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Fair tonight and tomorrow; somewhat cooler tonight.

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## CITY ASKS OFFERS ON BONDS TO BUY CITIZENS GAS FIRM

Prospective Bidders Notified by Mayor of Intention to Request Proposals on Financing of Purchase.

**\$7,000,000 NEEDED FOR PROJECT**  
Best Terms, Lowest Interest Rate Sought by Officials; Market May Be Difficult to Obtain, Observers Hint.

BY **FREDERICK G. MATSON**  
Times Staff Writer.  
Definite action was taken today by the city to acquire the plant and property of the Citizens Gas Company.

Knowledge of this came in an announcement by Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan that the city, through its utilities district board, has notified prospective bidders of its intention to request bids on financing its acquisition of the gas company property.

"It is the desire of the city to finance acquisition of the property by the sale of revenue bonds on the best terms available and with the lowest interest rate obtainable," Mayor Sullivan said.

Total amount necessary to be raised by these revenue bonds is approximately \$7,000,000. Of this, \$2,000,000 would be used to redeem common stock; \$3,000,000 to cover existing mortgage indebtedness on the plant, and the remaining \$2,000,000 to pay accrued dividends on stock and interest on bonds, and to cover costs of improvements and extensions to the gas system.

By the terms of the 1905 franchise contract between the city and the Citizens Gas Company, the city is not entitled to a transfer of the company's property until the capital stock has been fully paid and cancelled and all arrears in dividends have been paid.

The three prison experts now are engaged with others of national reputation in making a survey of Indiana penal institutions and are expected to make a report to Governor Paul V. McNutt after Warden Lewis Lawes comes here for a conference or has an opportunity to pass on data compiled by his colleagues.

Supplanting of Mr. Kunkel, it was reported, will be at the instigation of the Governor, who feels that some drastic move is necessary to "turn the heat" off Indiana's prison system.

Escape of five prisoners from the state prison early Saturday morning has brought the state prison situation to a head. The escape, it is pointed out, is no mere walkaway of trustees such as has occurred frequently and which could not fairly be charged to inefficient prison management.

Governor McNutt, it is reported, has decided that proximity of the fall campaign and the necessity of electing Sherman Minton United States senator, is no time to let politics or friendship play a part in the critical prison problem.

**Find Convict's Uniform**  
A prison uniform was found in the bushes near a farm on the Rockville road west of the city, it was disclosed today.

Although city detectives refused to reveal any details of the discovery, it is known that the call came in to police headquarters Saturday and two detectives were sent out to return the suit.

The Marion county sheriff was not notified and the discovery has been cloaked with an air of secrecy. Five convicts escaped from Indiana state prison, Michigan City, early Saturday morning.

**Hepburn Reconciliation Hinted**  
BY **UNITED PRESS**  
IVORYVILLE, Conn., July 30.—Reconciliation between Katherine Hepburn and Ludlow Ogden Smith, her former husband, was hinted today as result of a prolonged visit by Mr. Smith to the summer home of Miss Hepburn's parents here.

**M'CORDSVILLE WOMAN HURT IN AUTO CRASH**  
Accident Near City Causes Car to Overturn.  
Mrs. Margaret Wright, McCordsville, was injured seriously today in an accident on Pendleton pike eight miles north of Indianapolis as she was enroute here for the funeral of her husband, Thomas Wright, tomorrow.

J. C. Thompson, R. R. 3, Box 286, in whose car Mrs. Wright was riding, told police that a car driven by Mart Lindamood, 231 Olney street, came out of a side road and smashed into his car, overturning it.

Miss Ethel Wright, 23, of 3470 Salem street, Mrs. Wright's daughter, suffered cuts and bruises. The two were sent to city hospital.

## 'There Will Be Deaths We Know Not When,' Wrote Dollfuss Few Hours Before His Assassination by Nazis

This article was written by the late Chancellor Dollfuss shortly before his death and was mailed from Vienna to Paris, where it arrived a few hours after he was assassinated. In this article the late chancellor indicated clearly that he realized Austrian affairs were at a crisis and that he was fearful of an outbreak by youths who were morose and who would not hesitate to provoke the worst disorders and the most odious crimes. He appealed to Austrians to break unconditionally and unequivocally from criminal elements to which by implication Dollfuss alluded the Nazi malcontents who murdered him. "Many of us feel in danger of a foul blow," he says. "There have been deaths. There will be deaths we know not when, but if we fail we will shed our blood as we battle for the fatherland."

