

U.S. Ambassador, Soviet Foreign Minister Confer In Preparatory Talks

Welsh Approves Pay Raises To State Officials

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—Governor Welsh today approved pay raises this year for 78 top Indiana state officials today, ranging from \$600 to \$1,200 a year.

Immediate increases were effective for 20 of them. Nineteen others will receive the higher pay in two weeks, and the other 39 will get them later this year.

Budget Director John Hatchett said it was the first application of an annual pay raise plan whereby officials become eligible for raises after a year in office.

The raises include: Andrew C. Offutt, state health commissioner, \$1,200, raising salary to \$17,200.

John W. Southworth, deputy mental health commissioner, \$1,200, raising salary to \$18,700.

Eugene Bainbridge, administration commissioner, \$1,075 to \$14,075.

Clinton Green, governor's administrative assistant, \$1,075 to \$14,075.

Hatchett, \$1,075 to \$14,075.

B. B. McDonald, chief examiner State Board of Accounts, \$1,075 to \$14,075.

Jack L. New, governor's executive secretary, \$1,075 to \$14,075.

Joseph P. Miller, industrial board member, \$625 to \$10,275.

Harold Brigham, state librarian, \$750 to \$10,750.

Joseph McCord, financial institutions director, \$975 to \$12,875.

Hubert Hawkins, historical bureau director, \$600 to \$7,600.

Joseph Perrey, flood control chief engineer, \$975 to \$12,875.

Bert Westover, administrative

building council director, \$825 to \$10,525.

Richard Cunningham, aeronautics director, \$750 to \$9,950.

Dr. Joe W. Green, state veterinarian, \$975 to \$12,875.

Albert Kelly, welfare administrator, \$900 to \$11,900.

Don Eisinger, Mack Stusser and E. E. McDonald, financial institutions supervisors, \$825 to \$10,525.

Roman Hitch, industrial board member, \$625 to \$10,275.

Peter Beczkiewicz, tax board member, \$850 to \$11,350.

Hugh Gray, deputy secretary of state, \$675 to \$9,775.

Ted Schulenburg, commerce and public relations director, \$825 to \$10,825.

Emmanuel F. Miller, industrial board member, \$625 to \$10,275.

Allen J. Lindley, deputy state auditor, \$950 to \$12,250.

Russell Davis, general services director, \$625 to \$9,685.

Richard Weaver, deputy motor vehicles commissioner, \$625 to \$9,625.

Earl Utterback, teachers retirement fund secretary, \$850 to \$11,150.

Gerald Hershberger, alcoholic beverage commissioner, \$850 to \$11,150.

John S. Anderson, adjutant general, \$900 to \$11,700.

Floyd Kline, traffic safety director, \$900 to \$11,700.

Jack Booher, deputy budget director, \$950 to \$12,250.

Ted Vance and Brice Bottom, accounts board deputy examiners, \$950 to \$12,250.

Arthur Campbell, correctional commissioner, \$975 to \$12,875.

Harry McClain, insurance commissioner, \$975 to \$12,875.

John J. Barton, state police superintendent, \$975 to \$12,875.

Richard Worley, tax board chairman, \$975 to \$12,875.

Anthony P. Bayt, supply division director, \$625 to \$9,685.

Lewis Nicolini, employment security division director, \$950 to \$11,950.

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MOSCOW (UPI)—U.S. Ambassador Llewellyn Thompson and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko conferred for 2½ hours today in the first of a series of exploratory talks on Berlin and other international problems dividing East and West.

Both Thompson and Gromyko confirmed that the discussions centered on Berlin. But they declined to comment on the results.

The opening of the talks coincided with the appearance in the government newspaper Izvestia of a statement by Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev offering to negotiate all "burning international problems" with the Western powers and stressing the importance of "peaceful coexistence."

"Too Early to Comment"

Gromyko, speaking to foreign correspondents later in the day at the national holiday reception at the Cuban embassy, said that "It is too early to comment on the results of today's talks but I am confident there will be other meetings."

Thompson told newsmen he did most of the talking at the meeting. He said he discussed the Berlin situation in detail, but did not exchange any written communications with Gromyko.

Diplomatic observers denied an unconfirmed report that Thompson and Gromyko discussed a four power meeting to decide the Berlin issue.

