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CC On Population Growth

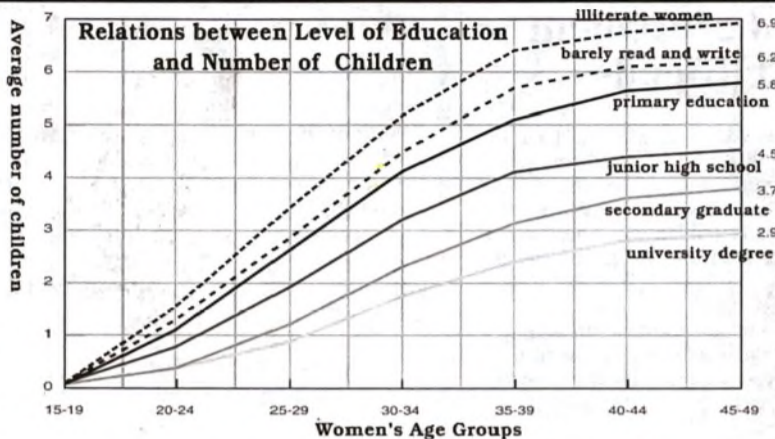
During March 2-4, the Consultative Council (CC) held open hearings on what it termed as the country's "number one problem" - the population explosion. The number of Yemenis is growing at a phenomenal 3.7% per annum, leading to a doubling of the population in a mere 18 years. "Our resources cannot support such a growth rate. Even if they did, it is not wise to have such a growth rate," stated Mr. Abdulaziz Abdulghani, Chairman of the CC. Various experts were invited to give their testimonials and

advice on the gravity of the situation, and what should/ could be done. They all stressed the need to bring down the growth rate.

IMPORTANT FACTORS:

A) Female Education

One clear way to reduce the population growth rate is promote women's education. According to statistics gathered over the last 15 years, there is a strong and direct correlation between the level of education of a woman and the number of children she bears. An illiterate woman would normally give birth to



2.40 times the number of children by a mother with university education or 1.86 that of one with secondary education, as the above chart shows.

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As Gov't Spends More than It Earns!

T-Bill Debt Piles Up

The government has been borrowing by issuing treasury bills to finance budgetary deficits based on advice from the International Monetary Fund. That was the lesser of two evils to the government. Before that, the budget deficit was being financed by issuing fiat money, leading to inflationary pressures and loss in the value of the national currency.

But better advice would have been to urge the government to live within its own means. By spending more than it can earn, that state has been running up lots of debt. The last issue of Treasury Bills (T-Bills) was the 37th in a row on February 9th, 1998. By that time, the government had piled YR. 62,235,660,000 in debt. About half of the money is owed to banks, while the balance is almost equally divided between corporations and companies on the one hand, and individual investors, on the other. Most of the T-Bills used to be

Total Value of T-Bills by Creditor

Creditor	Value
Banks	YR. 32,451,300,000
Corporations/Companies	YR 13,768,720,000
Individuals	YR 16,015,640,000
TOTAL	YR 62,235,660,000

Source: Central Bank of Yemen, Sanaa.

very short-term (91 days) in duration. But, the Central Bank of Yemen has gradually phased in the 182-day and 364-day bills. Return on the bills started very high, as the government tried to attract investors. The early issues saw returns as high as 30%. Today, the rate of return has tapered to around 18%. The volume per issue has also grown several fold - from a few million to around 2-4 billion per issue.

Senior German Parliamentarian Arrives

Professor Dr. Karl-Heinz Hornhues, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee in the German Bundestag, arrives in Sanaa on Wednesday, March 11th. The German official will meet with President Ali Abdullah Saleh and officials in the House of Deputies, the Con-

sultative Council, government, and the business and intellectual circles. His visit to Yemen, coinciding with the visit by a business delegation of the German-Arab Association headed by Mr. Molleman, is part of an extensive tour of the region.

CC Human Rights Committee Visits More Prisons

The Human Rights, Liberties and NGOs Committee of the Consultative Council paid last week more inspection visits to prisons in different parts of the country. Professor Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf, Chairman of the Committee, headed a delegation which included Mr. Rasheed Gurhoom, Deputy Minister of Interior, which visited prisons in Turba, Ibb, Lahej and Dhamar.

"We usually notify the prisons of our visit program. Thus we find that the local authorities take a lot of corrective measures prior to our visits. That is just fine by us since the objective is exactly that," said Dr. Saqqaf. The visits led to the release of 7 prisoners from Turba, 49 from Ibb, 24 from Lahej and 16 from Dhamar. Steps were also taken to improve living conditions.

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The Financial Statement of Senior Officials

Early in the life of the government of Dr. Faraj Bin Ghanim, there were announcements that all senior officials (the prime minister, ministers, vice/deputy ministers, governors, etc.) will indicate - under oath - their financial worth. Some sort of a financial statement would be made public. The idea behind such a disclosure is in order to measure, in the future, the growth of wealth of our officials.

Now, ten months into the life of this government, no such disclosure has been made. In fact, the whole idea seems to have been simply shelved away. This is sad because it erodes the credibility of the government in fighting corruption.

Yemen is plagued with corrupt officials. This is merely a factual statement. Success of the reform program presently underway requires more accountability and transparency. The government has not made any progress towards either of those requirements. In fact, society has witnessed more corruption, favoritism, nepotism, etc.

The international donor community (multilateral and bilateral aid partners of Yemen) has repeatedly made it clear that it would like to see more progress in the proper handling of state funds. In addition, a major component of the reform package calls for clean interaction with private sector initiatives by government officials. All this boils down to respect for the law, and more integrity in public affairs.

Development is not merely an accumulation of capital. It has a moral component which elevates society to behave within certain norms and values. A corrupt system cannot lead to prosperity for all members of society. Resources are not enough by themselves. Not many countries in the world can claim the resources available to Nigeria, Indonesia, and the likes. Yet, those countries are quite far away from being developed and prosperous.

On the other hand, countries with a high standard of ethics, especially in interacting with the law and public resources, have achieved spectacular growth, even when their resources are limited. In other words, the values embedded in the workings of a system are as important as - and possibly more important than - the material resources.

The Republic of Yemen already is poor in resources. If such a disadvantage is further coupled with the wrong values, then our society will be saddled with poverty and backwardness for a long time.

The government needs the good will and support of the people of Yemen as well as that of the international donor community. Shaping up will go a long way towards helping in getting the good will and support. One simple step in that direction is to demand senior members of this government to issue statements on their financial worth. It can be done within days, if the will is there.

I believe Yemen's reform program is important for the future of this nation. I believe issuing the financial statements of our senior officials will help in the success of the reforms.

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NGOs to Discuss Draft Law

The Ministry of Social Affairs has finally started to see light. It has agreed to shelve the inter-ministerial draft of the NGO law. It has accepted the draft that was prepared by a World Bank consultant, as amended by the national NGOs. Starting from next week, seven workshops will be held in the various governorates to discuss the draft. In April, a nation-wide conference for NGOs will discuss the revised version of the draft. Meanwhile, the Ministry is approaching various donors for additional funds. The World Bank had already contributed around \$300,000 to this process.

Italy Pushes for Stronger Ties

An Italian delegation headed by Deputy Foreign Minister, Senator Rino Serri left Sanaa on Wednesday, March 4, following a successful round of talks with senior Yemeni officials. Among the topics discussed, was the issues of Italian assistance to Yemen in the fields of food, health, culture, archeology, electricity, and agriculture. A plan was adopted to develop ties among businessmen in order to promote trade and investment exchange between the two countries. The delegation also included Counselor Enzo Angelone and Dr. Nicola Manca. Another official, a member of the Italian House of Deputies, Mr. Franco Danieli has had talks with a number of Yemeni MPs, Ministry of Health officials and members of the Amna and Adale Charity, which promotes health-care cooperation between Yemen and Italy.

Chevening Scholars Chosen

The British Embassy has recently completed the selection process for the 1998/99 Chevening Scholarships Scheme. This year around 200 applications were received, and 12 candidates were successful in the competition. Around half the successful candidates are medical specialists and a number of the best individuals are women. Mr. James Downer, Second Secretary at the British Embassy said, "we look for successful young professionals in all fields." He expressed his hope that next year there will be "more applications from people working in the judicial/legal sector and professionals in public administration and development."

Conference on Ancient Yemen

The "Fourth International Conference for Archeology and the Ancient Yemeni Civilization" will be held during 10-13 March, 1998. The conference is sponsored by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, which is represented by the General Authority of Antiquities, Manuscripts and Museums. The opening sessions is scheduled to start at 10 am on Tuesday, March 10 at the Sanaa Cultural Center.

On another level, the Bab Al-Yemen Information Center was opened in Sanaa at a cost of YR 15 million, financed entirely by the Yemeni government. The center will collate data on all historical towns in Yemen, especially those registered as part of the world heritage such as old

Sanaa, Shibam Hadhramaut, and Zabed. More ancient Yemeni towns will be nominated as world heritage sites.

Sheep & Goats Developed

The now restored Mujahid Goat Station in Lahaj was handed over to the Yemeni government by Mr. Onder Ucer, the Resident Representative of the UN Development Program (UNDP), on Saturday, March 7. Worth \$4 million financed by the UNDP and the UN Capital Development Fund, the project was officially received by the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Ahmed Al-Jibali.

The station was officially opened in October, 1993, but was seriously damaged during the 1994 armed conflict. Now the station is functional gain after much reconstruction work. There are now around 100 goats in place.

Psychological Pressures on Yemeni Working Women

Ms. Bilquis M. Jobari was awarded a masters degree with distinction for her thesis on the "Psychological Pressures on Yemeni Working Women," the first of its kind in Yemen and possibly in the Arab World, on Monday, March 2 at the Psychology Department, College of Arts, Sanaa University. In addition to the discussion panel, the dissertation session was attended by senior professors and lecturers at Sanaa University. The study's main findings included some of the following.

1- A major source of psychological pressure for Yemeni working women is family life.

Feelings of guilt for neglecting the children by going out to work were found to be prevalent among professional women. Lack of proper nurseries and kindergartens compounded the problem. Husbands are also to blame for refraining from household responsibilities.

2- Other source of psychological pressure is low pay, which is not usually in keep with the work tasks and duties.

3- Psychological pressures were found to decrease with the rise in the women's educational level,

high pay, and older age. 4- Psychological pressures increased with the increase in the number of children.



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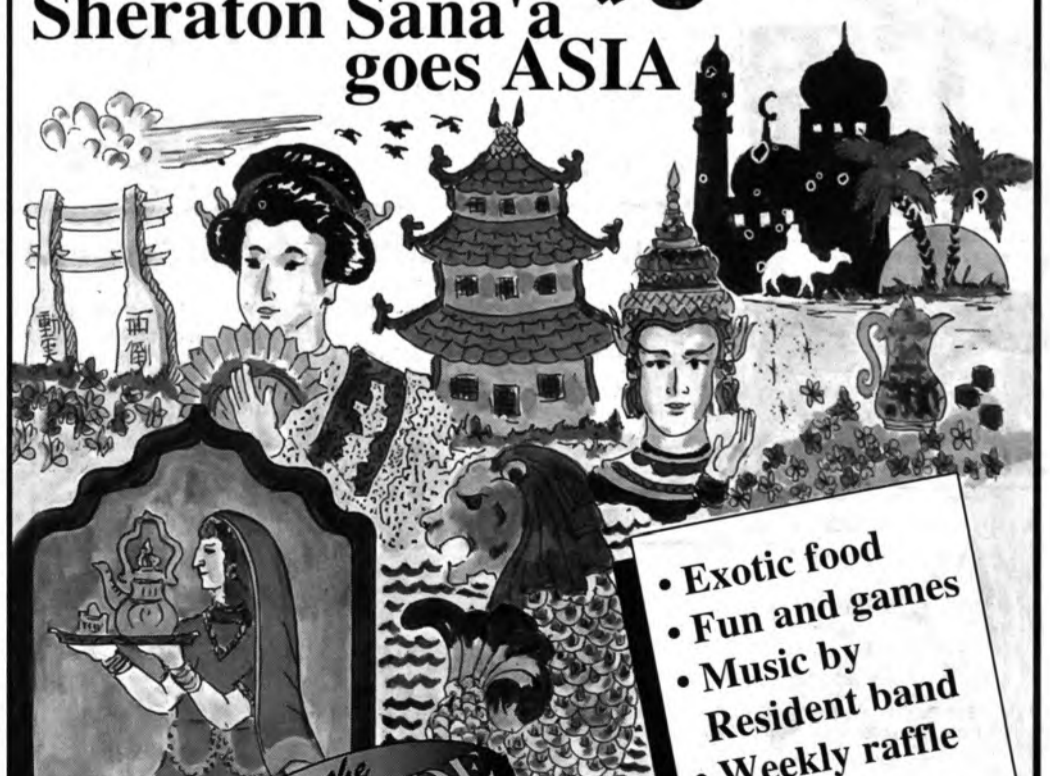
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Nasserite MPs: Force for Change in Yemeni Parliament

Mr. Abdullah Mohammed Saleh Al-Maqtari MP is the head of the Nasserite bloc in parliament. In addition to his scientific training, having a B.Sc. in statistics and computer sciences, Al-Maqtari, 43, is the Assistant Secretary-General of the Central Committee of the People's Nasserite Unionist Organization. Along with Islah, the Socialist Party, the Baath Party, the Nasserite bloc in parliament represents the official opposition to the ruling party with the parliamentary majority, the People's General Congress. Ismail Al-Ghabiri of Yemen Times met Mr. Al-Maqtari and filed the following interview.

