

EDITORIALS

Whitewash or Truth? ...

The report of the Army in the Lt. Gen. John (Court-House) Lee case has probably changed few opinions...

What anyone feels about the matter is determined largely from one's point of view. The Army mind and the democratic mind are in large part incompatible...

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Ruark, whose original articles were published last summer, issued the following statement in New York:

"I have seen the Army's report of its investigation of my charges against Lt. Gen. J. C. H. Lee, and I intend to study the report thoroughly before replying. In my own

An Ounce of Prevention ...

Yesterday Fire Prevention Week began throughout the United States. Millions of households will hear and read appeals during the week from fire department officials...

The battle cry against uncontrolled fire has been sounded. Conditions have become intolerable when one learns that the annual death toll from fires in the United States is 11,000. Over 29,000 persons are seriously injured each year by destructive fires.

No longer can the "It-Can't-Happen-Here" attitude be condoned. Fire can and will continue to cause untold damage to our country. The future of American forests depends upon the stoppage of forest fires through lighted matches being tossed to the ground...

Texas Stands to Lose ... Again ...

Word that the Texas Spectator may be forced to discontinue publication because of financial difficulties is received with regret by many Texans.

In the words of the editor "the spectre of the Spectator's extinction within a matter of a week or so rises from a depleted bank account. The little people, the liberals, the intellectuals, are not noted for an abundant possession of worldly goods."

During the past two years the Spectator has achieved an enviable record. Though "missing the boat" on a few issues, it has managed to present a different and logical slant on news in the face of many difficulties. Never bowing to sheer number it has continued to "butt heads" with some of the most reactionary and biased papers in the state.

The Spectator never hesitated to stick its

good time I will have the necessary answer to the Army's findings in the case.

In brief, Wyche's report was that the matters Ruark complained about were, when true, isolated instances. He said Ruark "looked a few facts, half facts, rumors and untruths which he accepted as facts, and molded them into articles that carry implications of gross maladministration of the theater by General Lee and his staff."

Eisenhower, commenting on the "errors" uncovered, singled out "undue pressure" by commanders on subordinates to join fraternal organizations, "unsatisfactory conditions in the disciplinary camp," and "neglectful conduct" occasionally by some officers in requiring chauffeurs to wait unconscionably long hours to suit the social convenience of the officers.

He called it a "serious mistake" that minor offenders were locked up where they could have contact with major criminals and said "an active day of 17 hours" for prisoners did not conform to his convictions of what is proper.

Both Eisenhower and Royall agreed that no action is called for beyond what has been taken—calling the attention of the command to the findings by Wyche.

Eisenhower said the errors were "the exception rather than the rule, and in no case could be traced to wrong intent on the part of the theater commander (Lee)." He noted that Lee is awaiting action on his request for retirement from the Army after 43 years of service.

When the investigation of Lt. Gen. Lee began, The Battalion predicted that he would be transferred, promoted, and decorated. So far, he has been transferred to the United States; his promotion to the rank of civilian is in the offing; and if we wait long enough, Lee is sure to receive the Good Conduct Medal with three clusters.

gerous: one farm fire in ten burns to death a vital cog in our economy ... the farmer himself.

Fire is the leading accidental killer of children. The battle against children's diseases is gradually reducing the infant mortality rate. Conversely, each year the number of children who perish from blazes increases. Infantile paralysis, the nemesis of tiny tots' parents in the United States, killed 250 infants last year. Fire, a common event, killed 2,000 children under the age of 6 last year. Carelessness and ignorance contributed heavily to the tragedy. Fire is indeed rapidly becoming our national debacle.

Dormitories on this campus are, for the most part, non-inflammable. Possessions of students residing in these dormitories are extremely inflammable, however. Clothing, baggage, radios, desks and mattresses ... all should be guarded against stray cigarette butts. A suit in ashes is no suit at all. Chemicals which have strayed from the laboratories have a bad habit of exploding or otherwise igniting at inconvenient times. So be on guard against fire hazards!

small neck out for any worthy cause. When most papers were either avoiding or barely mentioning the treatment of Latin-Americans in Texas, the Spectator jumped on the issue with both feet. The Spectator was also one of the few papers to come to the support of Dr. Homer P. Rainey in his gubernatorial campaign.

