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Who's to Blame?

LEAVING the witness stand, former Assistant Attorney General T. Lamar Caudle insisted that he "had done nothing wrong," though he "may have been guilty of some indiscretion."

The tongue lashing he has been given by Chairman Cecil R. King (Dem) of California would indicate that, in the mind of the investigating committee, the indiscretion has at least been a grave one. But the remark by Caudle calls attention to the very important fact that the moral standard of a government administration can become a flexible thing in the minds of members of the official family.

An interesting aspect of the present situation revealed by a series of investigations is that the bad conditions turned up have ranged from minor indiscretions to outright dishonesty.

The point is that the laxness of political administration tends to encourage disregard of the law. It even confuses some who would do the right thing, but who lack the good sense to see the error, even honesty, of some kinds of official conduct.

It can not be said that an administration can not be held responsible for the acts of a few members of its official family.

Usually these acts come from the pervading official atmosphere.

—The Dallas Morning News

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Britain's Views

Plan To Improve Economy

(Editor's note: This is the third in a series of articles which include the statements made by British Consul-General James T. Henderson. He spoke last Wednesday in the MSC.)

There was of course eventually a military side to this plan. The long term plan aimed at improving economic conditions but it was eventually necessary to be in a position to defend the area meantime, while these conditions were improving. I worked together with a man at the War Office and sketched out a proposition which was put up to higher authority and subsequently improved upon.

It was that there should be a reserve of British troops somewhere either a part of the area far away from the main cities (so that people should not be irritated by the constant sight of foreign uniforms, the people of the Middle East are not so happy to see foreign uniforms as we are in England) but that every year a task force should be flown in by air transports to cooperate with the local army of that particular country in full-scale maneuvers.

The local army would of course have to wear some uniform similar to the British and to use British equipment. The only country with which we managed to carry out this plan was with Jordan and you have all seen the difference between the Jordan army and armies of Egypt and Syria, in their conflict with Israel. Maybe it was a good plan for Israel that the other Arab countries didn't co-operate so well. Israel did not really need so much training because a very large number of her immigrants were trained men from the various armies which had been engaged in the 2nd World War.

Not New Idea

You will see, therefore, that the idea of the Middle East command is not really new. The only thing that is new about it is that it is a joint effort of Britain, Turkey, France, and the United States, aiming to co-operate with the Middle Eastern countries instead of Britain alone.

This is not so much an abdication by Britain from her position as it is in keeping with the new idea of partnership which has superseded, in the North Atlantic Treaty and its Mediterranean sec-

tion, the old idea of spheres of interest.

In the old days various European nations had colonies which were jealously exclusive and they also created spheres of interest over countries nominally independent, but in fact not able to stand up to the hurly-burly of world politics and thus the world was carved up between a number of co-called great partners. But now the idea is partnership.

Britain's policy towards the Middle East, therefore, is not exclusively British but is a joint Allied policy in which we expect to share both the responsibilities and the benefits, if any.

More Continuing Experience

Britain has perhaps a slightly more continuing experience of that part of the world than the United States but the other partners—the Turks, and French, have both a historical interest in the region as well. As I said at the beginning, the Middle East is a crossroads. On one side of the cross-roads you have Turkey, France, Britain and the United States, but they would not bother to defend the crossroads if they did not have interests on the other side of it.

They do not only have interests, but partners, and the cross-road which runs to the South goes to South Africa. The cross-road which runs to the East goes in India, Australia and New Zealand. South Africa has already promised that if the Middle East Command should require it, in case of war, she would send air and military forces, as she did in the last war.

Promised Same

Australia and New Zealand have likewise promised the same. India has so far kept silent because Egypt and some of the Middle East nations are trying to present the desire of the Western Powers to consolidate the defense of the Middle East as another attempt of the white races to bully the brown. India is therefore in an awkward position, as is also Pakistan, and they have chosen the very sensible course of keeping their mouths shut for the time being.

There will be no quick or easy solution to this problem but the sponsors of Middle East defense in October informed the governments of Iraq, Syria, Saudi Arabia and Israel that they propose to continue their plans with, or without, Egypt.

If Egypt joins in, the Suez Canal Zone will be occupied by international forces, in agreement with Egypt, just as we have American

Camps in England without feeling it a national humiliation.

Will Continue Occupancy

If Egypt does not agree, Britain, insisting on her rights under the 1936 Treaty, will continue to occupy the Suez Canal Zone on her own. Either way, the defense of the Canal will be looked after, but we would of course prefer that it were done in agreement with Egypt, rather than otherwise. My guess is that after a suitable period of hesitation, some at least of the other Arab countries will co-operate.

