

Former Scotland Yard Inspector Speaks at Knife, Fork Club Here

Inspector Walter Henry Thompson, retired detective of Scotland Yard, spoke Thursday evening at the Knife and Fork club meeting at Rogue Valley Country club.

Speaking on "Behind the Scenes in Scotland Yard and Related Personal Experiences during his 18 years as the

personal bodyguard of Sir Winston Churchill. Attached to the special branch of the Yard, Thompson's assignments included counter-espionage and secret service work.

The speaker explained that before a person becomes an officer with the Yard they attend a 13-week course of intensive training. This is followed by a two-year probation period when the person is assigned to a street beat. During this period the officer is trained in all phases of criminal law.

Respect Police
He explained that many arrests are made by the public as residents are raised to respect the police. He added that once an arrest is made the arrested person is taken to the police station where the prisoner is told with what he is charged. The arresting officer does not see the prisoner again until in court.

During the trial, the case may not be biased in any fashion, Thompson explained, and it is not until after the person is found guilty that the police tell what they know about the prisoner, both bad and good. He added that only criminals are fingerprinted in the country and when an arrested person is found innocent the fingerprints are destroyed.

The inspector mentioned that 162 dogs are used in the London area by the Yard. He added that they have proved to be particularly useful at night. Only recently, he said, they have started being used on the docks in assisting in the arrest of narcotics smugglers.

Assigned to Yard
The speaker added that once an officer has completed two years on a street beat

he may apply to the Yard for duty. After a ten-week course the officer takes an examination in which the passing score is 100. Only then may a person be assigned by Scotland Yard.

In speaking of his work as a member of the special branch which deals with spies, guarding the royal family and VIPs, he mentioned that all members of the branch have to be able to take shorthand notes with either hand on a notebook in a pocket.

The remainder of his talk concerned his duties as bodyguard for Sir Winston Churchill. He explained that Mr. Churchill picks each member of his staff himself and related many personal experiences that he had with the former prime minister.

Answers Questions
Following his talk the speaker answered questions from the audience.

Paper bloodhounds decorated the tables for the dinner meeting and a modern "Sherlock Holmes" followed paper footprints through a magnifying glass on the curtain behind the speaker's table. The footprints lead to a large size trash can which contained a masked burglar who was peeping from beneath the lid. Vases of red tulips and lilacs completed the decorations.

Three newly elected members of the board of directors were announced at the meeting. They are Mrs. Jerry Tobin, H. D. Christiansen, and A. C. Pierce.

CAUSE FOR DISMISSAL
Chickasaw, Ala.—Carroll W. Lee has been ousted as president of the City Council here. He failed to pay his poll tax.

Businessmen Taking Optimistic View of Immediate Future

By ELMER C. WALZER
New York—Hardheaded business men who have the figures on hand to back their discussions are beginning to take a more optimistic view of the immediate future.

In the past few days several general corporation officials have reported indications of improvement ahead. Orders to look a bit better for some of the capital goods companies.

Steel is a big item in the nation's economy and with operations under 47 per cent of capacity at present things look bleak.

But several steel company executives have taken a more rosy view of things ahead for the industry.

Marcus J. Aurelius, vice-president of United States

Missiles, Economies To Be Governor Topic
Salem—Soaring missiles and diving economies are expected to hold the discussion spotlight at the annual governors' conference next month, Gov. Robert D. Holmes said today.

The governor, who is vice-chairman of the Western Governors' Conference, is scheduled to participate in all sessions of the week-long national conference being held this year at Miami Beach, Fla., starting May 18.

Steel Corp., world's largest steel producer, forecasts a moderate upturn in industrial activity this summer followed by a further rise in the final quarter.

Along with the recovery, Aurelius saw a period of inventory building. He was confident that "steel shipments will be substantially higher at the end of the year than they are today."

Charles M. White, chairman of Republic Steel Corp., nation's third largest producer, believes that the severe inventory liquidation by steel users should run its course not too long after mid-year.

Despite the fact that Republic Steel's first quarter earnings fell short of meeting the 75-cent dividend, the directors declared it anyhow as "concrete evidence of the confidence" they and the management have in the future of the corporation, White said.

J. L. Maune, chairman of Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co., said his company has experienced a slight upturn in orders which could "turn into a definite trend and then snowball into a steady recovery."

"The trend of orders received during March and April to date seems to indicate that the low point of the recession has been passed."

The whole tenor of corporation officials' statements is seen as tending toward the optimistic side in a cautious way. Everybody warns that the recovery now said to be developing will be a slow one, likely to test the patience of those watching the process.

Flower Garden Above Battleship Suggested

Honolulu—J. Howard Pyle, former governor of Arizona, suggests that a colorful Hawaiian flower garden be built above the sunken hull of the battleship Arizona in Pearl Harbor.

Pyle said the garden could be built on a platform constructed in the outline of the battleship above the rusting bulk.

"Something green, colorful, living and breathing" should be built as a memorial to the Pearl Harbor victims," Pyle said on a visit to the Arizona Thursday.

Two Guards Hurt in Tito Murder Try

Rome—The Italian news agency Ansa reported today that two guards were wounded during an assassination attempt on President Tito of Yugoslavia.

The agency said Tito was not hurt in the attempt it said took place Thursday afternoon. The agency quoted reports reaching Trieste.

The agency soon afterwards put out a dispatch from Ljubljana, Yugoslavia, quoting an official Communist spokesman as denying the report.

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