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President Of Ghana Practically Dictator

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Analyst

In the small African republic of Ghana it always has been unhealthy to oppose lifetime President Kwame Nkrumah.

By the end of this week, it will be, unhealthier still.

This will be the result of a national referendum on a constitutional amendment whose phrasing, seemingly drawn directly from an article in the 1936 Soviet constitution, will make Nkrumah's Convention People's party Ghana's only legal political party.

The voting will wind up on Friday, with the outcome predictable in advance. Since assuming power, first as prime minister when Ghana became independent in 1947 and later as president, Nkrumah already had consolidated his position to the point of almost total dictatorship.

Since December, he has moved swiftly to remove the last vestiges of legal opposition.

guilty verdict in the case of two former cabinet members accused of treason, Nkrumah and his rubber-stamp parliament passed an amendment to the criminal procedure act giving him the power to nullify any verdict with which he disagreed.

On New Year's Day he went the next step with the announcement that he would have his Convention People's party declared the country's only legal political organization.

At the same time, Ghana's government - controlled press and radio was signalling a purge of "reactionary" elements in the civil service, judiciary, police and army, and stepping up attacks on the United States and other Western "imperialists."

In the following sweep up, he dismissed the chief justice who had presided at the treason trial, arrested two top police officials and fired others, and

took into custody law professor Joseph Boakye Danquah, who had opposed him in the 1960 presidential elections, and was a pioneer in the fight for Ghanaian independence.

Demands Expulsion
As part of the campaign against the United States, the Ghanaian Times demanded the expulsion of U.S. Peace Corps workers in Ghana, branding them as "spies and meddlers."

As Nkrumah moved to a position of absolute power, he naturally has made enemies. An attack on his life this month was the fifth since 1956 and the third in 17 months. While he himself has remained alive, 16 others have died in the attempts.

Even these, however, contain an element of mystery. An official picture presumably showing Nkrumah subduing his most recent assailant, has been widely suspected of being posed.

There is an even more important suspicion that Marxist Nkrumah is moving closer to communism as he moves further from the United States.

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College Choir In Decatur Wednesday

The Indiana Central College chapel choir will give a concert at Trinity Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The forty voice choir will be on tour in northern Indiana. The choir will sing selections by Lekberg, Toch, Gilling, Morton, Bach, Isaac, Palestrina, Leisring, Niede, Friedell and others, along with arrangements of spirituals, folk songs and novelty numbers. The choir is directed by Farrell M. Scott, associate professor of music. Carol Carlson Turley, a senior from Logansport, and Janet Shank, an Elkhart junior, are accompanists.

Linda Jackson and Ernie Sautbaine, youth from the Decatur congregation, are members of the choir and are on tour with them.

The Choir has given concerts in Richmond, Earlham College, Arcanum, Ohio, Muncie, Anderson and Bluffton. From Decatur the choir will go to Logansport, New Carlisle and Porter, completing the tour with a stop in Chicago, Ill.

The public is welcome to attend the concert at Trinity church Wednesday.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CLERK-TREASURER CITY OF DECATUR, INDIANA YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1963

Cash Balance, January 1, 1963 \$ 2,251.90
Cash Balance, December 31, 1963 2,251.90

Cash Balance, January 1, 1963 \$ 105,154.59
Receipts 308,733.12
Disbursements 413,887.71

GENERAL FUND
Receipts: General Property Tax 200,129.64
Bank Tax 2,707.92
Liquor Excise & A. B. Gallonage Tax 17,299.32
City Court — Fines and Fees 753.00
Office Rent — Water Dept. 240.00
Office Rent — Sewage Dept. 480.00
City Traffic Fines 282.00
Zoning Appeals 49.00
Licenses and Permits 369.08
Miscellaneous 502.65
Building Permits & Inspection Fees 146.60
Transfer — Parking Meter Fund 4,573.32
Transfer — Water Imp. Fund 77,000.00
Rural Fires 4,199.00

Total Receipts 308,733.12
Disbursements: Mayor's Office 5,550.00
Clerk-Treasurer's Office 8,996.48
City Judge's Office 2,776.26
Dept. of Law 2,297.38
Police Dept. 79,599.45
Fire Dept. 39,403.29
City Engineer's Office 6,815.11
City Hall 4,863.50
Dept. of Health 14,907.11
Dept. of Sanitation 114,874.86
Common Council 229.00
Parking Meter Fund 34.30

Total Disbursements 282,550.16
Cash Balance, Dec. 31, 1963 \$131,387.55

* Includes \$26,738.88 for Police Dept. Bldg. and City Hall Remodeling, contracted for in 1963.

