

## JUNIOR C. OF C. DENIES IT GAVE SHIDELER VIEWS

Character Witnesses Did Not Speak for Group, Says Letter to Nolan.

The Indianapolis Junior Chamber of Commerce today stated in a letter to U. S. District Attorney Val Nolan that the organization had made no statements in connection with the case of William Shideler.

Mr. Shideler yesterday changed a plea of guilty to a charge of violation of the Federal Securities Act to a plea of not guilty. District Attorney Nolan said that he welcomed the chance to try the case and remarked that "The Junior Chamber of Commerce went off half-cocked in this case." He said some members of the organization were characterizing the prosecution as a persecution.

Judge Robert C. Baltzell allowed the change of plea.

**False Statement Charged**

The Junior Chamber's letter, signed by J. Russell Townsend Jr., president, read:

"Newspaper accounts of Thursday's proceedings in Federal Court in the William Shideler case indicate that you, as Federal District Attorney, made statements concerning the alleged activities of the Indianapolis Junior Chamber of Commerce in this matter. In particular you are quoted as stating, 'The Junior Chamber of Commerce went off half-cocked' in this case and actually attempted to aid Mr. Shideler.

"This is an absolutely false statement and without the slightest foundation in fact.

"Mr. Shideler is a former member of our organization and resigned from our Board of Directors over a year ago, just prior to the State of Indiana proceedings against him.

"The fact that two of his friends who appeared as character witnesses are members of the Junior Chamber apparently has been construed by you to mean that they speak on behalf of the entire organization.

"This is a ridiculous assumption. From it one would gather that any statement you make is automatically the official view of any religious, fraternal or civic organization of which you are a member.

**Think Chamber Harmed**

"The Junior Chamber of Commerce has taken no action whatsoever in this case, nor will we. We are a group of younger men interested in the betterment of our City, State and Nation and neither the Indianapolis organization nor any of the 700 other Junior Chambers in the United States has any intention to obstruct processes of justice.

"If the statements are as reported in the newspapers, we regard them as an unwarranted attack upon the integrity of our organization. We are convinced that harm has been done to the Junior Chamber of Commerce as well as to the Federal District Attorney's office.

"This information has been given to you verbally, but we wish to give you this letter which is now being released to the newspapers and to the 25 member Junior Chamber organizations in Indiana."

Meanwhile, the District Attorney's office planned to ask the Court for a stay of execution for Frederick W. Shideler, William's father, so he could be in court for the trial which may be in January. The elder Shideler was sentenced to seven years in prison and fined \$5000 which has not been collected.

**Bond Is Raised**

The father, who is 58 and had lived in Breckenwood, is now in Marion County Jail. He was sentenced Saturday after entering a plea of guilty, but sentencing of his son, William, was postponed until yesterday pending a probation investigator's report.

After the change of plea, Judge Baltzell raised William Shideler's bond from \$7500, which had not been posted, to \$25,000. In order to meet this bond he would need the signatures of two persons each owning \$50,000 worth of unencumbered property.

The father and son, officials of Shideler & Co., Indianapolis brokerage concern, had been named together in a 17-count indictment by the Federal Grand Jury which charged they used the mails to defraud and violated the Federal Securities Act. The final count charged conspiracy to the violations.

On Nov. 4, 1938, they were indicted by the Marion Grand Jury on charges of embezzlement, grand larceny and false pretense. They had been arrested a few weeks previously on State Security Commission affidavits. They have not been tried on these charges.

**'Never Delivered,' Says Nolan**

District Attorney Nolan told the Court yesterday that he was prepared to try to prove that the Shideler had defrauded investors of between \$75,000 and \$100,000. They promised to buy securities for persons, many of whom were widows, Mr. Nolan said, but converted the money to their own use and "never delivered any of the stock" they were supposed to buy.

William Shideler's decision to plead not guilty surprised his attorney, George R. Jeffrey, who had advised him to plead guilty. Mr. Jeffrey immediately withdrew from the case.

The plea change followed a report to the Court by the probation officer, Capt. Adolph Kruse. It contained statements by Shideler & Co. customers, William Shideler's wife and others.

One was from a 60-year-old woman who sold magazine subscriptions by telephone and who said she turned over stocks and bonds for the Shideler to sell and reinvest in other securities. "I was always told Fred Shideler was out of the city when I called about it," the report quoted her as saying.

