

Samhuram the ancient frankincense city is one of the most important historic sites in the Middle East still awaiting proper excavation and investigation by archaeologists.

مuseum مدينة البخور الخالية
تغثير اطلال مدينة سامورام
التي كانت تعتمد على تجارة
المخمر من أهم الواقع الأثري
في المشرق الآسيوي ، وهي أون
يانتلقي للتنقيب والدراسة
الواافية من قبل علماء الآثار .

ركنِ السَّلَامَةِ

دَائِرَةُ الْحَفْرِ

فِي الْمُقْدَمَةِ



الإرث دارثة الغرق تلتقي الدواري الأخرى
في سبات السلام لهذا العالم وذلك بمجموع
١٨٣ يوماً في العام دون وقوع أي أصابع
مغيرة عن العمل حلالها.

نشرت دارثة الغرق

تقديرها

المسامي

وقد ذكرت التقرير الذي

تصدر سلبياً جاءه لتفتر كلية إن كان

وطبع عليه في الصين الماسية . غير أن

التقرير الآخر الصارخ يضم ١٩٧٧ كان

مداناً للغرق حيث يثبت المقاولون أن

عام ١٩٧٧ كان أسلم عام على الشركة

منذ تاريخ إنشائها .

بالنسبة إلى شركات النفط الأخرى

بنطليون الشرق الأوسط في طوف شبابها

لظروف شركتنا

وقد نسبت تكثير

الموارد

لها إلى

النفط

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دورة خاصة لكتاب موظفي المديرية العامة للمالية

**باولينا فورد تتحدث عن:
ـ طلتنا في المملكة المتحدة**

كما يقيم جون ووربرسون وبولينا فوره بزيارة كل طلاق تقيّن في الأهل في المدن والنوك في مكان دراسته أو المأمة ذاتي يعنيه زيارة عروسي ٢٠ كلية وبعدم وجاهة عن زيارة المكان المقصود . وكثيراً ما تكتثر الزيارة في نفس المكان لأنها من الوراء التي لا تتطلب التمهيد لزيارة هناك التمهيد . ادارة الاعمال والسكنية . الحالية . الاقتصاد ، المأمون ، وخارج المندس المختلفة والغيروجه والغيروجه .. كما تختلف مستوى الدراسة من الشهادة الثانوية العامة الى الابتدائية الى شهادات سنتي ان هيجز

يقع المكتب
ورغم أن
طلبة ، الا
من جراء
د او على
نيجيريا ،

الطلاب بزيارة مركز شل جهت
مقابلة او الزيارة ودية .
بالنكتة يغفرون جميع
شيئات ما يختلط الامر عليهم
من المستمرة .. باسم
الله رب طيبة من عمان ، قطر
او ماليزيا ؟

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A black and white portrait of a man wearing a light-colored shirt and a dark cap, standing outdoors.

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A black and white photograph of a man from the waist up. He is wearing a white, long-sleeved tunic with a high collar and a belt. He has a beard and is looking slightly to his left.

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دورة في التمويلات الصناعية

دوره في التموينات الصناعية

رسوف - تضليل الدولة الكثرة على موضع الاتهام المبنية من ادارة المطاعم الى الحاسمة وربط المفروقات بذات هذه الورقة العالية يهدف لاعطاء الرجول من شخصي معرفة وافية وذريعة كافية لادعاء انتهاك حقوقهم في العمل والحياة

انضم الزيجمون مرضي من شغل مذكر متصرف عقود العموانيين وذلك في عام ١٩٧١ بعد قضاء خمس سنوات من العمل بدوارة العمواني وبطريقه وفدي عمل عن انسجامه في الشركة بالذكير العامي الشهير والوطيفي بناءه العمل وقد رقي إلى درجة مدير الكتاب. قبل أن يغادر

الى منصب مشرف خدمات الاتر بالاداره في انتصري ١٩٧٦ وفي
يناير من عام ١٩٨٠ ترقى الى منصب مدير المظايف وبعد
قضاء مدين من العمل بالاداره تم ترقى الى مينان الفضل
بوظيفة مساعد خدمات شؤون كبار المظايف .

