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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. Grainger, 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 \$15,274. On the basis of contributing \$1 for every \$2 raised, Central Soya company contributed an additional \$7,500.

Treasurer Grainger informed the directors that many of the pledges 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. Humphrey, 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. Pflaumen and E. W. Lanekay, 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 north-west, 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 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 Jaberg to read the affidavit, which was signed by sheriff Robert Shraluka and approved by prosecutor Severin H. Schurger.

Then Schurger, 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 not plead 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 I. 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—(UP)—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. Nuckols, 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.

Nuckols 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.

Nuckols 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," Nuckols 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."

Nuckols' 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

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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 mid-west.

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 Ree 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 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. Brien 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.

Political Interest Growing In County

Only 3 Candidates Announced To Date

The political pot in Adams county is starting to boil and while there are only three avowed candidates to date, just about everyone in the court house is talking politics these days.

Lewis L. Smith, Decatur attorney, is a candidate for prosecuting attorney; Herman Moellering is a candidate for surveyor, and G. Remy Bierly is a candidate for joint representative from Adams and Wells counties. The two latter aspirants are both seeking renomination and reelection.

All three of the announced candidates are Democrats and to date no Republican has announced for any office. The state board of election commissioners has ruled that Richard Lewton, county treasurer, is ineligible to succeed himself.

The treasurer's office is in the process of being made a four-year office, but this action does not become final until a vote on the constitutional amendment next November. However, if the amendment passes, incumbent candidates taking office for a second term next January will serve until 1956.

Other posts to be filled this year in Adams county include auditor, recorder and commissioners of the first and third districts.

Thurman Drew, auditor, and Miss Rose Newswald, recorder, are not eligible to succeed themselves. This holds true also with commissioner John Angeburger, who is completing a second term.

Several names are being mentioned as possible candidates in the Democrat primary in May but no official announcements other than the three mentioned have been forthcoming.

Colder Weather Is Forecast In State

Indianapolis, Jan. 22—(UP)—Temperatures will plunge as low as 15 degrees in portions of Indiana tonight and will not rise much higher tomorrow, the weatherman said today.

The temperatures drop is expected to hit Indiana late this afternoon or tonight as a "V" shaped mass of cold air pushes into the midwest from Canada.

In its five-day forecast, the weather bureau reported temperatures would range about ten degrees below normal through Wednesday.

Asks Name Withdrawn From Illinois Primary Despite Strong Protest

Ike Says Unity Of West Europe Vital

Says Russia Foolish To Start Third War

Allied Supreme Headquarters, Rocquencourt, France, Jan. 22—(UP)—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 age 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 "a 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, he said.

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 — (UP) — 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 Israeli delegates would boycott all U. N. meetings today in protest against the public hanging of two Jews in Baghdad, capital of the Arab state of Iraq.

The resolution to help Palestine Arabs was introduced by the U.S., Britain and France. The six Arab states at first opposed it 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 during the war.

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Big 3 Farm Groups Seek UMT Rejection

Request Congress Reject Universal Military Training

Washington, Jan. 22—(UP)—The Big Three Farm organization asked congress today to reject universal military training.

The national grange, the American Farm bureau federation and the national farmers union said UMT would jeopardize the food supply and might undermine democracy.

The organizations appeared before the house armed services committee in opposition to a proposed program under which all 18-year-old males would be called for six months' training.

J. T. Sanders of the Grange accused the military of trying to put UMT over now because it fears the nation won't stand for it "once the present emergency is over."

John C. Lynn of the Farm Bureau said UMT would "disrupt the American way of life." Its adoption would be "playing into the hands of the Kremlin," he said.

President James G. Patton of the Farmers union said farmers already are short of help and UMT would aggravate their manpower troubles.

Other congressional developments:

China—State department adviser John Foster Dulles held out hope that Red China may not always be Red. He told the Senate Foreign relations committee that the united States must help Asia "keep alive the love of freedom." Dulles discussed the future of China in urging quick Senate ratification of the Japanese Peace Treaty. He said China is now overrun by the Communists, but that "we don't need to assume it is a permanent situation."

