

NEW CITY--A parcel of land of about 250 feddans has been allocated for implementing factories at the new City of Mubarak which is currently under way on an area of 4,000 feddans on Assiut-New Valley road, said Mr. Zaki Badr, Assiut Governor. Moreover, an area of 1000 feddans has been allotted for setting up an oil refinery which is currently being implemented. The oil pipeline has been extended from Shokir oilfield on the Red Sea, carrying crude oil to the new refinery which provides Upper Egypt governorates with petrol and its derivatives. [Text] [Cairo THE EGYPTIAN GAZETTE in English 6 Sep 85 p 2]

NEW POWER PLANT--EL-MAHMUDIA transformer station will be operated by the beginning of October to provide power required for the new food sufficiency and rural electrification projects in West Delta region. The Minister of Energy, Mr. Maher Abaza, said that the capacity of the station will be 150,000 kilo-volts and the cost which will reach LE 12 million is financed from the 100 million dollar loan extended by the German Democratic Republic. [Text] [Cairo THE EGYPTIAN GAZETTE in English 12 Sep 85 p 2]

DESERT CONVERSION--The new housing plan at Fayyum governorate provides for the conversion of Demo desert into a residential city to meet the ever-increasing housing requirements of the citizens, according to Fayyum Governor, Mr. Tharwat Attallah. Fayyum city council will complete, before the end of the year, the final planning of the city which is to be provided with necessary water, electricity, and sewerage utilities. The housing scheme incorporates the building of 32 blocks of flats of which 16 buildings are projected in Fayyum and 4 in each of Snoros, Tamia, Abeshwai and Atsa with costs amounting to LE 4 million. [Text] [Cairo THE EGYPTIAN GAZETTE in English 17 Sep 85 p 3]

OSMOSIS IRRIGATION PROJECT--Sharkia--A delegation of Swedish experts is currently visiting the project of osmosis irrigation implemented in Sharkia governorate. The head of the delegation stated that this method of irrigation depends mainly on extending earthenware pipes under the soil's surface and plants can be irrigated by water permeated from these pipes. This method will save about 60 percent of the water used in irrigation and will help improve soil properties. This experiment aims to provide irrigation water and increase crop yield. [Text] [Cairo THE EGYPTIAN GAZETTE in English 11 Sep 85 p 2]

FOREIGN TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS--Menufia governorate has issued a decree to prevent giving travel approval to those who desire to work abroad. The governorate is badly in need of such workers, especially crafts and vocations labourers. This decree will be applied to government workers only. Private sector workers are out of the decree sphere; they can get travel approval from the Ministry of Manpower. Menufia is the first governorate to issue such a decree. [Text] [Cairo THE EGYPTIAN GAZETTE in English 17 Sep 85 p 2]

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