The U.S. Ambassador declined to discuss details of the conversation. But he said he will report to Washington immediately and wait for instructions for the next meeting.

Thompson said there will be a series of conferences, but no date has been fixed for the next one. He also said the British and French governments will be fully advised of the proceedings both here and in Washington.

The ambassador said the general international situation was discussed in detail. No written communication was exchanged, he said.

Declines To Comment

When he emerged from the conference, Thompson looked cheerful. But he declined to indicate how he felt, one way or the other.

Thompson had received instructions from Washington following President Kennedy's meeting in Bermuda with British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan to sound out the Soviet government on possible East-West negotiations on Berlin.

Local Lady's Mother Is Taken By Death

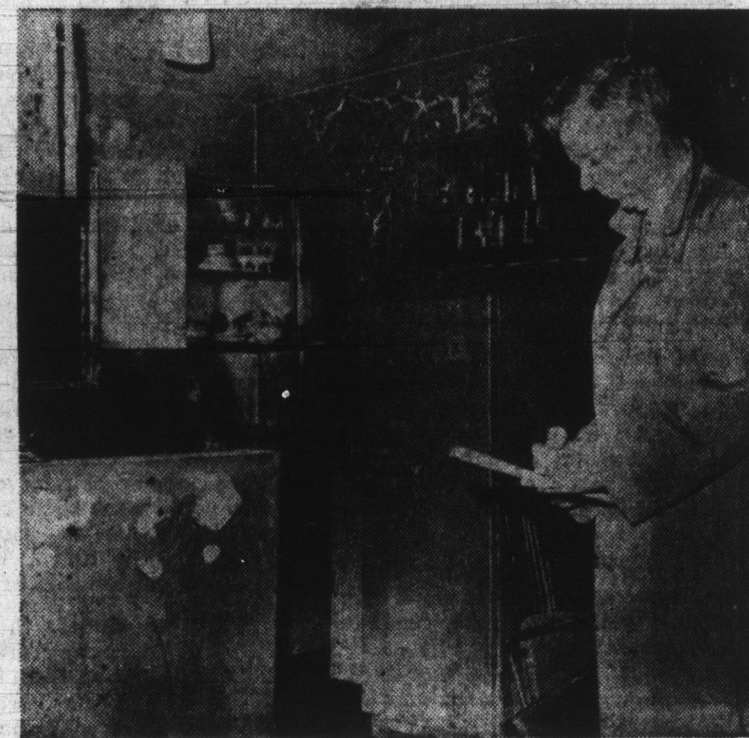
Mrs. Lenora Agnes Adams, 62, of Rockford, O., died at 12:35 a. m. Monday at St. Rita's memorial hospital in Lima, O., where she had been a patient for several weeks.

She was born in Fayette county, O., Sept. 18, 1879, a daughter of John and Alpha Tate-Wells, and was married to James C. Adams, who preceded her in death in 1950.

Mrs. Adams was a member of the Church of the Nazarene at Rockford.

Surviving are four sons, Denver and Warner Adams of Lima, Clifford Adams of Dayton, O., and Chester Adams of Huron, O.; two daughters, Mrs. Harriet McParon of Lima, and Mrs. Raymond (Della) McAhren of Decatur; one brother, Clifford Wells of Des Moines, Ia., and four sisters, Mrs. Maudie Abshier of Oklahoma, Mrs. Ollie Summers of Ark., Mrs. Mattie Russell of Iowa. One son, Charles, is deceased.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday at the Childs & Sons-Laman funeral home in Lima, the Rev. Emory Meyer officiating. Burial will be in the Willshire cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home until time of the services.



ACTRESS'S MOTHER DIES—Det. Sgt. V. Pallon looks over apartment where actress Betty Hutton's mother was burned to death in West Hollywood, Calif. Mrs. Mabel Hutton, 61, died when fire broke out in her apartment at the rear of a two-story building. It was believed the fire was started by a lighted cigarette.

6,500 Studebaker Workers On Strike

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (UPI)—Some 6,500 hourly-paid workers of the Studebaker-Packard Corp. went on strike early today in a dispute over a new contract between the big auto manufacturing firm and Local 5 of the United Auto Workers.

For the first time in the history of the company, a strike involved all of the employees covered by the union contract.

