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# MACARTHUR REFUSES TO ENTER PRIMARY

## Payments Grow For Community Center's Fund

Over \$150,000 Now In, Hope To Start Building Next Year

Payments to the Decatur Memorial Foundation, Inc., total \$151,324.60. T. F. Graliker, treasurer, informed the directors at a quarterly meeting of the board held last night at the First State bank.

Collections for the last quarter of 1951 were \$15,254. On the basis of contributing \$1 for every \$2 raised, Central Soya company contributed an additional \$7,500.

Treasurer Graliker informed the directors that many of the pledgers made quarterly payments, or paid their commitments in full during December. Pledges were taken in 1949 in the city-wide campaign to raise funds for a community building. The Decatur Memorial Foundation, Inc., was organized to receive payments and hold in trust funds donated for a Community Center.

Carl C. Pumphrey, president of the foundation, stated that a local industry which previously had signified its intention of contributing to the foundation, but did not sign a pledge, had contributed \$2,000, the check being received at the bank last Saturday.

Among the receipts up to January 1, 1952, was \$1,312.50 in interest on \$75,000 of the foundation's funds invested in U.S. government bonds last year. The bonds were purchased less than a year ago.

### May Fill In Site

C. I. Finlayson and E. W. Lankeau, two of the directors who were named at a previous meeting to investigate the feasibility of filling in the proposed site for the Community Center on city property, directly east of the Monroe street river bridge, reported that engineers had advised such a step. Preliminary estimates have been made on moving earth from the north end of the 40 acres owned by the city, to the building site along U.S. highway 224. It will take about 10,000 yards of earth to fill the site, the committee was informed.

If the fill-in is completed next spring, a large billboard will be erected designating the place as the site for the proposed community and youth center.

### May Build In 1953

If government restrictions on the use of steel and other vital materials are removed this year, the directors of the foundation intend to proceed with the building of the Community Center in 1953. However, final plans will not be made until a greater share of the pledges for the building have been redeemed and government restrictions are removed. Under the materials control board, the construction of community buildings and other similar projects are forbidden. This fact was impressed with emphasis in view of the national production authority's refusal to allocate steel for churches.

### Operates At Nominal Cost

The foundation operates at nominal cost, the office work and collection on pledges being done by the First State Bank. Bills allowed by the foundation last night totaled \$39, which included \$17 for postage in mailing letters and notices to those who signed pledge cards. The officers and directors serve without pay.

## City Council Will Meet This Evening

The city council will hold its final meeting of January tonight in the council chamber at City Hall. The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 o'clock.

Several items of unfinished business and 1952 appointments in the health department are on the agenda. All council meetings are open to the public unless an executive session is called.

### INDIANA WEATHER

Snow flurries and much colder tonight. Wednesday cloudy and colder with snow flurries north portion. Low tonight near 10 above northwest, 20 extreme southeast. High Wednesday 15-20 north, 20-25 extreme south.

## Grubbs Pleads Not Guilty To Charge

Trial By Jury Set Here For March 18

Vernal C. Grubbs, 17, charged with auto theft, grand larceny and commission of a crime while in possession of a deadly weapon, as a result of a hold-up on the person of Edward Plasterer at the north edge of Decatur last week, pleaded not guilty in open court before Judge Myles F. Parrish this morning.

Bond was set at \$3,000 and the trial by jury was set for March 18. Clarence Benadum, prominent criminal lawyer of Muncie, entered an appearance for the youth.

The arraignment was transferred from juvenile court to criminal court by Judge Parrish after it was determined that the youth was more than 16 years of age and while a juvenile, the charges were of such a nature that they could be heard in open court.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Grubbs, Muncie, parents of the youth, also were present at the arraignment. Judge Parrish asked clerk Ed Jabsberg to read the affidavit, which was signed by sheriff Robert Shraluka and approved by prosecutor Severin H. Schuriger.

Then Schuriger, in accordance with the court procedure, was asked to read the penalties which could be assessed for the alleged crimes.

Judge Parrish explained thoroughly the youth's rights and added that Grubbs could offer a plea in abatement attacking the affidavit, plead guilty, plead not guilty or plead not at all. In the latter instance, the court explained, a plea of not guilty would then be placed in the record.

"How do you plead?" Judge Parrish asked the young man.

Grubbs hesitated a few seconds and then in a clear voice he said, "Not guilty."

The court then fixed the bond and ordered the prisoner into the custody of sheriff Shraluka until time of the trial or such a time that bond would be approved by the court.

