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ARABIC INSCRIPTIONS and a folk-art painting on a farmhouse wall near Luxor, Egypt, celebrate the owner's journey to Mecca. Besides using ancient motifs, the artist showed an Egyptian shooting down an Israeli parachutist.

Future Tense Dominates

Past Yields To Future In Egypt

The future tense dominates conversations in Egypt. Egyptians and the growing numbers of Western scientists and businessmen sharing their destiny all seem to be preoccupied with the future of the country.

As Thomas J. Abercrombie points out in the March National Geographic: "Egypt seems always to have been dominated, overshadowed, by the power of her past. But now, after months of roaming this parched land from Port Said to the upper Nile, from Sinai to the great Western Desert, I have come away convinced that Egypt, at last, has overtaken time."

Sadat Opened Door
In contrast to nearly two decades of Gamal Abdel Nasser's rigid Arab socialism, President Anwar Sadat has encouraged an open-door policy that has begun to raise the country's economic morale. He has sent Soviet advisers home and mended diplomatic ties with the United States. He has invited private business investment in Egypt by Western nations as well as by his more conservative, oil-rich neighbors.

Revenues from the reopened Suez Canal—and oil discoveries in the Gulf of Suez—now offer hope for the country's debt-ridden national budget. In the hostilities of October 1973 and the U. S.-assisted cease-fire settlement that followed, Egypt got back a strip of the Sinai Peninsula occupied by Israel for six years.

These events restored to the average Egyptian the dignity and self-confidence crushed in the humiliating defeat by Israel in the six-day war of 1967. Says a young artillery officer: "We proved that Arabs can win a battle—and that the Arab oil weapon is something that even the superpowers must consid-

er." Heavy dependence on foreign aid still haunts Egypt's economic master plan. But a growing industrial complex, like the 100,000-ton-capacity aluminum smelter at Nag Hammadi, gives new hope. Egypt's brightest prospect, however, remains oil.

The country's proven oil reserves total 3.9 billion barrels. Thirty-five international companies have signed agreements with the state-owned Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation to explore promising areas in the Gulf of Suez and Egypt's vast Western Desert.

Seek Export Capacity
Egypt already is producing enough oil for its own needs, and the goal is for a million barrels a day by 1980, enough to make the country an established oil exporter.

The future bonanza depends heavily on a lasting peace in the area. To exploit the oil fully, Egypt counts on getting back the rest of the Sinai Peninsula from Israel.

Water has become almost as important as oil. No single project has changed life along the Nile more than the High Dam that blocks the river eight miles south of Aswan. Its waters have improved a million acres of land, guaranteeing farmers a steady water supply by holding back heavy floods and by providing a reserve for lean years.

But such massive tinkering with nature has produced some bad side effects.

Trapped behind the dam, the fertile Nile silt no longer renews the land. Farmers must now add more artificial fertilizer. Fortunately, the desert is rich in phosphates, though nitrates must be imported.

Although the Aswan High Dam may enable Egypt to

expand its farm land to 7,000,000 acres, experts agree that farmers then will have reclaimed almost all they ever will from the Delta and narrow valley of the Nile. Planners now look to the country's deserts, vast areas the size of Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana combined.

One project envisions cutting a 150-mile canal to bring in water from Lake Nasser. It is an ambitious plan, a plan for the future, when Egypt can better afford such an undertaking.

Desert Waterway Studied
Even bolder is a project proposed for Egypt's northern Sahara, about 250 miles west of Cairo. There a German consortium studies plans to blast a 50-mile-long waterway, perhaps with nuclear explosives, from the Mediterranean to the edge of the vast Qattara Depression. The floor of this broad basin dips 436 feet below sea level.

Water from the sea would plunge down, driving turbines of a desert hydroelectric plant. Eventually the depression would become a body of salt water the size of Lake Ontario.

Despite the ambitious schemes and reclaimed land, Egypt still cannot grow enough to feed its fast-multiplying population of 40 million. Much of the land is planted in export crops: cotton, oranges, rice, and potatoes. Profits pay for imported grain.

Helpful Hints

Natural cheese is made by coagulating milk and then separating the curd or solid part from the whey or watery part.