**BOMBS AND POLITICS**  
(A Posthumous Attack)  
BY **ENGELBERT DOLLFUSS**  
I WOULD not miss this opportunity in writing this present article to repeat and underscore that neither members of my government nor I myself have any other ambition than that of being pioneers of our country; and if that earns the appreciation of the population, we feel we can say

that it is a happiness to be a pioneer of good-will in the interests of our country at the decisive moment in its history.

We find ourselves at the height of our battle. The battle against Bolshevism was fought out a successful end within a relatively short time. It always was a battle against unpopular chiefs, but never a battle against the laboring class.

We seek to gain the confidence of the laboring class so that each worker understands that he is not condemned to remain a proletarian, but on the contrary that he is a useful and precious member of society and Christian humanity, German and man, he has a right in Austria to a worthy existence.

It befalls us to create conditions for this better future. At present we are still engaged in the height of battle.

I AM impressed by the fact that a considerable portion of our people and more precisely the youths of our intellectual classes, those students who never have

been obliged to earn their bread, who live on the fruits of the labor of their parents, feel that they are better patriots than we others who during many years risked our lives, risked our blood for the defense of our homeland. I am fearful because that class of youths today suffers morally, is morally sick, for they would not hesitate, to gain their political ambitions, to provoke the worst disasters and they would not hesitate at the most odious crimes, sparing none for what they might have done for the fatherland in the past.

Many of us feel ourselves in danger of a foul blow.

There have been deaths. There will be deaths we know not when. But if we fail, we will shed our blood as we battle for the fatherland.

None of us desires to gain his political aims by such means. Men with hearts would be too great Christians in that case; they would have too many scruples to put arms into the hands of other men, to furnish them with explosives and bombs.

CONSEQUENTLY I think it is timely to repeat clearly what Monsignor Seipel said in 1927, in vain, it is true, in addressing the Socialists: "Draw a line between yourselves and the criminal elements, turn yourselves away from adventurers and those men without scruples. I address my appeal particularly to the Nationalists and I ask you do you wish a community with criminals? I invite you to break unconditionally and unequivocally those criminal elements. I urge you to get away from such methods and theories which admit such methods. In face of such menaces there is but one position to take, that of proclaiming loudly 'I am opposed to bombs.' He who refuses to proclaim the opposition clearly and without afterthought is guilty of complicity. We seek to unite in common patriotic front of all those ready to defend this German land as their free, independent homeland."

Should I repeat again that the patriotic movement positively is not a concentration of political parties, but really a movement of regeneration and that it aims, without consideration of past alliances with any political party, at the reunion of all those who see in Austria their real homeland?

Consequently no one can be excluded from our movement so long as he recognizes positively Austria as homeland.

Now it is the duty of all Nationalists to declare themselves so that the entire world can see clearly, if the future of their race really fills them with anxiety, if really they love their homeland.

It also would be in the interests of those ultra-Nationalist circles to establish contact with the new patriotic movement and hold a new pact for themselves in the new state which is bound to come.

In that way we could bring an abrupt end to the fallacious maneuvers of certain National Socialist organizations. Each association, each organization which insists upon its purely national character must soon decide if it will tolerate in its ranks criminals or parents, followers or propagandists of criminals.

In times as difficult as those we are living in, there is no use in half measures, nonchalance or lukewarm sentiment. Those who are not for us are against us. To be for us does not involve anything personal, does not concern ambition or personal pride.

In these troubled times we desire to remain at the posts of duty where God assigned us, we wish to preserve in the path we have set, we want to serve our valiant Austrian Christian people to the utmost of our power.

We can not perform miracles, but we desire to do everything to aid our people and to give the best example we are able to give for the integral accomplishment of our duties.

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**ROCKVILLE GIRL, 2, IS KILLED IN CAR CRASH**  
Vacation Trip of Hoosier Couple Ends in Tragedy.  
BY **UNITED PRESS**  
COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., July 30.—The vacation of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rector, Rockville, Ind., ended here today as they turned homeward with the body of their 2-year-old daughter, Patricia.