Plasterer picked up a hitchhiker near the county line, north of Decatur on U.S. highway 27 one night last week and when the two approached the corporation limits, the hitchhiker pointed a gun at Plasterer, robbed him and forced him out of his automobile.

The following day, Grubbs was picked up at Carmi, Ill., by Illinois state police while in custody of Plasterer's automobile. He was returned to Decatur by sheriff Shraluka to face the charges.

No effort had been made by noon to procure the \$3,000 bond for Grubbs and it was learned that Shraluka would have to detain him even if bond was furnished because of a military detainer which has been served.

The military detainer means in substance that, if a person is freed of criminal charges in a criminal court, the military will then take custody of a person wanted on a charge of absent without leave.

It is understood that Grubbs is AWOL from the army at Fort Scott, Ill.

## Bond Remonstrance Returned By State

### Mailing Address Of Opponents Needed

The remonstrance filed recently by 12 residents of the Adams Central School consolidation against the proposed bond issue by that group has been returned to county auditor Thurman L. Drew by the state board of tax commissioners.

Board secretary Ralph Wilson has asked that the mailing addresses of each remonstrator be attached to the remonstrance. He stated that this was necessary because the state board, according to the statute, was compelled to give written notice to each remonstrator of the time and date of a hearing.

In his communication Wilson did not state when the hearing would be held, but it is likely that the date will be set as soon as the corrected remonstrance is returned to the state body.

Since there are only 12 remonstrators, Drew said that he believed the corrected papers could be returned in a day or two.

## UN Expresses Hope Reds To End Deadlock

### Hope Communists To Make Gesture To End Deadlock

Panmunjom, Korea, Wednesday, Jan. 23—(UPI)—The United Nations command expressed hope today that the Communists will make "a substantial gesture" to break a 26-day deadlock in truce negotiations and make a realistic armistice possible.

A formal statement issued by Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckles, chief UN spokesman, implied that, unless the Reds do make some concessions on the double deadlock over the exchange of war prisoners and terms for enforcing an armistice, the talks may end in failure.

Nuckles issued the statement after the return from allied supreme headquarters in Tokyo of Maj. Howard M. Turner, chief delegate for the allies of the subcommittee on armistice terms.

Nuckles said the allies still have hopes that the Communists will back down from their present stubborn insistence on their own program.

"We hope that the Communists finally will come to the realization that the UN position is a firm one and that they will make some gesture, a substantial gesture, toward meeting the UN half way," Nuckles said.

"We have gone half way and we are waiting for them to come down the road and meet us. Our position is firm, but we still have hopes or obviously we would not be continuing our negotiations."

"We hope for a realistic armistice that will not give either side an advantage they do not possess . . ."

Nuckles' statement indicated that Turner had returned from a visit of nearly a week to Tokyo without orders for further concessions which the Reds had hoped to extract.

The Communists insist first on a blanket exchange of war prisoners without giving the prisoners a chance to refuse repatriation to Communist-ruled territory, and secondly on the right to build air bases.

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### Blizzard Strikes In North Central Area

#### Nasty Weather Hits In Much Of Nation

By United Press

A blizzard swept across the north central states today, halting cars and trains, grounding plane flights and leaving hundreds of persons marooned.

The blizzard was one of several storm centers that brought nasty weather to much of the nation.

Dust storms yesterday brought darkness at noon to parts of Oklahoma and Texas, rain drenched most of the southern states and a miserable mixture of snow, sleet and freezing rain fell in the midwest.

The Dakotas and Minnesota were whipped by the season's worst blizzard. Travel in South Dakota was at a standstill, hundreds of farmers and ranchers were marooned in towns, and schools were closed over much of the state.

A Northwestern railroad passenger train pulled into Pierre, S.D., Monday night 14 hours late. It had been stalled in a snowdrift near Reed Heights, S.D., for eight hours. The 25 passengers aboard were put up in lodgings at Pierre and all other trains over the line were canceled.

A cold wave moved in behind the blizzard, sending temperatures plunging below zero over much of the area.

The west coast, clearing the damages of recent storms, was among the few spots in the nation which escaped a belt by bad weather. Rain lashed most southern states.

Sharp temperature drops accompanied the southwestern dust storms which skimmed tops of sand and sent it spinning along at speeds up to 45 miles an hour. The dust cut visibility to less than 1,000 feet

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## Joins Primary Race



ON THE LAST DAY for filing, friends of Sen. Brian McMahon, (D), Connecticut, entered his name for the Illinois presidential preference primary. Names of Democrat Estes Kefauver and Republican Harold Stassen also were entered on the final day.

