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FORT WORTH — It won't be a great while before there will be a fire in Fort Worth and the firemen will be powerless to do anything for want of the means to do it with. Then won't they get a good sound "cussing" for being such a worthless set of men? Suppose we give them a fire engine.

SAN ANTONIO — West Texas needs 100,000 new men who are willing to till her virgin soil which can produce corn, all the small grains, cotton, all the grasses, excellent fruit and grapes in abundance and hay beyond comparison. West Texas must be fenced in, plowed up, plowed down deep and planted, and then she can feed the United States. The railroad is nearly here. We want these men this fall.

KINGSBURY — The main lack of the Kingsbury people is water. They have to import the fluid from some distant. Whiskey and beer, however, can be procured in any desired quantities.

SAN ANTONIO — There is a great deal of sickness in town just now caused in great measure by the abnormal temperature of the last few weeks. Diseases of the bowels and fevers are very prevalent, and there is a tendency towards congestion.

GALVESTON — Complaint is made of the unsavory smells diffused from open garbage carts that perambulate the streets and alleys early in the morning. Cannot some remedy be found in the way of closed carts for removal of offensive offal to relieve the citizens until the Board of Health is established?

CORPUS CHRISTI — Country news in reference to the dry weather is discouraging and carries us back to the days when cattle, maddened with hunger and thirst, ran in droves through the streets of Corpus. Stock is suffering severely and will soon commence to drop off unless succored by rain. The wells in the arroyo furnish water daily to hundreds of famishing stock. Without them travel to this point would be next to impossible, as they furnish the only water for stock belonging to wagoners.

DALLAS — A man convicted of committing rape in this county last spring was hanged here today. The occasion attracted a great number of people from the country, and it is estimated that 10,000 people witnessed the execution. The band playing a lively air led the crowd to the gallows. Great praise is bestowed on Sheriff Moon for the efficient manner in which he performed the task. It is said by connoisseurs to have been a very neat job.

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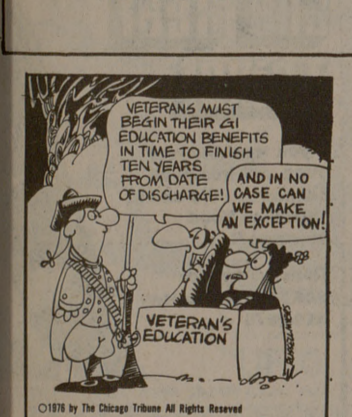


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Antarctic subject of ocean resources conference

More than 60 of the world's top scientists are expected for the first International Conference on Living Resources of the Southern Ocean, Aug. 17-21.

The meeting will be held at the National Academy of Sciences, Summer Studies Center in Woods Hole, Mass., according to the convenor, Dr. Sayed Z. El-Sayed, professor of oceanography at Texas A&M University.

"The objective of this conference is to review the status of knowledge regarding the living resources of the Antarctic such as krill, squid, king crab, lobster, seals and whales," explained Dr. El-Sayed.

The conference will also discuss the proposals and recommendations regarding a coordinated, international biological investigation of the Southern Ocean which Dr. El-Sayed heads.

"This is the first symposium of its kind concerned with the regulation of the great resources of the Southern Ocean," he said. "But the issue has become so urgent it can no longer be held in abeyance. We've got to try to get some agreement on measures to rationalize and conserve the resources in the Antarctic region. Already oil exploration and fishing exploitation have begun and their impact on the whole ecosystem should be carefully monitored."

The conference is held under the auspices of the U. S. National Academy of Sciences and is being sponsored by the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) and Scientific Committee on Ocean Research (SCOR) of the International Council of Scientific Unions.

The invited scientists come from Argentina, Australia, Canada, Chile, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Japan, New Zealand, Poland, South Africa, United Kingdom, U.S.A. and Russia. Governmental and non-governmental organizations such as the International Oceanographic Commission (IOC), International Whaling Commission (IWC), and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), will be sending delegates to that conference.

The legal and international aspects of exploiting these resources will also be discussed at the conference. Participants will split into several working parties. Each will provide a summary of the discussions and the recommendations which took place during their sessions.

One hopes that, through the discussions of these experts at Woods Hole, steps will be taken to give scientific foundation for development and wise management of Antarctic living marine resources," Dr. El-Sayed noted. "The meeting will also provide an opportunity to set a standard for international cooperation in conservation of these resources."

New oil recovery methods needed

Texans could walk off and leave one hundred billion barrels of oil underground unless more sophisticated and less expensive oil recovery methods are developed, reported Dr. Paul B. Crawford, assistant director of the Texas Petroleum Research Committee at Texas A&M University.

The original oil-in-place in all the known oil fields of Texas has been estimated to be slightly in excess of one hundred and fifty billion barrels

of oil, Crawford said. Cumulative production is approximately forty billion barrels. It is expected that an ultimate recovery of near fifty billion barrels of oil will be obtained from our known oil fields using the usual oil recovery methods. This leaves Texans with one hundred billion barrels of oil known to be in place, yet not recoverable using conventional recovery methods under the present economic conditions, he said.

If through research we can learn

how to obtain only ten per cent of this one hundred billion barrels of "unrecoverable" oil, this means that an additional ten billion barrels of oil may be produced from Texas oil fields. At ten dollars per barrel this would provide a gross income of one hundred billion dollars to the economy of Texas and provide about fifteen billion dollars for the royalty

owners of the state. This is a real challenge, but the goals may be obtained through creative thinking in the research laboratories and practical planning by the oil and gas producers of Texas, Crawford said.

If the necessary research is not done, the oil will be left underground in abandoned oil fields, Crawford concluded.

A&M sponsors workshop

Texas A&M University will sponsor a facilities design workshop this week.

It will involve 10 specialized people in industrial engineering department-conducted sessions at the Zachry Engineering Center.

Dr. Rod Heisterberg of the industrial engineering faculty is in charge. The five-day workshop staff will be composed wholly of department faculty.

Heisterberg said operations management and technical staff personnel from several Texas industries will be involved.

"We will go into industrial facilities design from the standpoint of plant layout and materials handling systems," he explained.

Participants will come from a variety of industries, from ship building to bowling ball manufacturing.

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