

Work Stops On Arabian Oil Pipeline

CAIRO, Dec. 19 (AP)—Arab hostility over American support for the partition of Palestine has forced a halt in work on the western end of the trans-Arabian pipeline, which Defense James V. Forrestal has declared vital to U. S. interests, a company representative said today.

Work appeared to be progressing only in Saudi Arabia, the site of U. S. oil concessions. The project was halted in trans-Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.

1950 Date Set
The 31-inch line from Abqaiq, on the Gulf of Persia, had been scheduled for completion in 1950 to move 300,000 barrels of oil a day, the work of 85 to 90 tankers. The pipeline is a joint project of the Texas company, Standard Oil of New Jersey, Standard Oil of California and Socony Vacuum (Standard Oil of New York).

William S. S. Rodgers, chairman of the Texas company and also of the trans-Arabian Pipeline company, declared in the Lebanese capital of Beirut yesterday that the pipeline, plus several others planned or under construction, "is vital to us in the United States" and also necessary if Europe is to have "sufficient fuel to make the Marshall plan work."

Action Expected
Aside from Arab hostility over partition, the Syrian parliament has not yet ratified a convention allowing the pipeline a right of way, but Rodgers said he expected favorable action.

Completion of all the planned pipelines in the Middle East would provide for the pumping of 1,500,000 barrels of oil a day from the Arab states and Iran to the Levant ports.

Little Girl Gets Royal Answer

PORTLAND, Dec. 19 (AP)—Wenda Smith, 11, was bustling with happiness today—she had a letter from Princess Elizabeth's lady-in-waiting. The girl's mother, Mrs. Howard Smith, explained that one day, after the princess's wedding, she came home and learned that her daughter had mailed a wedding gift—Mrs. Smith's new white dress handkerchief.

Wenda said, "I just got the idea all of a sudden and wrote the letter in pencil."

The answering letter was an expression of thanks for the "token of your good wishes."

Value Of Exports Shows Big Gain

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP)—The value of exports to every continent rose in October as the total value of U. S. shipments abroad moved up to \$1,225,700,000 (billion) compared with \$1,099,900,000 in September, the census bureau reported today.

Substantial gains in imports from South America and Asia and a small increase in receipts from Europe were instrumental in lifting October imports by the U. S. to \$491,500,000 (million) from \$481,200,000 in September, although imports from Africa and Australia dropped sharply.

Dance All Set, Except For Music

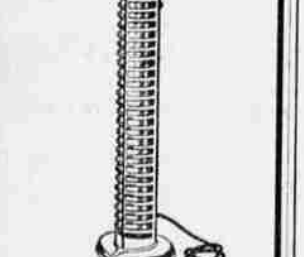
WOODWARD, Okla., Dec. 19 (AP)—Orchestra members had better watch their stop signs here on New Year's Eve.

The police department had everything arranged—it thought—for its annual New Year's ball the whole town awaits, then yesterday someone remembered they had forgotten to hire a dance band.

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Meyers Probe Nearing End

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP)—A federal grand jury today neared the end of an investigation into the wartime private business deals of Maj. Gen. Bennett E. Meyers, retired deputy procurement chief of the army air force.

The jury quiz grew out of testimony before the senate war investigating committee that Meyers, now stripped of his medals and pension, got more than \$150,000 from a Dayton, O., firm that held war contracts for plane parts.

The justice department has said that this or other grand juries would be asked to consider possible charges of perjury, income tax evasion and war fraud.

Witnesses before the grand jury here included former officials of the Aviation Electric corporation, in Dayton who said the 52-year-old Meyers owned and operated the firm through others during the war.

Bleriot Lamarre, 35, one time bookkeeper told the senate committee that Meyers made him an \$18,000-a-year "dummy" president of the firm. Lamarre and Thomas E. Readnow, Lamarre's brother-in-law and the company's vice president, both said Meyers required them to "kick back" most of their salaries to him.

Meyers insisted before the senate committee that he established Aviation Electric because Lamarre's wife, attractive Mildred Lamarre, was his "girl friend" with Lamarre's consent. The Lamarres denied this. She once was the general's private secretary.

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The two women first met K. C. Satterlee, also 31, of Portland, in

Liverpool during the first World War. Miss Graham last saw Satterlee when her friend sailed from Liverpool as his bride after the war.

The women corresponded regularly. Mrs. Satterlee died a few years ago. Satterlee proposed in a letter last April and Miss Graham accepted.

"I'm not sure that I'd know him again," she said last night as she boarded the liner, "but the American Red Cross have offered to meet me in New York and escort me to Portland."

"We've not yet fixed the date of the wedding," she added, "but our correspondence since Ethel died has been so pleasant that I'm sure I'm going to be very happy when I take Ethel's place."

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