**BULLETIN**  
Washington, Jan. 22—(UPI)—President Truman asked congress today for swift approval of a law to give the federal government enforcement powers over mine safety.

The president made his request in letters to Vice President Alben W. Barkley and speaker Sam Rayburn.

## Indianapolis Store Is Damaged By Fire

### Several Firemen Reported Injured

Indianapolis, Jan. 22—(UPI)—Fire swept the basement of a four-story downtown building today and routed 30 customers and employees, some of whom were carried down ladders. Several firemen were injured.

The blaze, a block from Monument Circle, badly damaged the William H. Block Co.'s Washington St. store, containing \$300,000 worth of stock.

A thick blanket of smoke, hampered from rising by rain and humid air and driven by a brisk wind, rolled over half a block of the heart of the downtown shopping district.

A fire captain and at least three other firemen were injured or overcome by smoke.

Two men and six women working on the fourth floor of the Block building escaped down fire escapes or firemen's ladders. Five were carried down ladders. None was injured.

Smoke damaged stock in adjoining stores and buildings and fogged the interior of the 17-story Washington hotel adjoining the Block building. But flames were confined to the basement of the Block store, and hotel guests were not alerted.

Smoke billowed through a big seven-floor furniture store adjoining the building on the other side, and spokesman believed it caused heavy damage to textile-covered furniture and other furnishings.

Smoke poured through the Hanover shoe store, located on the ground floor of the Block building and the Flagg shoe store, in an adjoining building on the other side.

Craig's candy store and Goldstein's furniture store adjoining the Hanover and Flagg stores were filled with smoke.

Louis R. Abrams, 43, manager of the Block store, said the fire was discovered between walls in the basement. He believed defective wiring was responsible.

As smoke filled the basement and seeped to the upper floors, mid-morning customers and clerks evacuated the building.

Thousands of downtown shoppers

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## Asks Name Withdrawn From Illinois Primary Despite Strong Protest

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### Says Russia Foolish To Start Third War

Allied Supreme Headquarters, Rocquencourt, France, Jan. 22—(UPI)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower believes it would be "very foolish" for Russia to start a third world war and believes that "she sees that too," it was made known today.

He also feels, however, that nothing might encourage the Russians more to take action that would touch off a war than the failure of western Europe to unite because of petty difficulties.

Eisenhower made his statement to news correspondents at a "briefing" session yesterday. His statements were released this evening for publication.

The allied supreme commander made a strong appeal for a "new order of political and economic unification."

Among the points he emphasized were:

1—The United States would feel more willing to continue pouring money into Europe if continental leaders would call a constitutional convention on unity right away.

2—He believes the world wide responsibilities of Great Britain would make its inclusion in the European army's "stumbling block" rather than a help."

3—After "equilibrium" is reached between the western countries and Russia, the appeal of the free world to people generally will bring a peaceful democratic victory.

Eisenhower said he could see no alternative, "in the light of cold hard facts" to an economic union of the countries of western Europe.

To make an economic union successful, there must be political cooperation.

This was Eisenhower's second full-fledged meeting with press correspondents since he assumed his command more than one year ago. About 100 correspondents attended the meeting.

## UN Votes Aid For Palestine Refugees

### Aid And Resettle 875,000 Refugees

Paris, Jan. 22—(UPI)—The United Nations special political committee approved today a three-year \$250,000,000 program to aid and resettle 875,000 Palestine Arab refugees. The U.S. will provide one-fifth of the fund.

The vote was 44 to 0, with Canada, Argentina and the five-nation Soviet bloc abstaining. Canada said she abstained because she had received "no instructions" from Ottawa.

Israel's Abba S. Eban walked out of the committee before the vote was taken. He said Israel delegates would boycott all U.N. meetings today in protest against the public hanging of two Jews in Baghdad, capital of the Arab state.

The resolution to help Palestine Arabs was introduced by the U.S., Britain and France. The six Arab states at first opposed it, but on the ground it would interfere with their national sovereignty. But all six changed their minds after the western big three revised the wording.

The U.S. has announced it will contribute \$50,000,000 of the cost and Britain, \$12,400,000, plus an interest-free loan of \$4,200,000 to Jordan. Nearly 500,000 of the refugees poured into Jordan during the Palestine war.

Other U.N. governments also will be asked to contribute to the fund.

Under the program \$50,000,000 will be spent for relief work and the remainder for resettlement and reintegration. Most of the refugees fled their homes in Palestine.

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