The child was killed when the Rector car collided with another machine on a highway near here.

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Motor tuned up. Carburetor adjusted. See Carburetor Sales, 214 E. Ohio—Adv.

## FIRST NAZIS FACE COURT FOR DOLLFUSS MURDER; NEW CABINET IS WEAK

Hangings of Accused Men Seem Assured; Executions May Bring Reprisals by Hitlerites Throughout Austria.

**KURT SCHUSCHNIGG IS CHANCELLOR**  
Prince Von Starhemberg Sidetracked and Heimwehr Soon May Force Ouster of Successor to Slain Leader.

BY **UNITED PRESS**  
VIENNA, July 30.—The new Fascist-monarchical government of Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg, stamping out rebel Nazis with a ruthless hand, began today the trial of accused murderers of Chancellor Engelbert Dollfuss.

The trial started in a small, dingy room of the justice building before the special military court which has power of life and death, with no appeal. It increased tension created by the government's mop-up of rebels after a week of warfare and an unsuccessful Nazi raid in Vienna today.

The first defendants were ex-Sergeant Otto Planetta, who police said confessed to the actual murder of Dollfuss in revenge for having been thrown out of the army, and Franz Holzweber, another Nazi accused of taking a leading part in the assassination.

After the prosecution had presented its case against the two men, court was adjourned for forty-five minutes to permit the defense to prepare its case. If convicted, the two men probably will be the first of many Nazis to be hanged, with the prospect of violent reprisals by their associates.

**Planetta Calm, Composed**  
The defense asked for an adjournment of three hours, saying it had not been notified until shortly before the trial that it was coming up, and had not yet read the documents in preparation of its case.

Planetta entered the court between two policemen. He is short, stocky and blue-eyed, a man of 35 with a wife but no children. His hair was neatly brushed but he had a feverish growth of heavy black beard. He appeared calm and composed. He wore a heavy brown prison tunic too large for him.

Planetta sat facing a window and staring straight ahead as the prosecutor described events of the night of the murder.

**Described as Ringleader**  
Holzweber, wearing spectacles and having the appearance of a student, was dressed in a blue lounge suit. He also had a heavy growth of beard. He is an electrician, aged 20, has a wife and one child, aged 2½.

He sat with composure as the prosecutor accused him of being the most important ringleader, who disarmed the guard at the chancellery and prepared the way for its capture by the Nazi rebels.

The prosecutor said Planetta's only defense during the investigation was that he did not enter the chancellery with the intention of killing, but had been under orders not to shoot except in case of absolute necessity.

The prosecutor described the two shots which struck Dollfuss.

**Wounds Are Described**  
He said one was a flesh wound and the other close to the spinal column, causing the chancellor to bleed to death. He declared Dollfuss lay without medical attention for two hours as his life-blood ebbed away.

Planetta confessed, the prosecutor said, after one of his accomplices, Johann Steiner, had told police that Planetta boasted of "How I killed Dollfuss."

Kurt Schuschnigg, professional criminal lawyer of 47, took up the job of chancellor in succession to the martyred Engelbert Dollfuss. Prince Ernst von Starhemberg, heimwehr leader, continued as vice-chancellor.

Major Emil Fey, his chief aid, took the important post of minister of interior, which includes control of the state police.

**State of Alarm Proclaimed**  
A state of alarm was proclaimed during the late night cabinet meeting at which the cabinet was reorganized and around the chancellery were posted strong guards in grim evidence of the unhappy augury under which the new government started its task.

A heimwehr spokesman said that the state of alarm was caused by the demand of 15,000 men of the Schutzcorp organization that Starhemberg be named chancellor. They announced they would not leave Vienna unless he headed the government. Starhemberg himself left the cabinet meeting and pleaded with them to go home. Some left early today.

The heimwehr, chief of the semi-military forces supporting the government, was known to be disaffected because Starhemberg was not named chancellor, and it seemed certain that dissension would rise.

Over the week-end there was almost no fighting. The government, for the present, had defeated the Nazis. But the victory was indecisive and served more to show the Nazis' strength than the government's.

A careful compilation of casualties in the Nazi revolt, made up from private and official estimates, indicated that between 200 and 250 had been killed and more than

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