ELECTRIC METER DEPOSIT FUND
Cash Balance, January 1, 1963 \$ 1,035.69
Receipts 10.00
Disbursements 10.00

Cash Balance, Dec. 31, 1963 \$ 1,025.69

STREET FUND
Cash Balance, January 1, 1963 \$ 10,913.14
Receipts: Property Tax 12,696.23
Bank Tax 172.85
Gasoline Tax 59,274.92
Miscellaneous 626.10
Permit Fees 229.00
Transfers 31,000.00

Total Receipts and Transfers 103,999.10
Total Receipts and Balance 114,912.24
Disbursements 90,120.61

Cash Balance, Dec. 31, 1963 \$ 24,791.63

* Balance includes \$17,331.98 for "Old Steam Plant" Remodeling for St. Dept. Bldg., contracted for in 1963.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
Cash Balance, January 1, 1963 \$ 2,530.98
Receipts: Property Tax 14,106.93
Bank Tax 192.05
Gasoline Tax 59,274.92
Miscellaneous 50.30
Temporary Loan — Sewage Bd. Red. Fund 1960 2,000.00

Total Receipts and Loan 16,349.28
Total Receipts and Balance 18,880.26
Disbursements & Pay't of Temp. Loan 14,081.27

Cash Balance, Dec. 31, 1963 \$ 4,798.99

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION
Cash Balance, January 1, 1963 \$ 12,481.76
Receipts and Transfers 44,796.85
Total Receipts and Balance 57,278.61
Disbursements 40,203.21

Cash Balance, Dec. 31, 1963 \$ 17,075.40

RECREATION DEPT. — IND. SALES TAX
Receipts 79.40
Disbursements 32.01

Cash Balance, Dec. 31, 1963 \$ 47.39

PARKING METER FUND
Cash Balance, January 1, 1963 \$ 6,530.92
Receipts 11,681.65
Disbursements 18,575.57

Cash Balance, Dec. 31, 1963 \$ 6,406.45

REVOLVING SEWER FUND — CASH AND INVESTMENTS
Cash Balance and Investments, January 1, 1963 \$ 57,931.40
Receipts and Interest 9,033.73
Total Receipts and Balance 66,965.13
Disbursements 7,110.16

Cash and Investment Balance, Dec. 31, 1963 \$ 59,854.97

WITHHOLDING TAX FUND
Cash Balance January 1, 1963 \$ 2,007.00
Receipts 27,641.10
Disbursements 29,648.10

Cash Balance, Dec. 31, 1963 \$ 2,302.30

P. L. C. A. FUND
Cash Balance January 1, 1963 \$ 1,128.46
Receipts 6,252.65
Disbursements 7,381.11

Cash Balance, Dec. 31, 1963 \$ 1,254.10

GROSS INCOME TAX FUND
Cash Balance, January 1, 1963 \$ 671.43
Receipts 3,016.05
Disbursements 2,687.48

Cash Balance, Dec. 31, 1963 \$ 707.50

INSURANCE
Cash Balance January 1, 1963 \$ -0-
Receipts 5,605.14
Disbursements 5,605.14
Total Receipts and Balance 5,605.14

Cash Balance, Dec. 31, 1963 \$ -0-

POLICE PENSION FUND
Cash Balance, January 1, 1963 \$ 7,624.61
Receipts 8,521.09
Disbursements 16,145.70

Cash Balance, Dec. 31, 1963 \$ 6,443.58

FIREMEN'S PENSION FUND
Cash Balance, January 1, 1963 \$ 10,855.83
Receipts 161,420.64
Disbursements 13,108.69

