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Abstract: According to the BP Statistical Review of World Energy, June 2016, Arab countries own the most proven oil reserves in the world, and have a share of around 43% of the total world reserves. The discovery of oil in the Arab world in the early 20th century was pivotal to many of Arab countries' socio-economic development, and to their new and enhanced international geo-political positioning.

Following the discovery of the oil reserves in the region, several efforts were spent figuring out cheap and efficient ways to transport oil from the Arab Gulf countries, to the international market which still then relied heavily on oil for most of its energy. In order to cut oil shipment costs from Saudi Arabia to Europe and the United States, the Trans-Arabian Pipeline Company was formed in 1945 through a joint venture between several American Oil Companies. TAPLINE was to construct the largest oil pipeline in the world at the time, linking Saudi Arabia and Lebanon through Jordan and Syria. Eighty percent of this huge project was entrusted to the Engineering Company Bechtel International Corporation. The project proved to be a massive challenge both logistically and technically (equipment, vehicles and supplies had to be transported to the Arabian Desert all the way from the United States, and workers had to deal with harsh climate conditions.)

The pipeline itself provided a perfect shortcut between the Middle East and Europe saving tank-ships a long haul route that spanned the Persian Gulf to the Mediterranean Sea through the Arabian Sea, the Gulf of Oman, and the Red Sea before the tankships could finally head towards Europe. The pipeline had a huge effect on the economy of the region, in particular on the development of Lebanon, specifically Sidon.

Language(s): English

Administrative Information

Source: The collection was donated to the AUB Libraries in two installments: in March 2002, Dr. Børre Ludvigsen, Associate Professor at Østfold Regional College, Halden, Norway, donated documents related to the TAPLINE, which comprised mostly telexes and a few photos; the second and bigger installment was donated by Mrs. Aricia Anthony Makkinje, the daughter-in-law of Mr. John Makkinje in 2017. Mr. John Makkinje was an employee of the TAPLINE, ARAMCO, between 1953 and 1986. Initially hired as a Radio Technician, and then promoted to the role of Manager of Operations, he remained in this position until the closure of the Plant, in 1986.

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Scope and Content

The Trans-Arabian Pipeline Company (TAPLINE) Collection includes correspondence, maps, photographs, faxes and receipts, reports and miscellaneous archival documents. It also contains publications and press clippings related to the TAPLINE's installations and operations; maps and plans for the Tank Farm Area, Sidon Terminal; company stickers; photographs of workers, tankers, landscape, oil pipelines, ships and the seashore.

This collection is an important source for scholars interested in the socio-economic history of the region, in Middle Eastern foreign affairs with a specific focus on US-Middle Eastern relations, and in the role that oil played within the geo-political context of the Arab region and the rest of the world, especially during the cold war era.

Arrangement:

Series I: Administrative and Operational material, including: Faxes and receipts, correspondence, reports, activity logs, design data and manuals

Series II: Photographs: 58 black and white photos in different sizes 7 x10 cm; 12 x 18 cm (including photos of operations, workers, installations...)

Series III: Maps and Plans: 4 maps and 6 plans in different sizes e.g. 192 x85 cm; 74 x106 cm.

Series IV: Publications: Articles, Brochures, an incomplete run of *Pipeline Periscope* magazine and press clippings

Historical Background:

The Trans-Arabian Pipeline (TAPLINE) Company was founded in 1945 as a joint venture by the following companies: Standard Oil of New Jersey (Esso), Standard Oil of California (Chevron), The Texas Company (Texaco) and Socony-Vacuum Oil Company (Mobil). The Trans-Arabian Pipeline Company was a fully owned subsidiary of the Arabian American Oil Company (Aramco).