Q: Does the Nasserite bloc in parliament have a distinguished agenda?

A: Of course we have a distinct agenda. It is adapted from the Nasserite program of the last parliamentary elections. The



program specifies the important issues and priorities. The distinction in our agenda appears in the type of issues and cases we champion in parliament. However, difficulties arise when certain political issues are presented to parliament with a prior stance taken by the government towards them. Then we find somewhat difficult to convince our colleagues in the parliamentary majority of our point of view. Actually, the difficulty is not in whether our position is right or wrong, but in the majority MPs not being able to act out of the direct partisan instructions. This is often true irrespective of their own personal convictions. The most important thing is how we are being evaluated by the people and how they follow our work through the various media. I can confidently say that our people have responded positively to our success in parliament.

Q: How do you evaluate the performance of parliament itself during the first ten months of its life?

A: The ten-month period of this parliament's life, since it was assembled following the general elections on April 27, 1997, is not really long enough to be able to accurately evaluate its performance. But I can say that there is a number of factors that point out to several inadequacies: the way parliament is generally run; its particular cultural, intellectual, and social combination which was made up by the interference in the election process; the rising level of public awareness of the importance of parliamentary elections; lack of political balance within parliament; the distribution of its specialized committees; and other factors. All these imbalances are not helping parliament to raise the level of its performance to be on par with its many constitutional duties as a legislative authority. The actual democratization process is still inadequate and below the expectations for democratic legislations in Yemen. In spite of everything, we consider this as a stage in the democratic development of our country.

Q: What is the main point of your opposition in parliament?

A: Actually, there are several topics of contention and strong opposition: the government program submitted on May 28, 1997, for a vote of confidence and ratified on June 6; the government's decision to raise the prices of wheat, flour and fuel; and the state's general budget of 1998. Our opposition is based on a number of basic and quintessential issues.

Q: What is the major bill of law or proposition you successfully presented to parliament?

A: We react enthusiastically to any positive proposal irrespective of who submits it.



Q: Parliament is plagued by absenteeism. How do you explain that?

A: Absenteeism can be attributed to a number of causes:

- Many MPs are actually disappointed and frustrated with the assembly's performance and lack of effectiveness. It is true that laws are debated and ratified, but they are seldom fully enacted. So some MPs feel that this parliament is no more than decor.
- There is a marked lack of monitoring the executive authority. If it happens at all, the monitoring process is seldom effectual due to the interference of some influential people.
- The efficiency of the parliament's presidium and special committees is just not as it really should be.
- Those MPs who often absent themselves from the parliamentary sessions are putting their narrow personal interests above the overall interest of the nation.

So when the government wants to pass any sort of law or case, it can just order its MPs to vote as desired, and that is that.

Q: Are you a member of a particular parliamentary committee?

A: The way these parliamentary committees were formed was not according to specialty, competence, or experience. It was a sort of a political sharing between Islah and the People's General Congress, without regard to objective criteria.

For example, I am a member of the Information, Culture and Tourism Committee. I was appointed in this committee without any regard to my training in computer sciences and my 13-year experience in planning and development. Although I indicated all that in my CV and stated my desire to join the Development Committee, I found myself in the wrong committee!

Q: How do you view the parliament's relations with the other complementary bodies such as the consultative council?

A: Parliament's relations with other organizations is determined by the Constitution. However, the relation with the Consultative Council, for instance, is still somewhat unclear. There is no law that specifies the Consultative Council's powers and sphere of activity as a legal body to refer back to. The Elections Law, on the other hand, regulates the parliament's relation with the Supreme Elections Committee.

Ismail Al-Ghabiri also talked to another MP and member of the Nasserite bloc in parliament. Mr. Ali Mohammed Al-Yazidi MP is the Secretary of the Nasserite organization in Yafi' and a member of the Central Committee and General Assembly of the People's Nasserite Unionist Organization. In addition to being a member of parliament, Al-Yazidi, 51, is also an employee of the Yemeni Oil and Mineral Investment Company.

Q: What do you think of the MPs who often absent from the parliamentary sessions?

A: Absenteeism is a very negative phenomenon. It shows lack of responsibility on part of

some MPs who made solemn constitutional vows and pledged to honestly and assiduously bear this trust. An often absent MP cannot closely follow the debates and committee reports discussed by other MPs. So he or she gradually loses influence in the assembly.

Q: In which parliamentary committee are you?

A: I am a member of the Financial Affairs Committee, which is one of the very important committees in parliament. It has the task of reviewing the state general budget, the final accounts for various governmental sectors, draft laws with financial nature, and the loan agreements made with foreign countries and organizations. It submits regular reports of its findings.

mitment to alleviate the economic crisis, and its inflated reliance on oil as a major source of revenue, neglecting other sources such as fisheries, agriculture, etc.

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Yemen & Britain Consolidate Ties

Mr. Keith Vaz has been a Member of the British Parliament for the last 11 years. Born in Aden on 26th November 1956, he is the only British MP to have been born in Yemen. He spent the first 9 years of his life in Aden. His mother taught at Aden College and Aden Airways, and his father worked in the industry.

After leaving Yemen in 1965 he was educated at Cambridge University, and became a lawyer. When he was elected to Parliament, he was the youngest Labor MP. The new Prime Minister, Tony Blair, has appointed him as the Parli-

mentary Private Secretary to the Attorney General, the highest ranking law officer. He has been re-elected to Parliament twice, each time with a larger majority.

Returning to Yemen after 33 years, to visit the country of his birth, Mr. Vaz talked to Ismail Al-Ghabiri of Yemen Times who filed the following brief interview.

Q: What is the purpose of your visit and what do you hope to achieve?

A: I am leading a delegation of a number of important British companies with an interest in tourism,

on behalf of the Department of Trade and Industry. The delegation hopes to encourage trade and tourism between Britain and Yemen.

We consider it essential that Yemen and Britain should act in partnership, in order to promote trade and tourism, but it must be a partnership of equals. I was delighted to meet a number of ministers and was especially pleased to have an audience with the President, who made such a successful visit to Britain last year. I told the President that British business establishments want to do business with Yemen. This will create prosperity within our two countries, and also jobs. I have been very pleased to meet a number of talented Yemeni businessmen, all have an interest in supporting this cause.

Q: You were born in Aden, what is still in your memory

about that time? Do you think it has changed now?

A: I spent some of the happiest days of my life in Aden. I remember it fondly. I can remember the big ships coming into Aden port, which I hope to see developed again into one of the finest ports in the world. I remember my school in Steamer Point, and the flat where we lived in Mal'a. Aden was able to bring together so many cultures and people. I welcome the reunification of Yemen, and am very pleased to see so much development in the city. There have certainly been changes since I was last here, but they have all been changes for the better.

Q: Can you tell us about your role in the British Parliament concerning Yemen?

A: I was honored to have been elected Chairman of the British

Yemen Parliamentary Group. Shortly before the President's visit to Britain. The group exists to foster understanding between our two nations, and we intend to bring to the attention of the new government, the potential of this great nation. I want Yemeni people to know that they have a friend in the British Parliament; not just any friend, but one of their own. Yemen as a nation has a very bright future ahead of it, and I shall do all I can to assist.



Yemeni Personal Status Law Compared to Arab Laws

Ahlam Al-Mutawakkil, Yemen Times

A special workshop was organized by the Applied Research and Women's Studies Center (ARWSC) at Sanaa University from February 28 to March 3. The aim of the workshop was to review the Yemeni Personal Status Law and compare it with similar laws in nine other Arab countries: Egypt, Iraq, Sudan, Kuwait, Jordan, Syria, Libya, Morocco, and Tunisia. More than 80 people from the ARWSC and other relevant bodies took part in the workshop.

In addition to reviewing the Yemeni Personal Status Law and comparing it with its Arab counterparts, the lectures delivered at the workshop dealt mainly with a historical preview of the legal reform in the Arab World, the relationship between tribal customs and personal status issues, the relationship between local laws and the convention to eradicate discrimination against women, and several other topics. The participants were divided into four groups or committees to be able to better present their views on the Yemeni Personal Status Law. Each discussion group was given when of four

commented the continuous assistance provided by the Dutch government and the efforts of the ARWSC staff and director, Dr. Raoofa Hassan.

Debates and discussions by the participants revealed a number of important issues. Unlike similar laws in other Arab countries, the Yemeni Personal Status Law does not allow for much intervention by the court concerned. The participants also noticed that some articles in the proposed amended law are in need of further amendments, while some of the omitted articles in the old law are better being re-introduced. For example, the old law allowed two women to give evidence in court as one person. The new law, however, has entirely abolished the provisions allowing women to give evidence.