Supervisory employees moved into the plant at midnight (CST) to take over the duties normally performed by the guards and maintenance employees. The plant was closed for the holiday weekend and only about 150 workers were actually affected by the mid-night beginning of the strike.

The first shift of production workers had not been scheduled to report for work until 7 a. m. A union spokesman said picket lines would be set up by that time.

Woodrow Frick, president of Local 5, said the union would make no attempt at the present to prevent supervisory employees from working at the plant.

"We don't feel we're in a position to take on anything else right at the present time," he said.

The last hope of averting the strike ended Monday night when state and federal mediators recessed their talks with representatives of both sides. Indiana State Labor Commissioner Hobart Butler said following the meeting, second of the day, that neither side retreated from its proposals for settling the issues in dispute.

"We have recessed our talks until one side or the other has something to offer," Butler said. The mediators entered the talks.

Funeral Held Today For Mary Laughey

Funeral services were held this afternoon at the Alspach funeral home in Van Wert, O., for Mrs. Mary Laughey, 82, of Willshire, O., who died of a heart attack Saturday enroute to a hospital at Van Wert. The Rev. Richard Ward officiated and burial was in the Tricker cemetery.

Mrs. Laughey, a resident of Willshire, for 30 years, was a member of the Union E.U.B. church at Willshire. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Leland (Ethel) Ray of Decatur; one son, Clarence Laughey of Van Wert; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Sunday, one day after the union set the strike deadline.

Extension Canceled

The old contract between the company and the UAW expired in November but was extended to a day-to-day basis until Jan. 7. The company notified the union last Saturday, however, that it was cancelling the extension effective that night. The union's local executive board immediately ordered the strike.

Neither Butler nor Frick voiced any optimism following last night's session, but a company spokesman said the meeting produced "some give and take which indicates it might not be a long one."

The last UAW strike against Studebaker-Packard was in 1960 and lasted only a short time.

Studebaker-Packard is the nation's only major automobile firm which has not settled with the UAW. Major issues still in dispute are "washup" time, premium shift pay, vacation pay and seven-day work schedules.

Burning Of Greens Scheduled Saturday

The local Jaycees will hold their second annual "Burning of the Greens," Saturday night, it was learned this morning from Roger Borne and Harold Bohne, co-chairmen of the Jaycee project.

The affair will begin at 7:30 p. m. and will be held in the large open area across from the Decatur Youth and Community Center.

The co-chairman explained that the Jaycees will pick up Christmas trees throughout the city Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, and urged residents to place their trees in front of their homes to be picked up.

Decatur residents are invited to attend the burning to witness the spectacle. A large-sized crowd attended the festivities last year, and another large group is expected this year.

INDIANA WEATHER

Mostly cloudy, a little warmer tonight. Wednesday partly cloudy and warmer. Low to night 15 to 20 north, 18 to 26 south. High Wednesday in the 30s. Sunset today 5:32 p. m. Sunrise Wednesday 8:06 a. m. Outlook for Thursday: Partly cloudy and not much temperature change. Low 20s north to lower 30s extreme south. High 30s north to lower 40s south.

Annual Report Made By County Recorder

A total of 735 deeds were recorded in 1961, an increase of 21 over the 1960 figure, but slightly lower than the record years of 1955-57, Miss Rosemary Spangler, county recorder, stated today.

This report completes Miss Spangler's first year in office.

Fees collected for the year totaled \$5,502.00, and 4,365 documents were recorded, averaging more than 12 a day. This was the highest total amount of fees collected in recent years by the recorder's office, Miss Spangler said.

Fees Past Year

Number of instruments recorded, and the fees collected, for 1961, are: 735 deeds, \$1,385.60; 543 mortgages, \$2,121.70; 14 mechanic's liens, \$12.20; 945 chattel mortgages, \$474; 302 releases, \$338.30; 25 assignments, \$44.70; two powers of attorney, \$4; 20 articles of incorporation, \$99.90; 12 plats, \$74.80; 910 marginal assignments, \$183.45; 334 miscellaneous, \$663.65.

Instruments recorded without charge include 31 honorable discharges, 41 reports of separation, 56 bonds, 21 department of public welfare documents, and 374 state of Indiana right of ways.

Deed Recording

Comparative figures for the past ten years show the following in deed recording: 1952, 747; 1953, 662; 1954, 644; 1955, 760; 1956, 776; 1957, 743; 1958, 645; 1959, 679; 1960, 714; 1961, 735.