Capt. Kruse said Mrs. William Shideler, the accused man's wife, told him her husband earned only \$10 or \$12 a week while working for his father and that her earnings were needed for their living expenses. She said he later got a job at a hotel securing rental customers.

Mrs. Frederick Shideler, who was in court, said her son had changed his plea because "he wanted to answer things in that probation report which aren't true."

## Mary Lou Brings 'Em Back Alive



Here is 2½-year-old Mary Lou More safe in the arms of Patrolman Ward Pettijohn and on her way home after a rabbit hunt yesterday. Mary Lou stalked two white rabbits from her home, 804 W. 42d St., to the Fairview campus. By the time she had caught one of them she had lost her bearings. Fifty Butler students joined in the search for her home before the police stepped in and solved the mystery. Mary Lou kept the rabbit.

## BUFFER STATE OFFER HINTED

Moscicki Is Told by Nazis To Break With Allies First, Writer Declares.

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passage to one of their allied countries.

They are forbidden to exercise any governmental functions in Rumania and even their resignations, President Moscicki and the others might revert to the status of civilians and be permitted to leave the country by resigning but that the situation was so delicate they might be unable to resign.

Rumanian officials were said to have confined the 250 Polish Government refugees to a park surrounding their hotel at Slanik, canceling their permits to roam within a five-mile radius of the town because of their overbearing attitude.

**WARNED TO LEAVE EUROPE**

LONDON, Sept. 29 (U. P.).—United States Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy, in form letters to all Americans still in Britain, today reiterated his warning that they return to the United States immediately unless their presence here is necessary.

## Expect British to Spurn Peace Demand Based on Russo-Nazi Split of Poland

By WEBB MILLER

United Press Staff Correspondent

LONDON, Sept. 29.—Great Britain will reject the Russo-German demand for an immediate peace despite an implied threat in the new Nazi-Communist agreement that unless the Allies call off the war on Germany's terms, Russia may join in against them, it was indicated today.

It was understood the British Cabinet had met and discussed the Russian-German agreement and the King had given Mr. Chamberlain an audience on the same subject.

Two London newspapers reported that Russia and Germany would call a peace conference to which a great neutral power—presumably either Italy or the United States—would be invited.

Early but apparently reliable indications were that Great Britain not only would reject any peace offer on the basis of Poland's annihilation but would reaffirm its determination to prosecute the war until its primary aims had been achieved; the smashing of Hitlerism and the reconstitution of the Polish state.

Reliable sources said that Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain would make a statement in the House of Commons Monday on the Russian-German agreement. Indications seemed to be that the

new threat of Russia to join Germany would be ignored—or flouted—because British authorities felt:

1. That Russia was not wholeheartedly behind its implied threat.
2. That even if Josef Stalin sincerely desired, he would be unable to aid Germany effectively either militarily or economically sufficiently to influence the course of the war greatly.
3. That neither Hitler nor Stalin trusted one another sufficiently to permit effective military co-operation.
4. That Hitler could not be too comfortable in seeing Russia standing at his back door looking into the Baltic through Estonia.

studied the text of the Russo-German agreement as soon as it was received here, and then got into touch with the British Government.

Official quarters insisted that the Allies would reject any peace offer which did not re-establish Poland as a sovereign state.

As M. Daladier consulted the British Government, a semi-official statement was issued. It said in part:

"Well-informed circles in Paris, commenting on the German-Soviet note, emphasize that Germany, after violently protesting that the Versailles Treaty violated the rights of peoples, considers that the destruction of the Polish nation can be a solid base for a durable peace.

"How can anyone argue that the destruction of Poland would wipe out all causes for conflict in Eastern Europe? What future lies ahead for other peoples?"

"Well-informed circles in Paris point out that the dismemberment of Poland is only one of many problems involved in the present conflict. This conflict has its fundamental cause in Germany's efforts to dominate Europe.

"France aims only at defending her vital interests and the security and independence of all nations, of which civilization of Europe is founded."

## French Also Expected To Spurn Peace Bid

PARIS, Sept. 29 (U. P.).—A semi-official statement implied today that France would reject any German-Russian peace proposal on the basis of the present status in the European war.