It was found that the Libyan law, for instance, did not charge court fees on personal status law suits, something positive. Also, it stipulates that the wife may pay alimony to her husband in the case of the latter's insolvency. The Tunisian civil law does not allow bigamy. It stipulates that marrying a second wife entails divorcing the first one. The Iraqi law allows for temporary alimony or financial support to be paid to



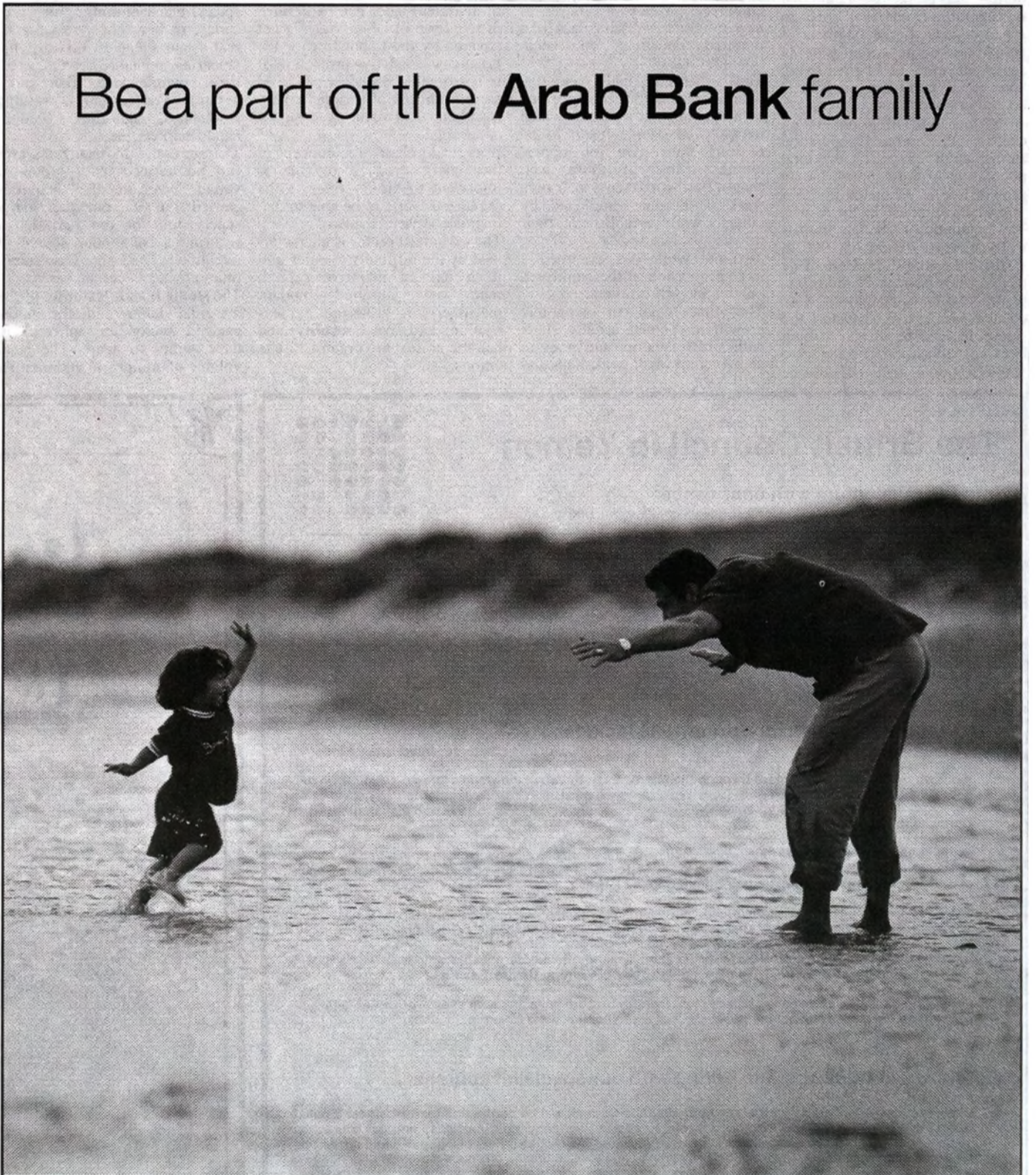
subjects: marriage, divorce, inheritance, and guardianship.

The Dean of Sanaa University, Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Maqaleh talked about activities of the scientific forum regularly organized by the ARWSC, in which many research work on women issues and other social concerns is presented. He indicated that such research is the "first step towards fully studying the realities of Arab women and diagnosing the social maladies that hinder their progress." He added that it is "not through shallow political writings or demagoguery that women can be emancipated." Dr. Al-Maqaleh

the wife by a special fund while her case is in court.

Generally speaking, the debates uncovered many similarities between the Arab personal status laws due to being based on the Islamic Sharia law. Few procedural differences were found. Concluding the workshop, the participants recommended holding similar events in the future. Of special importance here, it was recommended, is to organize special seminars to help eradicate law illiteracy. They must be presented in a simple language that can be understood by all.

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Marginal Labor & Unorganized Sector



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disposal, car traffic, paved roads, pollution, violence, crime, and many other social problems. The continuous immigration of a sizable workforce from rural to urban areas is putting an increasing strain on urban labor markets. These labor markets have become unable to provide enough work opportunities for the increasing numbers of unemployed people flooding urban centers around the country. This is especially so with the public sector, which has all but closed its doors against new employees. The same applies to a certain degree to the mixed and private sector establishments which are characterized by the high cost of employing an individual employee. Moreover, most of new migrant workers lack the required educational and vocational levels.

Thus, marginal labor and the unorganized sector have appeared as a spontaneous solution which unemployed people resort to by creating their own job opportunities. Most of those who cannot find work create their own work or become employed by others who established their private businesses. Thus, marginal work has absorbed a large proportion of the workforce - about 580,000 workers.

The first stage of economic growth in Yemen usually starts with street vendors and goes to develop into small workshops and

handicrafts, some of which further develop into large industrial or service establishments. Demand usually leads to the emergence of a new commodity or service thereby creating spontaneous employment.

All types of marginal employment come under the unorganized sector. But the reverse is not always true, not all unorganized work is considered marginal. Marginal labor is characterized by the ease with which it can be engaged in since it does not require a permanent place of work. Therefore, it is easy to get work as a porter, street vendor, unskilled stone mason, caretaker, motorcycle driver, cobbler, plumber, car washer, brick layer, domestic servant, night guard, temporary restaurant waiter, qat and vegetable vendor, second-hand market dealer, and many other casual jobs.

So marginal labor can be defined as any form of labor which is not covered by the Labor Law or the necessary legislative protection. It is not organized and is practiced for the purpose of earning a daily livelihood and securing a means of survival.

In order to clarify the concept of the unorganized sector, it is important to briefly refer to the organized sector to be able to distinguish between the two.

The organized sector is characterized by the difficulty to enter into it, it has an intensive capital, relies on imported modern machinery, is protected by legislations and social security, and has the ability to organize trade unions.

The unorganized sector, on the other hand, can have the following features:

- Easy to enter.
- Employees are more mobile.
- Has a more pronounced character.
- Inclined to use local resources.
- Offers low wages.
- Employees are not settled.
- Relies on black labor.
- Has modest permanent assets.
- Able to absorb a large proportion of the local unorganized workforce, which is not involved in trade unions, not protected by legislation or social security, and is oblivious of the bad work conditions and lack of vocational health and safety.

The unorganized sector includes workers involved in the making of or in the jewelry trade, hubble-bubbles, pottery and stoneware, baked-clay bricks, pickles and spices, blacksmithing, green groceries, barber shops, restaurants, real estate agencies, taxi driving, tanneries, puncture repairs, electrical maintenance, fish mongering, bakeries, cafes, welding workshops, tailoring, second-hands markets, etc.

Therefore, the unorganized sector can be defined as a group of varied vocational activities carried out without the state's supervision for the purpose of securing a continuous source of livelihood. The Labor Law sometimes applies in certain cases.

The strength and flexibility of the marginal labor and the unorganized sector are inherent in their ability to adapt. The small volume of equipment and number

of employees needed at the work place help to easily set up, dismantle, and transfer these types of trades. The little equipment there can be easily sold to the employees within the same activity. Employees do not present any threat to the employer. They can be laid off with no large compensations as is the case in the organized sector. Although the unorganized sector enjoys mobility and private initiative, it is subject to two types of competition. First, the organized

sector does not represent a real danger as long as the unorganized sector provides its commodities and services at lower prices. The second type of competition emanates from similar establishments in the unorganized sector. This gives rise to the unorganized sector's ingenuity, innovation, and the quick adaptation with market demands. Offers here go out looking for demand. Whereas the organized sector demands the consumer should adapt to its products.

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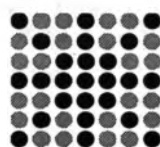
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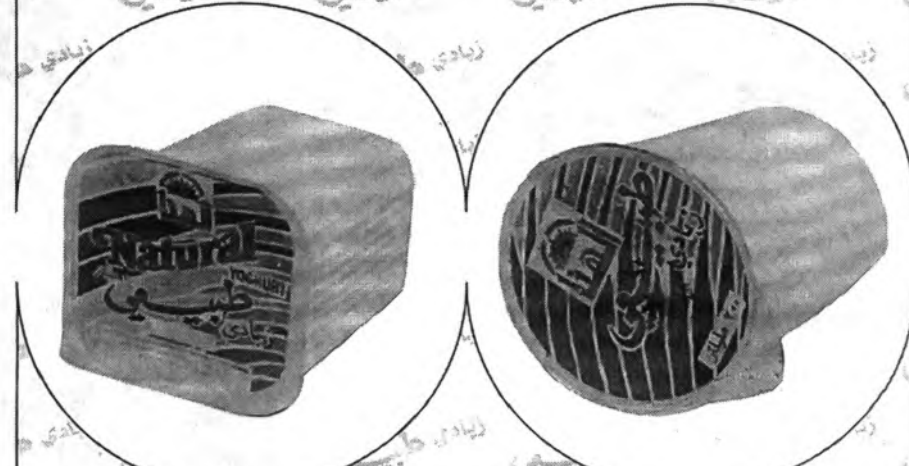
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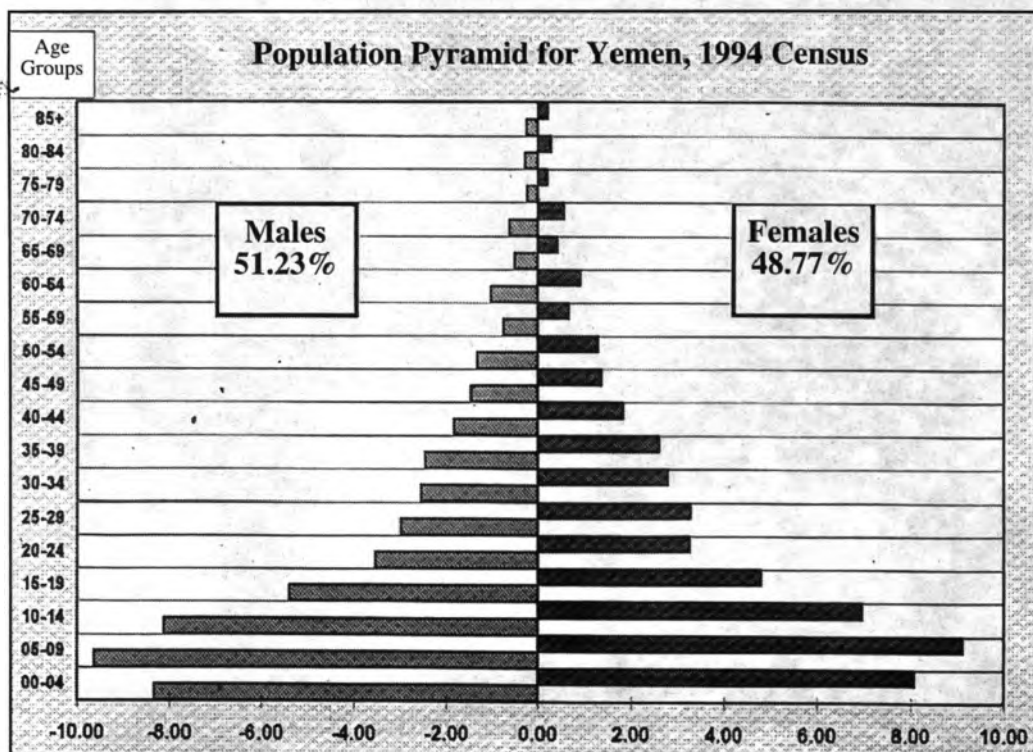
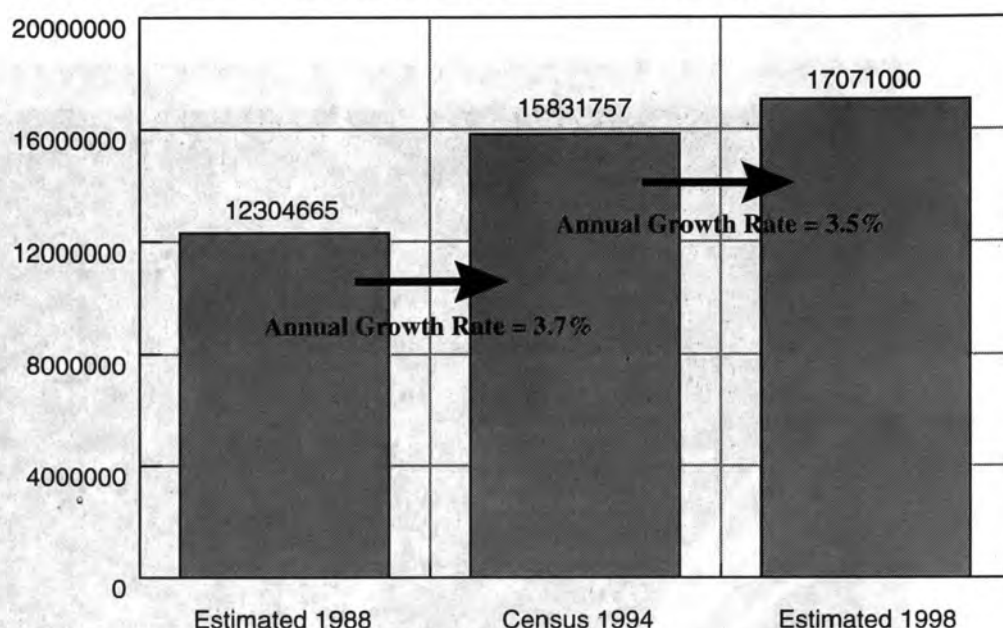
B) Urban Culture:

Another important determining factor is urban culture. Urbanites often tend to have smaller families because of limitations of dwelling space, cost of living, and other considerations which can be summed up under the term "urban culture". The experience in Yemen shows that the total fertility rate for urban women is 6.2 babies per woman, while in the countryside it is 7.4 babies. As the urban population of Yemen grows, the total population growth rate is expected to taper off. In 1960, the urban population of Yemen was estimated at 9%. By 1994, this percentage had risen to 23.5%, and today it stands at 25%.