Fees, fixed by state law, have gone up steadily, but the number of recorded documents has decreased. Also, the instruments are now recorded by a photographic process, which eliminates any possibility of error, rather than by copying on a typewriter.

Fees Collected

A comparison on the total number of recorded instruments, and the fees collected, shows:

Year	Instruments	Amounts
1952	4,755	\$3,276.55
1953	4,537	3,235.40
1954	3,856	2,967.75
1955	4,606	5,098.10
1956	4,178	5,267.93
1957	4,197	4,952.40
1958	3,597	4,523.70
1959	3,824	5,025.90
1960	3,661	5,117.30
1961	4,365	5,502.00

Chattel mortgages also vary from year to year. A general decrease in number took place from 1952, when they totaled 1,467 to 1959, when they reached a low of 853. In 1960 they were up to 895 again, and this past year totaled 945.

Mrs. Bertha Schmit Is Taken By Death

Mrs. Bertha B. Schmit, 70, died Sunday at her home, nine miles east of Bryant.

Mrs. Schmit was a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic church at Bryant.

Surviving are her husband, Benjamin Schmit; three sons, Carl Schmit of St. Henry, O., Gilbert Schmit of New Corydon, and John Schmit of Portland; three daughters, Mrs. Esther May of Portland, Mrs. Sylvester Eischen of Geneva, and Mrs. Herman Rumschlag of Decatur route 6; 33 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; four brothers, Michael Freund of Lima, O., Joseph Freund of Delphos, O., Ralph Freund of Landeck, O., and Carl Freund of Rockommon, Mich., and one sister, Mrs. Florence Schindler of near Berne.

Services will be held at 9:30 a. m. Wednesday at the Holy Trinity Catholic church at Bryant, the Rev. Francis Uecher officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Friends may call at the Baird funeral home in Portland, where the rosary will be recited at 8 p. m. today.

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County Board Is Organized

The first meeting of the 1962 board of county commissioners showed some sharp differences of opinion in the organizational meeting held at 11 a. m., Monday, New Year's Day.

Appointments made were: President of the board of commissioners, Hugo Boerger, re-elected by a 2-1 vote over Stanley Arnold.

Supervisor of the county highway department, Lawrence Noll, re-elected over Robert L. Long, by a 2-1 vote.

Assistant supervisor, Robert J. Fuhrman, over Frank Singleton, by a 3-0 vote.

County health officer, Dr. Norman Beaver, of Berne, a practicing physician in Adams county since 1947, 3-0 vote, succeeding Dr. C. William Freeby, who resigned.

Hospital board member, Cal E. Peterson, 2-1 vote, over Roy L. Price.

Unanimously reappointed were David A. Macklin, county attorney; Mel Rohler, janitor of the court house; Mrs. Edna Werst, matron of the court house; James K. Staley, county service officer; Dr. Norval J. Rich, county physician.

All county planning board terms were officially started as of January 1, 1962, as follows: William Schnepf, Jr., for one year; Homer Winterg, two years; Dr. Norman Beaver, three years; L. E. Archbold and Raymond Van Emon, four years.

Appointment Postponed

An application for the annual appointment to the county alcoholic beverage board made by the commissioners was received from Charles A. Tharp, of Berne. The incumbent is Hal Teeters, of Decatur. The county attorney is requesting a ruling from the attorney-general on whether the appointment can be given to a Democrat. The appointment, which is not effective until Feb. 1, was postponed until the Jan. 22 meeting.

Delmas (Mike) Bollenbacher, of Jefferson township, took office officially Monday, and served immediate notice that he was going to be an active member of the board.

Presidency Decided

First question to be decided was the presidency of the board. Stanley Arnold, only Republican member on the board, stated that in the past they had always rotated the chairmanship of the board, and that Hugo Boerger

had served for the past year.

Bollenbacher then stated that he felt that since the people had chosen two Democrats as the majority members on the board, that the Democrats should control the presidency of the board, where both agreed that the most experience is gained. He pointed out that he was a new member, and nominated Boerger for reelection as president of the board.

Arnold, who obviously expected to be elected president of the board, immediately replied that this was against previous board policy, that he felt there should be no politics in the administration of the board, and he nominated himself, leaving the decisive vote to Boerger.