الملكة المتحدة مرخصة على رخصان وتحظى بدوره تدريبيه
عملية تستغرق سنته اشهر ولذلك في مجال التوفيقات المتنامية
لدى شركة شيل وجامعة ستوكفورد للمعلومين .

زيارات طلابية إلى ميناء الفحل

قامت عدة مجموعات طلابية من الخارج ومن مدارس السلطنة بزيارات الى متشات الشركة
بميناء الفحل وذلك للتعرف على اوجه النشاطات المختلفة بالشركة وصناعة النفط العمانية.



طلبة مركز التدريب المهني خلال زيارتهم للورشة الرئيسية بميناء
الفحل .



وقد الطالبة والطالبات اليسرياني النساء زيارة مركز التدريب بميناء
الفحل .



طلبة وطالبات من مدرسة القرفة النساء زيارة لمنطقة خزانات النفط
بميناء الفحل .

المحافظة على
سمك الشاروخ

فرض حظر على مسبيه خلال فترة التناسل



جاء عدم الازعاج !!

يعتبر جزء البحر المعرف مهما
بالشاروخ ، والذي يعيش بالمناطق الساحلية
الساخنة العائمة من الصادر الصدرية
المائية . التي يجب ان يراعي عند استقلالها
استخدام الطبلة العلمية الحديثة بدلاً عن
الاسطراب في صيدها بالطرق العشوائية
حيثنة: ان الخطير يهدى هذه الكائنات البحرية
بأواد البحر الصخرى (بالسؤال اذا

لقد تسبّب استخدام الامثلية الحديثة في مفهوميّة الريّان بكميات هائلة وذلك خلال سنوات الأخيرة بمنطقة الخليج في حدوث انتشار ونقص خلريّون في كميات الريّان مما ادى بالنتيجة الى هبوط في ما كان يتوقّع

لقد ادى تذبذب واردة السرارة والاسماك
النقطة والعادن قيصل عامين قرار مطهّر
الماء والبيئة بعملية الشاشورة (جراد البحر)
ذلك خلال موسم تكاثره الذي يبدأ من اول
يوليو ويزداد الى ١٥ أغسطس . كما متعدّد
بنفس الوقت حيث يهدى سماد الشاشورة .
اذا كان سلوك حسنهما اقل من ثمانية
شهر فيتم تغييرهما وذلك خلال فقيه اشهر العام ،
فيتتحاول العناية بالقشريات فرصة افضل
لنمو والتثابل .



الدك

بعثة британской
انسحاب بريطانيا من إسرائيل

نشر الدكتور أم. موسى من قبل على شل
بعنة الإيطالية

الهدف من الاصداف في القرم بالقرب من فندق الحضمار

كُلَّ مَا يَرَى إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْلَمُ الْأَنْتَارِكَ

التنقیب عن اخبار فی عمان

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أصحاب الماء العذب ينادون في كل الأسطنة لجرؤة أصحاب مفهولى العادات والقيم على
سرقة خزانات القرى المائية، والجدير بالذكر أن تلك القرى كانت في بلاز وادي العيون وأنواع
الخلافات ما بينها وبين القرى الأخرى كانت في بلاز وادي العيون وأنواع
الصراعات التي تدور بين القرى الأخرى كثيرة، وكانت مطردة مطردة على القرى المجاورة،
فأمام المذكور يكتسب دوراً مهماً في إيقاف انتشار الماء العذب في بلاز وادي العيون
وقد أدى دوره إلى إيقاف انتشار الماء العذب في بلاز وادي العيون على براعة ذات
الصلة بـ«البيئة»، حيث أعاد الماء العذب إلى بلاز وادي العيون وشرف عليه المذكور
أن ينادي بأهمية المحافظة على الماء العذب، وأن ينادي بأهمية المحافظة على
الماء العذب كاستثناء من الماء العذب.

