

LABOR CLAIMS DISTORTED PICTURE

British Split on U. S. View Of 'Utopia on the Rocks'

London, Aug. 17 (AP)—London's right-wing newspapers reported Scripps-Howard senior editor E. T. Leech's "Utopia on the Rocks" series without editorial comment today, but the Laborite Daily Herald termed it a "distorted picture."

Leech's series is an analysis of "British Socialism in Action." The Daily Express, with a circulation of 4,000,000 put a page three banner line on the story. The Express said over a column of excerpts from Leech's article:

"Under the heading, 'Utopia on the Rocks,' an American gives America a close-up of Britain, over-taxed, over-nursed, over-optimistic but no security, as the government is itself so insecure."

The Independent Daily Telegraph carried excerpts under the heading, "Utopia on the Rocks," U.S. view of British Socialist state."

The Telegraph's columnist, "Peterborough," said he had met Leech during his visit here and "My impression . . . was that he was probably a good reporter . . . He seemed to have arrived without preconceived ideas."

The Daily Herald headlined its report from Washington by Correspondent Arthur Webb, "U.S. 'Hatchetmen' Lash Out at Britain."

The Herald report said "the reactionary Scripps-Howard chain today began a series of articles on Britain entitled 'Utopia on the Rocks,' with the avowed purpose of defeating social and economic experiments similar to those undertaken in Britain and now being urged upon the American people."

"The first article, is a distorted picture of Britain today." The Herald coupled its attack on the Leech series with an attack on the Chicago Tribune.

"(Tribune) Publisher Col. (Robert R.) McCormick's number one 'Hatchet Man', Arthur Sears Henning comes out of retirement to suggest that 'if British Socialists . . . fail to get an adequate handout they will probably lose the next election and (Winston) Churchill and his



New Shell—Tony Dexter, 29-year-old World War II veteran of Talmadge, Neb., has been chosen by producer Edward Small for the leading role in a movie based on the life of Rudolph Valentino, the "Sheik" of the silent films. Dexter is described as a "dead ringer" for the "great lover." (Acme Telephoto)

Conservatives will return to power."

(Henning is the Tribune's correspondent emeritus in Washington.)

"American Tories and big business have never concealed the fact that that is what they desire," the Herald said.

The Manchester Guardian's Alistair Cooke, without noting the Leech series, took an opposite view of the situation. "There is today in Washington and New York no rising tide that did not last spring of last year. There is, as always a hankering among unconstructed America Firsters to prove the British to be inept in finance, lazy in their work and reckless of their fate."

"But . . . the disposition to blame Britain and/or her labor government for the dollar gap and the plight of the gold reserve is if anything rather weaker than usual."

Cooke said that except for Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder most experts agree that the Socialist economy has little to do with the current crisis. President Truman, though his goodwill is "overflowing," has not been able to lead the people, Cooke wrote.

"If there is a job of education to be done," he said, ". . . it is by the American Economic experts in the administration on first, Mr. Snyder and secondly on the congress."

2 Boys Killed by Exploding Grenade

Rome, Aug. 17 (AP)—A group of boys went exploring yesterday in an abandoned ammunition dump outside Rome.

They found a round, rusty ball of metal and had lots of fun rolling it about—until the hand grenade exploded. Marcello Cimini, three, and Natale Cordiali, five, were killed. Two others were injured.

Cigarettes Stolen Rio De Janeiro, Aug. 17 (AP)—Burglars broke into the offices of the U.S. naval mission today. They took nothing but American cigarettes.

Britain's recent survey of housing conditions revealed that most of the people interviewed were "broadly satisfied with their quarters."

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Gets New Post—Rear Admiral Felix L. Johnson (above), of Leonardtown, Md., former director of naval public information, will be new director of naval intelligence, succeeding Rear Admiral Thomas B. Inglis, Houghton Lake, Mich.

Air Circus in Tillamook Dated

Private pilots from many parts of Oregon will converge upon the former Tillamook naval air station this week-end when Tillamook entertains the Oregon Sportsmen-Pilots Saturday and Sunday with the public invited.

Walter and Ivan Herd, managers of the airport, have lined up a varied program for the entertainment of visitors and have completed arrangements for those interested in the county fair, which closed Saturday, to provide ground transportation although the airport is within walking distance of the entrance to the Fairgrounds.

Navy planes will give a demonstration of formation flying and other planes will be on the ground for inspection. Other arrangements include an opportunity to go crabbing or clamming both days.

Visiting pilots and friends will be provided sleeping quarters to the former naval barracks on the field but should bring their own blankets, Herd states. Special accommodations will be available for women fliers. Visiting pilots will be served breakfast at the airport Sunday morning from 8 to 10 o'clock, standard time.

WILL LEAVE SOMETHING VALUABLE

Champ Bulb Snatcher Runs Out of Hoarding Space

By HOWARD C. ALEXANDER

Detroit (AP)—Charles B. Sero, champion bulb snatcher, has 20,000 bulbs and no place to keep them.

"I've been collecting these bulbs for 46 years," he said. "But don't get me wrong; I don't want my own museum."

Sero wants to put his bulbs in an Edison Palace of Light, where each could be displayed individually with the name of the inventor, the materials used, and a complete explanation of the bulb.

"I want the collection to be used in an educational way," he said. "I want them set up so they can be useful to anyone interested in electronics."

The bulbs that still burn, Sero said, could be operated by push buttons on stepped-down current.

Sero has every conceivable size and type of bulb in his collection from tiny surgical "400-watt" lamps to a huge, 400-watt high intensity lamp built experimentally for the torch of the Statue of Liberty.

"Some people spend their lives making money, and when they die, everyone fight for it. I spent my life collecting bulbs," Sero said, proudly. "When I'm gone, I'll leave something valuable."

Sero would like to leave his Palace of Light in Detroit because he is a third-generation Detroit. But, he said, unless the Motor City wakes up and offers a building he'll be forced to take his collection to some other city.

He gets many of his bulbs through the mail from people who have heard about his collection. Others, the bulb snatcher gets himself.

"When I see a bulb I'd like to have," he said, "I'll buy it."

His collection includes a bulb from the battleship Maine which was sunk in 1898; one from the bomb bay of the Enola Gay, the plane that dropped the bomb on Hiroshima; one from Hitler's limousine, and the dial light from Heinrich Himmler's radio.

"Perhaps my strangest bulb," he said, "is an ordinary 25-watt electric bulb. It killed a cow and was found burning in the cow's mouth."

The collection keeps growing and the bigger it gets the more anxious Sero is for a building. He said he spends more time trying to find some place to keep them than he does in taking care of them.

Meat Prices May Be Lower

Chicago, Aug. 17 (AP)—Falling prices on midwest livestock markets will cause retail price drops at meat counters within a few weeks, experts said today.

Hog prices dropped as much as \$1.25 a hundredweight yesterday, mainly because use of the record corn crop will make it cheaper to feed animals. Hogs were down from a high of \$23.65 last week to about \$20 yesterday.

An agriculture department spokesman said hog prices should continue to fall and "may reach support levels this fall or winter."

Wife Stealing Charged Chicago, Aug. 17 (AP)—Robert M. Shaw, 38, President of an air conditioning company, charged today that his wife, Florence, 39, ran away with his star salesman and \$3000 of the company's money.

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