Israel has suggested already that she should be asked to join as a founding member and when the objection was made that this would surely frighten off all the Arabs, the Israelis said, rather typically. On the contrary, they would be so anxious to climb on the hand-gang when they see us getting arms and ammunition, that it is your sure way of securing their adherence.

Office Will Operate

Meanwhile, the British Middle East Office will remain in operation, quietly in the background, as long as it can. It is now supplemented by U. N. Point 4 teams, U. N. specialized agents, U. N. relief and work teams, world bank experts, export, import bank advisers and a host of independent specialists.

In fact, if anything, the Middle East is rather over-adviced and the United States Government has appointed Mr. Edwin A. Locke as Ambassador at Large, to try and co-ordinate these "Eager Beavers" who are only giving the Middle East governments an opportunity to play their time honoured game of playing off one foreigner against another and reaping what benefit they can.

Left Out Some?

I have, I am afraid, left out a terrible lot. I have not mentioned the Sudan, or North Africa, or Cyrenaica, or the interests of Ethiopia, and I have not mentioned oil. I have only touched lightly on the dispute between Israel and her Arab neighbors and have almost omitted Persian Nationalism, but most of these subjects fall into place in the general pattern and if one sees the picture, a few extra pieces of the jig-saw puzzle can be put in without difficulty.

Very briefly, the picture is partnership in defense of the Middle East and in creating, as a long-term objective, conditions unsuitable for Communism.



SWC Ruling, Poor Policing Caused Kyle Field Troubles

By BOB SELLECK
Battalion Sports Editor

A Southwest Conference ruling and possibly poor policing of the student section of Kyle Field were offered as answers to The Battalion's editorial entitled "Poor Aggies."

The Editorial, carried in Wednesday's issue of The Battalion, called upon the A&M Athletic Department to (1) reduce the price of date tickets and (2) not oversell the student section.

"The question of reducing the price of the date tickets is something which the Athletic Department can do nothing about," says Howard Nelson, ticket manager.

"The Southwest Conference has passed a rule which forbids any member school reducing the price of tickets to outsiders." Section 4 Article XXI, Constitution and By-laws of the Southwest Athletic Conference, dated 1951, states, "Reduced rates for student tickets for football games shall be allowed only to students of the two competing schools."

A&M is in a peculiar situation in that it does not have

co-eds, as does every other member of the Southwest Conference. The fact that A&M is in this position should warrant some consideration on the part of the Southwest Conference Athletic Council, however it seems to have no effect on the money-minded members of this theoretically fair group, which does not even want to consider the A&M case.

The fact is that this SWC Athletic Council does not like to even sell \$1.20 tickets at all. Twenty cents of this amount is tax, with the remaining one dollar being split two ways. Half of the share benefiting all the schools of the conference.

In the case of the \$3.60 ticket, 60 cents goes for tax with the remaining three dollars being split two ways. It is a difference of 50 cents and \$1.50 that the council hates to part with. Other schools are making money because of the condition that A&M is in.

Despite the fact that the Athletic Department has come out with an answer which frees them from the blame, A&M is still in a helpless position. This does not alter the fact that just because A&M does not have co-eds it still has to pay the regular price of admission price of \$3.60 for their dates.

Still Say "Poor Aggies"

We can still say "Poor Aggies" until enough pressure is brought upon the SWC Athletic Council to draw up some fair means of compromise for the benefit of the Aggies.

If the student section is crowded, then possibly the students are guilty of bringing dates and guests into the section who have bought tickets for some other section of the stadium.

The "policing" of this section is done by the Student Senate and not by the Athletic Department. Rather than overselling the section, the department has undersold the total capacity allotted for the student section each game this year.

Ticket Statistics

The following statistics have been furnished by the Athletic Department:

Oklahoma Game		
Students at game	5,263	
Wives at game	834	
Guest tickets sold	1,103	8944 allotted
Band tickets	450	7650 sold
	7,650	1294 empty seats
Baylor Game		
Students at game	5,376	
Wives at game	819	
Guest tickets sold	1,482	8944 allotted
Band tickets	450	8127 sold
	7,650	817 empty seats
SMU Game		
Students at game	4,853	
Wives at game	716	
Guest tickets sold	716	8944 allotted
Band tickets	450	8127 sold
	6,031	817 empty seats
Texas Game		
Students at game	4,472	
Wives at game	699	
Guest tickets sold	2,425	8293 allotted
Band tickets	450	8047 sold
	8,047	246 empty seats

Better Policing Methods

As for the crowded conditions, a better method of policing the student section by the Student Senate could help solve the problem.

However, the fact that the Aggie still has to pay \$3.60 for date tickets continues to exist and the only solution lies in the hands of the SWC Athletic Council.

The A&M Athletic Department is powerless, but the SWC Athletic Council can do something. Will They? The majority wants to continue to benefit by the Aggies unusual position.

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