

# Wildlife Ranching To Aid Riddle Of World Food Supply

Wild game ranching may become increasingly important as a food supply for underdeveloped countries throughout the world, contends a wildlife science professor at Texas A&M.

Dr. James G. Teer, Caesar Kleberg professor at A&M, made the observation after a six-week visit to several Central and East African countries.

"Game cropping is being done there by governmental agencies and private businesses," Teer explained. "Hunters kill wild animals and sell them through meat markets in the larger cities."

"A lot of the country in Central and East Africa has game populations not being adequately harvested by sport hunting," Teer said. "In many cases, the rangeland is harmed by over-browsing by wild animals."

Africa, he pointed out, has millions of acres of land which can't be ranching with domestic animals because of the presence of the deadly tse-tse fly. The harder African wildlife is apparently immune to sleeping sickness carried by the tse-tse fly.

Teer's trek to Africa, funded by the Caesar Kleberg Foundation for Wildlife Conservation, also involved talks with officials of the Serengeti Research Institute in Tanzania, and the Mammal Research Institute of the University of Pretoria.

"In South Rhodesia," Teer continued, "a private firm has harvested similar animals for market. Also taken were eland—the largest African antelope, kudu, impala, duiker and other to the tune of 20,000 pounds per week."

Teer said many of the game animals from Africa are being introduced in Texas for sport hunting.

"We don't need these animals for meat here," Teer declared, "but we should consider them for marginal rangelands where cattle and other domestic livestock are not particularly productive. Some of the desert country in the Southwestern United States, Mexico and South America might make suitable habitats for these wild animals."

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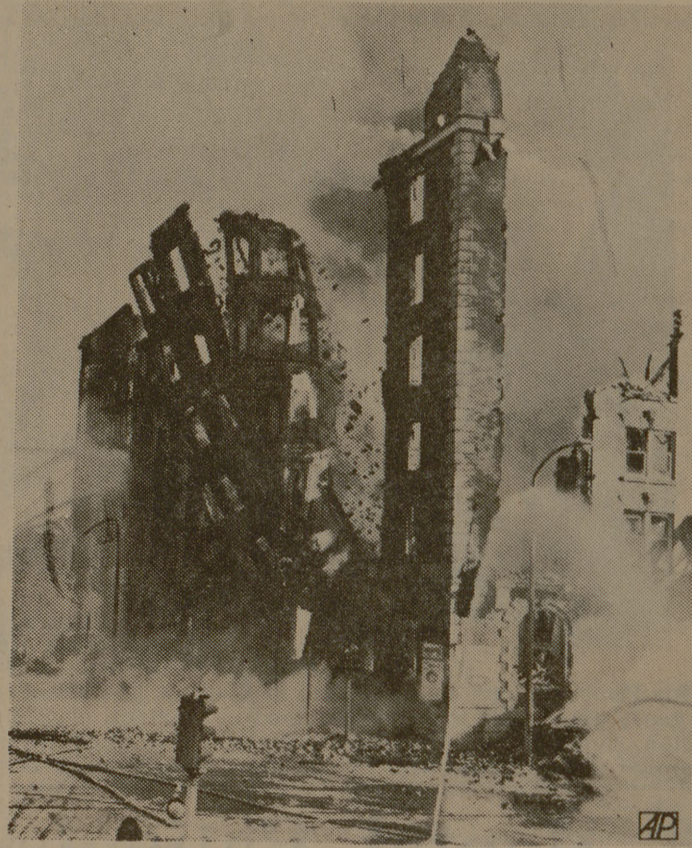
graduate students each year to study ecology at both locations," Teer said. "Serengeti is a good place to train scholars because of the presence of outstanding scientists from all over the world, and the great outdoor laboratory."

"It has some of the finest wildlife spectacles in the world. Hundreds of thousands of animals roam the plains, much the same as bison must have in the United States more than 100 years ago," he continued.

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**MOTEL WALLS CRUMBLE IN FIRE**  
Walls of the Normandie Hotel, a residency for elderly persons in Philadelphia, crumble and fall to the street after a fire raced through the structure. Police and firemen evacuated more than 300 residents with no injuries reported. (AP Wirephoto)

# Rap Brown Hides In Cuban Mission

NEW YORK (AP)—Black power militant H. Rap Brown took refuge inside the Cuban Mission on Manhattan's upper East Side Wednesday night, after a New York City policeman tried to stop and question him.

