

Johnson Aide Quits Following Charges

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A top aide to President Johnson has resigned following disclosure of his arrest on morals charges on two occasions.

The resignation of Walter W. Jenkins, as special assistant to the President was announced Wednesday night by White House Press Secretary George E. Reedy in New York City where Johnson is campaigning. Reedy told a hastily called news conference in a hallway of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel that the President had named Bill D. Moyers, another White

House aide, to succeed Jenkins.

Jenkins, 46, who figured prominently in the Bobby Baker case, was in seclusion in George Washington University Hospital where his physician said he was suffering from "nervous exhaustion and high blood pressure."

"Just Worn Out"

Dr. Charles Thompson said that Jenkins, an aide to Johnson for more than 20 years, had "just worn himself out" and probably would remain in the hospital for four or five days.

Washington police records showed that Jenkins was arrested on Oct. 7 in the men's room of the YMCA on a charge of "disorderly (indecent gestures)." He elected to forfeit \$50 bond on the misdemeanor charge.

The records showed that Jenkins, married and the father of six, also was arrested on Jan. 15, 1959, at the YMCA on a charge of "disorderly conduct (pervert)." On that occasion, he forfeited a \$25 bond.

A White House source said that no reports of "any incident

of this kind" relating to Jenkins had ever come to the attention of the White House at any time prior to Wednesday's disclosures.

Had Security Clearance

These sources said they assumed Jenkins had security clearance because of his job as an aide to the President, but they did not know the extent of this clearance.

The startling development left a big question mark hanging over the presidential campaign — what would be its political impact coming only three weeks before the Nov. 3 election?

Republican presidential nominee Barry M. Goldwater, who is campaigning in Texas, declined any comment on Jenkins' resignation. In a speech prepared for delivery at Harrington, Goldwater accused Johnson of "using every power of his great office ... to cover up one of the sorriest rumors we have ever had in the nation's capital." But he told reporters he was referring to the Baker case, not Jenkins.

Made No Comment

GOP vice presidential candidate William E. Miller, in Terre Haute, Ind., was shown a wire service dispatch on Jenkins' arrest. Miller smiled and said he had no comment.

F. Clifton White, national director of Citizens For Goldwater-Miller, said the arrest of Jenkins on morals charges "represents both personal tragedy and a national misfortune."

"Certainly human feelings of compassion for Mr. Jenkins and his family and community will be the first thought of millions of Americans," White said. "The fact that this situation involves the White House official family, however, makes it more than a personal tragedy. The effects upon America, both nationally and internationally, can be only surmised at this time."

Files Suit To Contest State Redistricting

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (UPI) — The Indiana Civil Liberties Union, which battled against the state's 1921 legislative apportionment act, has formally opened its attack on the 1963 act which succeeded it.

In a suit filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court here, the ICLU acted on behalf of seven citizens of seven counties who claim the act denied their constitutional rights to equal representation.

Defendants in the case are Governor Welsh and other members of the State Board of Elections, Secretary of State Charles O. Hendricks and the county clerks in county election boards of St. Joseph, Lake, Marion, Allen, Monroe, Porter and LaPorte Counties.

The suit asked that a special three-judge federal court take jurisdiction in the case and that the court order at-large election of members of the 1967 Legislature in the event the 1965 Legislature does not enact "a new and constitutional apportionment act" for both houses of the legislature before the filing time for the 1966 primary election.

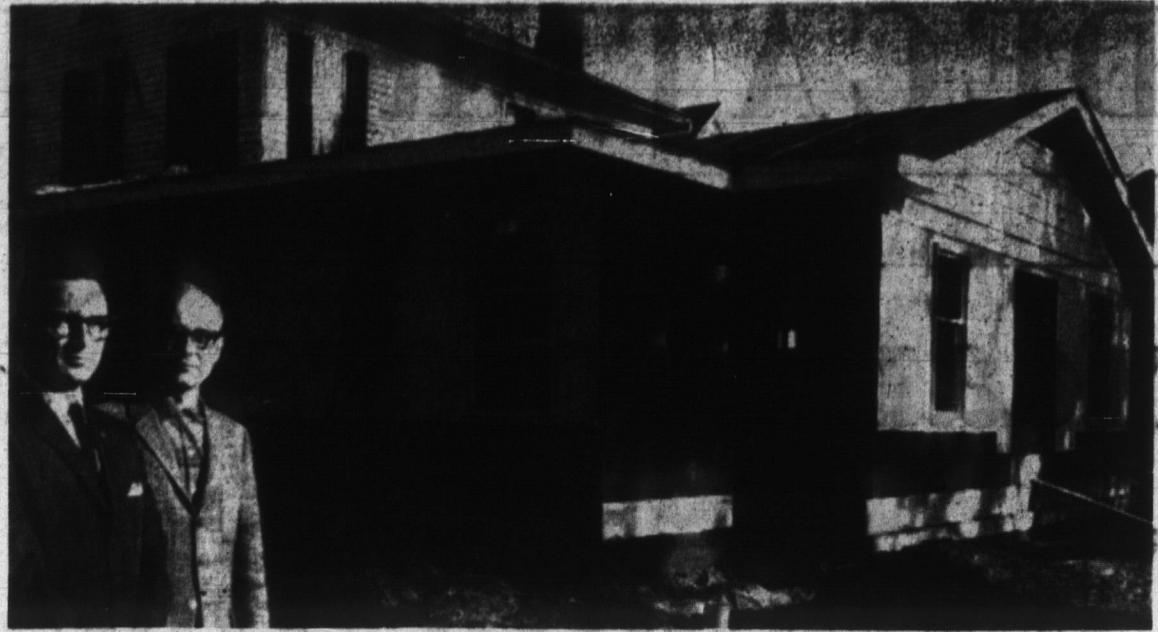
A similar suit filed by the ICLU against the 1921 act and consolidated with one filed by former State Sen. Nelson Grills, D-Indianapolis, was a major factor in the 1963 Legislature's passage of the new apportionment act.

