

# NEWS

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UNIROYAL LTD.

## We tried to help the 'Torrey Canyon'

During the tragedy of the tanker 'Torrey Canyon' many people in Uniroyal must have wondered if there was any way in which we as a company could have helped through our specialised knowledge of oil hose, in particular the floating variety.

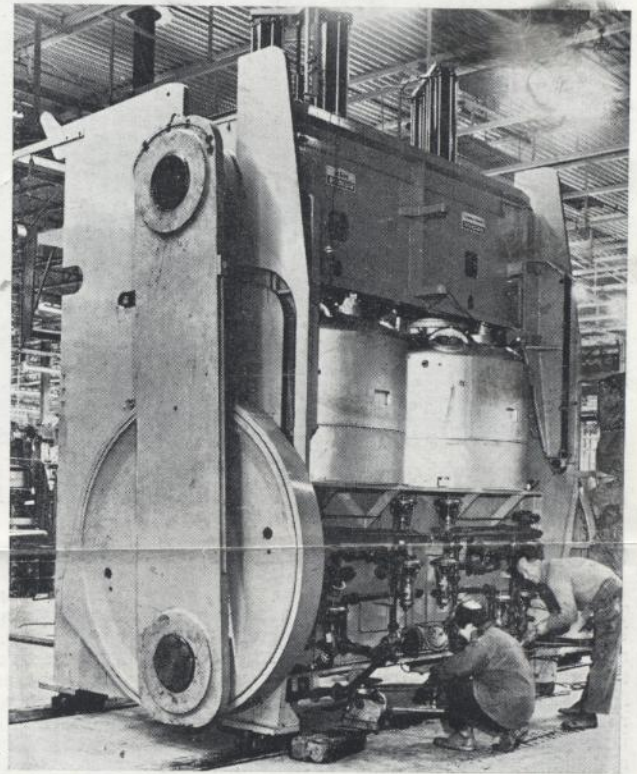
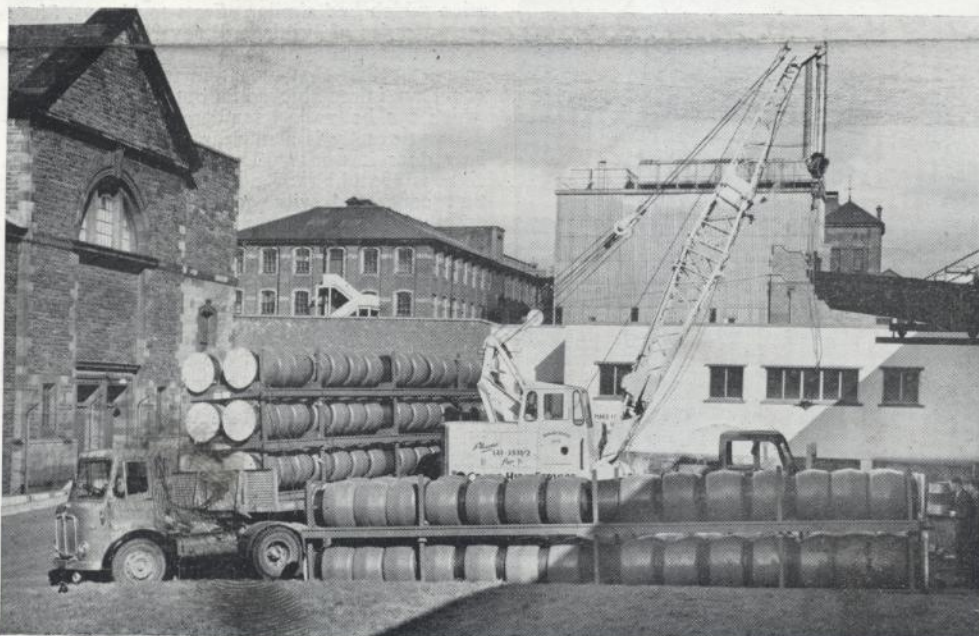
Actually right from the beginning we were in the closest possible contact with British Petroleum, to whom the ill-fated tanker was on charter. We offered to make available 500 ft. of floating hose, while B.P. also could have called on a 400 ft. floating hose line at Sheerness which we supplied to them a year or two ago, to prove their experimental buoy.

As everyone who followed the day-to-day developments would realise there were immense problems and risks involved. Certainly Uniroyal floating hose could have helped in discharging oil, but the tanker's pumps would have been required and of course smaller tankers would have had to be anchored in close proximity to take the crude oil. The danger of explosion of the cargo with risk to an attendant tanker was thought to have ruled out this possible solution.

Oil pollution is a terrible nightmare and doubtless this most recent tragedy will ensure that adequate steps are taken in future to minimise such dangers. Perhaps it may hasten the day when the principle of monomoorings, for which Uniroyal floating hose was pioneered six years ago, may become accepted as essential even for the deep waters around Britain. Till now its market has been to overcome the difficulty of berthing super tankers in the shallow waters of the Middle and Far East, where expensive jetties of anything up to six miles in length might have been necessary to obtain the necessary depth for loading.

## Largest diameter floating oil hose off to Oman

Last month saw the despatch from Edinburgh of the 3,000 ft. order for floating oil hose we announced a few months back. This is destined for a monomoring buoy installation of Shell International at Oman. What really made the news was the thirty-eight lengths of 30 ft. each of 20 in. diameter Amazon wire cord—the largest diameter floating oil hose ever made for operational use. The remaining 2,000 ft. was made up of 16 in. and 8 in. Our photograph shows 20 in. hose encircled by plastic collars to ensure the necessary buoyancy being loaded in pallet form for the journey from Castle Mills to Glasgow docks.



## NEWBRIDGE has the largest tyre press in Europe

The largest NRM 60/750,000 p.s.i. dual cavity autoform tyre curing press in Europe is now installed at the new Uniroyal tyre factory at Newbridge, Midlothian. Here is this giant tyre press, weighing 40 tons and standing 18 ft. high manufactured by David Bridge & Co. Ltd. of Rochdale, being edged into position. This press has automatic loading and unloading together with automatic post cure inflation.

## 1967 UNIROYAL GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Already entries are in, including that of Doug. Galloway in defence of his title won at St. Andrews last October. Indeed last year's finalists have been among the first to enter. One competitor played his first round on 1st April—you can't get keener than that.

Changes in the qualifying conditions have been introduced for this year's competition. Scores, two out of three medal rounds between April and June, will be on a handicap basis on a below or above SSS basis. Maximum handicap will be 18, though entries will be accepted from competitors with recognised club handicaps up to 24, but not receiving more than 18.

All this, we believe, will arouse keen interest and intense competition for the Ed. Martin Salver, and the honour to hold it for twelve months.

Additional entry forms can be obtained from Public Relations Dept., Castle Mills, Edinburgh.

**Don't Delay—Get Your Entry in NOW!**

## FIRST AID CLASSES

The new session for First Aid Instruction at Castle Mills will commence at 2.15 p.m. on Monday, 24th April, in No. 2 Lecture Room.

The classes will be held every Monday from 2.15 p.m. to 4 p.m. in No. 2 Lecture Room, and the course lasts 10 weeks.

Anyone wishing to enrol should give his name to the supervisor, who will notify the Employment Office.

**ENROL NOW**

Ladies are particularly welcome.