The officer, whose name was not immediately available, said he stopped Brown and another Negro when they emerged from the mission on East 67th Street. One of the Negroes was said to have been carrying a package.

"What have you got there?" the policeman said he inquired.

"Why don't you mind your own business and go away?" was the response of a Negro said to resemble the 23-year-old Brown.

The officer then said he attempted to take the Negroes into custody and that the one resembling Brown pushed him. The two men then reportedly ran back inside the Cuban mission, while an armed mission guard held the door open for them.

declaration. I am very sorry, I am busy. Goodbye."

Brown is head of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. At SNCC headquarters, he asked about Brown's presence at the Cuban mission. He replied:

"Yeah, we know it. We have some people going up there trying to settle this peaceful

# Employment Rate Sets Record In '67

WASHINGTON (AP)—The rate of Americans at work—after a midyear dip—finished strong in 1967 at a record high average of 74.4 million. And prospects for more growth in 1968 are bright, the Labor Department said Wednesday.

The nation's 1967 jobs total at 3.8 per cent matched the previous year's 13-year low, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said.

Most U. S. workers averaged \$2.67 per hour over the year, but were averaging \$2.71 in December, a gain of 12 cents an hour—or 4.7 per cent—for the year, the report said.

# Nudist Camp Fears Building Upsurge

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. (AP)—Devereux Deakin isn't worried that residents of a proposed high rise apartment next door to his nudist camp will see the naked truth. He's afraid they might feel compelled to photograph it.

So, to thwart any would-be shutterbugs, Deakin, manager of the Coral Lakes Health Resort, decided Wednesday to plant some "high rise trees."

The problem arose when Hollywood, Inc., a giant development corporation, announced Tuesday it would erect several five-story buildings about 500 feet from the nine-acre resort where naked members romp through the woods, play tennis and volleyball and swim.

"People might have telephoto lenses and sell pictures," Deakin said in an interview. "I wouldn't mind but I sure don't want some guy selling my wife's picture around town."

Faced with the possible problem of nosy neighbors, Deakin said he felt the trees will insure privacy for his 1,000 members.

"Once we get the trees up the only way they could see us would be to fly over in a helicopter," he said.

Deakin said he received offers to sell the nine-acre site but took no action.

"I don't care what they do. They can't push us out," he said of Hollywood, Inc. "The camp has been here for more than five years now."

William Horvitz, president of the development company, said he

was not trying to force his new neighbors to move. And he expressed doubts the presence of the Coral Lakes Health Resort would hurt his proposed \$85 million project.

However, Horvitz said he thought Deakin eventually would seek more secluded pastures.

"I've nothing against nudist camps but they only prevail in secluded, isolated areas," Horvitz said. "When population prevails, nudity doesn't."

# Presidents Forum Names Chairmen

W. D. Walser of Houston, senior vice president of Tenneco Inc., has been named general chairman for Texas A&M's third annual Presidents Forum, March 18-20, in Houston.

The Presidents Forum, open to top executives throughout the state, offers an exchange of ideas on vital problems affecting leaders of business, industry, government and the professions, notes Dr. John E. Pearson, director of A&M's School of Business Administration.

Forum co-chairmen are E. H. Barry of Dallas, president of Reserve Life Insurance Co., and Angus Cockrell of San Antonio, partner in the accounting firm of Ernst & Ernst.

Pearson said Presidents Forum reservations and inquiries should be sent to Texas A&M's director of Executive Development Programs at College Station.

# Engineering Head Writes 3 Articles

Dr. John B. Herbich, head of two divisions in Texas A&M's Civil Engineering Department, is the author of three recently published technical articles.

One article is included in the "Journal of the Hydraulic Division of the American Society of Civil Engineering." The others are in the proceedings of the 12th Congress of the International Association for Hydraulic Research.

Professor Herbich heads the Hydraulic Engineering and Fluid Mechanics Division as well as the Coastal and Ocean Engineering Division.

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