The TAPLINE was intended to extend from the Abqaiq oil fields in Saudi Arabia to the port of Haifa, in Palestine, making it the longest oil pipeline in the world, at the time. Following the Nakba of 1948, the route of the TAPLINE was amended, to pass through Jordan, the Golan Heights in Syria, and to end at the Zahrani Terminal, South of Sidon, Lebanon, near the Zahrani River, rather than in Haifa, Palestine, as initially planned. Oil was filled in boat tanks at the Zahrani terminal, and tankers then sailed from the port of Sidon, shipping oil to European and American markets (mostly to the East Coast of the US) at low costs.

The installations of the TAPLINE extended over a length of 1,214 kilometers (754 mi). At its inauguration, the TAPLINE initially pumped 300,000 barrels per day (48,000 m³/d)

(bpd), which was then increased to a maximum capacity of 500,000 bbl/d (79,000 m³/d), with the addition of several more pumping stations. The pipes transported up to 30% of Aramco's Saudi Arabian crude oil, during its peak operation.

Oil transportation through the TAPLINE to Lebanon and Syria was brought to a halt in 1976, upon the beginning of the Lebanese civil war. The line's installations were handed over to the Lebanese government in 1983. The Zahrani station was then transformed into a modern electrical power station and a fuel oil importation terminal. Aramco eventually was decommissioned and completely shut-off the TAPLINE in 1983.

Subject Headings:

Arabian American Oil Company -- History -- Sources
Trans-Arabian Pipeline Company (TAPLINE)
Saudi Aramco -- Employees -- History -- Pictorial works
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Petroleum pipelines -- Design and construction
Economic development--Lebanon
Petroleum pipelines -- Middle East -- Maps.
Petroleum refineries -- Middle East -- Maps.
Tankers
Crude oil
Middle East -- Foreign economic relations -- United States.
United States-- Foreign economic relations-- Middle East
Middle East -- History -- 20th Century

Container list

Series I: Administrative and operational material (1948-1997)

Faxes and Receipts

Box1:

270 faxes/ receipts (Huston Incoming) Jan 4, 1983 - Dec 28, 1983

199 faxes/ receipts (Huston Outgoing) Jan 4, 1983 - Dec 28, 1983

Box2:

244 faxes/receipts (Hague Outgoing) Jan 5, 1983 - Dec 30, 1983

169 faxes/ receipts (Hague Outgoing) Jan 4, 1983 - Dec 30, 1983

159 faxes/ receipts (Outgoing General) Jan 11, 1983 - Dec 30, 1983

367 faxes/ receipts (Personnel Cable) Jan 5, 1983 - Dec 28, 1983

Correspondence (1949-1998)

Box3:

File1:

• Letters on Pipelines

- Letter from Abd Allah al-Uhaydib to the Amir of the Northern frontiers area concerning the Pipeline explosion. May 7, 1986
- Letter from A. Fayad to S. D. Young about "pipeline throughput." September 28, 1986
- Letter from A. Fayad to S. D. Young about "pipeline throughput" including a table of maximum line capacity with Rafha and Turaif. October 2, 1986
- Letter from A. M. Nagshabandi to M. Ohaly about the "failure analysis TAPLINE rupture KM 435." (+ an attached failure investigation report). December 30, 1995
- Letter from D. I. Al-Ruwaili to F.B. AL-Anizi concerning the "estimated costs of performing repairs to the pipeline at KM/169.300" (+ an attached document about the cost of P/L repair due to accident at KM/69.300. August 19, 1997.
- Letter from D. I. AL-Ruwaili to A.A. AL-Dossary about the "outstanding Pipeline work for the year 1998." December 6, 1997
- Letter from D.I. AL-Ruwaili to F.B. AL-Anizi concerning "Pipeline test holes results." June 20, 1998

