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CHURCHES FAVOR JUST TAXATION OF THEIR PROPERTIES

Levy Held Fair if Buildings Are Used for Profit by Tenants; Leaders in City Voice Opinions.

'DO THEIR BIT' FOR NRA SUCCESS

Pastors See Benefit to Community in Government Endeavor and Join to Promote Movement.

BY WALTER D. HICKMAN
Times Church Editor.

Should a church be taxed?

That is one of the problems coming out of the religious melting pot in Indianapolis and all other cities.

With the religious cavalcade marching into Indianapolis and Marion county churches in greater numbers than ever before, this question is an important one.

This cavalcade, on the whole, is receiving greater "social service" on the part of the church than ever before. The churchgoer would be taxed as well as the non-church member if the properties were not exempt.

Church leaders of this city have definite ideas regarding taxation. The taxpayer on the other hand sees mounting levies, both state and national. County official estimates that the nontaxable church property in Marion county is \$7,000,000 out of total nontaxable properties of about \$50,000,000.

Many Churches Here

This brings up the question of too many churches. The Church Federation of Indianapolis, of course, only can advise when an application is made for establishment of a new church in this city.

Dr. Ernest N. Evans, executive secretary of Indianapolis, has studied this problem of new churches. A map in his office shows sixteen city districts. Every church is marked on that map.

It is a fact that the church federation has discouraged in the last several years the establishment of at least three new churches in districts that admittedly are "over-church."

In this way a certain protection is given not only to all churches, but prevents increase in the non-taxable church property of the county and city.

The federation has studied carefully all protestant churches along the lines of wages, poverty, charity and the social value of the houses of worship.

Definite Ideas Held

Indianapolis church leaders have definite ideas on this question of church taxation.

"If a church property is doing no social service, it should be taxed."

That is the opinion of Dr. John G. Benson, a national authority on church social service work and at present superintendent of the Methodist hospital here.

"A church should not be a beneficiary of the government, unless rendering social service," Dr. Benson holds. "Churches have to do something for church welfare or pay the cost."

This social or community service is being met by Indianapolis churches in many ways, such as getting employment for jobless.

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MERCURY RISES FAST

Jumps 18 Degrees Here During Morning; Expect Showers.

With a rise of eighteen degrees during the morning, Indianapolis residents endured another hot, sultry afternoon. The temperature was 66 at 6 this morning, but at noon had reached 84.

The weather bureau forecast thunderstorms for tonight and probably Thursday, but predicted little change in temperature.

2,000 ARE GIVEN JOBS

Huge Crew Put to Work Pulling Weeds in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—Two thousand men drafted from ranks of the unemployed started pulling up rag-weeds, cocklebur and blue grass from 200 vacant lots in the city Tuesday.

If their work is satisfactory, declared Public Works Commissioner Oscar Hewitt, 2,000 more men may be added to the weed-clearing crew before next week, start of Chicago's annual hay fever season.

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U. S. Stands on Policy of Noninterference in Cuba, Declares Roosevelt



President Gerardo Machado of Cuba

No Demands Made for Machado to Resign, President Indicates.

BY FREDERICK A. STORM
United Press Staff Correspondent

HYDE PARK, Aug. 9.—The administration is standing on its policy of noninterference in the affairs of Cuba, it was said at the summer White House today.

While it was pointed out that Ambassador Welles was co-operating with the various political factions in an effort to prevent further bloodshed, President Roosevelt indicated strongly that there had been no representations, formal or informal, from American sources that President Machado should resign.

It was explained that Welles' position in the situation, made serious by a general strike and demands for the ousting of the Machado government, purely was one of "friendly curiosity." To do more, it was said, would be direct interference in the internal affairs of the island republic.

President Roosevelt, meanwhile awaited further reports from the state department concerning the Cuban situation. The last advices received here said matters were about unchanged.

Action Seen Soon

BY LAWRENCE S. HAAS
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HAVANA, Aug. 9.—Secretary of State Orestes Ferrara arrived today from the United States, and immediately went to the palace to confer with President Gerardo Machado.

Political observers here believed that some definite action toward ending the critical near-revolutionary condition of Cuba would follow speedily.

Ferrara was met by members of the cabinet. He seemed in high spirits, and laughingly told newspapermen:

"I see you're trying to make a revolution in Cuba."

He said he did not credit reports that Sumner Welles, American ambassador, had asked President Machado to resign.

Information from usually reliable sources, but unconfirmed, said that American Ambassador Welles had demanded that Machado apply for a leave of absence by noon today on penalty of American intervention and that Machado, in refusing, had intimated broadly that American intervention would be opposed—if necessary by the army.

