

Civil Governments Get Fast Army Aid When Disaster Hits

When disaster in the form of a tornado, fire, flood or earthquake strikes an American community, the U. S. Army always is one of the first to come to the aid of civil governments. Shortly after a tornado thundered into the business district of Waco, Texas, on May 11, 1953, the Army sprang into action to aid victims of the disaster. The twister had left downtown Waco a shambles. One hundred and fourteen persons were dead, more than five hundred were injured, and \$50,000,000 (M) worth of property had been destroyed.

Representatives of the Army Corps of Engineers' District Office at Fort Worth were on the scene within a few hours. Airmen from nearby James Connally Air Force Base and National Guardsmen also rushed to the aid of disaster victims. Airmen served as rescue workers and the guardsmen helped prevent looting from damaged business buildings. About 100 soldiers from the 16th Armored Engineer Battalion at Fort Hood—some 50 miles from Waco—arrived at the disaster area at two o'clock on the morning after the tornado struck. During the next three days these military groups worked tirelessly to bring order out of chaos. Mobile radio equipment, walkie-talkies and a mobile electric power plant served in place of destroyed communications and power facilities. More than 30 engineers surveyed 2,032 buildings and homes to determine whether they were safe for occupancy.

HEALTH HORIZONS

Safer Operations for Older People

With present-day methods, older people can undergo necessary operations with great success. Results even in 80- and 90-year-old patients are now so good that "Age alone is not a contraindication to necessary surgery" any longer, reports Dr. S. E. Ziffren of Iowa City. One reason that operations are so successful now is that we have such good protection against infection. The antibiotics—penicillin, neomycin, Terramycin, and several others—have made surgery safer for everyone. Infections like peritonitis, a once-dreaded aftermath of abdominal surgery, have become rare. A prominent surgeon recently stated that peritonitis had not developed in any of his patients since 1941.



While such measures as use of antibiotics are up to the surgeon, some of Dr. Ziffren's recommendations require the cooperation of the patient himself. Before the operation, for example, the older person can help himself by eating well. Foods like meat, fish and dairy products supply tissue-building materials that your body will need for rapid recovery. Vitamins are important, too. A good vitamin preparation in the form of tablets or capsules is usually advised, and should be taken regularly. After the operation, the older patient must resist the temptation

to become a bed-ridden invalid. It has been found that people recover more quickly from operations if they overcome their fears and take a certain amount of exercise. "Every effort must be made to have these patients out of bed and in a chair on the day of operation and several times daily thereafter," says Dr. Ziffren. Patients are urged to walk to the bathroom and to visit around the ward.

They reported 196 manufacturing and business buildings demolished and 376 others unsafe for use. In addition, 174 homes were destroyed and 1,285 other damaged.

Later the survey was used as the basis for a reconstruction program for the city. The Fort Hood soldiers worked around the clock in shifts. With picks and shovels, dump trucks, cranes, a wrecker, and other Army equipment, they helped dig lifeless bodies out of the rubble, demolished dangerous buildings and cleared debris from the 12-block area around the City Hall and other disaster areas.

By 3 P. M., May 15, the soldiers had clocked 8,000 man hours on the job. They added up these accomplishments: 28,000 cubic yards of rubble carried away, 14 bodies recovered, 11 dangerous buildings wrecked, four miles of streets cleared, and 20,000 miles driven.

This Army assistance was not in the nature of "extra-curricular" activities.

As far back as George Washington's time, the Army has helped civil governments in times of crisis. It is the Army's responsibility to coordinate relief activities of all military services when a disaster gets beyond the capabilities of civil authorities.

Perhaps the best example of how Army disaster aid is received was found in this reassuring message spoken over a loud speaker soon after the tornado struck Waco:

"We have the Army in here now. We have plenty of help. Will all civilians not needed in the area please go home. Too many people create a hazard."

Industry Attracted To North Carolina

North Carolina industry is becoming more diversified and is moving into eastern and western counties with increasing strength, Paul Kelly reports to the State Board of Conservation and Development.

Kelly, chief of the board's division of commerce and industry, said that last year 144 new industries either were started or announced for North Carolina. These offer prospective employment for 11,700 workers, with investments of more than \$37,000,000. Besides, there were 91 expansions of existing industry at a cost of \$23,000,000 which would employ 4,500 more workers.

