

TEXAS RANGER DRIVE CLEANS UP OIL TOWN

800 Undesirables in Boom City Are Arrested in Wholesale Raids.

By United Press
KILGORE, Tex., March 3.—Ten Texas rangers, bent on removing the lawless element from this mushroom oil town, found speakeasies, gambling parlors and other places of ill repute deserted today.

Three hundred suspicious characters, lured here by traditional easy money and morals of oil fields, were missing. They were arrested by the rangers in a wholesale drive Monday.

Twenty were held in the Longview fall. The others disappeared after they were finger-printed by experts from Dallas and *elsewhere*.

Establishments of unsavory reputation, which were opened in the wake of the town's sudden change from a sleepy village of 500 inhabitants to a boom center of 10,000, were as decorous as a church.

The First Baptist church was transformed into an emergency base of operations. Every oil field worker, roustabout and "floater" in the town was escorted to the church.

No Shots Are Fired

Not a shot was fired, and a single ranger often herded as many as a score of prisoners from a domino hall through the muddy streets.

Major Malcolm Crim, Presbyterian church elder, ordered Kilgore officers to work under orders of ranger Captain Tom Hickman.

"I haven't had any serious complaints, but want to weed out undesirables who always follow oil booms," Captain Hickman said.

Kilgore had been quiet and law-abiding in comparison to Borger, Wink and Mexia in their boom days.

Within two months hundreds of unpainted yellow pine shacks have been hastily erected here.

Still, the town lacks accommodations for the hundreds flocking to east Texas to speculate in oil and its concurrent trade.

Vast Oil Field Is Found

More than thirty producing wells have been drilled in three adjacent areas, and many believe there is a continuous pool more than twenty-three miles long. Six pipelines have been built, and as many more are under construction.

Captain Hickman methodically had mapped out his campaign. The roads were so muddy that automobiles could not traverse them, so the rangers shipped horses to Gladewater, a village ten miles to the northeast.

From there they galloped into Kilgore, rifles swing across their saddles and revolvers at their hips.

Heat Perils Argentinians

By United Press
BUENOS AIRES, March 3.—An unusual heat wave continued here today. There were many cases of sunstroke and several fatalities were reported.

A Hero Today



RUSSIANS FEEL WORLD UNITES AGAINST THEM

All Who Stand in Way of
Soviet Are Ruthlessly
Cleared Away.

This is the eighth article of a series by Eugene Lyons, United Press Staff Correspondent at Moscow, after a rest of thirty-six months.

By EUGENE LYONS,
United Press Staff Correspondent
MOSCOW, March 3.—Seventeen years of war, civil strife and strenuous revolution, with a grievesome famine and long spells of short rations are enough to curdle the milk of human kindness in any people.

The incessant outcry in the Soviet press about enemies at home and abroad is not political trickery. It is the genuine outcry of a country that does feel itself isolated and at bay, alone against the world.

None of this is conducive to ten-

derness and mercy. You can draw no tears from Soviet eyes by recounting the horrors of "liquidating the kulaks" or of suppressing the remnants of former ruling orders.

The Soviet population was more deeply shocked by the reprieves granted to Professor Leontid Ramzin and his fellow-plotters than by the forty-eight executions which preceded it.

The Communists and the decisive minority which supports them whole-heartedly, do not spare themselves in the job they are rushing to a finish. They are not likely, therefore, to spare others.

But to an outsider the spectacle of callousness to human suffering on such a large scale is a fearsome thing.

Soviet life is not to be recommended to idealists with weak stomachs.

Those who stand in the path of the proletarian revolution are mercilessly cleared away.

It is impossible to estimate how many hundreds of thousands of kulaks, poor devils who by Russian standards are "rich" peasants, were stripped of their possessions and cast out to shift for themselves in the steppes, deserts or northern ice fields.

Their fate was just an episode in the drive for collectivized agricul-

ture—a drive which, from the Communist viewpoint, was not only justifiable, but unavoidable.

Masses With No Rights

By the end of 1931 the whole class of kulaks must be "liquidated."

In the cities there are masses of bedraggled hunted creatures without any political, or human rights, without, even the right to a bread ration.

No one dares or cares to raise their problem publicly. They are on the junk-heap of history, but unfortunately for themselves, still alive.

Perhaps the saddest spectacle is the bankruptcy of the old intelligentsia.

These professors, engineers, scientists, doctors, scholars were among the pioneers of revolution under czarism. But this was not the kind of revolution they had bargained for, most of them opposed bolshevism from the beginning.

Creative Art Unthinkable

The recent trial of the Ramzin group, occasional announcements of mass executions, only are outward indications of the widening breach between the Soviets and the old intelligentsia.

A good proportion of them seek to work honestly and to accept the

revolution. But the distrust of the class as a whole weighs them all.

The creative intellectuals, in literature, theater and the arts generally share this burden of mistrust.

Not one of them, even if a member of the party, is permitted to work except under strict supervision by the working class.

Aside from stringent official censorship, they are directed and controlled at every stage of their work

by factory committees, collective meetings and "social orders" from the party of proletarian organizations.

Independent creative effort is un-

thinkable in the present stage of the Bolshevik undertaking.

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