

# Texans Guard Mexico Border to Curb Spread Of Animal Disease

Meandering Rio Grande Makes Patrolling Difficult; Dr. Dutro's Young Crew Works Hard

By HAL O'FLAHERTY, Times Special Writer

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Jan. 6.—A fantastic, meandering river, the Rio Grande, forms the frontier between the United States and Mexico, from here to El Paso, a distance of 810 miles by highway but more than 4000 miles if you ride the bank of the river.

Old-timers down here such as Dr. E. N. Dutro, a distinguished veterinarian, chief of the Texas Range Riders, estimates the Rio Grande, in its incredible meanderings, is five times as long as the concrete highway running up to El Paso. That estimate is conservative.

There are oxbow loops in the river near here that are 25 miles in circumference. The river nearly meets itself on the return to a narrow neck. These necks are continually being cut by the river, thereby transferring all persons and property from Mexico to the United States and vice versa.

This is the line that must be guarded to prevent the spread of the dangerous animal affliction known as foot and mouth disease. The herds of Texas are entirely free of infection today, but down in Mexico, some 225 miles from Brownsville, an epidemic is in full swing.

Plenty of evidence exists here that this state and the federal government are doing everything possible to prevent the disease from crossing the border. Dr. Dutro, in charge of campaign against foot and mouth disease in this area, has had 35 years of experience with infected animals. He knows what an epidemic means in economic loss and is determined that it must not return.

Dr. Dutro's Range Riders, organized seven months ago, are a picturesque, hard-riding, high-spirited group of men from the Texas ranches. They are scattered in camps from the mouth of the river across the three counties in Dr. Dutro's area and on up through other districts to El Paso.

The Range Rider's job is to patrol the American bank of the Rio Grande daily, seven days a week, watching for stray animals and stray humans known as "wet backs," the type of Mexican or American who wades or swims across the river, usually with some illegal purpose.

No meat of any kind, whether in the hoof, in a hide or in the form of small slices of beef in a sandwich is allowed to cross the border, if the Rangers can prevent it. Even animal products such as cheese are suspect. Hides, especially those of deer shot by American sportsmen and brought from Mexico, are burned.

**Fines, Heavy**  
One unfortunate Texan smuggled a deer hide from Mexico this week and now faces the loss of his new car and a fine of \$1600.

Not since the early days of the Texas Republic have men rallied for border service with such enthusiasm as they are now applying for jobs with the Riders. The life is hard. The requirements in equipment are severe. But the Riders receive \$265 a month plus \$2 a day for their horse.

There are 51 Riders with 21 camps scattered along the river across three counties in this southern area. A foreman looks after the Riders in each county and each foreman patrols in a jeep drawing a trailer in which stands his saddled horse ready to cut in on any section of the river.

**Riders Need Good Equipment**  
No one can determine how long it will be necessary to patrol the border. If the job is to be done thoroughly, there should be more riders and they should have better equipment. They need binoculars, but so far have none. They need more jeeps, too.

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## Red Soap Boxers Lose Court Appeal

CHICAGO, Jan. 6 (UP)—Federal Judge Walter J. LaBuy yesterday denied a temporary restraining order sought by two members of the Communist party, who charged that authorities had interfered with their street corner speeches.

The restraining order was sought by Meyer Hecht and Samuel Tomash. They sought to prevent Police Commissioner John Pendergast and State's Attorney William J. Touhy from "interfering" with them.

They also asked the court to restrain authorities from prosecuting a case pending against them in which they are charged with disorderly conduct and unlawful assembly.

## Argentina to Get British Rail Line

Transfer Wipes Out \$500 Million War Debt

By ERNIE HILL

LONDON, Jan. 6.—Another of Britain's shrinking properties scattered around the world is scheduled to be sold to satisfy debts contracted during the war.

This time it is Argentina taking over a major British holding—the \$600 million railroad system spreading across the pampas from the seaport of Buenos Aires.

For Britain, it will relieve the strain of the \$500 million debt which accrued during the war when Argentina shipped beef and grain to England and got nothing in return.

**Key Campaign Deal**  
For President Juan Domingo Peron, it will be a major deal in his campaign to drive foreign capital and influence out of Argentina.

Both sides indicate satisfaction with the terms of the arrangement, which has been hanging fire for the last two years.

Under present plans, Argentina will take over the properties Feb. 22. Mr. Peron's political cheerleaders already are playing up the transfer and nationalization as a major achievement of the administration.

British government economists take a melancholy view of the necessity for disposing of the railroad properties. They are convinced that the sale of the rail system is another move to cripple the country permanently.

**Good Jobs Provided**  
While the railroads have failed to pay many dividends in the last 20 years, they have provided hundreds of good jobs for British subjects.

During and since the war, Britain has been forced to sell foreign holdings worth \$4400 million. The sale of the Argentine railroads bring the total up to \$5 billion.

Britain today is trying to halt the trend of liquidating its properties. The British say frankly that Marshall plan aid is essential to help stop this trend.

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## Distillery Official Raps Grain Order

NEW YORK, Jan. 6 (UP)—Seton Porter, president of National Distillers Products Corp., yesterday made public a letter he sent to Secretary of Agriculture Charles P. Anderson on Jan. 5, protesting further restrictions on the use of grain for distilling purposes and the method of allocating such grain.

No reply has been received to the letter, copy of which went to President Truman. Mr. Porter told a press conference here, although it has been delivered.

National Distillers was assured by the administration, the letter pointed out, that there would be no effort to extend the 60-day shutdown when it expired on Christmas Day. However, it continued, the corporation now has been advised that it "will be allowed only enough grain to operate our plants for a total of about six days between the date of our voluntary shutdown on Oct. 25, 1947, and Jan. 31, 1948."

The voluntary shutdown cost the corporation more than \$1 million in idle plant expense, Mr. Porter wrote. He branded as "completely at variance with the facts" the contention by the citizens' food committee that only 414 persons lost employment because of the voluntary shutdown.

National Distillers products will have to "dismiss a considerable portion of distillery workers" who were retained on the basis of the assurance that the 60-day holiday would not be extended, Mr. Porter wrote.

## North Side Great Books Group Meets Tomorrow

The first year discussion group of the Great Books Foundation, which has been meeting at Shortridge High School, will meet at 8 p. m. tomorrow in the 38th Street Branch of the Merchants National Bank.

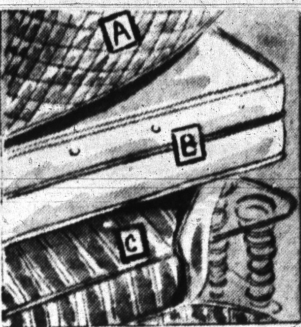
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