عثة الدندركة

استثنى هذه الفرق عملها في أواخر شهر ديسمبر 1977 تحت اشراف الادارة الكروية كانوا فريقاً واحداً ووصلوها الى مسان للمرة الأولى في عام 1977 لستة لكتشاف شيء غير ما وفدوه هذا الميدان اياور الذي عثرت عليه في بلدة (سات) قبور الدورس بولونيا عجرين والتي يعرف بالـ (برج) وذلك حيث ان الفرق على اثناء تلقيه هذا داخل هذا المكان العجيب كما لم يتوصل بالباحثين الى الهدف الاصلاني من تشييده المارج ، ولكن شططاً العذارى التي وجدت هناك يعود تاريخها الى 1975 ميلادي .

يغير يوماً من يومه وهو أحد أعضاء البعلة الدنماركية التي البتر الموجود في المبنى السمعي
الـ (برج) والذي لا يُعرف البلاطون حتى الآن الهدف الأصلي من إنشائه .

FORKLIFT TRAINING COURSE

دورة تدريبية



Foremen and mechanics attended a two day course on the hydraulic system and maintenance of forklifts.

The course was run in the training annexe by B. S. Schaeper, representing Hyster Europe Ltd. the firm which makes the forklifts in company service.

Those who attended the course on 12th and 13th March were (from left to right) S. D'Silva, Mohammed Ali Adam, E. Fernandes, Suleymin Solid, B. S. Schaeper (instructor), Noor Mohammed, Faqir Abdul Rahim, Mohammed Hanif and Ahmed Saleh al-Kindy.

تلقي عدد من المراقبين والمهندسين دوره تدريبية صوره استمرت يومين وذلك عن النظم الهيدروليكي والميكانيكي الخاصة بالرافعات الشوكوية.

وقد أقيمت هذه الدورة التدريبية بمبنى التدريب باللوحة الرئيسية تحت اشرافه بي. إس. سيلمان ممثل شركة هاستر أوروبا الممدوحة التي تؤدي بصفتها الاعمال التجارية التي تتضمن الشركة.

اما الذهاب الذي حضرها هذه الدورة في يومي ١٢ و ١٣ مارس فهو من بينهم الى المنسان : احمد صالح الكيندي ، محمد حنيف ، فقير عبد الرحيم ، نور محمد ، بي. ان. شيرير (المدرس) ، سليمان سعيد ، او. فرنانديز ، محمد علي احمد ، او. مدي ، سليمان

امتحانات شهادة «سيتي انجلترا» الصناعية



تمكن ١٦ طالباً من المتدربين بمراكز التدريب في ميناء الفجيرة في ماراثون اختبارات شهادة سيتي انجلترا في ماراثون وفريبراء والحاصلات على الشهادة الصناعية . وقد تقدم بعض الطالبة بالامتحانات بعد دراسة للذمة متطلبات اشتراكها في ماراثون للامتحانات بعد اربع سنوات من الدراسة الغير نظامية . تهانينا العاجلة للطالبة الناجحة مع تمنياتنا لهم بالتألق .

OMAN CHALLENGE SHIELD FOR BRUNEI FOOTBALLERS

بيدو في المورة الزيلعي سليمان حمود البهلاوي انشاء تقديم الدرع لكتابته الموريق المافتل

قبل ان ينفي الزيلعي سليمان حمود البهلاوي قدرته التدريبية المعلنة لدى شركة شيل بروني للبترول ، شلام يقدم درع مسامي للماشى الاول بطولة دورى كأس القدم فى سريلانكا . وقد تبرع السريليون سليمان بالسفر فى الصالون السادس وذلك بمناسبة عيد السلطان الوطنى . كما اقام اهلا بالناسية حفل انتقال ٥٠ شخصاً من زملائه العاملين بشركة شيل بروني وذلك احتفاءً ب المناسبة عيدنا الوطنى .

Sulaiman Hamoud Behlany presenting the shield to the captain of the winning team.

Before completing his training assignment with the Brunei Shell Petroleum Company, Sulaiman Hamoud Behlany of Supply Department presented the Oman Challenge Shield to the winners of the local football league. The shield was donated by Sulaiman last year to mark Oman's National Day; he also held a reception for some fifty of his colleagues in Brunei Shell to celebrate the occasion.