Scandals—Rep. Noah M. Mason (R-Ill.) said the only way to abolish tax scandals is to abolish the Internal Revenue Bureau. He proposed that an 11-man commission be set up in the bureau's place. It would collect federal taxes and prosecute dodgers.

Blame—Government crop forecasters blamed (1) the weather and (2) farmers' errors for their mis-

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Reports Reds Build Up Artillery Power

Apparent Buildup For Defensive Use

8th Army Headquarters, Korea, Jan. 22—(UP)—The Communists are building up their artillery power along the 145-mile Korean front but apparently for defensive purposes, an 8th army spokesman said tonight.

The Reds started their build-up of artillery last summer, the spokesman said, and at the same time increased their firing effectiveness.

As a result of the present "twilight" war, in which there has been no big scale action, the Communists have been able to move their guns up to the front and dig them deep into the ground, he said. The guns are effectively camouflaged, the spokesman said. However, they still are so far behind the front lines that only the heavier guns of the allies can reach them, he added.

In the light fighting on the front Tuesday United Nations tanks and infantry destroyed five Communist bunkers in a raid behind the Red lines west of Chorwon on the western front.

Another U.N. patrol killed 10 enemy troops and wounded four others in a raid west northwest of Korangpo.

Expected To Take Similar Move In Event His Name Is Entered Elsewhere

New York, Jan. 22—(UP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur asked Illinois officials today to withdraw his name from the Illinois Republican presidential primary despite strong protests of his chief supporters.

MacArthur probably will take the same action in reply to any other attempt to draft him for the presidency, Col. L. E. Bunker, his aide, announced.

"The general made it quite clear from the start that he's not running," Bunker said.

MacArthur formally withdrew from the Illinois primary in a telegram to Edward J. Barrett, secretary of the state of Illinois, in Springfield.

The telegram said: "I have just been informed that my name has been entered in the Illinois state Republican primary. I request that it be withdrawn and that I be notified to that effect at my address, 90 Church Street, New York City."

MacArthur sent the wire in the face of strong protests from his main midwestern backers.

The five-star former far eastern supreme commander announced last night through one of his spokesmen, Maj. Gen. Courtney Whitney, that his name had been entered "without authorization."

Some of his backers contended that under the law his name could not be withdrawn once entered. But Illinois officials pointed out sections of the state election code which provide for withdrawal if a person whose name has been filed requests it "in writing."

After Bunker read MacArthur's telegram to Barrett he was asked whether MacArthur would decline again to any attempt to draft him.

"Yes, I presume so," Bunker said. General Whitney said last night that MacArthur would remove his name today "in accordance with the law" by submitting his request in writing to chief election clerk Don Butler at Springfield, Ill.

Butler said MacArthur legally could remove his name by giving the state a written notification before the withdrawal deadline Saturday.

Lar Daly, Chicago attorney who filed nominating petitions for MacArthur yesterday, disagreed with Butler in interpretation of the law. He said once a man's name is filed it can not be withdrawn.

Daly said that if MacArthur attempts to take his name off the ballot "we'll take the case to the Illinois supreme court."

He telegraphed the general he would take legal action, if necessary, because it is the "supreme right of American citizens in Illinois to freely express their choice for president."

"This," Daly's telegram said, "supersedes any desire of a person in public life to withdraw his name from the ballot and deny voters their sovereign heritage."

However, the Illinois election code would seem to provide little basis for such court action.

"Any person for whom a petition for nomination, or for delegate, or for committeeman has been filed may cause his name to be withdrawn by request in writing signed by him and duly acknowledged before an officer qualified to take acknowledgement of deeds, and filed in the office of the secretary of state," the code says.

Must Be Notarized
Springfield, Ill., Jan. 22—(UP)—The Illinois secretary of state's office advised Gen. Douglas MacArthur by telegram today that his withdrawal from the Illinois primary must be notarized.

MacArthur sent a telegram to the secretary of state asking that his name be withdrawn from the primary here because it was entered "without authorization."

However, chief election clerk Don Butler said that withdrawal cannot be made by telegram, and sent a reply by wire to MacArthur advising him to "send a notarized withdrawal."

State law provides that a request

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