And since he prepared that report late last month, Kelly added, 10 new projects have been announced or are about to be announced which will employ 1,800 more workers.

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William A. Spough, Winston-Salem native, is now chairman of the Consumer Credit Advisory Board, Fifth Federal Reserve District of The American Bankers Association. He is vice-president of American Security and Trust Company in Washington, D. C. He is a graduate of the University

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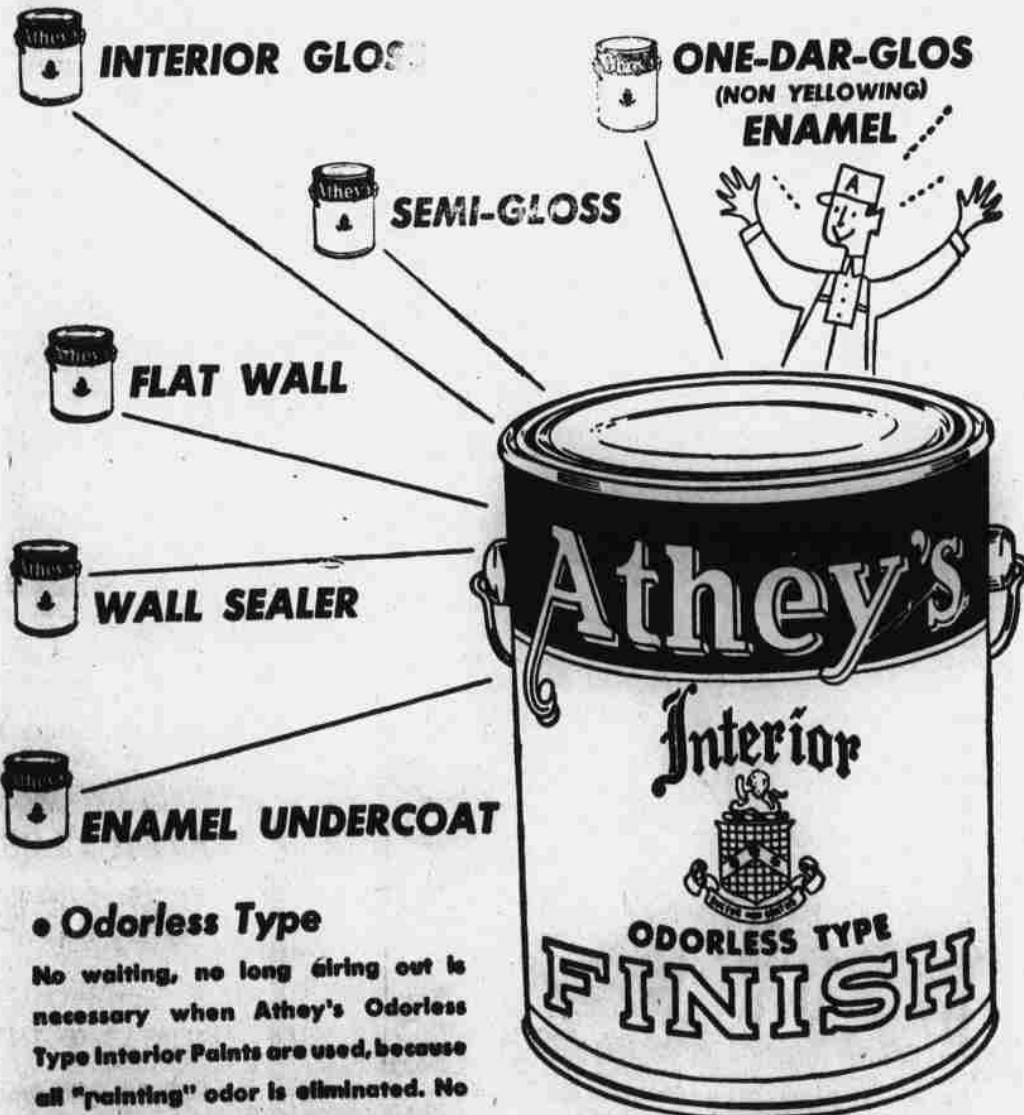
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