دروع عمانى لبطل دورى كرة القدم فى برونى



تهانينا !

هدية الزواج

الزيلعي تلقى على سليمان الموقف يقصى محالجة المطربين الاكتئوبية على هدية من زوجاته كانت بغيره عن ساعة حافظة كوبونالية .

وقد قام الزيلعي سليمان المطربي على هدايا عن زوجاته بخطيب شتون البرطاني والتغور بتسليمه الهدية للزيلعي على هدايا عن زوجاته بالدائرة وعدنه بهذه المناسبة شهادة المساعدة والتوفيق في حياته الزوجية .

الزيلعي تلقى على سليمان التحية بالشاركة في عام ١٩٧٧ حيث عمل بدأرة الاستكشاف ومن ثم انتقل إلى دائرة التمويلات وذلك قبل تنقله إلى دائرة الشئون الادارية في عام ١٩٧٥ م .

تهانينا والد ميرور .

Taqi Ali Salmin, assistant personnel analyst in the electronic data processing section, was presented with an electric wall clock by his colleagues on the occasion of his marriage which took place on 13th April.

Suleiman Lamki, Head of Personnel Planning & Development, congratulated Taqi on behalf of the department and wished him every happiness and success in future.

Taqi joined the company in 1972 and worked in exploration and supply departments before being transferred to Administration department in 1975.



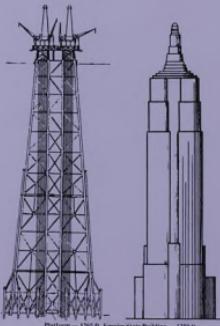
The Empire State Platform

Oil Production from 1000-foot water depths moved a step closer to reality when Shell Oil installed the first section of a massive new steel platform in the Gulf of Mexico.

The giant platform is for the discovery site Cognac, located about 15 miles south of the mouth of the Mississippi river, on four blocks covering some 22,500 acres. The base section of the platform, safely installed with the help of two derrick barges, one launch barge and nine tugs, is the heaviest and largest ever launched off the US. And its location in 1025 feet of water is the deepest ever for such a structure.

The Cognac platform had to be specially designed to withstand severe wave forces. The threat of hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico requires design criteria for wave forces several times stronger than, for instance, the Californian offshore area where other giant offshore structures have been located.

During the launching of the base section, underwater acoustical beacons acted as "homing" devices, sending signals back to the surface equipment. This enabled exact positioning and orientation of the structure on the sea floor.



LOOK AFTER YOUR HEALTH IN HOT WEATHER!



DRINK MORE WATER TAKE MORE SALT

During the hot months ahead we will perspire more profusely whilst out of doors — especially at work or sport.

Remember the following points :

- Sweat consists mainly of salt and water. To avoid problems both of these constituents must be replaced. 7 to 10 pints (4.5 litres) of fluid and at least 3 salt tablets should be taken daily.
- Personnel working regularly outdoors may need up to 3 gallons (14 litres) of water and 8-10 salt tablets.
- Children should be encouraged to take extra salt with their food and to drink plenty of fluids. A quarter teaspoonful of salt in a daily glass of lemonade is most helpful.
- Salt tablets may be obtained from the clinic pharmacy during normal working hours, and are also available in all messes.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Promotion to
senior staff with
effect from
1st March



Mahmud Sheezook

Mahmud Sheezook joined personnel department in October 1967 as a clerk in Fahud, where he spent the first two years of his company service. Having completed two years in the main personnel office at Mina al-Fahud, he returned to Fahud for a further two years in personnel work.

In 1973 Mahmud was transferred to drilling department and since then has worked on Rig 5. When interviewed by PDO News about his job and conditions of service, he replied that the rest day schedule was very much improved than when he first worked in the Interior. "We now spend 11 days on the rig site instead of 22 and still have 5 rest days".