Boerger explained that he also did not intend to let partisan politics rule the board, but that he had talked it over with Bollenbacher, and felt that he was right, that the majority should control the presidency. He voted for himself, and that settled the question, 2-1.

Highway Department

On the next move, for highway superintendent, Boerger voted with Arnold, pointing out that Noll had served since Aug. 15, 1955, and was considered one of

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Water Safety Course Opens Next Monday

Any person interested in attending the water safety instructor course, to run 8 consecutive weeks from 8-10 p. m. beginning Monday, January 8, at the Fort Wayne YWCA, should contact Mrs. Wanda Oelberg, executive secretary of the Adams county Red Cross, at once.

All candidates for this course must be at least 18 years of age, and should have completed a senior life-saving course within the past three years.

Part II of the course will be given in the near future, but has not yet been scheduled.

The course is being conducted by the Fort Wayne-Alen county Red Cross, but anyone from Adams county is welcome to enroll.

Those interested should call immediately, as pre-registration is required. The Red Cross number is 3-3106, and the local chapter will make arrangements with the Allen county chapter.

Bus Strike Snarls New York's Traffic

NEW YORK (UPI)—A strike by two private bus lines tangled the commuting habits of 1.5 million New Yorkers and suburbanites returning to work today after the long holiday weekend.

Adding to the woes of riders of Fifth Avenue Coach Lines and two subsidiaries was a forecast of light snow, which could foul increased automobile traffic movement on the city's busy streets.

And today appeared to be only the beginning of the ordeal. Neither the bus companies nor the Transport Workers Union (TWU), which walked out at 12:01 a. m., EST, New Year's Day when contracts expired, scheduled any negotiations.

Buses and subways operated by the New York City Transit Authority and five other private bus lines—which carry nearly 7 million daily riders—were running normally. The transit authority and the other companies settled a contract with the TWU last week.

Hardest hit was The Bronx, which now has no bus service, and Manhattan, where Fifth Avenue Coach and subsidiary Surface Transit, Inc., provide much of the service. The two lines carry 1.3 million riders daily. About 200,000 patrons of another subsidiary, Westchester Street Transportation Co., in suburban Westchester County, also had to find alternate ways of reaching their jobs.

The transit authority scheduled maximum service on Manhattan-Bronx subway lines, but still expected a worse than normal jam of riders. It also put on more busses.

The public school system ordered classes to start an hour later today and end an hour early to keep commuting children from making the situation worse. The city relaxed parking regulations and gave approval to pooling taxi rides in the two affected boroughs.

Call For Donors To Bloodmobile Unit

Volunteers start work Wednesday calling former volunteers or prospects for the visit of the bloodmobile to Decatur at the Youth and Community Center from 10 a. m. until 4 p. m. Monday, January 8, it was announced today.

The chairman of volunteers for the Adams county Red Cross announced that six ladies would start calling Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from the office, and that four ladies would call daily and evenings from their homes.

Those who will be calling from the Red Cross office, in shifts to make best use of the telephones there, are: Mrs. Raymond Walters, Mrs. Francis Ellsworth, Mrs. H. H. Krueckeberg, Mrs. William Lose, Mrs. Robert Zwick, and Mrs. William Tutewiler.

Those making calls from home are: Mrs. Merlin Seling, Mrs. Ralph Kenyon, Mrs. Josephine Neireiter, and Mrs. Laues Meyer.

Anyone wishing to be scheduled at a special time may call the Red Cross office, 3-3106.

Scheduling makes it certain that enough people will turn out that the quota for the visit can be met. About 180 must be scheduled to provide the 15-pint quota.

Blood given here is stored at the blood bank in Fort Wayne, and its available at the Adams county memorial hospital at all times because Adams county people take part in the blood program.

Blood is used for surgical patients, for accident victims, for haemophiliacs (bleeders), and for certain kinds of cancer patients, as well as for many other humane purposes.

Defense Heads Meet Kennedy

PALM BEACH, Fla. (UPI)—President Kennedy called in his chief defense advisers today for two days of talks on how to maintain what he considers a marginal Allied military lead over the Soviet bloc.

Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson headed a list of officials scheduled to arrive here this afternoon for talks with the vacationing Chief Executive on U.S. military needs for 1962.