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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 property 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-churches."

In this way a certain protection is given not only to all churches, but prevents increase in the nontaxable 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 (Turn to Page Eight)

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 temperatures.

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, cockleburrs 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 advice 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 appear 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.

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 fares.

Presumably in revenge for the slaughter of Monday when police fired on crowds before the presidential palace killing twenty-four policemen were murdered Tuesday night.

Three were shot down from a moving motorcar at the corner of Maceo park. Major Waldo Loayza, of the district inspector of police, who was standing with them, was wounded seriously.

A fourth policeman was killed near the university. Anti-American propaganda was broadcast from several stations Tuesday night and was reported to emanate from government sources, though the government denied its own station was involved.

MRS. JULIUS C. WALK CLAIMED BY DEATH

Widow of Jewelry Firm Founder Succumbs at Home.

Mrs. Julius C. Walk, 84, a member of one of Indiana's most widely known families, died today at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Reginald W. Garstang, 3377 Washington boulevard. She was the widow of the founder of the jewelry company bearing that name.

Mrs. Walk was born in Indianapolis May 30, 1849 and had lived here 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 Mrs. Garstang; two grandchildren, William W. Garstang 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.

PAVING TO BE FINISHED

Completion of New York Street Project Assured by City.

Assurance that the East New York street paving project will be completed finally was given today, when the works board awarded the contract for the work to Abel Bros. Cost of the final link, which extends from Noble street to the C. C. & St. L. railroad, will be \$21,000.

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.

Times Signs Code

While in the national capital, Chase will request General Johnson to come to Indianapolis for the proposed parade and also will attempt to get detailed instructions on operation of the codification of the unemployed and investigation on non-complying employers.

The code submitted by the American Newspaper Publishers Association and other regional associations has been signed by The Indianapolis Times.

The editorial staff of this newspaper will work on the five-day week plan, this schedule to become effective on Saturday of this week, and other departments will adhere to it.

Bryan announced that two new bureaus will be commanded by "major" 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 employ the blue eagle. It will be called "Bureau of Complaints."

Proposed plans for the parade, as announced today, call for assembly at 4 p. m., Aug. 18, at the state fairground, 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 Nuys.

The radio broadcast for the President is planned for 6:30 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. A crowd of fifty booted and hissed the workers in the two stores, according to the report received by Wells.

In a survey of 197 independent retail grocers in Indianapolis, it was disclosed that 38 additional employees have been put to work since Aug. 1 and a weekly increase of 100.

Land Bank Appraiser Named

WASHINGTON, Ind., Aug. 9.—Announcement of the appointment of W. Brett Cabell, Washington, as appraiser for the federal land bank at Louisville, Ky., was received here today.

Death Threat

'We Kill Your Baby,' Says Note; Tamper With Milk Bottle.



Claude Robert Marsh

A MOTHER, with her baby clasped in her arms, walked the floor at her home at 1360 West Twenty-sixth street today, unnerved by fears roused by the written threat of a kidnaper.

The woman is Mrs. Claude Marsh, whose son, Claude Robert Marsh, will be 16 months old Thursday.

The Marshes have lived quietly in their home for months. They never have had difficulties with neighbors and declare they have no enemies.

This calm was shattered Tuesday afternoon, however, when Mrs. Marsh opened the front porch screen door and a note, threatening the kidnapping and death of the child, fell to the floor.

Today, Mrs. Marsh again walked to her front porch to get her baby's milk, there since the early morning delivery. The cap on the quart bottle had been removed and some of the milk apparently taken out. From the bottle issued an odor, the cause of which is undetermined.

Believing this was the second move of those who had threatened the child, Mrs. Marsh hurried to the home of a neighbor, where the child's breakfast was cooked.

Returning home, Mrs. Marsh locked the doors of the house and walked the floor, her son clutched to her.

"We have no enemies," she said. "I don't know why anybody would want to do this sort of thing to us."

The note, scrawled crudely on a folded envelope, read: "We're back, you tell us wrong thing, or we take your baby. Tell police we kill your baby."

Police this afternoon had obtained no clue to the writer.

BANDIT 'FLAGS' AUTO AND ROBS MOTORIST

Armed Man Waves Car to Halt, Then Demands Money of Driver.