An authoritative source forecast that Germany and Russia might make such a peace bid to the Allies some time today.

Premier Edouard Daladier, Gen. Maurice Gustave Gamelin, defense chief, and Foreign Undersecretary Auguste Champetier de Ribes

## BOY IS INJURED; RUNS INTO AUTO

Goes With Father to Work, Then Heads for Home; Now in Hospital.

Twelve-year-old Ora Hight, 618 E. 15th St., was in City Hospital today with serious head injuries as the result of a traffic accident last night. He was on the way home after accompanying his father to work.

Ora was one of several persons injured in 19 overnight traffic accidents. Police arrested 37 motorists. Ora, a 6B pupil at School 27, walked with his father, Garfield Hight, to the Nickel Plate Railroad signal tower at 16th St. and then started home.

As he started across College Ave. at 16th St., witnesses said, he saw a streetcar and stepped back to the curb. When the streetcar was nearly past, he started across again, running against the side of a car driven by Alvin Nuttall, 1503 E. 52d St., police were told.

At City Hospital, it was reported he had suffered a brain concussion, severe body bruises and a possible skull fracture. His condition was described as fair.

## CARELESSNESS AT PARK BARED

Report in Board's Hands 24 Days; Results Are Not Made Public.

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It "one boy was reported to have said.

"Well, then, maybe it will burn," spoke up another of the boys.

**Screams and Runs**

The instructor then poured some of the shellac on the ground and tossed a match into it. When it blazed up he flung the can into the blaze. The explosion followed.

Flaming shellac spurted onto the clothing of the victim, George Stewart, of 2017 Langley Ave. The boy screamed and started to run.

The instructor caught him and tore off the blazing shirt.

The boy's left arm was severely burned and skin grafting on the burned parts of his arm and left side may be necessary, the mother, Mrs. Guy A. Stewart said today.

The investigation was requested originally by Recreation Director Walden H. Middlesworth. The report was turned over to the Park Board by Chief Morrissey on Sept. 5.

In the detectives' report, the 19-year-old instructor is quoted as saying: "I did not mean to hurt anybody. I just wanted to see if the shellac in the can would burn."

**Decline Comment**

Park Board members meeting yesterday leaped through the police report but declined to comment on it.

Jackiel W. Joseph, Board president, said today he had not seen the report. He said he did not recall the accident.

"I haven't seen or heard of any report of this kind," he said. "I missed several meetings when I was away from the city. But nothing has been said about it to me."

Members of the instructor's family said the youth obtained the job after a City employee promised to intercede for him.

Earlier this summer Mayor Sullivan and the Park Board declined to adopt a straight-out merit system in the selection of summer playground supervisors, instructors and other personnel. Criticism had come from many civic groups over abuses in past years.

**Held to Position**

The City Administration declined to move away from its position that the jobs belonged to Democrats, but announcement was made that the positions would be given only to "well qualified" persons.

At that time, Mr. Joseph declared that the examinations which would be given by the Recreation Department would be "just as good" as a merit system.

**3 NORWEGIAN SHIPS SUNK, 2 BY U-BOATS**

OSLO, Norway, Sept. 29 (U. P.).—A spy scare swept Norway today as three Norwegian steamships, first of the war, were sunk—two by German submarines, the third by a mine.

The steamship Takstaas, 1830 tons, and Jern, were torpedoed in the North Sea. The Solas, 1638 tons, was sunk by a mine in the Skagerrak, entrance to the Baltic.

These sinkings, and the sinking of the Swedish steamship Nyland yesterday caused belief that spies were operating in Scandinavian ports and informing the German admiralty of ship movements.

Norwegian authorities tightened surveillance at all harbors.

The Takstaas, on its way to England with timber, was torpedoed at 4.30 a. m. today. The crews of all three boats were saved.

**Bargain Frolic Offered Pupils**

A SPECIAL MATINEE for benefit of schoolchildren will be held at the fourth annual fall festival of the West Michigan Street Business and Professional Men's Association Saturday in Coleman Park.

All rides and concessions will offer half-price rates to pupils between 1 and 6 p. m.

Entries in the baby contest are to close tonight and the winner of the contest will be declared tomorrow night when finals of the Jitterbug contest also will be held. Officials announced that last night's attendance of 3500 set an all-time record.

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