C) Government Policies:

The Government of Yemen has taken a number of steps to help control the population growth. The efforts were centered around the National Population Council, which is responsible for raising awareness on the issue. The Ministry of Health has also embarked on a national drive to help women who ask for information or services on ways and means for pregnancy control. The Mother and Child Association has also stepped up information pregnancy-spacing techniques. Many experts now call for pregnancy control services in hospitals all over the country. The idea is to make various techniques readily available in hos-

Population Size and Growth Rate From 1989-98



pitals and clinics.

CC HEARINGS:

The hearings at the Consultative Council were attended by members of the CC, members of parliament, the media and a number of public figures, including NGO leaders. The CC established a committee to study the documents presented and to provide a summary report, including proposals for future policies and actions.

CENSUS FINDINGS:

A research paper was submitted to the Consultative Council by Mr. Abdu Al-Qobati, the General Director of the Population Studies and Research Center at the Central Statistics Organization. The paper presented the major demographic and social characteristics of the population in Yemen. According to the paper, the 1994 population census showed the following demographic characteristics:

- 1- About 70% of Yemen's population live in about 16% of the country's area. The other 84% of the country is sparsely populated.
- 2- The rapid population growth rate has led to a rise in the number of people under 15 years of age, representing 50% of the total population, quite high

compared to the international standard of 30-35%. This leads to increasing the burden on family breadwinners in general.

- 3- The average number of people in a household is 7 distributed at the rate of 2.6 per room.
- 4- Health-wise, infant mortality has dropped from 130 per 1,000 in 1988 to 81 per 1,000 in 1994.
- 5- Illiteracy among people above ten years of age was around 56% in 1994, dropping from 67% in 1988. Despite the decrease, the proportion is still quite high. The illiteracy rate among females is 76%, compared to 37% among males. It is 34% and 64% in urban and rural area, respectively.
- 6- The ratio of children going to school among the 6 to 15-year olds is around 55%. It is 71% among males and 37.5% among females, and 79.5% in urban areas and 48.5% in rural areas.
- 7- The ratio of married people (10 years and above) is about 50%. The proportion is 53.2% and 47.2% for females and males, respectively. Females are married off at younger ages than males. There are less married males than females due to high dowries, hard living conditions, lack of suitable accommodation, etc. Despite many young men refraining from marriage, the population still grows.

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Review of Modern Production Management Systems



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Introduction

The rapid economic and technological developments, the nature of local and international environmental changes, and the international political and economic blocs being formed all have their direct and indirect impacts on the various aspects of production and technological management.

Technology is considered one of the most important means of the economic developmental process. Developing countries such as Yemen are in great need of acquiring technological capabilities that are suitable for their own particular circumstances. Such capabilities can enable Yemen to be self-reliant and to use technology in developmental, economic and industrial processes.

The industrialization process in Yemen is relatively recent. Therefore, most of the factories and industrial installations the researcher has studied, lack these modern mechanisms and technologies. This article offers a brief preview of three industrial systems which are used to integrate manufacturing systems. The Yemeni industrial establishments can benefit a lot from adopting such modern systems.

I. Manufacturing Resource Planning

Material Resource Planning (MRPI) turned out to be a very effective technique and when properly applied, it brought calculable effects in company

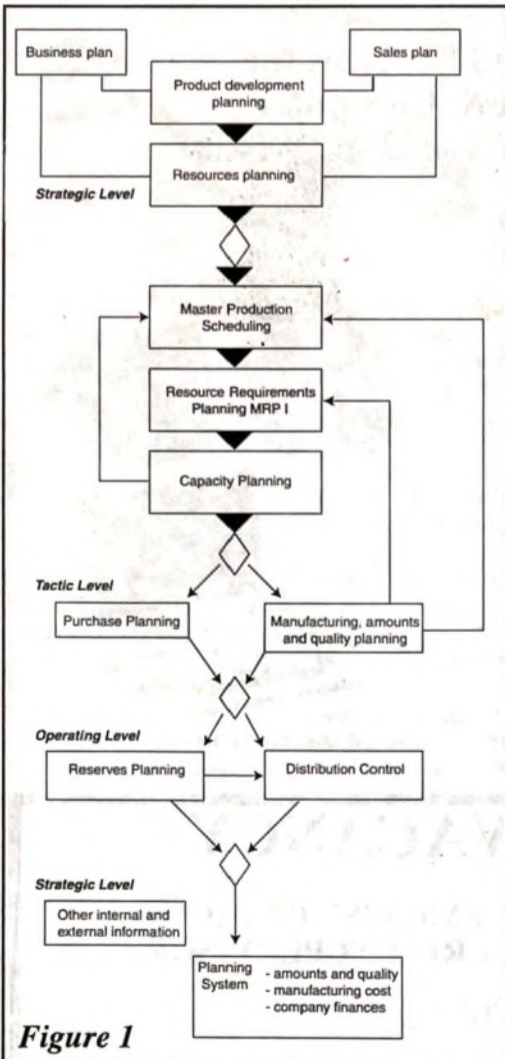


Figure 1

outcomes. Although savings obtained thanks to this technique have not always met expectations, the strategy was appreciated in industrial circles as an effective tool for planning and controlling material resources.

The development of computer techniques as well as improved software and hardware made MRP widespread in industry. Methodology MRP-I is still developing. Combining Material Planning with planning and controlling other manufacturing factors was a natural process, as it improved scheduling of production by connecting material needs with other needs such as machines, areas, power factors, labor, information and capital. This combined material demand with the demand for manufacturing powers.

Next, information about production development and the relation between time and the sale value to their planning was added. When the reversible

union of production process combined with planning, manufacturing process controlling was employed, the whole economic process of the company became an enclosed system in the field of production planning and management, more strictly speaking production management and controlling. This system was called MRP-II whose task is to integrate the basic company activities, namely:

- MRP-II is a computerized system of assistance in planning production operations and their management. Within MRP-II complete series are analyzed, including business plans and the results of a company on three levels. What is the most important in this analysis, is the fact that it is performed in the real or approximately real time. What is thus obtained are possibilities to make appropriate adjustable decisions in the right time.
- within MRP-II the reversible union, as shown in Figure 1, as well as common database and computer support allow to achieve a quick reaction to changeable conditions on all levels of management.
- within MRP-II the important thing is a combination of production and auxiliary activities on the operating level with business plan and financial results achieved on the strategic level of the company or the whole corporation.
- MRP-II system includes all domains concerning company activities which come to the entire system and are subordinated to one goal.

As a result, in an industrial company integration based upon this system comprises at least planning, manufacturing, whole manufacturing engineering together with preparation and alterations plus stocks-in-trade distribution, services supply and sales. The MRP-II system offers, among other things, the possibility to evaluate and present as costs, the stock of resources or employment stands-by, or stands-by in machines as well as devices. The MRP-II methodology is thus a considerable step forward in general manufacturing system synthesis.

II. Just-in-Time Production System

JIT is a modern system characterized by a very vast perception of the problems connected with stand-by management, manufacturing and supply. It originates from a Japanese conception of the Kanban, introduced in Toyota factories in the sixties. The basic assumptions of the system are as follows:

- the equalization of the manufactured amounts with supply amounts (minimization of stock storage costs),
- the preservation of ready elements and their sub-

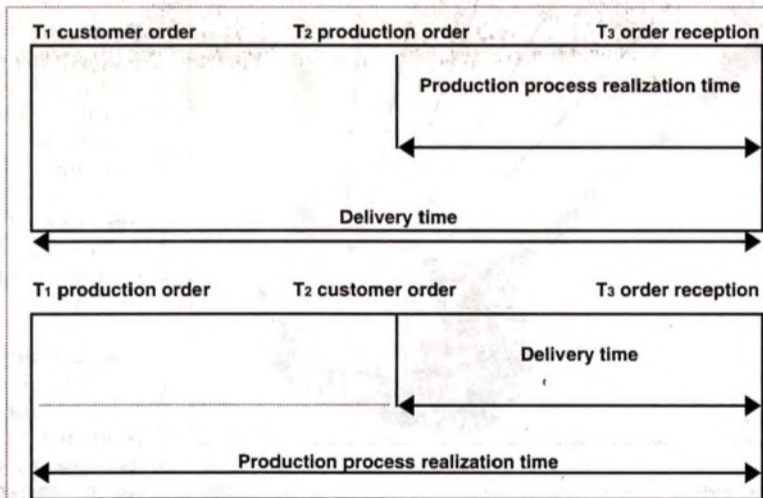


Figure 2. Relations between the time of supply and the time of production process realization, conditioning the implementation of JIT system.

assemblies just-in-time, exactly when the demand arises, considering required amounts, - planning process re-orientation. Another significant issue concerning the JIT philosophy is the problems of relations between the time of manufacturing process realization (total length of time when materials are within manufacturing process) and supply time (this means time consumption between sending of the material and its reception by customer).

JIT philosophy inculcation is possible only if the time of supply is longer than the time of process realization because only such a situation gives possibility to comply production with a specific order. Following this, a production planning can base on orders coming to the company. In an opposite situation it is necessary to keep financial reserves and parts, and components stocks that are connected with a given risk (change of style, technology, customers preferences) (Figure 2).

A danger of incorrectly defined forecast characteristic for the "pushing" system is always bigger than the production running in accordance with customers' orders of the "sucking" system.

III. Optimum Production Technology - OPT.

This is a new computer planning and scheduling system of production worked out in the seventies

and introduced for the first time in the USA in 1972. The approach is characteristic of its similarity to the concept of Kanban use in JIT. In fact this is a philosophy which bases on paying special attention to narrow canals of the production process. When Introduced into practice, it is associated with some rules, sometimes opposite to the established practice of productive activity planning.

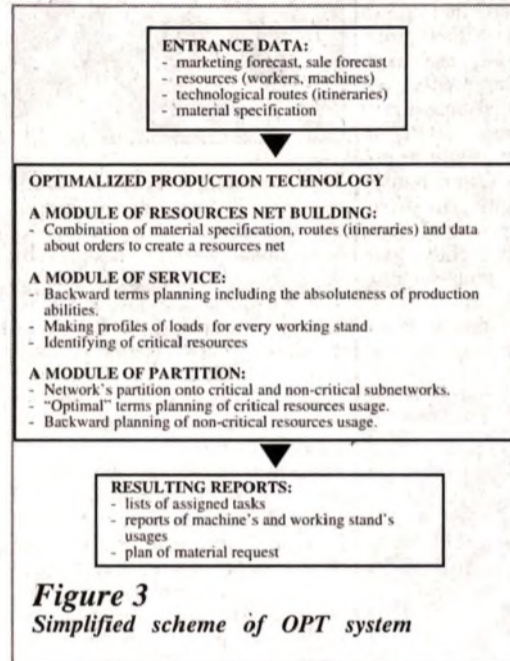


Figure 3. Simplified scheme of OPT system

Some basic rules of the OPT:

1. Narrow canal or critical resources determine production of the whole system.
2. The level of non-critical resources use is so:
 - * an hour lost in the narrow canal is the lost hour for the whole system.
 - * an hour saved beyond the narrow canal has not any important (real) meaning.
3. Narrow canal is characterized by production cycles and reserves (Why to produce any components in a faster way than narrow canal of the system is able to get?)
4. A size of goods consignment does not have to equal (match) the size of production consignment.
5. One must not establish the same production consignment for every phase of the process.