To Mahmud who lives in the Wadi Kabir with his family of six children, we extend our congratulations and best wishes for the future.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Chief Medical Adviser in London



DR.
NIGEL
ASHWORTH

A former chief medical officer of the company, who established the Mina al-Fahud clinic, has been appointed chief medical adviser the Shell International Petroleum in London.

Dr Nigel Ashworth joined Shell twenty years ago and served in Trinidad, Brunei and Sarawak, and the U.K., before being appointed Chief Medical Officer of the Mina al-Fahud — now known as Fahud — in 1972. After spending a happy and eventful year in Oman, he was transferred to London as senior medical adviser. Both he and his wife Norma retain an affectionate interest in Oman and look forward to seeing their old friends in London and to hearing news from the company.

Development & Regionalisation Adviser



On 1st April, Harry Graham, Head of Training transferred to Personnel Planning Department as Development & Regionalisation Adviser. In this position he will be responsible for overseas training and educational assignments for all staff, as well as for their career development.

This move was made to strengthen the company's regionalisation policy, which is still aimed at replacing expatriates by Omani staff, who are properly trained and qualified for the work involved.

Harry will continue to be responsible for all training matters in addition to his new duties until the appointment of a new head of training department.

The History And Heritage Of Oman Archaeology In Oman

The past few years have seen a considerable growth of interest in archaeological fieldwork in Oman. Oman's role in ancient times is still something of an enigma, and scholars and archaeologists from all over the world are interested in investigating the various cultures that flourished here during past millennia. Of special interest are the relations between Oman and the other great civilizations Mesopotamia, Persia, and the Indus Valley. Scholars also hope to find in Oman the source of copper used in Sumeria in the third millennium B.C.

The Ministry of National Heritage under H.E. Faisal bin Ali sponsored three main teams of foreign archaeologists this year, in addition to the field work of the Department of Antiquities supervised by the Archaeological Adviser, Dr. Paolo Costa.



Bo Madsen of the Danish Expedition and Andree Gorton of the Department of Antiquities standing in the shadow of the "tower" whose original function is a puzzle to archaeologists.

The Departmental of Antiquities

In November 1977, the Department carried out a survey of the ruins of al-Beld in Salalah, especially around the building identified as the Great Mosque. Dr. Costa also directed the major project of excavating a copper mining and smelting site at Arja in the Wadi Jizzi, near Sohar.



Dr. Karen Frijelt, leader of the Danish Expedition, surveys the results of this year's excavations at the so-called "tower" at Bat, near Ibra.

The Danish Expedition

This team resumed working at Bat near Ibra in late December, 1977. It is led by Dr. Karen Frijelt. And since first coming to Oman in 1973 it has uncovered such spectacular finds as the monumental structure known as the "tower". Very few objects have been found inside this intriguing building and the experts have not yet agreed on its original function; but pottery fragments found there date back to the third millennium B.C. A similar tower built with mud bricks rather than with stones has been found at Hilli in Bureimi, and seems to date from the same period as the Bat structure. In addition to clearing the tower site, the team has been carrying out soundings around the area in order to gain a clearer picture of ancient land-use and economy at this important site.

The British Expedition

This group is led by Miss Beatrice de Cardi, who has directed several expeditions before in the Arab World and especially in Oman. They have been working since mid-January at

two sites near Ibra, Tawi Silaim and Tawi Said. The former is a necropolis or burial-ground of the third millennium B.C.; the other is an old settlement on the Wadi Batha.

The Italian Expedition

Dr. M. Tosu has previously uncovered a shell mound at Qurum near the Gulf Hotel; this was the site of a prehistoric settlement, possibly dating as far back as the fifth millennium B.C. The community seems to have lived from fishing and food-gathering, and more excavations are expected this year.

While Omani archaeology is still in its infancy, the main conclusion that can be drawn from all this activity is that Oman's rich history goes back thousands of years, and its identifiable record of human civilization stretches further into the mists of prehistory. We congratulate the Ministry of National Heritage, the Department of Antiquities, and the international teams of scholars whose efforts make it possible for us to catch some fascinating glimpses into the Oman of past eras, and we wish them much continued success in their endeavours.

