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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 1957 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 Leibberg, Toch, Gilman, Morton, Bach, Isaac, Palestrina, Leisring, Niedt, 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 Sautin, 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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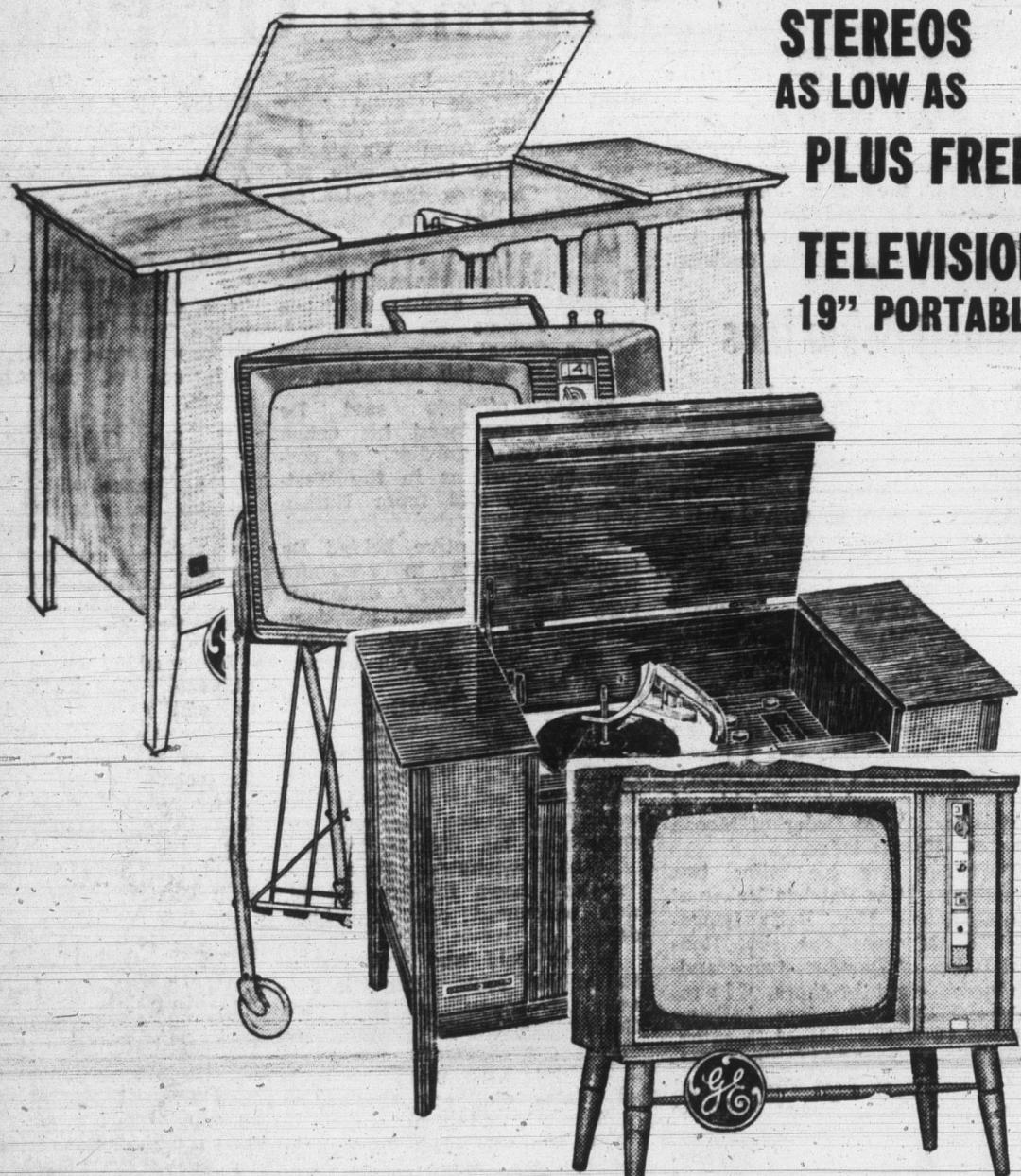