6. Planning of the resources terms use must parallelly take into account all limitations. Production cycles (courses) are consequence of schedules and they should not be defined in advance.

Basic rules of OPT can be and have just been employed in a manual or computerized planning system. However, the biggest amount of current system applications uses software packages. Simplified OPT system has been shown in Figure 3. Entrance data are similar to these which are demanded to supply the MRP/MRPII system. Following to the sale forecast and data of technological routes and material specifications, we create a net of resources, additionally with an information about working stands (workers and machines - required resources).

The system makes a series of complicated tests to find the most accurate entrance data. Marketing forecasts are treated as orders.

The system prepares a schedule of orders going backwards on a time axis, beginning from the time of their realization and additionally, taking into account an absoluteness of production abilities. This schedule is used to differentiate critical and non-critical resources dependently on the way of their use.

Critical resources are treated as narrow canals. Then the package uses the so-called algorithm of the user to prepare an optimal schedule of orders through the narrow canal of the system. Finally we make a schedule of orders by the non-critical resources but we try not to disturb an optimal schedule of the critical resources use. The calculation point of this approach is an algorithm of optimal terms planning of critical resources use. The advantages of this approach are improvements of production cycle, cash flow, efficiency and decreasing level of reserves.

The areas of usage MRP/JIT/OPT

From among three analyzed systems the widest extent usage has by no means the MRP system. Market research performed by the APICS is about 1700 American companies showed among other things that:

- The MRP method usability in production management is not dependent on the industrial domain or technological process type, although companies characterized by instant processes use it in the least often.
- Effectiveness of the method is high in bigger companies characterized by bigger turnover.
- One can notice dependency between effectiveness of using the method and complexity of the product and technological process: the bigger complexity the bigger profits.

* Comparison of using MRP-II is performed by a computerized system for supporting decision in planning and controlling them. Marketing forecasts are used to analyze workable plans which are then dispersed by detailed material demand plans and manufacturing possibilities. The following step is the controlling of detailed plans performance. To manage materials, stocks, finances and realization of other functions of the company, the reversible union is employed.

* The areas of -JIT system usage is commonly assigned to mass production. The larger scale of JIT system effect on the solutions within production, planning or personnel system of a company enables their application to all types of discreet manufacturing processes.

* JIT system is a philosophy thanks to which a client is entirely satisfied; in addition no waste material is left. Auxiliary techniques of waste material elimination include: complex quality control, affected problem solutions, consignment size management, Kanban systems and entire engagement (internal and external).

* The area of usage of OPT approach is quite vast. However, the system fulfills its functions best in the serial production, realized in collective forms of productive structure (production lines and plugs). * The optimum flow production technique (OPT) is a system of planning, regarding the identification of narrow canals, preparing optimum schedules of narrow canals labor and working out a plan of non-critical resources usage in the service of narrow canals.

* Computer Integrated Manufacturing (CIM) is a combination of computer applications and procedures in order to support productive decision making, to plan and to control. CIM includes as is proper under the given conditions, Computer Aided Design (CAD), Flexible Manufacturing System) as well as techniques MRP-II, OPT, JIT.

Conclusion

The aim of this work is to attempt to answer a few crucial questions. What must be done in order to introduce such modern and advanced technological mechanisms into Yemen? How can these systems be incorporated within the manufacturing processes in Yemeni industrial establishments? The ultimate goal of introducing such systems into Yemen is to raise the levels of economic developments and industrial production in the country. In the long run, this will lead to gradually narrowing the gap between the Yemeni economy and the other more advanced world economies.

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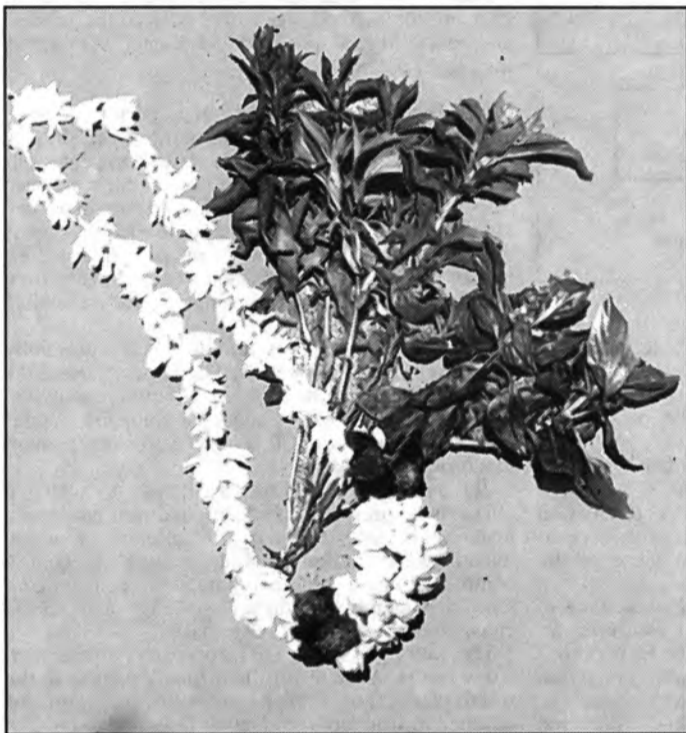


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Scent of a Rural Woman

Women in the countryside have their own locally produced scents and perfumes. Rural women differ from their more urbanized sisters in the way and occasion of using scents. There is a uniquely beautiful way of applying the naturally made perfume to the body that is employed by rural women. It is using the "moshqur," a collection of sweet basil and the petals of three or four other scented flowers planted in Yemen. These flowers' names vary from one area to another in Yemen. To form a moshqur, a small bunch of these flowers is tucked into the head scarf near the cheek. A paste called "zobd" made of crushed rose petals and other perfumes is then applied behind the ears and dabbed on the hair. To add more verve to the whole-

creams used by townswomen, women in the countryside use "shand", beeswax and butter or sesame oil melted on low heat and left to cool to form a cream. A mixture of perfumes is added to the "shand" which is then stored in a little glass container to be applied to the face or hands. It should be noted that rural women spend most of their time on the farm, and only use such perfumes and adornments on Fridays and on special occasions. If the husband is away working in the city or abroad, the wife beautifies herself on his return home. As for unmarried girls, all these perfumes and other natural cosmetics are applied lightly and only on special occasions such as weddings and feasts. A Yemeni woman thus tries to always keep something of the



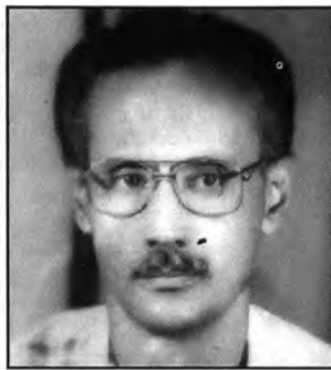
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ensemble of perfumes, incense is used. Incense is usually made up of a mixture of sugar, sandalwood, and natural perfumes. This mixture is then cooked to form small hard discs, which are later crushed and packed ready to be used by burning them and allowing the scented smoke to permeate into the clothes. On top of all that, liquid perfume made from the water of a mixture of flower petals is also applied. Clothes are also normally scented with what is called musk dust - small white sugar-like perfume crystals mixed with crushed scent roots which are sprinkled in the

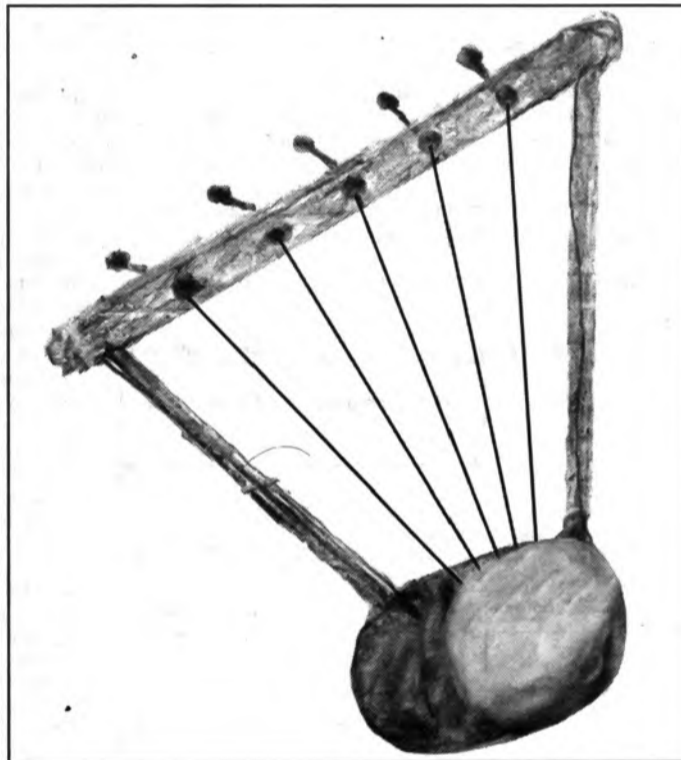
past. She appears in front of her husband as the queen of her house who has no rival among other females. It should be noted here that urban women in Yemen, due to their rural roots, still retain some of the traditions of the countryside. They always look for beautiful perfumes and try to be creative in mixing them. In the southern and eastern regions of Yemen, for example, "majmou" is used. Majmou' is a garland of Arabic jasmine and other scented flowers used to tie the hair.

Khairiya Al-Shibeebi

Samsamiah & the Good Old Days



The Samsamiah musical instrument is a distinguished feature of the traditional Yemeni music. Samsamiah was first adopted by Al-Zarbadi traditional ensemble which had a special musical style. It is known among the fishermen musical groups as the coastal style or "sahili," which is particularly present in Al-Shihr, Aden, Hodeida and other coastal areas in Yemen. Al-Leiwah ensemble which performed in Al-Shihr and Aden also adopted Samsamiah as its main musical instrument. Playing the Samsamiah, this ensemble presented a very famous song, "Ya Markab Al-Hind Yabo Daglein" or O two-mast ship of India, written by the Yemeni lyricist Yahya Omar Al-Yafi'i. In Omar Bin Tha'alab's book,



"Mohammed Jom'a Khan: His Life and Art," published in 1981, some important historical details

about Samsamiah are recorded. Historians indicate that Samsamiah was brought by Hadhramaut sailors during the third century after Hijra (around A.D. 922) from Yanbo' in the northern Arabian Peninsula, before the introduction of Qanbous or the old lute (ud). Samsamiah consists of a circular hollow wooden piece on which three rectangular wooden sticks are fixed to form a kind of a triangle turned upside down. Five metal strings are stretched vertically between the end of the wooden piece and the base of the triangle.

Unlike Qanbous, every string in Samsamiah gives only one musical tune. Since these strings are made to be twanged by the left hand fingers, it is hard to play the Samsamiah. This actually needs, professional skill and long training.

Some of the most famous Samsamiah players are Saeed Salem Ba-Haddad, Salem Faraj Abdunaseer, Saeed Al-Solaimah (all fishermen from Mukallah) and Mabrouk Ramadan who was originally from Yanbo'. According to Omar Bin Tha'alab in "Mohammed Jom'a Khan: His Life and Art," Mohammed Khan learned to play Samsamiah early in his childhood from Faraj Moftah Faraj, the leader of Al-

Zarbadi ensemble. Samsamiah was the musical instrument of many ensembles in Al-Shihr, Aden and Hodeida. With the Al-Leiwah ensemble in Aden and Hadhramaut, many traditional musical compositions of the coastal style and the 2/4 eastern rhythm gained great fame. These compositions became very popular among young people and were commonly presented in cultural occasions and country celebrations.