A bandit who stepped into the center of the road and flagged his car down robbed Charles H. Deal, 28, of 2848 North Denny street, of \$4 last Tuesday night. Deal informed police.

Motoring with a young woman friend, on Twenty-first street, a half-mile west of the Franklin road, Deal said the armed man waved him down, and then demanded his money.

The bandit ordered him to drive on, after taking the \$4, and then disappeared into bushes at the side of the road.

30 DAYS FOR \$3 THEFT

Youths Admit Taking Junk Iron to Get Money to 'Buy Auto.'

Nelson Maddox, 17, of 2336 East Forty-fifth street, and Fred Bowers, 17, of an East Forty-sixth street address, were fined \$1 and costs each and sentenced to thirty days on the state penal farm today by Judge Dewey E. Myers for theft of \$3 worth of junked iron.

The youths admitted the theft from Harry McGahey, and told the judge they wanted the money to buy an automobile.

"I can imagine a man stealing to get food," says Myers. "but I can't see a man stealing anything to get an automobile."

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M'NUTT REPORTED READY FOR ACTION ON DRAUGHT BEER

Governor Intimates He Will Ask Opinion of Attorney-General This Week; Ban May Be Off by Monday.

RETAILERS PREPARED FOR SALE

Chief Morrissey Watches Brew Bars and Warns of Arrests if Dealers 'Jump the Gun.'

Draught beer for Indiana by next Monday loomed as a probability today, when Governor Paul V. McNutt returned to his office and intimated that he is preparing to ask Philip Lutz Jr., state attorney-general, for an opinion on draught beer.

Lutz previously has declared that he will hand down an opinion lifting the ban on draught beer whenever he is asked. Statehouse observers believed the Governor may ask Lutz for a decision today or Thursday.

TROOPS READY FOR MINE CALL

McNutt Orders Guardsmen Prepared for Service in Vermillion County.

Governor Paul V. McNutt today declared that he had the national guard prepared to leave Ft. Knox, Ky., at any moment its services are needed in the Vermillion county mine war.

Death of a picket at Universal, Ind., has stirred the mine region into new fear of rioting, and McNutt said he has "undercover men" keeping close tab on the situation.

At the first sign of trouble, said McNutt, he will order the troops into the war zone.

CLAIM CONFESSION IN POISON DEATH

Woman Admits Slaying Boarder, Says Official.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Aug. 9.—Mrs. Pearl Holman, 33, has confessed that she poisoned Eugene Kelley, 26, her boarder-parasite, Prosecutor Clyde F. Crooks said today.

She admitted putting poison in Kelley's whisky because she feared he would give his attention to other women, Crooks said.

Kelley, a boarder at the Holman home, died last week. Mrs. Holman pleaded not guilty to first degree murder charges. A preliminary hearing will be held Aug. 16.

FIFTEEN DOZEN SHIRTS STOLEN FROM FACTORY

Sneak Thief Is Blamed; Cigarettes Loot in Grocery Lobby.

A sneak thief Tuesday afternoon stole fifteen dozen shirts valued at \$100 from the shipping room of the Lewis Meier & Co. overall factory, 1002 Central avenue, police were informed.

Breaking a window, burglars obtained cigarettes valued at \$20 from the Atlantic and Pacific grocery at 946 South Meridian street, Chester A. Fisk, manager reported.

3 WOMEN ARE HURT IN TRUCK-CAR CRASH

Injured in Northside Collision Are Treated at Hospital.

Three women were injured today, one seriously, in an auto-truck collision at Fifty-seventh street and Broadway. An automobile driven by Mrs. Maude Leiper, 7, of 1242 Harvard place, collided with a light truck driven by George Mason, 29, of 1110 North Denny street. Mason was uninjured.

Mrs. Leiper suffered head and body bruises. Two women riding with her were more seriously hurt. Mrs. Robert E. Long, 37, of 3539 College avenue, was bruised badly and was believed to be suffering from internal injuries. Mrs. Harold Nicholson, 35, of 3302 North Capitol avenue, was scratched and bruised.

They were taken to Methodist hospital by Patrolman James Senteney in the police first aid car.