The new act, still not fully put into effect, was attacked in the new suit as "arbitrary, capricious and invidious discrimination" against residents of the seven counties.

"Not only is the membership of the House of Representatives not apportioned among the counties according to population under the 1963 statute but also a crazy quilt of arbitrary discriminations exists among counties of the same general class without any apparent pattern," the suit charged.

It also charged there is a "substantial discrimination in the Senate districts against urban counties as a group, compared to rural counties. Such substantial discrimination could only be the result of a purposeful and systematic plan to give greater weight in the Senate to the smaller rural counties than they would be entitled to on the basis of voting population."

Plaintiffs in the case are Thomas F. Broden Jr., South Bend; Bruce L. Stour, Fort Wayne; John E. Hunter, Gary; John S. Griffin, Indianapolis; Rudolf B. Gottfried, Bloomington; V. M. S. Hannel, Chesterton, and Myron E. Berkson, Michigan City.



CONSTRUCTION PROJECT—Dick Linn and Elmer Winteregg pose before the addition being built at the Winteregg-Linn funeral home. The addition will house a chapel for funeral services.

(Photo by MacLean)

Berne Community Chest Over Quota

The Berne Community Chest, which began its drive only a few days ago, rocketed to a success close this week, exceeding its \$8,393 goal by nearly \$1,000.

Announcement of the completion of the drive was made by campaign chairman E. M. Webb and James Springer, and Community Chest treasurer Erice Bausman. As of Wednesday the fund total stood at \$9,510 in cash and pledges, with contributions trickling in.

Success of the drive was attributed to the fact that many Berne businesses and industries, as well as individuals, increased their donations this year.

Community Chest officials plan to compile a complete report, listing the amount donated by industry, business, professional people and the Berne residential area. The money collected over and above the drive budget will be retained in a special emergency fund.

Robert W. Flueckiger is president of this year's Berne Community Chest. Members of the campaign committee were Roger Aburgers, Percy Gould, Berdell Lehman, Bernard Lehman, Delmer Neuenschwander, Stanley Lewis, Armando Velasco, John Kirkoff, Fred Lehman, Joyce Elmerlin, Jerry Springer, Mrs. Carl Muselman and Mrs. James Beiter.

Members of the budget committee were Laverne Gilliom, Mrs. Paul Beatty, Mrs. Dale Johnson, Mrs. Guy Eley, Paul Herman, Mrs. Maynard Lehman, Clifton Gerber and Ted Lehman.

Fire Causes Damage At State Reformatory

PENDLETON, Ind. (UPI) — Damage from a fire which swept a furniture factory storage area at the Indiana Reformatory Wednesday was estimated today at \$5,000 to \$6,000. Supt. John Buck said the blaze did not damage the factory but destroyed cotton which had been stored for use in upholstering furniture.



Harry S. Truman Is Reported Improved

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UPI) — Former President Harry S. Truman was "resting well" today in a hospital where he was taken for treatment of injuries received in a fall at his home.

Physicians maintained a close watch on the former President who suffered from two fractured ribs and several cuts of the eyelids and forehead when he fell against a bathtub at his home Tuesday in nearby Independence, Mo.

The 80-year-old former Chief Executive was visited Wednesday in his Research Hospital room by his wife, Bess, brother Vivian and Lt. Mike Westwood, an Independence policeman who has often chauffeured Truman.

A hospital spokesman said this morning that Truman had a "good night." The spokesman said Truman was "doing fine this morning and was in satisfactory condition."

Truman was allowed no visitors Tuesday when he was first taken to the hospital by ambulance. He spent more than an hour in X-ray before being moved to his second-floor room.

