserves. At the same time the Central Oman area west and south of the Ghafra fields will also be the scene of intensive seismic activity and exploratory drilling.

Max van der Schalk described the plans for boosting oil production and maintaining it at higher levels than at present for the next half-decade.

In the light of recent technical discussions in The Hague the JMC adopted a programme for PDO during 1980 based on bringing an additional drilling rig into service. The extra rig will allow more exploration and producing wells to be drilled, thus enabling new oil resources to be developed more quickly.

added to salaries to offset increased housing costs being faced by local staff.

The JMC also gave its approval to the proposed appointment of Mr. T. P. Murphy as Administration Manager in place of Frans Jacobs, who is retiring next year.

Welcome news for Omanis staff from the JMC meeting was the approval of a housing allowance to be

JMC meets

PDO's Joint Management Committee, comprising government and private shareholder representatives, held its second meeting this year on July 3rd under the chairmanship of Petroleum and Minerals Undersecretary Salem Mohammad Shaban.



What Do We Mean By... WORD PROCESSING ?

The simple answer to this question is making words, a process that we carry out almost without having to think about it. We speak words, we write words, we type words, record words and now with a new system introduced into Oman for the first time we make them electronically with the aid of a computer.

Word processing is really typing with a computer instead of a typewriter and using a television screen or visual display unit (VDU) instead

of paper. The operator still has a keyboard like that of a typewriter, but the words he makes come up on the screen and are stored in the computer on discs.

The main advantage of a word processing system is that the typed work can be brought back to the screen for correction without having to alter the complete text. Words can be inserted or deleted and pages or paragraphs can be rearranged with



Four VDUs are being installed in exploration, engineering, petroleum engineering and finance departments. Training is being given to operators by the machine suppliers — Wang Computers Ltd., of Singapore — over a two week period.

no trouble at all. When the document is checked and corrected, it can either be printed automatically for distribution or kept in computer storage until required for use.

Word processing pays off where small changes have to be made fre-

quently to long documents or lists like a telephone directory. It is also useful for preparing technical papers in draft that will probably have to be revised several times before final publication and distribution.

Welcome To Old Friends

Frans Jacobs welcoming V. A. Job and R. G. Lucas former colleagues from Shell Curacao where he was administration manager a few years ago.

The two gas plant supervisors have come to Oman for the new projects in Yibal, as part of the Shell policy of cross-posting staff from one country to another.

There are many different nationalities that have worked or are working in PDO on technical assignments, but this is the first time that we have welcomed Shell staff from Curacao.



OUR OPERATIONS

Production

The average daily production of crude oil during the month of June 1979 was 297,330 barrels. The total production for the month was 8,919,913 barrels.

Exports

A total of 9,741,484 barrels (1,300,880 metric tons) was exported during June in 15 shipments.

The largest single shipment was a cargo of 152,013 metric tons on board the Norwegian tanker "BERGE BRIONI".

LOGGING A WELL

One of the most important aspects of drilling a well is to record what has been found in it.

Once a section of hole has been drilled, to determine if oil or gas are present special tools are lowered into the well on the end of a cable. Each tool sends signals through the cable back to the surface where they are recorded as a "log".

Different tools are available to measure different properties of the rock and, by selecting the correct types of tool, the measurements can be analysed to determine if oil or gas are present, and to estimate the quantities. If the results prove positive further testing, if required, can go ahead.



In this Schlumberger vehicle are special instruments which record the data taken from the well and convert it into readable form.

NEW SINGLE BUOY MOORING ARRIVES AT MINA AL FAHAL

* The new SBM arrived on Friday, 13th July and was unloaded the same day.

A special French cargo vessel was chartered to deliver the buoy from Malta to Mina al-Fahal. This ship, the INTERNAVIS 2, is equipped with two special cranes and other equipment which enable it to load and unload cargoes of up to 440 tons in weight at one time. One crane only was sufficient to lift the SBM.

When company representatives were on board, the captain was looking anxiously at the weather. He explained that if the swell of the sea increased beyond a certain point indicated by a dial on the bridge control panel, he might have to postpone unloading the buoy.

After the engineers had inspected the buoy, the captain gave the order for the buoy to be raised clear of the deck. It began to move as the crane slowly traversed its load towards the sea. To keep the ship

stable during this tricky operation, the ship's officers shifted the ballast from one side of the ship to the other to balance the weight of the buoy.

It took about two hours to complete the unloading which could not be hurried without risk of damage to either the ship or the buoy. Finally the crane hawsers were disconnected and two mooring launches towed the new buoy to a temporary anchorage.

Before it is installed later this year, the buoy will be inspected and painted. This new SBM will replace a smaller buoy that was not designed to take the largest tankers. This is the second new SBM to be commissioned since the first export of oil in 1968. Properly maintained and regularly inspected for corrosion, the new SBM should give good service for more than fifteen years.

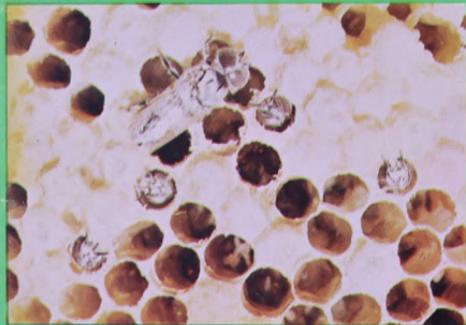
* The buoy weighs 220 tons, is 12 metres in diameter and is over 5 metres high.





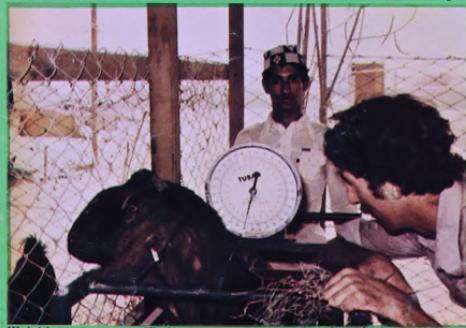
Spinning wool near al Hamra

غزل الصوف بآقرن من الحمراء



Honey bees

خلية للتحل



Weighing a goat at Khabura

وزن أحد الأغنام في الخابورة



محراث المي صغير يستخدم في مزارع الباطنة

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