

Congressmen Praise 'Utopia on the Rocks' As Warning to U.S.

Times Series on British Experiment
Termed 'Useful Study of Welfare State'

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By Scripps-Howard Newspapers
WASHINGTON, Aug. 30—Great interest has been aroused in Congress by "Utopia on the Rocks"—the series of articles on Britain's experiment in socialism written for the Indianapolis Times and other Scripps-Howard newspapers by E. T. Leech, editor of the Pittsburgh Press.

Sen. John Foster Dulles (R. N. Y.) said Mr. Leech "has made a useful study of the operation in England of the 'welfare' state." He added:

"Americans can be glad that, if the experiment had to be tried, it was tried elsewhere so that we may profit from that example and perhaps check our present tendency to follow suit."

He warned, however, that failure of the experiment should not "lead us into blind condemnation of either the British people or their government. The war left them in a desperate economic plight and under the necessity to experiment."

Although English socialism curtails economic freedom, Sen. Dulles said it still "leaves civil liberties unimpaired. That is too rare to be treated as unimportant in a free world."

Convincing Argument'

Sen. Robert A. Taft said the Leech series "ought to provide a convincing argument against those who want to abandon American principles of freedom, which have so increased production and standards of living in the United States, and substitute a planned and controlled socialistic state." He said the articles "show the practical results of socialism are very different from its theory."

To Rep. John M. Vorys (R. O.), a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, the articles "are about the finest piece of reporting I have ever seen in summarizing accurately and in vivid and simple terms a very complicated situation."

Mr. Vorys says they "will be of tremendous help to the public, to members of Congress and to our own officials in helping the British solve some of their own problems; part of our help is going to consist of saying 'no' to a number of questions."

Rep. Laurine Battle (D. Ala.) thinks the series "adds to the evidence that the British government is bogging down in its controlled economy." He warns, however, that "even though we may not agree with many of England's internal policies, we must remember that our international security puts us inevitably on the same side."

Rep. Lawrence H. Smith (R. Wis.) has inserted the articles in the Congressional Record.

Following Same Trend'

"Mr. Leech's articles are a valuable contribution to our thinking on this side of the ocean," Mr. Smith said. "We are in a trend now to go down the same road and these articles are so revealing they ought to give pause to our policy-makers."

"It makes me shudder to think that we may not be far behind England in this trend toward socialism," commented Rep. Paul Cunningham (R. Iowa).

Rep. Norris Poulson (R. Cal.) says the series aroused more comment among members of Congress "than I have heard on any for many a day."

"Utopia on the Rocks" was for Sen. Irving M. Ives (R. N. Y.) merely confirmation of "a number of personal observations obtained upon my visit to England last November. I am sure they will help prove to the American people in the future consideration of questions involving ourselves and the British."

Jenner Cites Dangers

Sen. William Jenner (R. Ind.) said the Leech articles "show that we are very foolish" to support British socialism.

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Order Pays Honor To Mrs. Wiebke

Women of Moose Confer Title

An Indianapolis Woman of the Moose, Mrs. Frances Wiebke, 6100 E. 46th St., today was announced as one of 12 women to have the highest honor of the order conferred on her, that of Graduate Grand Regent.

The honor was conferred in the convention of the Loyal Order of Moose in San Francisco, by Mrs. Malcolm Giles, executive director of the Order. It was bestowed for pioneer and outstanding work to the order.

Mrs. Wiebke is a member of Indianapolis Chapter No. 11 and has held every title and served on the Grand Council of the Indianapolis group, the largest chapter in the Women of the Moose, comprising 1700 of its 189,000 members.

Others expressing interest include Rep. Leonard Irving (D. N. J.), Mrs. H. Gavin (R. Pa.), Senator Majority Leader Scott Lucas (D. Ill.), Sen. Warren Magnuson (D. Wash.), Rep. Ralph W. Gwin (R. N. Y.), Rep. Thomas Jenkins (R. O.), Rep. Harold C. Hagen (R. Minn.), Sen. Kenneth McKellar (D. Tenn.), Rep. Earl Michener (R. Mich.), Rep. Compton L. White (D. Ida.) and Sen. James Kern (R. Mo.).

