

خليل مسودة تقرير صحفي عن أول مصنع عصري للصابون أعده توما، بيت جالا

الإنجليزية، مسودة تقرير تتضمن هذه الوثيقة المكتوبة بخط اليد باللغة
لصناعة الصابون في صحفي غير مؤرخ أعده خليل тома عن أول مصنع عصري
الزيتون التي تم إنشاؤها بيت جالا ليكون مكملاً للجمعية التعاونية لعصر
بين التعاونية ومؤسسة عام ١٩٦٥، إذ يشير التقرير إلى المحادثات التي جرت
الشرق الأدنى لتفصي المؤسسة الأمريكية لإغاثة اللاجئين في أنيرا" وهي"
دولار أمريكي من أجل بدورها إلى قرار بتقديم منحة مالية بقيمة ١٢٠.٠٠٠
وإبان ذلك بات المصنع تزويد المصنع بالمعدات اللازمة وذلك في شباط ١٩٧٩
إلى أن тома عمل في المجال جاهزاً للإنتاج مع حلول عام ١٩٨٢. وتجدر الإشارة
الصحفي وكان يكتب بالفتين الإنجليزية والعربية.

Beit Sala The Modern Soap Factory - Olive Press Cooperative

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After the lapse of three years said to have been spent on experiments and efforts to overcome ~~technical~~ ^{technical} problems, during which nearly 80 tons of soap were produced, The Modern Soap Factory in Beit Sala - part of The Olive Press Cooperative in the town is expected to start its long awaited commercial production ~~by early next year~~ ^{by} before the end of this year.

A Dream Comes True!

The concept of establishing the factory was first originated in the Sixties, a short time after the Olive Press Co-op was founded. It took about ten years to be crystallized and brought to life. Discussions between the Administration and ANERA "American Near East Refugee Agency" led to a final decision to proceed with the project and in February 1979 a grant agreement of U.S. \$ 120,000 was signed as a contribution to the cost of equipment. The project was then supported by a low-interest loan of I.O. 100,000 from the Central Cooperative Bank in Amman. The Co-op itself covered in form of buildings and land the rest of the capital which amounts to nearly I.O. 250,000. The machinery was then purchased from the Italian Gariboldi & Co and installed under its control and was ready for experimental production in 1982.

Usable Objectives

The main objectives of the factory which is considered a step forward in implementing self sufficiency in the production of various kinds of soap in the occupied territories, is to employ the residue from the olive pressing process called (silt) which contains 3-7% of oil and fatty acids required for soap making, thus introducing industrialization to one of the major agricultural resources in the West Bank which is said to make nearly 50% of the national income.

There are four other factories in the West Bank for the process of extracting oil out of 'silt' for the soap industry. This factory, however, is the sole one which maintains a complete production line of soap capable, in addition, of producing the very elementary plastic needles which is most essential for this industry, and being imported so far by soap factories in the West Bank, the factory will be able to substitute this imported plastic.

The developmental value of this project which allows the use of olive oil in industry is well considered in the context of the ever increasing areas of land planted with olive trees despite many obstacles. It is worth mentioning that there are 11 seedling plant nurseries in the West Bank which supply various districts with new olive trees every year. The Bethlehem district planted 350 thousand in the past ten years, while in the Hebron district the number estimated is nearly a million in the past seven years.

The Project Gets a Very Respectable importance as well for being a cooperative ownership, thus Capable of minimizing the price of its products as much as its success and the guarantee of its continuity would permit, ~~more over the profit returns to an institution owned by a~~ ^{cooperatively} ~~good members of people~~

It should be noticed that cooperatives in the West Bank are playing a major role in the economic life of the country, there are already 260 different types of co-ops which offers services to nearly 20% of the Population.

This factory will produce modern toilet soap, and while the Administration hints it is not aimed at competing with the traditional cottage "Nabulsi" soap which is well established and successfully marketed locally and in the Arab countries, it will certainly attempt to recapture a good part of the local market which has been dumped by imported toilet soap, with the hope that certain Arab markets will absorb part of the products, this will entail a good degree of high competitiveness in quality and price wise.

Years of Activity

Bait Tala olive Press cooperative Founded in 1965 is one of the strongest in the occupied territories with a total number of 700 land owner members from Bethlehem, Hebron and Tarnuslan districts who benefit from pressing their annual products of olives at the cooperative, which renders services as well to over 2000
1200

non-co-op members patrons from various villages. The Press started with two semi Automatic units with a capacity of pressing 20-24 tons per 24 hours, one more unit was added in 1969. The whole machinery, however, was replaced in 1982 by a most modern full Automatic unit with a productive capacity of 2 tons per hour, thus reducing expenditure, besides improving the percentage and quality of oil produced. The new machines however were a subject of dispute, the administration at the time was criticized of ill planning since the purchase of machinery was done at the time when the Soap factory was being installed, a thing that created financial difficulties for the Co-op.

Why so long

Inquiring why the commercial production of the factory has been delayed for so long, and whether the reason is an administrative impasse, the Administration explained the technical and financial obstacles they had to tackle, which are on the way of a final solution. The Chairman of the Board added that they are sending for foreign experts for a final check up before the commercial production starts hopefully, he said, by the beginning of 1986. ^{We have already avoided the errors of the past and are heading forward}
^{starting step to get the factory started economically and do better sooner possible}
We do sincerely hope as well that this proposed valuable project will get moving soonest possible.