

It Has 'Unfinished Business,' Its Two Democratic Directors

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of being so hamstrung that it can't think its job.

This is the general viewpoint of the T.V.A.'s Democratic majority on the Authority's board of directors: Dr. Harry A. Curtis and Dr. Raymond Rose Paty.

In interviews in their Knoxville offices, each said the position is different points of interest, but their sentiments add up to one thing: They believe it would be a grave mistake, a terrible blow not only to the South and even the entire nation, if the T.V.A. came down to a power-making, power-distributing utility only.

"I think the country, and even some of the people of the Tennessee Valley, are being misled into a sense of false security, false well-being," declared Director Paty. "They are being told that the T.V.A. job, ex-

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The original T.V.A. set provided for the Authority to go into manufacturing of fertilizer - mainly production of fertilizer - mainly at Muscle Shoals. As directed in legislation with the private fertilizer trust.

But T.V.A. from the beginning decided not to take advantage of this opportunity, it chose instead to concentrate on research to improve fertilizer, demonstration to show farmers what new types of fertilizers were so popular in the States than so private fertilizer trusts have produced.

Dr. Curtis, who launched the fertilizer program in 1933 at the beginning of T.V.A., said the Authority has done everything like a model in any type of fertilizer. It always has made available to the farmer absolutely free, all the latest information of all sorts which it processed.

The policy set by Dr. Curtis, always has been to bring along a new type of fertilizer only in the point where it is being desired, thus leaving private industry to supply the market for the earlier type.

"Sugarcane Plant Field" Dr. Curtis said one example of this policy: On June 8 of this year, the Government purchased the plant near Columbia, Tenn., to be used for the production of fertilizer. The plant produces fertilizer containing 20 percent phosphate. The Authority developed it, but it has since abandoned it to industry.

Dr. Curtis said the Government deserves "much credit" for the purchase of fertilizer in the United States has increased from 7,000,000 tons in 1923 to 23,000,000 tons in 1934.

"In the last 20 years," said Dr. Curtis, "some 60,000 farmers have participated in various periods in the T.V.A. test-demonstration program."

Observation
In this program, farmers agree to use the fertilizer and land-use ideas, to keep open records, and allow neighbors to observe results. At one time or another, test-demonstration farms have been organized in some 20 states, always under the supervision of agricultural colleges and through the Agricultural Extension Service. Today, there are about 2,000 active test-demonstration farms operating in 21 States.

Dr. Curtis stakes sharp exception to the Hoover Commission's recent recommendation that the T.V.A. role in fertilizer be transferred to the Department of Agriculture, and that the control of general of the United States set the prices of T.V.A. fertilizers.

"These recommendations just don't make sense, separately or collectively," declared the T.V.A. director.

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