CONSERVING THE CRAYFISH

Breeding season ban imposed



The Crayfish found in Omani coastal waters and known locally as 'sharukh' is a valuable natural resource of food, which must be caught scientifically and not overfished.

There is a serious risk that if the taking of this crayfish — or spiny rock lobster to give it the proper name — is not properly controlled, the species will be endangered.

In other parts of the Gulf overfishing with modern methods in recent years has caused serious depletion of the prawn catch and a subsequent decline in what was expected to be a thriving industry.

Two years ago the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Petroleum and Minerals imposed a ban on the catching of crayfish during the breeding season between 1st May and 15th August. At the same time this decision laid down certain minimum measurements for crayfish fished during the rest of the year in order to give this crustacean a better chance of reproducing and reaching maturity.

Visitors to Mina al-Fahal

Several student groups visited Mina al-Fahal from abroad and schools in Oman to learn about Oman's oil industry and the activities of the company.



Students from the Vocational Training Centre tour our workshops.



Pupils from the al-Ghubra school visiting the Mina al-Fahal tank farm.



Students from the Gulf Technical College on a visit to Oman.



Iranian students visit Mina al-Fahal for the first time.



Training News

COURSE FOR DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF FINANCE

A management development course was run in the Mina al-Fahal Training Centre for nine directors and department heads of the Directorate General of Finance.

The course lasted five days, from 25th February to 1st March, and was organized by Bill Myles just before leaving Oman having running a regular number of supervisory development courses for company staff.



From right to left: Bill Myles (Course Leader), Darwish Ismail Ali, Hamoud Ibrahim Sumar, Rashid Ali Rashid, Hussein Muhammed Hassan, Suleiman Mahanna al-Adawy, Abdul Hussian Jaafar, Harry Graham (Head of Training), Seif al-Hinali, Muhammed Abdul Aziz, Hamad Rashid al-Bahry.

Industrial Catering Course in the U.K.



Murtadha Ali Ramadhan left Oman at the end of March for a nine month catering assignment in the U.K. with Shell and the Sutcliffe Catering Group.

Murtadha Ali Ramadhan is the first Omani from the company to attend a catering course overseas. The first six months of his assignment will be spent in London with the Sutcliffe Catering Group, followed by three months at Stanlow refinery and in Aberdeen, the administrative base for North Sea operations.

All aspects of the catering business will be covered from canteen management to accountancy and stock control. This assignment has been planned with the aim of giving Murtadha sufficient knowledge and experience to take over the position of catering contract supervisor.

Having worked for five years in Bahrain and Abu Dhabi, Murtadha joined the company in 1971 and worked in the personnel department office at Mina al-Fahal. He became chief clerk and was then promoted to the position of camp services supervisor in the interior in August 1974. In January 1975 he became senior staff and after a period of two years in Fahud was transferred to Mina al-Fahal as senior staff personnel services assistant.

Before leaving for London he handed over responsibility for senior staff personnel services to Mrs. Safia Gharib, who was formerly training centre administrator.



WHO LOOKS AFTER OUR STUDENTS IN THE U.K.?

Pauline Ford visits Oman and writes about the work of her London Office:

The Overseas Recruitment and Students unit of Shell International Petroleum Company Limited in London looks after around 155 students from Oman, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Nigeria, Portugal, Qatar, Sabah, Sarawak, South Africa, Sudan, Turkey and Zambia. Students from all these countries are placed on suitable academic courses and English language training; workshop technology courses and industrial training are arranged as necessary.

The unit is headed by John Robertson, who is assisted by Pauline Ford. The hub of the unit is the administration office of Pauline Frise and Cathy Beale, where the telephones are constantly ringing as Shell students phone to enquire about allowances, home leave, accommodation and a hundred and one

other things connected with their stay in the United Kingdom. Hardly a day goes by without at least one student visiting Shell Centre, either for interview or just for a friendly chat. Each one is known personally but with students from so many countries, there are times during telephone calls when it is difficult to decide who is speaking — we have Mohammeds and Alis from Oman, Qatar, Nigeria, Brunei and Malaysia!