In a late report Wednesday, Dr. Wallace Graham said that:

"Harry Truman is resting well and comfortably. He has some distress in the fractured side of the ribs. Heart and blood pressure are normal and the laceration above the right eye is healing well. His condition continues to be satisfactory."

he covered the distance in 4:01.6.

Dodds' interest in youth work has enabled him to visit the Scandinavian countries and Western Europe four times, the Orient twice, one trip around the world and extensive trips throughout the 50 states of the U. S. Much of his traveling was done in the interest of Pocket Testament League, word of Life, Youth For Christ, and various branches of the military services. All trips included extensive contacts with secondary schools and colleges.

Dodds is a graduate of Ashland College, O. He earned a bachelor of divinity degree from Gordon Seminary, Boston, the M. A. in Christian education at Wheaton College, and a master's degree in education from Northwestern University.

The officers of the two-county Christian Endeavor Union, an interdenominational youth organization, extends an invitation to everyone to join in the youth rally activities and to hear Dodds. The church is located on North Liberty Street in Convoy.

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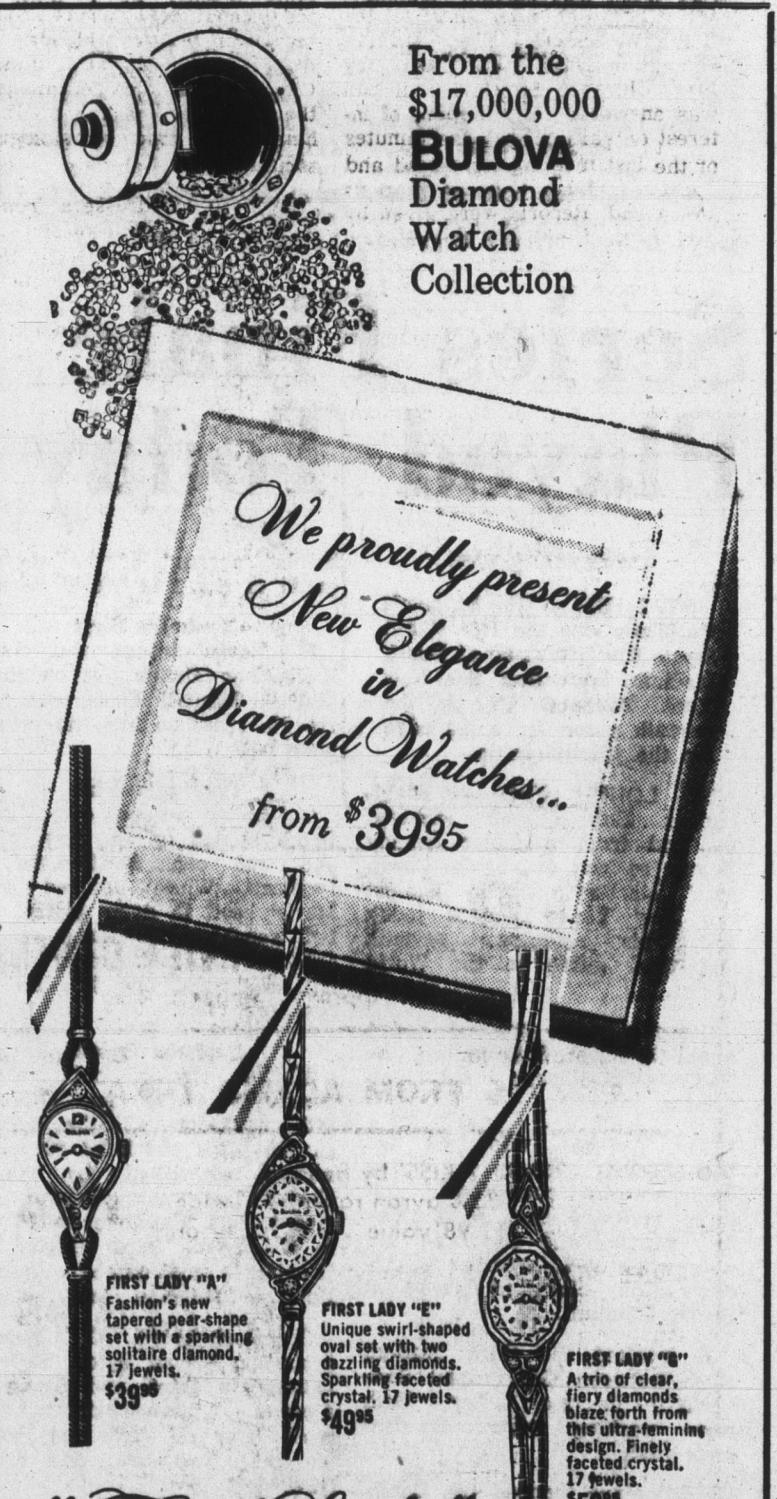
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