When you take a gift to a baby shower, it's a nice idea to wrap it in a diaper and fasten it with a couple of pastel diaper pins.

Lindberg's Plane In Good Shape Fifty Years After Famous Flight

When the Spirit of St. Louis left New York's Roosevelt Field on May 20, 1927 and flew into history, the plane was just three weeks old and in top shape.

Half a century later, the fabric-covered monoplane in which Lindbergh made the first nonstop solo flight across the Atlantic remains in good shape. Its nine-cylinder engine is oiled, its control cables taut, its covering of doped cotton cloth is still intact, the National Geographic Society says.

But the isinglass skylight through which Charles A. Lindbergh viewed the stars has turned an opaque yellow-brown with age. The bungee cords, thick rubber bands that served as shock absorbers in the streamlined landing gear struts, have probably long since

lost their tensile strength. **Still Serviceable**
Yet curators at the Smithsonian Institution, where the historic plane is displayed, report it almost certainly could be put in flyable condition with little effort.

The skylight and bungee cords would be replaced. For safety, the wing might be re-covered. The engine should be stripped and reassembled, instruments checked, stiff controls lubricated, possibly a couple of fittings tightened, and the 50-year-old aircraft could be gassed up for another 3,600-mile hop.

Officials add, however, that the plane will stay where it is, at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum.

Since the museum opened less than a year ago, more than

six million visitors have peered into the small cabin with the wicker seat where Lindbergh spent 33½ hours fighting drowsiness and the controls on his famous solo flight.

Tricky to Handle

The Spirit of St. Louis was "a clunker" to fly, according to Paul Garber, 76, the museum's historian emeritus. Garber, like Lindbergh, was an early airmail pilot and he persuaded the flier to give his plane to the Smithsonian in 1928 for exhibition in the museum's former aviation gallery.

What had started as an open cockpit, high-wing Ryan mail plane was redesigned and built in 60 days to beat other entrants seeking the \$25,000 prize that awaited the first plane to fly nonstop between the United States and France.

But while the fuselage was lengthened to hold more fuel and the wingspan increased for greater life, the tail came from the original Ryan monoplane. This meant the rudder and the elevators were small for the new plane's larger dimensions and it required a skillful pilot to hold it level in the air.

"Lindbergh told me he was glad it wasn't too stable," Garber recalls. "It kept him from relaxing and falling asleep."

In a 1957 film, Jimmy Stewart depicted Lindbergh's struggle to stay awake during the long flight. Whenever he nodded, the plane would slip dangerously toward the ocean.

Lindbergh took his granddaughter to the movie, Garber relates, and the suspense proved too much for her. Clutching her grandfather's arm, she asked nervously: "Does he make it?" Lindbergh assured her the story had a happy ending.

Sewing Border Prints Takes Some Planning

Border prints, one of this spring's fashion trends, require careful thinking by home sewers before and after the pattern and fabric are purchased, says Harriet Tutterow, extension clothing specialist at North Carolina State University.

Pattern pieces must be placed on the fabric with precision because the layout determines the garment's finished look.

Border prints can be used in two ways: by running the border vertically, placing it to each side of center front and/or back seams; or by placing the border at the garment hem.

The second method of cutting requires that the garment sections be cut on the crosswise grain, so that the garment will hang more evenly.

When selecting a pattern, avoid a-line and gored skirts. Border prints cannot be matched on bias-cut seams.

Keep pattern styles simple, using as few seams as possible. Bustline darts may also have to be shifted to prevent fabric design distortion.

Before laying out the pattern pieces, make all alterations and predetermine all hemlines. Adjust the hem length so it is correct for you. This is especially important if the

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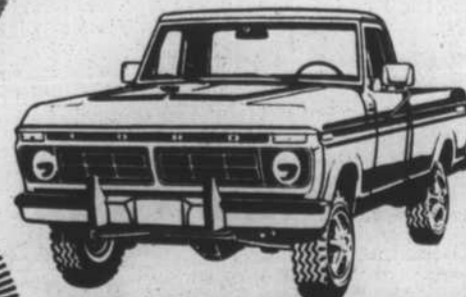
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