Induction Course

Living and studying in another country where climate, language, food, dress and customs are very different from your own can give rise to many problems. All students are briefed very carefully on arrival and, where possible, are given an induction course to help them to settle in. Then, at least twice a year,

John Robertson or Pauline Ford visits each student at his or her place of study. This means visits to around sixty colleges, polytechnics and universities throughout the United Kingdom, often to several departments at the same place as courses range from nursing, business and secretarial studies, accountancy, economics and law through the many branches of engineering to geophysics and geology. The level of course also varies from G.C.E. and City and Guilds up to postgraduate level.

We hope that PNEL/4 is able to help every Shell student during his stay in the United Kingdom and certainly no one could be more pleased than staff of the Unit when a student leaves the UK, properly qualified and equipped for a worthwhile career in his own country.



In this picture taken at the overseas students' Annual Reunion Dinner held at Shell Centre in London are from left to right: Salim al-Ruweshy, G. Hayward, Faqir Abdulrahim, Mrs. Faqir, Hamoud Essa, Jamal al-Harthi, J. R. Walters, Khamis Nasser, Ali al-Busaidi, Wahid Rashid.

OUR OPERATIONS

Drilling

RIG 2 completed a workover at Marmul-11 in early February and then moved to Marmul-14. The rig spudded Marmul-15 on 4th March and Amal-10 on 24th March.

Rig 2 drilled 10,245 feet during February and March.

RIG 4 moved to Fahud-141 for a workover after being released from Qaharir-1 on 19th February. The rig then moved to Naith-47. Having spudded Naith-48 and Naith-49 on the same day, the rig remained in the latter location until the end of March. Rig 4 drilled 14,553 feet during February and March.

RIG 5 completed Yibal-90 and then moved to Yibal-64 for a

workover. After spudding Yibal-91, the rig moved to Ghuba North-12 until the end of March. Rig 5 drilled 10,268 feet during February and March.

RIG 7 was working at Qaharir-1 until 21st March, when it moved to Rahab-3, spudding the new location on 25th March.

Rig 7 drilled 8,105 feet during February and March.

RIG 9 was operating at Birba-1 throughout the month of February and March. Rig 9 drilled 3,611 feet during the two months.

The total footage drilled during the months of February and March was 46,382 feet.

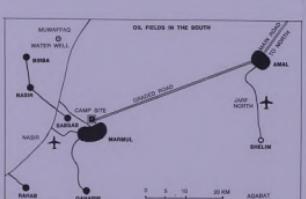
NEW OIL FIND ANNOUNCED

IN MARCH

In a management circular to all employees on 18th March, it was announced that recent tests in exploration well Qaharir-1 had confirmed the presence of oil.

Qaharir is about 20 kilometres due south of Marmul and is a most encouraging discovery, as the oil is of higher quality than that found in the nearby fields.

Further appraisal is needed before the size and economic viability of the new find can be determined. A second test well will be drilled in early June.



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SAFETY CORNER

Drilling leads this year's safety competition between departments with a record 183 days without a disabling injury.

Loss Prevention Department has published and distributed the Annual Accident & Injury Report for last year. This annual publication, which in the past has made depressing reading carries facts and figures which show that 1977 was the safest year in the history of the company.

Congratulations to Drilling Department!



Compared with other Middle East oil companies operating under similar conditions, PDO has a much lower frequency rate of accidents; but there is still room for improvement and we must not be complacent in 1978 !

The report also highlights the inter-departmental safety competitions which were instituted last year and which have been responsible for the increasing awareness and sense of safety teamwork among all levels of our workforce.

NEW GENERATORS FOR MINA AL FAHAL POWER STATION

Last year the Smit Boines generators, which have been in operation at the Mina al Fahal power station since 1966, started to give trouble resulting in power failures. In view of the poor condition of these units it was decided to overhaul them during the winter months.

