

Belief in Democracy Held Vital to Defense

The former Pakistan Minister of Education declared today that people cannot defend democracy unless they have a strong belief in it.

Dr. Ishtiaq H. Qureshi, now teaching at Columbia University, told a symposium at American University.

"We cannot defend anything unless we believe in it. We cannot defend it merely because it is a matter of convenience. Man will sacrifice his convenience, but he will not sacrifice his convictions and beliefs."

Dr. Qureshi was among the speakers at the all-day session studying the question, "Christianity, Islam and the Dignity of Man." The meeting is being held in Hurst Hall and is sponsored jointly by the William J. Kerby Foundation of Catholic University and the Council on Islamic Affairs.

Gerald F. P. Doohar, of Wash-

ington, chief of the Near East Division, Voice of America, presided at the session this morning.

Among the speakers at the afternoon session are Supreme Court Justice Douglas, Representative Gwinn, Republican, of New York, Mnsgr. Bela Vaga, former speaker of the lower house of the Hungarian Parliament.

Dr. Eric Bethmann, of New York, Muslim Christian Conference, told the gathering this morning that while Christianity and Islam at times have lived in "suspension" of each other, they basically have many concepts in common.

"There is no question that Christianity and Islam are basically well equipped to work together for the spiritual uplift of the human race because they have so many things in common," Dr. Bethmann said.

Legionnaires Hit Veterans' Cuts

Opposition to efforts to cut the operations of the District Office of Veterans' Affairs was voted last night by the Executive Committee of the District Department of the American Legion.

The organization also pledged to fight any proposals to merge the Veterans' Service Center, "or its operations, with any Federal or other D. C. agency."

In addition, the resolution praised Waldron E. Leonard, director of the Veterans' Affairs Office, and promised that the District department of the Legion will "do all in its power to aid the director of the service center in obtaining the necessary funds each year for properly

maintaining the services now rendered by the center."

The Legion awarded Mr. Leonard a citation of merit "for exceptional and outstanding service to the veterans of the District of Columbia and for most efficient and economical administration of the Veterans' Service Center."

Mrs. Luce Returning For Consultations

ROME, May 27 (AP)—United States Ambassador Clare Boothe Luce left by plane for the United States today for a vacation and consultations with United States leaders.

She plans to spend several days in New York before going to Washington to confer with Secretary of State Dulles and President Eisenhower. She was accompanied by her husband, Time-Life chief Henry R. Luce.

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Washington-Lee Cadet Corps To Be Disbanded This Year

By SAM EASTMAN

The cadet corps at Washington-Lee, one of the largest senior high schools in the South, has shrunk to one platoon and will be disbanded next month.

The Arlington school, where a Washington area record class of 857 will graduate in two weeks, now has a cadet corps with 25 names on its roster.

The Army, which sponsors the cadet programs, has already withdrawn its rifles and other training equipment. The corps will be dissolved at the close of the school year.

The Washington-Lee corps, established a few years after the school opened in 1925, has been melting away for more than five years.

Army sponsorship calls for a minimum enrollment of 100 boys. For several years, the corps has been operating below that figure in a grace period.

The school also has an auxiliary corps for girls. It now numbers eight.

A major reason for the small enrollment, students said, is that the boys feel they will be drafted soon after graduation and are in no hurry to step up any military training.

Another factor, school officials said, is that under State law a Virginia student must take physical education classes, unless the school lacks gymnasium facilities. Cadet training, on the other hand, is one of many electives at Washington-Lee.

British Call Off Dock Walkout

LONDON, May 27 (AP)—Union leaders decided last night to call off the dock strike which has crippled major British ports for the past four days.

Their decision to return to work will be put to some 18,000 workers of the National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers' Union at a series of dockside meetings today.

The union called its men out last Monday to back up its demand for bargaining rights along the waterfront. At present port employers outside London recognize only the Transport and General Workers' Union which claims nearly 80,000 British dockers.

The transport union charges National Amalgamated with poaching 10,000 workers from its fold. The bigger union told its men to ignore the strike and keep on working. National Amalgamated officials were reported to have decided to end the strike after it became apparent they were not winning enough support from the TGWU dockers.

Meanwhile, no progress was reported toward the settlement of the railroad strike set to start Saturday midnight.

Sparks Nominated To Guatemala Post

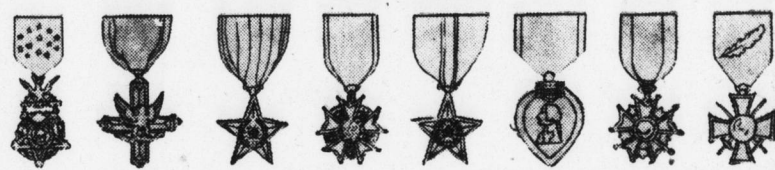
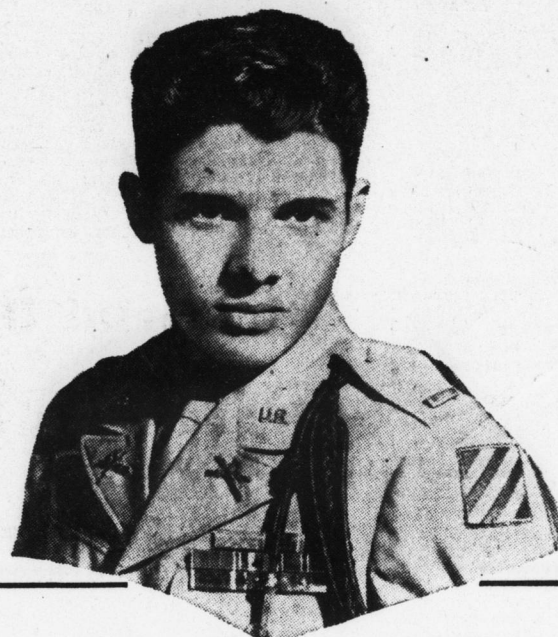
By the Associated Press

President Eisenhower today nominated career diplomat Edward J. Sparks to be Ambassador to Guatemala.

Mr. Sparks, now a deputy assistant to Secretary of State Dulles for Inter-American Affairs, would succeed Norman Armour.

Mr. Armour recently retired from the Foreign Service for the fourth time. Mr. Sparks whose legal residence is Staten Island, N. Y., is a former Ambassador to Bolivia.

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