Cash Balance, Dec. 31, 1963 \$ 10,572.07

DECATUR WATER DEPARTMENT
DECATUR, INDIANA
1963 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

OPERATING FUND
Cash Balance, January 1, 1963 \$ 46,051.04
Receipts 168,907.13
Disbursements and Transfers 209,558.17

Cash Balance, December 31, 1963 \$ 48,137.53

WATER DEPRECIATION FUND — CASH AND INVESTMENTS
Cash and Investment Balance, January 1, 1963 \$ 151,288.97
Receipts and Interest 23,457.92
Disbursements 174,746.89

Cash and Investment Balance, Dec. 31, 1963 \$ 147,257.98

WATER BOND AND INTEREST REDEMPTION FUND — CASH AND INVESTMENTS
Cash and Investment Balance, January 1, 1963 \$ 9,626.57
Receipts and Interest 4,918.47
Disbursements 14,545.04

Cash and Investment Balance, Dec. 31, 1963 \$ 9,848.77

WATER IMPROVEMENT FUND — CASH AND INVESTMENTS
Cash and Investment Balance — January 1, 1963 \$ 118,427.73
Interest 2,739.55
Total Balance and Interest 121,167.28
Transfers and Disbursements 114,004.75

Cash and Investment Balance, Dec. 31, 1963 \$ 77,222.53

DECATUR SEWAGE WORKS
DECATUR, INDIANA
1963 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

OPERATING FUND
Cash Balance, January 1, 1963 \$ 8,901.98
Receipts 93,306.53
Disbursements 102,208.57

Cash Balance, Dec. 31, 1963 \$ 89,924.07

SEWAGE WORKS DEPRECIATION FUND — CASH AND INVESTMENTS
Cash Balance and Investments January 1, 1963 \$ 23,269.60
Receipts 6,617.50
Disbursements 29,887.10

Cash and Investment Balance, Dec. 31, 1963 \$ 28,953.20

SEWAGE WORKS SINKING FUND
Cash Balance, January 1, 1963 \$ 37,518.95
Receipts 44,612.45
Disbursements 72,031.45

Cash Balance, Dec. 31, 1963 \$ 26,566.63

SEWAGE WORKS BOND AND COUPON REDEMPTION FUND (First State Bank)
Cash Balance, January 1, 1963 \$ 2,575.00
Transfers 60,470.82
Total Receipts and Balance 63,045.82
Disbursements 62,677.07

Cash Balance, Dec. 31, 1963 \$ 368.75

SEWAGE WORKS BOND REDEMPTION FUND — 1960 — CASH AND INVESTMENTS
Cash Balance and Investments January 1, 1963 \$ 953,300.98
Interest — U. S. Treas. Bonds and Certificates \$ 29,997.50
Payment of Temporary Loan — Park Dept. 2,000.00
Total Receipts 31,997.50
Total Receipts and Balance 985,298.48
Transfer — Sewage Works Bond & Cpn. 15,000.00
Temporary Loan — Park Dept. 2,000.00
Total Disbursements 17,000.00
Cash and Investment Balance, Dec. 31, 1963 \$ 968,298.48

INDEBTEDNESS OF CITY — DECEMBER 31, 1963

Interest Rate Year Issued Last Bond Maturity Date Purpose Amount

GENERAL OBLIGATIONS BONDS: 3-5/8% 1960 Jan. 1, 1967 Sewers \$ 28,000.00

REVENUE BONDS: 2-1/8% 1950 July 1, 1970 Waterworks Imp. \$ 20,000.00

4.956% 1957 Jan. 1, 1990 Treatment Plant \$ 90,000.00

Total Bonded Indebtedness — December 31, 1963 \$ 961,000.00

INVESTMENTS: U. S. of America Certificates of Indebtedness — Series B — 1964

Dated May 15, 1963 Due — May 15, 1964 — 3 3/4% \$ 1,126,000.00

U. S. Treas. Bills Purchased — April 15, 1963 Maturity April 15, 1964

Par Value — \$69,000.00 Price — 96.887 Yield — 3.062 \$ 66,552.03

U. S. Savings Bonds Series H Yield 3-3/4% — Maturity Date — 1972 \$ 20,000.00

Total Investments \$ 1,212,552.03

LAURA A. BOSSE
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City of Decatur

January 28