Boy Breaks Left Arm While Playing Ball

Jimmy Shepard, 9, singled to left field yesterday, but what happened after that won't show up in the box score.

Racing for first base, Jimmy fell and broke his left arm. His mother, Mrs. Pearl Shepard, 25, W. Arizona St., took him to General Hospital, where the fracture was set.

Jimmy will watch his playmates from the sidelines for some time now. They play in a vacant lot in the 1000 block of S. Meridian St.

The mail driver was unhurt and no arrests were made.

Ship Movements

New York Arrivals—Caronia, Southamptons, New Jersey, Bremerhaven, Saarburg, Genoa. New York Departures—American Flyer, Allure, Adriatic, Amerika, Azores, Victoria, Trieste, Marcuso, Coruna, Mormacruze, Oslo, Sommerset, New Haven, Puerto de la Cruz, St. Mary, St. Marc.

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East Irvington League Will Meet Thursday

The East Irvington Civic League will meet Thursday at 7:45 in the Pleasant Run golf course clubhouse.

Joseph Wicker, city councilman, will speak and a musical program will be presented. Committees of the nonpartisan, nonpolitical league will report and a discussion period on civic improvement will follow. The meeting is open to members and interested persons.

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RITES FOR INDIAN CHIEF

PAWUSKA, Okla., Aug. 30 (UPI)—The Osage tribe held funeral services today for Fred Lookout, 88-year-old spiritual and political leader of some 4750 Indians. Mr. Lookout, named Little-Eagle-That-Gets-What-He-Wants, died Sunday. He had been Osage since 1924.

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Home Winemaking Requires License

Beverage Tax Free If for Home Use

If you're making wine, brother, you'd better register.

This warning came today from Robert D. Carey, Indianapolis investigator for the Alcoholic Tax Unit, U. S. Treasury Department.

Each year the head of the family is allowed to produce 200 tax-free gallons of wine for family consumption, if he registers his intention at a branch of the Tax Unit. The local branch is at 309 W. Washington St.

Mr. Carey said many people are not aware that they must register, while others ignore the requirement. Persons who make wine without registering, and are discovered, must pay tax at the regular rate (according to alcohol content) and face possible criminal prosecution.

Form obtainable from the unit office must be filed five days before the production is started. Only married men living with their families or unmarried men qualified as head of families are eligible for this tax-free production, Mr. Carey said.

Polio Victim 'Thrilled' With New Cocker Spaniel



A new dog for Audrey . . . Too thrilled for words, 6-year-old polio victim Audrey Pearl Thompson shuns shyly pets "Brownie," the new dog given to her yesterday by Judge Alex Clark (left) and Dog Pound Superintendent James Payne. After he sentenced to jail a man who beat the child's dog to death in a drunken rage, Judge Clark called Sgt. Payne and obtained another cocker spaniel—almost like her previous pet—for the tiny girl. The judge and the dog pound man purchased the license and made the presentation in Municipal Court 4 yesterday afternoon.

Butler U. Adds State Geography Course

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Parade of Homes Committees Set

Contractors Plan Large Display

Committees for the 1949 Parade of Homes in Indianapolis Sept. 11 to 17 were announced yesterday at a luncheon meeting of builders and suppliers in the Lincoln Hotel.

Fred Palmer and A. H. M. Graves, co-chairmen of the city-wide exposition, told the builders that more than 50 contractors will have upward of 200 homes on display, with routes plainly marked and attendants on duty to escort thousands of visitors through the houses.

Lou Young, advertising manager of The Times, told the builders that the city's demand for homes is far from satisfied and that thousands of home hunters will welcome the opportunity to see the new dwellings in their natural settings.

John Cantwell, director of the Parade of Homes, said the building and materials industries are anxious to show home enthusiasts new techniques in building and new materials developed since the war.

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