Increased Demand

Since the power station was initially equipped to meet the demand for electric power has increased with the construction of additional office and living accommodation. As it was felt that the recommissioned generators might not meet peak demand this summer, it was decided to purchase new generators earlier than had been originally anticipated.

Load Test

Enquiries were made and a pair of 2 megawatt units were eventually located in Chicago. These two generators were purchased at the end of last year along with the necessary switchgear and transformers. After PDO engineers had witnessed a load test carried out in New Orleans, the two units were shipped to Mina al Fahal at the end of January. By the end of March both units were fully operational well within the target deadline.



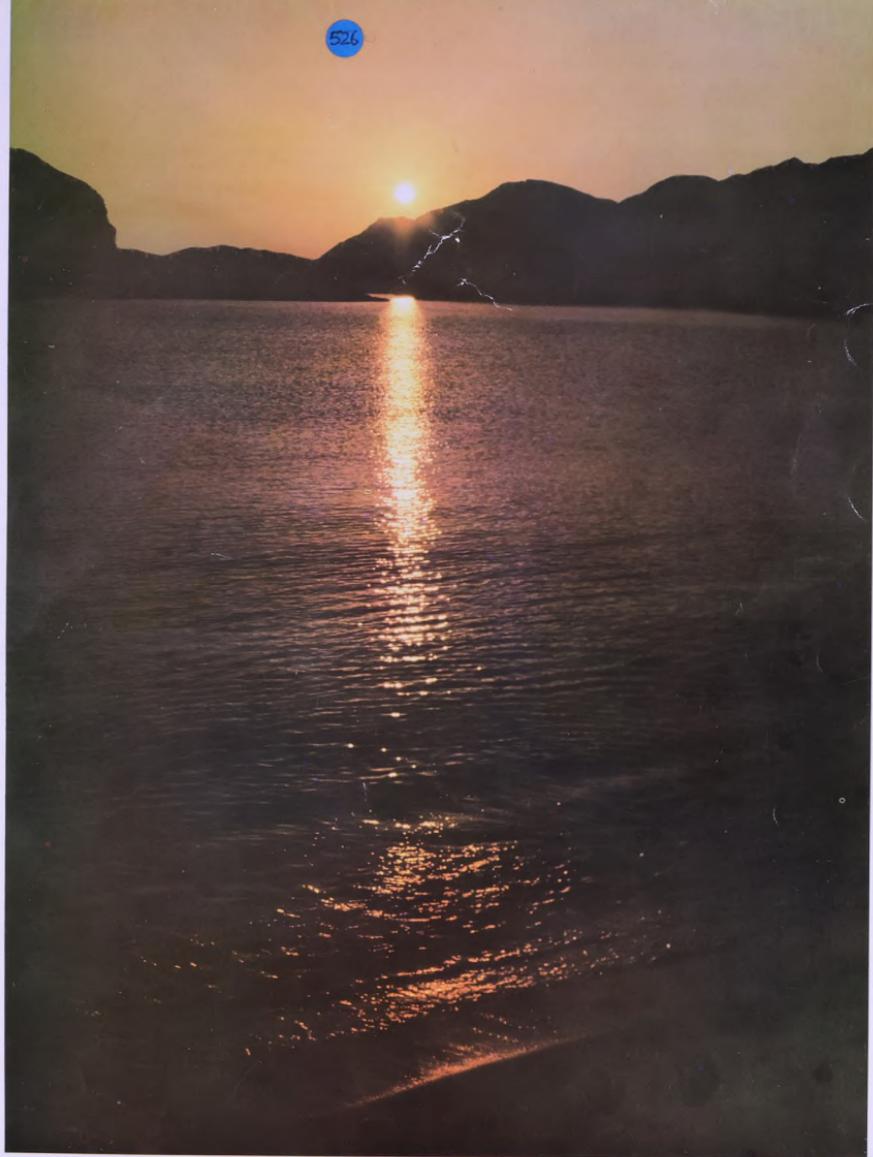
Installation of the generators nearing completion.



Supply Department positioning one of the new generators.



The switchgear had to be lowered through the roof of the power station.



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