Salesmen Are Busy

Salesmen for draught beer equipment were busy offering installation of standard size equipment or the small boxes that have become so prominent in Illinois cities. These can be used to transform the ordinary restaurant or retail place into a draught beer dispensary within a few hours. The icing box and coils can be installed in an ordinary soda fountain.

Simultaneously, reports came from Lafayette that the "favored few" already are selling keg beer. Obtaining it from Illinois, it was reported here that the Lafayette dealers are selling it over the bars or delivering it, in keg lots, to homes.

Legalization of keg beer will see few of the charred wooden kegs of days gone by. Milwaukee brewers are known to have purchased millions of dollars' worth of steel kegs.

The old wooden kegs, imported from Germany, lasted only two years, at the most, and the large breweries now will have millions by the use of steel barrels, which promise a lifetime of use.

Improved Condition in Employment Healthy Recovery Sign, Says Roosevelt

HYDE PARK, Aug. 9.—An improved condition in employment throughout the United States was indicated today by President Roosevelt after a study of preliminary figures and charts from Washington.

He was of the opinion, after the study, that the employment level was approaching closer to the line of production, a healthy sign for business and his national recovery program.

It is the objective of the administration, it was explained, to iron out the peaks and valleys between employment and production. The favorable change from the figures of last month, when production was

running too far ahead, was taken to mean that the situation gradually was being adjusted.

It was learned that the cost of commodity distribution had gone down since March 4. An interesting development, in the opinion of economic experts, although it was not expected to stay down. The cost of living has remained almost stationary since March 4.

The charts showed that the four basic farm commodities, hogs, wheat, cotton and corn, the prices of which went down the farthest, have come back the most since March 4.

Administration efforts, according to some experts, are to bring commodity prices to as near the 1924-1925 levels as possible.

Balbo's Fleet in Portugal; Flier Dies in Azores Mishap

Pride in Achievement at Crossing Atlantic Twice Is Marred by Sorrow Over Fatal Wreck on Takeoff.

BY ADOLFO V. DAROSA
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LISBON, Portugal, Aug. 9.—General Italo Balbo's air armada of twenty-three planes returned triumphant, but in sorrow, to Europe today after its historic flight to Chicago.

Pride in their achievement was mingled with mourning for the death of Lieutenant Squaglia, reserve pilot on the seaplane I-RANI, who was injured fatally when the plane overturned early today as the fleet was taking off from the Azores.

Good Flight from Azores

General Balbo, in the van as usual, was the first to bring his plane down on the Tagus, anchoring at 8:40 a. m. (Indianapolis time). The planes made a good flight from the Azores, despite fog off the Portuguese coast. Balbo, the first to take off, left Ponta Del Gada at 1:30 a. m. (Indianapolis time). Making the flight of 900 miles to Lisbon in seven hours and ten minutes.

The mishap to the I-RANI was the second fatal disaster since the squadron left Orbetello, Italy, last month. On the landing at Amsterdam, the I-DINI overturned, killing its mechanic, Sergeant Quintavalle.

Error in Maneuvering

In the accident to the I-RANI, attributed by General Balbo to "an error in maneuvering," Captain Rainieri, Sergeant Major Cremaschi and Sergeant Boveri were injured slightly.

The accident was caused by the narrow harbor at Ponta Del Gada, which forced most of the planes to depart from the open sea.

The three squadrons which had based at Horta took off without mishap.

\$200 LOOT TAKEN BY SAFECRACKERS

'Smoothest Job in Months,' Say Police.

Cracksmen looted a safe in the office of the Sanborn Electric Company, 309 North Illinois street, Tuesday night, obtaining \$200, company officials informed police today.

Detectives said it was "one of the smoothest jobs" in months and unidentified the work of professionals. The crooks entered by coming over the roof of an adjoining building, they said.

Two years ago the Sanborn company offices were entered and both safes cracked by professional yeggs. In Tuesday night's robbery, the cracksmen opened only one safe, that containing the money.

IDENTIFY DEAD YOUTH

Stepfather Says Boy Killed in Kansas Is Rex Sparks.

NEWTON, Kas., Aug. 9.—One of two boys killed by a train here on July 28 has been identified as Rex Sparks, 16, of Indianapolis. The identity was established late Tuesday by Alvin Huddleson, 1601 Wilcox street, stepfather of the Sparks youth, who came here.

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

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.