Al-Tilal traditional ensemble tried to maintain the use of samsamiah by reviving the old traditional songs. But, because folk songs are now generally out of public attention, that process did not last long. Samsamiah began to lose its place and gradually disappeared. Perhaps it is our responsibility to save this traditional feature of Yemeni music, but it is at long last the role of the Ministry of Culture to direct that. By all possible means, such valuable and original things as Samsamiah must be maintained to recount Yemen's great civilization all over the world.

Saleh Abdulbaki, musician

Al-Maqla Al-Hodeidi

(A very popular meal in the coastal areas especially Al-Hodeida).

1. Bagha Fish (medium sized fish with very thin skin) - 4 fish
2. Tamarind - 6 dates
3. Hot red pepper - (this kind of pepper is sold dried in Yemen) - mixed with about one cup of water
4. Spices (cumin + black pepper)
5. Onion - 2
6. Garlic - 6 cloves
7. Vegetable oil - 1/6 liter.

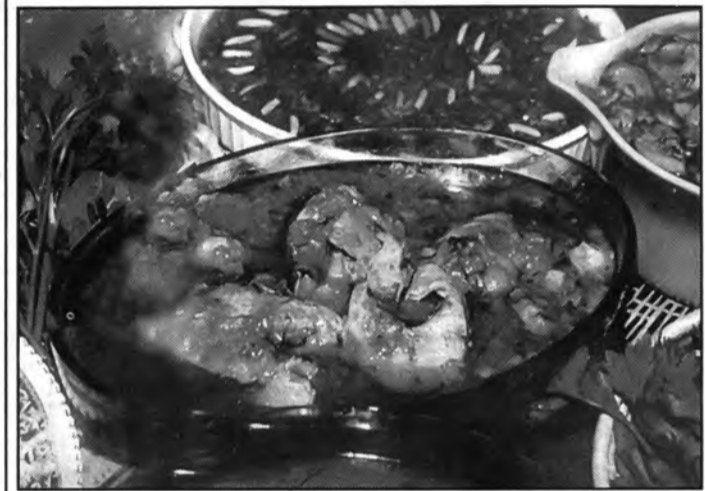
- * Peel the garlic and chop it.
- * Soak the tamarind in water and leave it aside.
- * Wash the small fish carefully both from outside and inside.
- * Heat the frying pan for half a

minute.

- * Pour vegetable oil in the pan and wait until it becomes hot enough
- * Put the chopped onion and stir it continuously until it becomes golden brown.
- * Add the already ground hot pepper, the garlic and the spices (stirring slowly and carefully).
- After picking out the seeds of the tamarind and soaking it well in water, pour the liquid in the pan.
- * After 5 minutes, add salt (of course with stirring).
- * Wait for another 5 minutes and then your meal will be ready.

Note: This meal is usually eaten with rice or bread.

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Over 1,500 Missing in Floods

At least 300 people were reported killed in flash floods in southwestern Pakistan as army and paramilitary troops last week continued their rescue operations in the flood-hit region. More than 1,500 people were still missing in the worst affected Turbat district. Officials refused to put an exact figure on the death toll, saying limited road access to the affected areas and rains had been obstructing a full assessment of the casualties. Independent sources in Quetta, the capital of southwestern Baluchistan province, said at least 150 bodies had been recovered. At least 3,500 houses collapsed or submerged in up to five feet of water after a massive deluge from the neighboring Iran swept the area near the Arabian Sea. Scores of villages in Iran and Afghanistan have also been hit by the unusual rains.

Russia Continues with Iran Plant

Russia said it was pressing ahead with a nuclear power plant in Iran last Friday, just as its smaller neighbor Ukraine bowed to US pressure to give up on the controversial project. US officials said Kiev had promised not to supply nuclear technology to Iran in return for Washington's agreement to let US firms bid for work on Ukrainian atomic power plants. Meanwhile Georgy Kaurov, spokesman for Russia's Atomic Energy Minister, said Moscow had agreed in principle with Tehran on the construction of two more reactors at Iran's Bushehr port. Russian firms have been contracted to build a 1,000-megawatt nuclear power plant at Bushehr at a cost of \$850 million. They had been looking to Ukraine's state-owned Aoa Turboatom plant to design and build the turbines at Bushehr.

Iraq Allows Surprise Inspections of "Sensitive" Sites

The American UN arms inspector Scott Ritter last week carried out his first inspections in Iraq since Baghdad sparked a crisis two months ago by blocking his work. The Iraqi News Agency said a team led by Ritter, a former US marine branded a spy by Baghdad, made "surprise visits to a number of sites" in Iraq. At least one of the sensitive sites was a barracks of the elite Republican Guard, a well-placed source said. Previously, the Iraqis have resisted attempts to

inspect such quarters. Five other UN inspection teams visited a total of nine other sites, the agency reported. An Iraqi official said Mr Ritter would not try to visit any of the eight presidential sites that Baghdad had placed off-limits to UN weapons inspectors. The official said these sites could only be visited by a special team of UN monitors and diplomats as laid down by the February 23 accord signed by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan and Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz.

Turkish Army Warns Yilmaz Government

Turkey's powerful pro-secular army has criticized Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz for lifting a ban on headscarves in religious schools and warned the government against making concessions to the Islamists.

Kuwait: Stop Quota violations

The Kuwaiti Oil Minister last week called on fellow OPEC member Venezuela and other over-producers to cooperate with the rest of the group to help turn round the slump on world oil markets. The Minister said those pumping beyond assigned quotas should abide by the official allocations they had agreed to at the group's last meeting in Jakarta in November. February well-head production from the OPEC nations was swollen by 800,000 bpd to 28.69 million bpd from a revised 27.89 million bpd in January, a Reuters survey of OPEC and company officials and industry monitors found. That is easily in advance of the 27.50 million bpd ceiling OPEC set in November for the first half of 1998 and will give food for thought to OPEC's ministerial monitoring committee which meets in mid-March.

AGCC Countries Discuss Ties with Iran

The 66th meeting of the council of AGCC Foreign Ministers was held in Riyadh last Saturday, March 7. AGCC Secretary-General Sheikh Jamil Al-Hujailan said the two-day meeting discussed a number of military and political issues as well as regional and international developments, especially relations between the UN and Iraq in the light of the recent agreement signed by the two sides. The meeting discussed difficulties faced by the Middle East peace process, a memorandum by the

AGCC general secretariat on a joint telecommunications project, military cooperation, issues related to joint Arab action, implementation of the Kuwait summit resolutions, customs tariff as well as recommendations made by ministerial committees on education, youth, culture and environment.

They also discussed relations between Iran and the UAE on the issue of the islands of Abu Musa and the Greater and Lesser Tunbs occupied by Iran and steps taken by the UAE to resolve the conflict peacefully.

Syria Releases 20 Lebanese Detainees

Syria handed over another 20 Lebanese prisoners last week following mediation efforts by president Elias Hrawi, in a move that will allow the Lebanese authorities to judge whether they should remain in prison or not. The releases brought to 121 the number of prisoners transferred in two days, and there is some speculation that Syrian president Hafez Assad may be planning to send a third group over the border. Official reports said on Wednesday that Assad had ordered the release of 131 Lebanese prisoners in Syria, but it was not immediately clear if more prisoners will be set free. They added that another 25 Lebanese convicted by Syrian courts of spying for Israel would remain in Syrian prisons, but human rights watchdogs believe that the number of Lebanese nationals still detained in Syria is larger.

BJP Says it has Mandate to Rule

India's Hindu nationalists demanded power last week after emerging dominant from the national elections, as the outgoing coalition decided against launching an immediate bid for office.

Turkey Key Country in EU Membership for Cyprus

The EU Commissioner for foreign affairs, Hans van den Broek, underlined Turkey's importance in the accession of Cyprus as a member in the EU. "Turkey has a key role in the EU membership process for Cyprus. That's why the EU wishes to maintain warm relations with Ankara, Broek said in Greek Cypriot Cyprus. Broek arrived in Cyprus last Wednesday for talks on how Turkish Cypriots can be included in EU entry negotiations.

Along with Broek, Britain's Cyprus envoy David Hannay also held talks in Greek Cypriot Cyprus with the same objective. Hannay said that the general wish of the EU was for Cyprus to become an EU member as a bizonal, bicomunal federation and that this was possible only with Turkish Cypriot participation in the entry talks. However, he stated that if the Turkish Cypriots refuse to participate "talks will start with the Greek Cypriots only."

Huge Cigarette Counterfeiting Ring Broken Up

Police have broken up a huge piracy operation in the Jebel Ali Free Zone, UAE in which major international cigarette brands were faked and sold in the Far East and CIS countries. The operation is considered one of the UAE's biggest cigarette trademark infringements. Police arrested four people and sealed off Virginia Industries Ltd. Police sources said that over 20 internationally known brands were counterfeited. They include Benson & Hedges, Winston, Dunes, Camel, Aspen, 555, Marlboro, Craven, Dunhill, Peter 1st and Salem. Virginia Industries Ltd was raided by police late last month and large quantities of counterfeit products were seized along with equipment and printed packaging, police said. The raid was triggered by a complaint filed by a leading international cigarette manufacturer operating in the Gulf.