The reports of pistols, rifles and machine guns in street fighting and the dissemination of radio propaganda attacking Welles marked, during the night, the grave development of the crisis precipitated a week ago by a strike of omnibus drivers, ostensibly against high

Bryan announced that two new bureaus, to be commanded by "majors," will be attached to the local recovery forces. One bureau, to be known as the "Bureau of Interpretations," will endeavor to answer the multitude of questions on the NRA, puzzling local industrialists.

Complaints to Be Handled

The second bureau will handle alleged complaints of persons who have been telephoning the Indiana recovery director since the start of the drive relative to alleged violations on the part of employers who display the blue eagle. It will be called "Bureau of Complaints."

Proposed plans for the parade, as announced today, call for a procession at 4 p.m., Aug. 18, at the state fair-ground, marching from there down Meridian street to the Circle.

State and local members of the NRA will march on foot or ride on floats to be entered by various industries. A mass celebration at Monument Circle will follow the parade, where it is planned to have the crowd addressed by Johnson, Governor Paul V. McNutt and Senator Frederick Van Nys.

The radio broadcast by the President is planned for 6 p.m. from Hyde Park, N. Y.

Plane Tour Planned

Tentative plans call for a plane tour of the state preceding the parade by Herbert Fisher, aeronautical director of the Chamber of Commerce, calling upon mayors in cities and towns in Indiana to join the celebration. Fisher will carry a formal invitation from Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan to mayors throughout the state.

Mrs. Elias C. Atkins, president of the Junior League of Indianapolis, and "lieutenant-general" of the local NRA, will work through local women's clubs to enlist a delegation of several thousand women for the parade.

Manufacturers in the city and throughout the state will be urged to enter floats and invitations will be extended to the American Legion, police and firemen's bands, and other musical organizations to join the parade.

It is planned to have a large squadron of planes fly over the Circle while the celebration is in progress.

Riot Is Averted

Francis Wells, state director, announced today that a riot was averted at Bedford, Ind., Tuesday by the interference of police when two grocery stores there refused to close at the hour prescribed in the agreement reached by local merchants.

Mrs. Walk was born in Indianapolis May 30, 1849 and had lived all her life. Her father, Ferdinand L. Werbe, came to the United States from Hanover, Germany.

She was a member of the First Congregational church, Sixteenth and Delaware streets. She is survived by three children, Miss Julia E. Walk, Carl F. Walk, and Reginald W. Garstang Jr., a great-granddaughter, Mary Garstang, and a brother, Herman A. Werbe, St. Louis.

Funeral services will be held at Mrs. Garstang's home at 10 Friday morning. Burial will be at Crown Hill.

EXTRADITION IS SOUGHT

Gotham Lawyer Wanted in Chicago to Face Racketeering Charge, By United Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 9.—Governor Henry Horner Tuesday issued extradition paper seeking the return of Aaron Shapiro, New York attorney, to Chicago to face a charge of racketeering.

Shapiro was named with twenty others in indictments recently returned by the Cook county grand jury connecting the defendants with alleged racketeering in the cleaners' and dyers industry in Cook county.

Shapiro was returning to Indianapolis after visiting an aunt in Denver, Huddelson said. The identity of the other youth still is unknown.

Officers at McCook have her in custody until arrival of her father.

Hourly Temperatures

6 a. m. 66 10 a. m. 82

7 a. m. 71 11 a. m. 83

8 a. m. 78 12 (noon) 84

9 a. m. 81 1 p. m. 83

City Girl, 15, Runs Away to Join Tribe of Indians

THE father of a 15-year-old Indianapolis girl is en route to Nebraska this afternoon, to end his daughter's intentions of joining a tribe of Sioux Indians.

The girl, Elizabeth Dahl, left her home at 614 North DeQuincy street, July 17, the third time this summer that she has run away.

According to her father, Harry Dahl, his daughter had been found in Nebraska by relatives, but had escaped and that authorities found her with the Indian tribe, near McCook, Neb.

Officers at McCook have her in custody until arrival of her father.

STATE PARADE PLANNED TO BOOST NRA

Gigantic Celebration Will Be Staged on Monday, August 21.

THE TIMES SIGNS CODE

Five-Day Week to Become Effective for Editorial Force Saturday.

A state-wide celebration and parade to boost the NRA program will be held in Indianapolis, according to plans announced today, on Monday, Aug. 21.

Tentative plans announced by Charles M. Bryan, "colonel" of the local NRA army, include a radio address by President Roosevelt and a personal visit to the city of General Hugh S. Johnson, national recovery administrator.

At the meeting today at the Chamber of Commerce building to discuss the parade and other phases of the recovery program Charles W. Chase, president of the Indianapolis Railways and "general" of the Indianapolis forces announced that he would go to Washington today.

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