• Letters On Operations/Personnel

- Draft letter to the Secretary of the Navy from Rhea Putnam, February 18, 1949
- تعميم \ إعلان من شركة خط الأنابيب عبر البلاد العربية- الظهران- بإسم رئيسها د. ر. فیت الى جميع الموظفين العاملين في المملكة العربية السعودية "أن خط الأنابيب الممتد الى لبنان سيبقى مقفلا ما لم تحل مشكلة تحديد ودفع ثمن الزيت وتأثيره على وضعهم وعملهم بصفتهم من موظفي " (Arabic + English) تابلاين. April 14, 1975
- TAPLINE – Badanah (Correspondence related to TAPLINE-Badanah)

- Letter from A. A. Al-Dossary to all key personnel concerning “job reassignments.” (+ an attached organization chart of TAPLINE department - TAPLINE Operations Division) December 8, 1997
- Letter from D.I. Al-Ruwaili to A. A. AL-Dossary about the “weekly preventive maintenance schedule of both the mechanic and electrician for U.C.P stations in Saudi Arabia.” (+ an attached copy of the weekly schedule) November 22, 1997
- Letter from A. A. AL-Dossary to all “key personnel informing them that during his absence” D. I. AL-Ruwaili will be in charge of TAPLINE operations. November 26, 1997
- Letter from D.I. AL-Ruwaili to F.B. AL-Anizi about the “attached report that gives a summary on the performance and operations of unattended cathodic protection (U.C.P) stations and rectifiers operations for March 1998.” June 6, 1998
- **Letters on TAPLINE History**
 - Letter from Rhea to John about what to include in the TAPLINE History. April 24, 1998

Reports, activity logs, design data and manuals

Box3:

File 2:

- A list of locations of the Pump Stations and Main Line Valves.
- Tabulated list of “Industrial Disabling Injuries” January 1, 1967 till April 30, 1967.
- An activity log recorded at Turaif and the Beirut Dispatcher’s Office between February 11, 1967 and February 13, 1967. Published in Beirut, February 23, 1967
- Authorization to proceed with pipeline reconditioning [initiated by D. I. Ruwaili; Contractor: Saad Abdulla Al-Sewilem Est] – Pipelines department. August 26, 1996
- اتفاقية بيع: من شركة الزيت العربي السعودية (أرامكو) لمؤسسة القمري التجارية. September 1997

File 3:

- (Chief Engineer) Culbertson, J. L., *Design Data for Crude Oil Flow Trans-Arabian Pipe Line, compiled by Trans-Arabian Pipe Line, Engineering Department San Francisco, May 10, 1948.* [Crude Oil Characteristics, Flow Calculations, Performance Curves, Conversion Charts]
- ATD-5710-F: Crude Oil Flow Sheet for Qaisumah, September 27, 1950.

File 4:

- (Chief Engineer) Culbertson, J. L., *Estimate of Direct Costs for Maintenance and Operation Trans-Arabian Pipe Line*, compiled by Trans-Arabian Pipe Line, Engineering Department San Francisco, May 28, 1948

File 5:

- Operation Training Manual Trans-Arabian Pipe Line Company Issued by Trans-Arabian Line Company, December 28, 1953

File 6:

- Report: Pressure Increase Program of Trans-Arabian Pipe Line Company. By A. E. Olson chief engineer- Trans-Arabian Pipe Line Company. 1961
- Appendix VII: Profile Hydraulic Gradient: ATS-8074F

File 7:

- TAPLINE Data Book. Table of Contents: 1) Physical Plant, 2) Investments and cost Data, 3) Operations and Operating Costs, 4) Economics
- TAPLINE Instruction Field Manual, February 1, 1969
- TAPLINE Special Instructions Manual for Calculation of Payout and Rate of Return, March 21, 1966
- Draft loos paper document titled: SAG Suppl. Fee

File 8:

- Manning Table – Trans-Arabian Pipe Line Company. (Location: Turaif Central Facilities – Saudi Arabia) December 31, 1967 and January 31, 1970.