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SUPER MOVIES

March 9, 1998

14:00 Zelig

00:00 Brazil

02:30 Never Talk to Strangers

March 10, 1998

18:00 Maid to Order

21:30 Movies, Games and Videos

02:00 Ruby Cairo

March 11, 1998

16:00 The Fugitive

20:00 August

02:00 The Corporate Ladder

March 12, 1998

08:00 Man on Fire

16:00 Hiding Out

00:00 Innocent Blood

March 13, 1998

20:00 Loose Connections

22:00 Grumpier Old Men

00:00 Jackknife

March 14, 1998

16:00 Crimes of the Heart

20:10 The Legend of Gator Face

00:00 The Sicilian

March 15, 1998

18:00 The Curse of the Dragon

20:00 Metropolitan

00:00 Interview with the Vampire

ORBIT NEWS

March 9, 1998

10:30 CBS Face the Nation

16:00 NBC The Today Show Live

00:00 CBS 48 Hours

March 10, 1998

12:30 CBS Up to the Minute - Live

20:00 ABC Good Morning America

23:00 ABC Primetime

March 11, 1998

11:00 NBC News Channel Night-side Live

22:00 ABC This Week

23:30 CBS Public Eye with Bryant Gumbel

March 12, 1998

18:00 CBS This Morning

22:00 NBC Meet the Press

00:00 ABC 20/20

March 13, 1998

09:00 NBC Dateline

15:30 NBC News at Sunrise Live

00:00 CBS 60 Minutes

March 14, 1998

11:00 American Journal

16:00 NBC Weekend Today Show Live

21:00 Wall Street Week

March 15, 1998

11:00 Wall Street Journal

15:00 Secret History: Deep Sleep

16:00 Rosewood Massacre: The Untold Story

MUSIC NOW

March 9, 1998

05:00 Min Aghanihum

09:00 Retro

20:00 Mediteranee

March 10, 1998

11:00 Vital Soul

14:00 Rock Raiq

22:00 Awtar

March 11, 1998

11:00 "360" Degrees - David Bowie

19:00 Musabaqa

00:00 Music Box

March 12, 1998

12:00 Haven

14:00 Freeze Frame

14:30 Chain Reaction

17:00 American Chart Show

March 13, 1998

12:00 In Motion

14:00 RSVP

16:00 Smash Hits 1996

March 14, 1998

07:00 Saba Ho

22:00 Awtar

00:00 Music Now Jukebox

March 15, 1998

05:00 Min Aghanihum

11:00 Vital Soul

18:00 The Rush Hour

THE HOLLYWOOD CHANNEL

March 9, 1998

14:30 The Pet Department

20:00 Jeopardy

22:00 Screen Actors Guild Awards

March 10, 1998

14:00 Slim Cooking

18:30 MainFloor

22:00 Our Favorite Star : Elizabeth Taylor

March 11, 1998

13:30 Cooking Secrets of the CIA

17:00 Globetrotter

22:00 Miss USA 1998

March 12, 1998

10:30 Judy

17:30 Preview Theater

22:00 Infatuation

March 13, 1998

14:00 Lifestyles

18:00 Videofashion

22:30 Vanessa Mae

March 14, 1998

12:00 Haven

20:30 Wheel of Fortune

22:00 Saturday Night Live

March 15, 1998

13:00 Super Collectors

18:30 Ooh La La

00:30 Late Show With David Letterman

THE FUN CHANNEL

March 9, 1998

08:45 Leo and Popi

15:30 Tattooed Teenager Alien Fighters

18:30 Batman

March 10, 1998

09:00 T & J Hanna Barbera

16:00 Pinky and the Brain

19:30 Dexter's Lab

March 11, 1998

09:30 Richard Scarry

16:25 Anamanians

20:00 Anti-Gravity Room

March 12, 1998

09:30 Brambly Hedge

16:00 Haya Namrah

20:30 Muppets Tonight

March 13, 1998

10:00 Barney

16:00 The Fun Club - Live

20:00 My Hometown

March 14, 1998

11:00 Ahlann Anbar

12:20 Felix the Cat

17:15 The Jetsons

March 15, 1998

11:30 Akher AL Koala

16:50 Bump in the Night

17:40 The Mask

ORBIT-ESPN

March 9, 1998

08:00 Winter Extreme Games

11:00 Sportscenter

22:00 Brazilian Paulista Futebol

March 10, 1998

17:00 World Football Report

21:00 World of Rugby

22:00 Gole

March 11, 1998

12:00 Nascar Winston Cup - Las Vegas, Nevada

14:00 NHL Power Week!

21:00 Gillette Sports Special

March 12, 1998

05:00 College Basketball - NIT Tournament First Round - Live

13:30 Professional Gymnastics - Tucson, Arizona

19:30 Latin Football Weekly

March 13, 1998

13:30 AMA Supercross Series

19:30 NBA Action

21:00 1998 NCAA Men's Basketball Championships First Round - Live

March 14, 1998

04:30 1998 NCAA Men's Basketball Championships First Round - Live

14:00 Premier League Highlights

21:00 1998 NCAA Men's Basketball Championships Second Round - Live

March 15, 1998

04:30 Cart Pole Qualifying

16:00 Ultimate Inline Challenge

00:30 ATP Tennis Magazine

AMERICA PLUS

March 9, 1998

09:00 Kung Fu

21:00 Caroline in the City

22:30 The Nanny

March 10, 1998

10:00 Hang Time

21:00 Chicago Sons

22:30 It's A Man's World

March 11, 1998

20:00 Moesha

21:00 3rd Rock From the Sun

23:00 Melrose Place

March 12, 1998

08:00 Everything's Relative

21:00 Friends

23:00 ER

March 13, 1998

08:30 One of the Boys

21:00 Suddenly Susan

22:00 Spin City

March 14, 1998

18:00 Beverly Hills 90210

20:00 Due South

21:00 Pearl

March 15, 1998

14:00 Sunset Beach

19:30 NewsRadio

01:30 Pacific Palisades

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

March 9, 1998

17:20 Goof Troop

20:00 Gargoyles

21:00 Movie - Moochie of the Little League

March 10, 1998

16:05 Gummi Bears

19:00 Aladdin

21:00 The Sword and the Rose

March 11, 1998

15:40 Mickey Mouse & Friends

20:30 Boy Meets World

21:00 Movie - Mark Twain and Me

March 12, 1998

17:05 Marsupilami

21:00 Movie - In Search of the Castaways

01:30 Wonderful World of Disney

March 13, 1998

12:40 Timon & Pumbaa

17:30 Torkelsons

23:00 Home Improvement

March 14, 1998

17:45 Ducktales

21:00 Movie - Zorro the Avenger

00:00 Dinosaurs

March 15, 1998

14:40 Adventures in Wonderland

18:00 Bill Nye the Science Guy

21:00 Movie - Almost Angels

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I cleared the airport routine and on my way to my destination was when I got the shock. I could not believe the amount of dirt that was spread all over. I stared with my mouth agape. "Gosh! Is this the land that looked so beautiful from above? God, can't you do something about it? Doesn't anyone care?" I asked myself a dozen questions. Most places we passed through left us 'perfumed.'

Later on, I realized that homes have problems with discarding their refuse. The dustbin pits are scarce, so Yemenis end up just disposing it anywhere as long as it's not in their homes. "How ego-centric" I thought at first, but in due time I ended up doing the same thing because there is no other alternative.

Let us consider the side effects of this rubbish lying everywhere.

First, it is a danger to our health. Second, it gives an awful impression to foreigners. Third, it contributes highly to air pollution. Lastly, it affects us psychologically. I will expand slightly on the fact that it is a danger to our health. We adults understand what is harmful and vice-versa. Unlike our little brothers and sisters, who have to walk to school and play in the streets because there are no playgrounds in their neighborhoods. They are curious and they dig their noses into everything. They would definitely treasure the rubbish, pick some horrible trash and play with it.

I remember I once met a young girl with a used blood transfusion set. She kept it in her school bag! I almost went crazy. I had such a hard time convincing her that she should not pick up things from the road. She gave me a curt answer, "If I shouldn't have it, why is it there?" What do I tell her? Nobody cares about you? These innocent creatures are subjected to all kinds of diseases. Just because you and I did not find a better place to dispose of trash and we didn't bother to find one.

With this experience, I felt challenged and so should you. I kindly implore the concerned authority to do what is expected of them. There is a need to introduce a waste rehabilitation program. More rubbish bins should be put on the streets and every living quarter should have at least one main disposal carriage. If you try, I try and someone else tries, we shall 'definitely' make Yemen a better place. The young girl has never left my mind. Just imagine if this transfusion set was freshly used and she pricked herself. God knows, it could have the HIV virus and with time, this innocent angel would be diagnosed as HIV positive! Doesn't a pang of guilt haunt you? Today, it's someone else's child, tomorrow it could be yours.

As I mentioned, the dirty atmosphere affects us psychologically, though one never notices the difference unless you go to a clean environment. We must be responsible to change the situation and live a better tomorrow; mentally, physically and psychologically. As the saying goes, 'A HEALTHY NATION IS A WEALTHY NATION.'

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Requirements:

Candidates must be:

- A Yemeni citizen;
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- Have a satisfactory level of English language;
- Be willing to undergo up to a 6 months English language course in Yemen, if necessary;
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Minimalistic Art at Hadhramaut

Marianne Manda, a German graphic artist has helped to organize a minimalistic art performance at the gate to Wadi Hadhramaut and two fires are going to be set off March 14th on the peaks of two mountains there. The performance commemorates the tragedy of the famous Arabic couple Leila and Majnun whose love has been expressed in song, poetry since time immemorial. The story of love been consumed to death is symbolically represented by the two fires consuming themselves into the dawn. The fires will be set off on the mountains simultaneously, burn for half an hour and then glow till dawn. The



Marianne Manda

visitor to the Arabian peninsula and Yemen. Her recent bibliography reveals that she has received a public grant for the

Hadda Art Gallery where her graphic piece on extroversion lies as a prominent example of her style. A first impression of her work since 1995 reveals more courageous lines; there are essences of bodily form, metamorphasizing subjects made more vibrant by these strokes. Do the changes in background color add to the suggestivity of personality changes? Is there a metamorphosis of a human consciousness as in "Cadmium" done in 1995? Even her more somber colored works with brave dark graphic stokes like "Earth" done the same year, reveal a yearning to be born. Repeated human

elements find new expressiveness in bold churning lines, like in her vibrant "Universum". Here the observer can sense the cosmic rays reaching out to the creation of man in his earthly world. Manda can now be thought of as expressing immemorial themes not only through her graphic work but by attempting to commemorate the most famous Arabic pair of lovers at the Wadi Hadhramaut. Their hearts afire with passion, alive today as a thousand years ago, are being depicted by the two fires she will set off this week.

Martin Dansky, Yemen Times



Extroverse, 1995



Universe and the rest of the world, 1995

silence of the memorial performance will only be interrupted by Arabian music related to the story to be retold. Manda is no stranger to Yemen Times, her work has appeared in the past as she is a regular

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AL-SHOURAH: Sanaa weekly, 1-3-98. (Federation of Popular Forces Party)

- Main Headlines:**
- 1- Dispute over proposed teacher's law still rages on.
 - 2- Armed confrontation took place in Ibb between supporters of the Islamic fundamentalist, Moqbil Al-Wadi'i, and elements of the Islah Party.
 - 3- Commander of missiles division in Aden was shot dead by one of his officers - reasons are not yet known.
 - 4- Drop in international oil prices raised Yemeni budget deficit to YR 30 billion.
 - 5- In questioning by parliament, the Minister of Interior admits 471 incidences of favoritism in admitting students into Police Academy.

Article Summary:

Absent Facts

By: Dr. Mohammed A. Al-Mansoob

A recent demographic survey on mother and child health indicated that infant mortality in Yemen is highest among the families who live in unclean places, especially where there is stagnant water or uncontrolled sewage. The mortality rate among children under five years of age living in more hygienic areas is around 88.6 per 1,000. This rate dramatically rises to 261.7 per 1,000 among children living near areas of stagnant water or overflowed sewage. The WHO set target for worldwide infant mortality by the year 2,000 is 70 per 1,000. So Yemen has a long way to achieve this low rate. Even those children who survive such bad conditions are more exposed to various types of disease.



AL-TAREEQ: Aden fortnightly, 3-3-98. (Independent)

Main Headlines:

- 1- Yemeni Organization for Human Rights demands immediate release of people detained without trial in Aden.
- 2- German tourist injured in kidnap attempt in Mareh underwent surgery in Al-Thawra Hospital, Sanaa, and is in stable condition.
- 3- A gang smuggling Arab citizens into the US by using false Yemeni passports for \$10,000-\$15,000 a head was arrested by federal agents.
- 4- YR 67 million is allocated by the government for investment in Aden.

Article Summary:

Aden does Not Get Medicines



Yemini Press in a Week

by: Adel J. Moqbil

A number of public hospital directors have complained of not receiving their medicine allocations for January and February. Several public hospitals in Aden are currently unable to provide their patients with the necessary drugs. Such delays are now increasingly experienced following the centralization of medicine distribution from Sanaa. According to the new system, the country is divided into four major sectors containing a certain number of governorates to receive medicines and other medical supplies. This new idea has proved to be ineffectual, said a health-care source in Aden.



AL-SAHWA: Sanaa weekly, 5-3-98. [Yemeni Congregation for Reform (Islah)]

Main Headlines:

- 1- Tens of thousands of Islah supporters welcome Islah leader & parliament speaker, Sheikh Abdullah Al-Ahmer, who had been in US for medical treatment.
- 2- Teachers ask the President to intervene in amending proposed teachers' law.
- 3- Parliament refused to discuss a proposed \$20 million loan from the Arab Development Fund for contravening proper procedures.
- 4- Speaker of Parliament: "There must be a solid Arab stance towards foreign powers hostile to Arab interests."

Article Summary:

Haphazard Construction in Aden

A number of businessmen and ordinary citizens in Aden have sent a letter to President Ali Abdullah Saleh complaining of unlicensed haphazard construction in their city. Despite municipal orders to remove all unlicensed buildings, nothing has been done yet, stated the letter. Furthermore, these buildings obstructing the natural flow of torrential flood waters into the sea, presented a potential life-threatening hazard, warned the citizens. A number of people were injured and

\$312 million worth of damage was done to property because of a building that was built right in the usual passage of flood water, indicated the letter.