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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CLERK-TREASURER  
CITY OF DECATUR, INDIANA  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1963BARRETT LAW FUND  
Cash Balance, January 1, 1963 \$ 2,351.90  
Cash Balance, December 31, 1963 \$ 2,351.90

## GENERAL FUND

Cash Balance, January 1, 1963 \$ 105,154.59  
Receipts:  
General Property Tax 200,129.64  
Bank Tax 2,707.92  
Liquor Excise & A. B. Gallonage Tax 17,299.39  
Court, Court Fines and Fees 753.00  
Office Rent - State Dept. 480.00  
Office Rent - Sewage Dept. 24,000.00  
City Traffic Fines 282.00  
Zoning Appeals 49.00  
Licenses and Permits 369.00  
Miscellaneous 508.00  
Building Permits & Inspection Fees 118.50  
Transfer - Parking Meter Fund 4,573.92  
Transfer - Water Imp. Fund 77,000.00  
Rural Fires 4,199.00Total Receipts 308,733.12  
413,887.71Disbursements:  
Mayor's Office 5,550.00  
Clerk-Treasurer's Office 3,996.43  
City Judge's Office 2,176.26  
Dept. of Law 2,297.38  
Police Dept. 79,599.45  
Fire Dept. 39,403.29  
City Engineer's Office 6,101.11  
City Hall 4,863.50  
Dept. of Health 3,052.42  
Dept. of Sanitation 14,907.11  
Common Council 114,874.86  
Parking Meter Fund 34.30Total Disbursements 282,520.16  
\$ 131,367.55\*

\* 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 -Total Receipts and Balance 1,035.69  
Disbursements 10.00

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

## STREET FUND

Cash Balance, January 1, 1963 \$ 12,696.23  
Receipts - Property Tax 172.85  
Bank Tax 59,142.32  
Gasoline Tax 626.10  
Miscellaneous 229.00  
Permit Fees 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 14,106.92  
Bank Tax 192.05  
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

Total Receipts 79.40

Disbursements 32.01

Cash Balance, Dec. 31, 1963 \$ 47.39

## PARKING METER FUND

Cash Balance, January 1, 1963 \$ 6,883.92  
Receipts -

Total Receipts and Balances 18,575.57

Disbursements 12,175.12

Cash Balance, Dec. 31, 1963 \$ 6,400.45

## REVOLVING SEWER FUND - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash Balance and Investments, January 1, 1963 \$ 9,037.33

Receipts and Interest 66,965.13

Total Receipts and Balance 77,110.16

Disbursements 66,965.13

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

## WITHHOLDING TAX FUND

Cash Balance January 1, 1963 \$ 2,007.00  
Receipts -

Total Receipts and Balance 27,641.10

Disbursements 29,648.10

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

## F. I. C. A. FUND

Cash Balance January 1, 1963 \$ 1,128.46  
Receipts -

Total Receipts and Balance 7,361.71

Disbursements 6,107.01

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

## GROSS INCOME TAX FUND

Cash Balance, January 1, 1963 \$ 671.43  
Receipts -

Total Receipts and Balance 3,016.05

Disbursements 3,687.48

Cash Balance, Dec. 31, 1963 \$ 767.50

## INSURANCE

Cash Balance January 1, 1963 \$ 5,665.14  
Receipts -

Total Receipts and Balance 5,605.14

Disbursements 5,605.14

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

## POLICE PENSION FUND

Cash Balance, January 1, 1963 \$ 7,624.61  
Receipts -

Total Receipts and Balance 18,145.70

Disbursements 9,702.12

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

## FIREMEN'S PENSION FUND

Cash Balance, January 1, 1963 \$ 10,855.82  
Receipts -

Total Receipts and Balance 13,108.69

Disbursements 2,536.62

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

DECATOR WATER DEPARTMENT  
DECATOR, INDIANA  
1963 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash Balance, January 1, 1963 \$ 46,051.04  
Receipts -

Total Receipts and Balance 163,507.73

Disbursements and Transfers 209,558.17

Cash Balance, December 31, 1963 \$ 161,420.64

CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and Investment Balance, January 1, 1963 \$ 151,288.97  
Receipts and Interest 23,457.92

Total Receipts and Balance 174,746.89

Disbursements 27,488.91

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 \$ 9,686.57  
Receipts and Interest 4,918.47