

Students Sparked Movement For Tokyo Palace Cleanup

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TOKYO (AP)—One cold December day in 1945—the first chaotic winter after Japan's Second World War defeat—60 high school students presented themselves before the imposing gates of Tokyo's Imperial Palace with an unprecedented request: "We have come from Miyagi prefecture (northern Japan) to help clean up the palace."
 Destroyed by U.S. incendiary bombs in the war's closing days, the once resplendent residence of the emperor and empress had been reduced to a mountain of debris. The Imperial couple had moved into a building on the palace grounds that had been used as an air raid shelter.
 With income cut off under post-war reforms, the imperial household had been forced to release its vast staff of gardeners and workers—numbering in the hundreds—whose job it had been to keep the 160-acre palace grounds neat and neat.
AGREE TO REQUEST
 After some earnest consultation, household officials who had never dared let mere commoners roam through the grounds made an unprecedented move themselves: They let the students in.
 What started out 16 years ago as a voluntary act of patriotism has since blossomed into a national movement.
 Farmers, shopkeepers, housewives, people from all walks of life, come from all corners of the country to do "their bit." They work for nothing, paying train fare and lodgings from their own pockets. Even politicians and ex-generals on occasion wield a broom or a rake.
 There are so many volunteers that applicants often wait up to a year on the Imperial household's list before their names come up. Even then only two out of five are accepted in order to keep the number to manageable proportions.
GET AUDIENCE
 But those who make it have their reward: An audience with the emperor and empress.
 Every day their majesties, carrying umbrellas if it is raining, arrive at an appointed place in the grounds at 9:30 a.m. to spend five minutes with members of the day's "palace cleaners" brigade.
 This is a practice the emperor started and, officials say, he insists on continuing it.
 The conversation is one-sided. Emperor Hirohito and Empress Nagako do all the talking, thanking the cleaners for their work and inquiring after their personal welfare. Their subjects are usually too awed to speak.

Chiropractor Is Charged

MILTON, Ont. (CP)—Donald Moore, 28-year-old Oakville chiropractor, pleaded guilty here to practicing medicine illegally and was fined the maximum \$50 and costs.
 The charge—and one of criminal negligence—was lodged in connection with the death Sept. 28 of a patient, Mrs. Judith Bentley, 19. The Crown withdrew the criminal negligence charge Tuesday.
 Magistrate K. M. Langdon, in registering the illegal practice conviction, said he was not in a position to say whether reduction in the insulin doses of the diabetic patient had any bearing on her death.
 He gave Moore a week to pay the fine, with the option of 25 days in jail.

U.S. Paper Mill Uses Pipe Line

MILLINOCKET, Maine (AP)—Using a technique of the oil industry, the Great Northern Paper Co. is using a pipeline to speed its paper-making process.
 The \$2,500,000 line snakes through the northern Maine woods for seven miles, carrying sulphite pulp from Great Northern's pulp mill in Millinocket to its paper plant in East Millinocket.
 Formerly, it was necessary to remove most of the water from the pulp, pound it into sheets, and ship it by rail to East Millinocket. There, the pulp had to be mixed with water again before being blended with other ingredients and fed into newsprint machines.
 The inside of the tube is glassy-smooth, corrosion resistant and able to withstand wear and tear under high pressure without becoming marked. The underground sections are built of a combination of asbestos fibre and cement with a lining of epoxy resin, a smooth, hard material that is chemically inert. The above-ground sections are made of stainless steel.

Retired RAF Officer Dies

FARMINGTON, Conn. (AP)—Sir William Lawrie Welsh, 70, retired RAF air marshal, died Tuesday at his home here.
 He came to the United States during the Second World War from North Africa after the death of General Rommel's Afrika Corps to represent the RAF on the combined chief of staff with the war's end he became associated with the British Overseas Airways, and then the British motor industry. He retired from military service in 1944.

AD MAN RETIRES

TORONTO (CP)—Wilfred A. Campbell, 65, advertising manager of Toronto Star Limited, retired Friday after 42 years with the newspaper. He will maintain his association with the paper as a consultant.

DEATH RECALLS OLD FROG YARN

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP)—Did Boyce House, Texas newspaper editor, engineer the hoax of Old Rip, the horned frog who was supposed to have survived 31 years sealed in the cornerstone of the Eastland, Tex., courthouse?
 The author—humorist, who died Saturday, always swore the story was true.
 House was editor of the Eastland, Tex., daily newspaper in 1928 when the county courthouse was being torn down. A man named Ernest Wood said he had put a horned frog in the cornerstone of the building when it was erected in 1897 and believed it would still be living when the stone was opened.
 House recognized the possibilities of the yarn, and set it before his newspaper readers. Thousands gathered to view the opening of the cornerstone and—lo and behold—a horned frog was found alive.
 The Eastlanders named the foal Old Rip and launched it on a national tour which eventually extended to the White House. It is said that President Coolidge was kept waiting 10 minutes for a chance to see Old Rip.
 The frog died of pneumonia after a year of glory. His body lies in the lobby of the Eastland County Courthouse, resting in a satin-lined casket in a glass case.
 Scores of reporters and friends asked House through the years for the "lowdown" on Old Rip.
 House swore to one and all that the story was true.

LOWER PHONE RATES

MONTREAL (CP)—Canadian Overseas Telecommunications Corporation announced a 25-per-cent reduction in telephone rates from Canada to the U.S. effective Jan. 1. The reduction means a three-minute telephone call to three from Canada will cost \$9 instead of \$12. Night and Sunday rates will be reduced to \$6.75 from \$9.



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