AL-THAWRI: Sanaa weekly, 5-3-98. (Yemeni Socialist Party-YSP)

Main headlines:

- 1- YSP welcomes International Court of Justice's decisions to look into the Lockerbie case.
- 2- Several opposition leaders are still in detention without trial.
- 3- YSP demands return of its property in Lahaj, which is taken over by the Political Security Office.
- 4- Air Force officers coming from southern governorates have complained of not receiving their monthly allowances like the rest of their colleagues.

Article Summary:

Public Land Usurped

Residents of Al-Areesh area in Aden were flabbergasted to see a certain influential person bringing an armed group of the Central Security apparatus, which started firing in the air and frightening the women and children. The aim of the unnamed influential person was to illegally lay his hands on a piece of public land, which the residents set aside for a playground and a prayer area during Eid. A high wall was later erected by the influential person's cohorts around that plot of land, including part of the main public road in the area.



26 SEPTEMBER: Sanaa weekly, 5-3-98. (Yemen Armed Forces)

Main Headlines:

- 1- Supervised by the President, a national committee to oversee Grand Mosque expansion starts its activities.
- 2- 15 cooperation agreements are signed by the Yemeni-Tunisian committee.
- 4- Yemen's efforts to join GATT received an inter-

national boost during Monaco economic summit.
5- Ministry of Interior is to exempt EU citizens from entry visas into Yemen.

Article Summary:

Transparency & Optimism

By: Iskander Al-Asbahi

It was both saddening and optimism engendering to attend the special seminar organized by the US embassy in Sanaa to discuss the US State Department report on Yemen. It was saddening to see several Yemeni political figures enthusiastically flocking to be in the hands of "Mama America." The US has lost its credibility as a defender of human rights around the world when it came to dealing with its beloved charge - Israel. The report on human rights in Yemen did not present anything new. It is true that few violations of human rights do take place in Yemen. But the US report came with a lot of distorted, incorrect, or exaggerated information. What creates optimism, on the other hand, is that such matters are now discussed publicly and through the media, indicating a true official desire to change things.

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Krups of Germany, with its partner Al-Haiki of Yemen have on Monday March 2, launched the new Krups product. It is the Power X Duo blender. The event was attended by top Krups and Artex/Al-Haiki administrators as well as a large number of dealers. Prizes were given to a number of dealers and store owners for promoting Krups products in the Yemeni market. On this happy occasion, Emad Al-Saqqaf of Yemen Times met Krups and Al-Haiki managers to talk about the prospects of Krups products in Yemen.

Mr. Waleed Sultani, Krups Sales Manager for the Middle East.

Q: Could you briefly tell us about Krups?
A: Krups is a German company with its main Middle East branch in Dubai. It distributes its products to all Arab countries including Yemen.

Q: What is the purpose of this exhibition?
A: It is to present a new Krups product - Power X Duo blender. This new blender is much sought after in the Middle East. It is simply the best in the market.

Q: How do you evaluate the sales of Krups products in Yemen?
A: Krups products are quite popular in Yemen. I noticed that it is sold in more than 25 major stores in Sanaa. I saw Krups

promotional stickers and posters almost everywhere, on buses, in newspapers, all over the place. The credit for this goes to our agent, Al-Haiki, here in Yemen.

Mr. Esam Al-Haiki, the General Manager, really believes in the Krups product. He believes in them because of their very high quality and reasonable prices. He is making great efforts to very successfully market all Krups products in Yemen. Mr. Al-Haiki's efforts are, without exaggeration, the most productive I have seen in the Middle East. I am really very optimistic that the Yemeni market for Krups products is constantly expanding. My job is to support local marketing with competitive prices. I hope that every Krups agent in the Middle East would do at least half as much as Mr. Esam Al-Haiki. A lot of credit should also go to our customers who have put much faith in the Krups products.

Mr. Esam Al-Haiki, General Manager of Artex Co./ Al-Haiki Trading.

Q: What would like to say in this occasion?
A: First, I'd like to welcome Mr. Waleed Sultani for honoring us by attending this marketing campaign and the launch of the new Krups product. Krups products have a very strong presence in the Yemeni market. This is a great incentive for us to work harder in presenting Krups products to the Yemeni customers.

Q: What sort of difficulties do you face in marketing Krups products in Yemen?
A: Krups products are of a very high quality. So marketing problems are almost non-existent. We feel that Krups' products add an more value and weight to our company. Through Krups, we have acquired a high status of which we are very proud. Krups represent a major facto in our trade and business activities. *Power X* With the launch of the Power X Duo blender in Yemen, we feel that Krups products are gaining a lot of ground among our esteemed customers and the rest of the Yemeni consumers in general.

Q: What suggestion would you like to make to the main Krups company?
A: Mr. Waleed Sultani has conducted several field visits to the Yemeni market to see on the ground the extent of the

popularity of Krups products. Through these visits, we are able to accurately evaluate the volume of Krups products sales in the Yemeni market. During several meetings and discussions with Mr. Sultani, we put our comments and suggestions. The outcome of these meetings will crystallize during the next few months. With more competitive prices, the demands of a large proportion of consumers will be met in Yemen.

Q: Would like to add anything else?
A: I'd like to thank our esteemed customers for their solid trust and faith in Krups products. We are today making great strides forwards and always conquering new grounds in the market. We'll be able to launch many new high-quality Krups products with very competitive prices.

Mr. Mohammed Abdu Saeed, Chairman of the Board.

Q: What are your impressions of this gathering to launch the new Krups product?
A: I am very glad to be here with my other colleagues to witness more successes for Krups and Artex/Al-Haiki Trading. It has re-affirmed our confidence in the Krups products and their very high quality and durability. We are making every effort, with our partners in Krups, to offer high-quality products at very competitive prices. Consumers in Yemen will have great satisfaction from the quality and fidelity of Krups products. We are very, very optimistic for the future of the Krups products in the Yemeni market.

Mahdi Al-Jarbani:

"Wrestling needs more support"

The history of wrestling in Yemen is full of great accomplishments either outside or inside the country. This sport presented many champions throughout the years. Beginning with Mohammed Al-Maqaleh and Abdul-kareem Sufian and today with Abdullah Al-Azani, the Yemeni wrestling is a source of pride for all. Captain Mahdi is one of those who practiced wrestling despite the trying conditions of sport in our country. Moreover, he offers to young wrestlers his experience and skills. One of Mahdi's achievements is the Yemeni champion Abdullah Al-Azani, who was able to win in many Arabic and International championships. Yemen Times talked with Mr. Mahdi Al-Jarbani.



1993 and I got the first place in all of them. Internationally, I participated in the Palestine Club (1980), the Asian Ninth Tournament in India (1982), Iraq's International Championship (1985), the Arab Championship in Syria (1986), the Arab Youth Championship in Egypt (1988), the Asia Championship in Japan (1989), and finally I participated in The Arab Championship in Cairo (1990).

When Al-Maqaleh left training and went for hang gliding, I took the whole responsibility of training in Al-Wahda Club. I trained many young men and some of them became accomplished champions later on. I trained Adel Al-Materi, Mohammed Doghaish and Abdullah Al-Azani who achieved a lot in many international championships. I was not content with training by experience. I sought technical qualifications through participating, as a coach, in many training courses. The last course I participated in was the Arab Trainers Course in Cairo 1996.

training the Central Security Forces and Al-Wahda Club.

Q: How do you succeed in training despite the lack of facilities?

A: The lack of facilities made me use other ways to succeed. I look for business establishments to sponsor and support the athletes. In addition, I talk with the officials I know personally to employ some of the athletes who make good achievements. Concerning training, I make my plans in a way that I can treat with the assigned limits of time and facilities. Here in Yemen, we usually try to make the athletes psychologically ready for training.

Q: Have you trained any other clubs beside Al-Wahda Club?

Q: What kind of troubles you come by as a trainer?

A: The government's support for sport activities is not enough. Lately, a fund for supporting youth was established. But, sport associations are not given enough money. All the money is given to football. This, of course badly effect the other sports such as wrestling. We still don't have a suitable training place, and need some important equipment, let alone my salary which does not cover even transportation expenses.



A: I trained the Ahli of Sanaa for one year. Then I trained Al-Majd Club in Sanaa for 6 months. I also trained sports people in Sanaa University for 6 years. Now, I'm

Q: How did you begin wrestling?

A: I started wrestling in Al-Wahda Sports Club in 1979. I was trained at the hands of Mohammed Saleh Al-Maqaleh, the first one who established wrestling in Yemen, and the one who helped me a lot.

Q: When did you start participating in national and international championships?

A: I participated in all national championships from 1980 until

Q: What are the best results you achieved in these occasions?

A: I got the bronze medals in Iraq's Championship, 1985, and in the Arab Championship in Syria, 1986. I got came fourth in the Arab Champs Championship in Egypt, 1988. In the Asia Championship in Japan, 1989, I got 7th position.

Q: How and when did you start training?

A: My Russian coach always advised me to work hard in order to succeed first as a professional wrestler and second as a coach myself. When he left in 1986, I started my profession as a coach.

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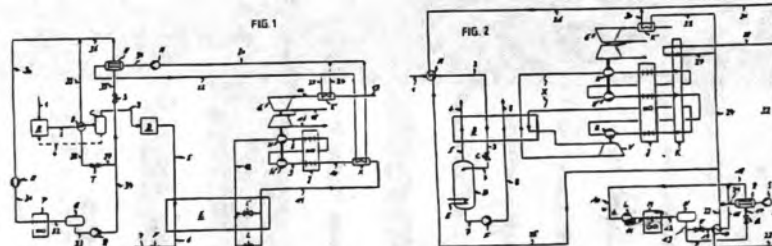
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Macarina Dances Flamenco in Sanaa

Macarina danced to the tunes played by her guitarist for more than one hour in each performance. Generally, the flamenco dance reflects the woes of loves. However, Macarina did a more jovial and merry dancing routine usually performed by the gypsies of Spain. Historically, flamenco is the self-expression of the gypsy people, some of whom were slaves in Spain. It reflects their culture, religion, and their daily life. As we know, gypsies originally came from India. One large group



settled in Eastern Europe and the other main group went to Spain via Egypt. They actually moved all around the old world. Thus, flamenco is influenced by four musical traditions: Indian, Arabic, Moorish and classical Spanish. Flamenco, however, is not really the most common dance in Spain. Other regions in Spain have their own popular dances. Like the blues for American negro slaves in the old days, flamenco expressed the suffering and pain of the gypsy slaves. That is why it is considered a very profound way of self-expression. Flamenco

consists of three elements: dancing, singing and guitar music. This is Macarina's first visit to an Arab country. She noticed that the Yemeni architecture has many features similar to the Arab architecture in Spain. Internal relief work on the wall showing flowers and other plants in Yemeni houses has its similar counterparts in old Spanish homes.



added Macarina. She learned to dance flamenco in an institute in Chile, her home country, at the hands of Spanish instructors. "I was part of a troupe of nine female flamenco dancers who performed in shows all over Chile." She later left Chile to France where she met the guitarist and singer, Cippo and Claudio, who accompany her now. "Flamenco needs at least three persons to perform: a guitarist, a singer and a dancer," explained Macarina. "A flamenco dancer does not really need special physical characteristics like a ballet dancer. A strong personality and maturity of character are very important. There are some flamenco dancers who continued to dance well into their forties." The dancer can be fat or thin, tall or short. "She must have a very sensitive sense of hearing because the flamenco rhythm is mathematical and has special sensual tunes that must be respected," added Macarina. In brief, you must really love flamenco to be able to perform it," announced Macarina.

It remains to say that the show at the Taj Sheba was highly popular with Yemeni and expatriate audiences alike. The spectators cheered wildly and tapped their feet to the Latin rhythms. "It was as successful as the tango dancing before it," aid Mr. Shankar looking forward to the French week soon.



Macarina has been doing the flamenco dance for the last nine years. "There are different ways of learning flamenco," said Macarina. "One of them is to dance with the gypsy people in the streets, or, alternatively, you can enroll in a special institute."

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