File 9:

- Summary of notes to Mr. J. J. Makkinje compiled after the break and fire occurred at KM 435.430 and 435.635. March 3, 1985

(Reports cont'd)

Box4:

File 1:

- Wolfe, Oscar and Johnson, S. P., *Reconnaissance of Alternate Routes for the Proposed Trans-Arabian Pipe Line April-May 1946*, July, 1946

File 2:

- Turner, R. E., *Nut Shell Cleaning Gas Turbines for Horsepower Recovery Potential. TAPLINE Engineering Report*, February 28, 1967, [Report no. Taper-67-2]
- *First Stage Nozzle replacement of Turbine 97604 (24x8) at Shubah spare foundation*, April 14, 1968. This report covers teardown inspection and

reassembly of turbine 97604 for a new stainless steel first stage nozzle. [Report no.15] (Documents + photos)

- Fayad, Antoine, *Annual Oil Dispatching Report 1983*, January 15, 1983

Box4:

File 3: Outreach

- Burnett, R.R., *Transient Pressures in Long Pipelines*, April 28-29, 1960 (Paper presented at the Annual Pipeline Conference, Tulsa, Oklahoma, April 28-29, 1960)
- Nibley, P. P. and Dreier, D. W., *Pipeline Economics and Technology in the Middle East*, October, 1960. (Paper presented at the Second Arab petroleum Congress organized by the Secretariat general of the league of Arab states, October, 1960) (English + Arabic)

Series II: Photographs

Box4:

File 4:

58 Black and White Photographs by Sarrafian, Beirut and by William Walden (1949) in different Sizes 7 x 10 cm; 12 x 18 cm. These photos document the Sidon terminal under construction and in operation.

Series III: Maps and Plans

Box4:

File 5:

- Geographic Map of the Wadi As Sirhan Quadrangle Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. by Richard A. Bramkamp, Glen F. Brown, Donald A. Holm, and Newton M. Layne Jr. published by the U.S. Geological Survey Washington D.C. 1962 [Miscellaneous Geologic Investigations MAP 1-200 B]; size 103 x 110; scale 1:500,000
- Israel Map of the Cease-Fire Lines (2 Maps – Israel North and South) + List of Settlements, Localities and Antiquity Sites- Supplement to Israel 1:250,000. November 1964; size of both maps 98 x 68; scale of both maps 1:250,000

File 6: Several TAPLINE plans and plots

- TS-690: Profile & Hydraulic Gradient – Main Line, June 15, 1948
- TS-702: Pipeline Route, Station Locations and Water Wells, January, 1949
- TA-938: Piping & Instrument Diagram – Stations, November 10, 1947
- TS-918: Plot Plan – Stations, December 7, 1949.
- TS-990: Pump House Equipment Layout – Stations. December 16, 1947

File 7: (Oversize, Both items are placed in the Oversize Archives drawer 11)

One plan and one map

- Plan: Key Plot Plan Tank Farm Area, Sidon Terminal, size 74 x 106 cm; scale 1':200"; May 5, 1951; Engineering Department
- Map: Hydrographic Map of Shore Area, Sidon Terminal, size 192 x 85 cm; scale 1:4000; December 21, 1960; Engineering Department.

File 8: TAPLINE Stickers – Arabic

Series IV: Publications: Articles, Brochures, Pipeline Periscope, press clippings

Box5:

File 1: Articles and Charts (1948-2003):

- Brochure: Operation TAPLINE. Arabian American Oil Company- Public Relations Department. New York (No date)
- The Building of TAPLINE. Arabian American Oil Company- Public Relations Department. New York (No date)
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- Brickhouse Jr., Captain A. A., *TAPLINE's Sidon Terminal*. Captain A. A. Brickhouse, reprinted from World Petroleum, June, 1957 pp. 1-5
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- Stevens, Paul, *Pipeline or Pipe Dreams? Lessons From the History of Arab Transit Pipelines*, The Middle East Journal, Vol. 54, Issue 2, Spring 2000, pp. 224-241 (2 copies)
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- Vialls, Joe, *Israel Plans Blitzkrieg to Capture Arab Oil Fields: Operation Shekhinah, Part One*, January 30, 2002 (2 copies)
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- *The Modern Worlds of Business and Industry: Cultures, Technologies, Labor*, Ed. Karen R. Merrill
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File 2: Press Clippings (1970-1998):

