

Tories Want To Return To Forging Arms Of Mother England

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Now, upon ground once trod by Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson, comes a counter-revolutionary band of loyalists who would finally return prodigal America to the forging arms of Mother England.

Already these latter-day Tories have collected \$83 and the support of 150 U.S. citizens who envision a happier life in a colony restored. If only another 200 million or so sign up, their petition may be ready for Queen Victoria who arrives for a Bicentennial visit next July.

Otherwise, the Bicentennial will be

nothing but "a big fake, a piece of propaganda trying to cover up the mistakes we've made," says John T. Ambrose, co-founder of the Committee for Reunion with England.

"It's time we realized that the Revolution was nothing more than the self-serving acts of a bunch of hotheads and caused a lot of problems for this country which now can be corrected only by reuniting with England."

According to the committee's Declaration of Reunion, the corruption and injustice which have troubled

America's 199 years could have been avoided if the rebels had only been patient enough to work within the system.

It noted, for example, that slave trade was abolished in the British Empire in 1807, "two score and six years" before the Emancipation Proclamation.

If only the colonies had stayed in line, there would have been no Civil War, no Reconstruction and no Ku-Klux-Klan, it adds.

"World War I and II would never have occurred. Germany never dare attack a British Empire that included both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. The

American Revolution not only betrayed America, but also Mother England, nay the entire civilized world," it says.

Not that Ambrose and his collaborators are looking for revenge.

"Mother England is kind and just," the declaration says. "If we apologize now and promise not to rebel any more, she will go easy on us. Amnesty will be offered to the rebel leaders and the present officials of this rebel government. There would be no fear that President Ford,

members of Congress or the Supreme Court will be sent to prison."

Naturally "there cannot be unconditional amnesty," however. "They have made mistakes and must pay a penalty... perhaps a period of alternative service in the Bengal Lancers."

The committee was organized back in March when Ambrose, an advertising writer and David A. Gambill, a Richmond bank employee, decided the Bicentennial was, on the whole, boring.

"It's lacked a sense of humor, any real comedy," said Ambrose. "So we got in a mimeograph machine, took an ad in the Richmond Mercury, rented a Post Office box and sat back to watch the fun."

The Times of London published an article on the committee noting both its plea for contributions and its mailing address. That netted about 20 letters from Britain and a check from one Londoner for 200 new pennies — or enough to buy two copies of the Times.

Senate OKs Limited Production From Naval Petroleum Reserves

WASHINGTON (AP) — Limited oil production from the Naval Petroleum Reserves at Elk Hills and Buena Vista in California and Texas, Wednesday, was approved Tuesday by the Senate.

The vote was 93 to 2, sending the bill back to the House for consideration of amendments.

Under the Senate bill, up to 350,000 barrels of oil could be produced, primarily from Elk Hills, and sold on the open market or placed in a strategic reserve.

The terms of legislation previously passed by the Senate — authorizing establishment over a seven-year period of a strategic national reserve sufficient to replace imports of oil and products for 90

days — was added to the bill as an amendment. Sponsored by Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., the amendment was adopted by voice vote.

The bill provides for a six-month study of the development potential of the 23-million-acre Naval Petroleum Reserve in Alaska. Under an amendment by Sen. Dewey Bartlett, R-Okla., the study and report would be made by the Federal Energy Administration, in consultation with the Navy and the Interior Department, and include consideration of leasing to private petroleum operators.

Administration of the petroleum reserves would remain with the Navy under the Senate bill. The House-passed bill would transfer jurisdiction to the

Interior Department.

Increased production at Elk Hills, already producing about 160,000 barrels a day, and at Buena Vista and Teapot Dome would be limited to five years under the Senate bill. There is no time limitation in the House bill.

Profits from the sale of the oil would be placed in a special account in the Treasury and available for payment of expenses for further development or exploration work or for establishing a strategic reserve system.

Sponsors of the bill said it is not intended as a solution to the energy crisis, providing only about 200,000 barrels daily addition toward current U.S. daily consumption of about 17 million barrels daily.

Sen. Howard Cannon, D-Nev., managing floor debate on the bill for the Senate Armed Services Committee, said it would put the Naval Reserve fields in an optimum state of readiness and improve the nation's ability to cope with another foreign embargo on oil.

Proposal Would Slash Private Office Funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Election Commission adopted a new regulation Tuesday which would virtually wipe out the private cash funds many congressmen maintain in their offices.

By a 6-0 vote, the FEC approved a regulation which would treat such funds as campaign contributions and ex-

penditures, on the assumption that their main purpose is to cultivate voters.

The regulation now goes to Congress which has 90 days to consider it. Unless a majority of Congress rejects it, the regulation becomes effective automatically.

A major fight is expected on Capitol Hill.

The office funds, called "slush" funds by opponents, are maintained by many lawmakers as a supplement to the regular allowances for office expenses. They are used to hire extra staff members and pay for travel, newsletters, messages and gifts to constituents and similar activities.

While the new regulations would allow congressmen to continue the funds, most could not afford the luxury since anything spent from them would count as campaign expenditures, which are strictly limited under the 1974 Campaign Reform Act.

The one major exception in the new ruling would allow some of the money normally going into office funds to be diverted to franking funds which are exempt by law from most of the new restrictions.

There would be no limit on the amount of money received and spent by a fund paying for anything which may be sent under the congressional frank, the free-mailing privilege. However, other law does not allow franked mail to be sent out within 28 days of an election.

Boy's Ranch Open To Deserted And Neglected

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (AP) — A "Boy's Ranch" is being built on a 400-acre farm, some 63 miles south of St. Louis.

Welcomed to the ranch will be deserted and neglected boys, as well as minor offenders.

The prime observer of the project is James Oglesby, who says his interest in less fortunate youths stems from two foster children once taken on by his parents.

By the end of the year, Oglesby and colleagues hope to have their road, water and sewer system, the nucleus of a staff, the first of many buildings, and six boys.

Ultimately, according to present plans, there will be room for 192 boys, with their own school, gymnasium, swimming pool, and nondenominational chapel.

U.S. Steel Reports Record Earnings

PITTSBURGH, Pa. (AP) — U.S. Steel Corp., the nation's largest steel producer, reported record first-half earnings of \$31.2 million, or \$5.74 per share, despite a 20 per cent decrease in income for the second quarter.

In making the announcement Tuesday, U.S. Steel noted strong first-quarter earnings, bolstered by \$44.6 million from the sale of timberland, contributed to the record six-month figures.

For the quarter, U.S. Steel earned \$129.1 million, or \$2.38 per share, on sales of \$2.07 billion. This compared to income of \$160.3 million, or \$2.96 per share, on sales of \$2.42 billion in the second quarter of 1974.

Quarterly shipments totalled 4.3 million tons, down from 6.8 million tons in the comparable period a year ago.

The record six-month earnings came on sales of \$4.21 billion and shipments of 9.4 million tons.

In 1974, first-half earnings totalled \$249.8 million, or \$4.61 per share, on sales of \$4.21 billion and shipments of 13.6 million tons. Federal price controls were in effect for much of the period.

Board Chairman E. B. Spear predicted that customers would continue to reduce steel inventories through the third quarter but that steel shipments should improve toward the end of 1975.

College Corner

Dear's List
Christopher K. Fox, Fremont, has been named to the dean's list at Terra Technical College for the spring quarter.

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