Somewhat analogous to the Universities loss of Dobie, would be the passage of the Spectator from the Texas scene. Can Texas and Texans afford all these losses. Do we face mental bankruptcy?

Texas will probably be able to maintain its reputation for having the most oil wells, the best looking women, and the bravest fighters in the world for some time, but as a place for liberal and progressive thought it is rapidly losing what little prestige it once possessed.

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TAIL TRYING TO WAS DOG



As MacKenzie Sees It ...

Even British Conservatives Won't Turn Clock Backward

By DEWITT MacKENZIE, AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

The British Conservative Party's sensational concession to socialism, in pledging to retain some forms of nationalized industry if returned to power, means that England's daring experiment with this political creed has passed beyond the trial stage and that it has become an important part of the country's life.

Only 3 out of 5,000 delegates attending the annual meeting of the conservatives voted against a resolution which pledged the party to retain nationalization of coal mines and the bank of England, and to keep some sort of public ownership of railroads. This promise (challenged by conservative opponents as "milk and water socialism") would be implemented if and when the public owned the coal mines and the bank of England, and to keep some sort of public ownership of railroads. This promise (challenged by conservative opponents as "milk and water socialism") would be implemented if and when the public owned the coal mines and the bank of England, and to keep some sort of public ownership of railroads.



But striking as is this moderate swing to the left by the conservatives, it's only part of an intensely interesting development. The conservative daily telegraph said the other day that the socialist government had been forced by the economic crisis to drop plans for further nationalization of industry for at least a year. The paper added that there might not be any more nationalization until the socialists had a fresh mandate from the country. This report must be coupled with the fact that the socialist party platform calls for nationalization of only twenty percent of industry in any event.

Thus we find the conservative move to the left apparently being accompanied by a corresponding socialist concession to the right. In short, the indications are that England is maneuvering into a middle-of-the-road position politically—a compromise which would seem to suit present-day ideas and ideals of Britons exceedingly well.

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Letters

By JERRY KORN (For JAMES MARLOW) WASHINGTON, (AP)—The United States is hoping to supply about half of all the wheat imported by the world's hungry nations this year.

But the government is having a hard time scraping together that much wheat—about 14,000,000 tons of 70,000,000 bushels. So far it is almost 100,000,000 bushels short of its goal. And even if it succeeds in exporting that much, the people of those nations will eat between 10 and 20 per cent less bread than they did last year. And they didn't eat much then.

This is the picture: During the war, wheat harvests fell far below normal. Farmers were fighting instead of farming. Many farmhands became battlefields. Little farming equipment was manufactured.

Last year, when the wheat-growing countries were starting to rebuild their agriculture, grain crops were only about 75 per cent as large as before the war.

And this year, when they were expected to increase, they were hit by the worst weather in years. As a result, the 1947 European wheat crop was about 18 per cent smaller than the 1946 crop.

That meant that countries like the United States, which raise more wheat than they can use, had to try to make up the difference. About 510,000,000 bushels are needed to feed people in this country.

Another 87,000,000 bushels are needed as seed for next year's crop. Although only 180,000,000 bushels of wheat were used to feed livestock last year, this year it

Hungry Nations Look to US For Half of Needed Wheat

has been estimated that the total may reach between 350,000,000 and 400,000,000. Most of the 100,000,000 bushels carried over from last year are scattered over the country. Officials say it would be too expensive and too difficult to collect them.

That leaves less than 300,000,000 bushels of wheat to send overseas. President Truman wants to increase that amount to about 370,000,000 bushels.

Other officers who were elected are T. W. Hander also of Belton, a business major, vice-president; and Millard Peters of Temple secretary-treasurer. The officers were elected to serve for the entire school year.

A program and social committee was also elected during the meeting with T. Brock of Belton as chairman.

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