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- *TAPLINE repair was swift operatio*, Oil and Gas International, May 3, 1970
- *Trans-Arab Oil Pipeline to close*, International Herald Tribune, April 11, 1975, p.7
- Nuwayri, Jumana, *TAPLINE Countdown: TAPLINE has given its final word on the subject: the company will start closing down its operation next Saturday, May 10, unless... Monday Morning, May 5, 1975*, pp.10-12
- *The analysts are skeptical: Saudi Arabia: \$ 31.5 B. to spend in 1977-78*, IKE. Vol. XXV No. 6964, Published by Monday Morning Group, July 1, 1977, p.13
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- *New LPG loading facility goes into operation at Qatif*, The Arabian Sun. Vol. XXXXI. No.46, Published by Aramco, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. December 4, 1985, pp.1,8
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- *Engineers, Lab Scientists attend orientation workshop*, The Arabian sun. Vol. XLVI, No.23, Published by Aramco, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, June 20, 1990, pp.1,8
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- *Turbulent Years: some important dates in Israel's History*, April 30, 1998, p.25 (Source unknown)
- Sign for Aramco Zoo - Dhahran Wild Animal Park.

File 3: Pipeline Periscope: TAPLINE's magazine (1958-1975):

(An incomplete run of the Pipeline Periscope v. 7-25, 1958-1975)

- Vol. 7 no. 10 1959
 - Vol. 8 no. 12 1960
 - Vol. 9 no. 1 February 1961
 - Vol. 13 no. 11 December 1964
 - Vol. 14 no. 6 July 1965
 - Vol. 14 no. 7-8 August-September 1965
 - Vol. 18 no. 6 December 1967
 - Vol. 18 no. 7 1967
 - Vol. 18 no. 2 April 1968
 - Vol. 19 no. 2 April 1969
 - Vol. 20 no. 1 March 1970
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 - Vol. 22 no. 4 June 1972
 - Vol. 22 no. 7 December 1972
 - Vol. 23 no.1 January 1973
 - Vol. 23 no. 2 March 1973
 - Vol. 24 no.1 February 1974
 - Vol. 24 no.7 November 1974
 - Vol. 25 no.1 March 1975
- **See also at Al Mashriq:** TAPLINE's magazine, the "Pipeline Periscope" 1953-1974

<http://almashriq.hiof.no/lebanon/300/380/388/tapline/pipeline-periscope/index.html>

Related Material

Digital Material

- A selection of photos and maps are posted on "Al-Mashriq" s website.
<http://almashriq.hiof.no/lebanon/300/380/388/tapline/>
- <http://almashriq.hiof.no/lebanon/300/380/388/tapline/people/makkinje/index.htm>
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<http://www.leboilinst.com/page.php?CID=WmFocmFuaSBPaWwgSW5zdGFsbGF0aW9ucyAoWk9JTCK6&id=Mw==&lan=En>

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Photographs

- Engineering students on a trip to Trans-Arabian pipeline terminal in Sidon, 1953
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- First Oil Exhibition 1960 Ph:AUB:1960/01/11:1-4:49
- American Economists visit to AUB 1975 Ph:AUB:1975/02(09):01:54 see AUB Bulletin V.18, No 10, Feb. 20, 1975 p:4.

Maps

- The Middle East 1971, MP 912.56:MID:1971:c.1
- Middle East area oilfields and facilities / United States. Central Intelligence Agency
MP 912.56:MID:1980a:c.1

Videos

- قصة خط التابلاين تحكي تاريخ منطقة الحدود الشمالية للسعودية
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