

JURY ORDERED TO INVESTIGATE CENTER RELIEF

Action Follows Admission by Quinn That He Has 'Played Politics.'

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Garrison to take charge of the grand jury's relief investigation. "We are going into every angle of this situation and determine definitely whether there has been any possible law violation," Mr. Lewis said.

"A Lot of Smoke," Says Lewis

He asked that the public not flood his office with minor complaints of actions which are not a violation of law.

Mr. Lewis said the grand jury would confine its entire attention for the first few days next week to the Center Township situation.

"By that time," he said, "we ought to know if there is anything definite to all the talk that has been going around."

He asserted that his office, at present, has no definite knowledge of any misconduct in the administration of relief but said "there seems to be a lot of smoke, so we'll look into it."

Study Laws on Relief

Mr. Lewis and Mr. Garrison today began a study of the laws governing administration of poor relief in order to be prepared for the jury session.

The prosecutor said that in the event the grand jury finds no actual law violations, it may issue a report suggesting any changes in law which may be found advisable during the probe.

"If any of the civic leaders and other persons who publicly have criticized the relief situation in recent weeks have any concrete evidence of law violations," Mr. Lewis said, "it is their duty to present that evidence to the grand jury."

"I have assigned a special investigator, John Dugan, to hear the complaints and sift out those that do not indicate any possible law violation, in order to save the grand jury's time."

Grand Jurors Listed

Members of the July term grand jury, which will be in session until the end of the year, are George William Morris, 4325 Winthrop Ave., printing shop proprietor, foreman; Mrs. Ethel G. Orr, 3645 N. Illinois St., Clinton G. Caldwell, 400 Broadway, real estate; Thomas G. Keller, R. 10, Box 367, unemployed; Henry J. Fink, New Augusta, retired farmer; and George Osman, 346 E. Minnesota St., operator of a grocery on S. Meridian St.

Mr. Quinn, in admitting that he had "played politics," insisted, however, that the prices paid by the township under his trusteeship "always have been right."

A comparison of grocers' bills for relief food for Center and Washington Townships reveals, however, that the latter buys relief groceries at prices generally lower than those paid by Center Township.

Washington Township has less than 50 relief cases at present in comparison to Center's 1500.

Shelf Prices Not Followed

Study of grocers' claims in the County Auditor's office indicates that Washington relief clients are given the advantage of shelf prices and sale prices, but that on the whole those in Center are not.

A checkup of hundreds of claims filed by grocers in Center Township for August disclosed very few deviations from the list price established as a maximum by the trustee.

Following is a comparison of some of the prices, based on actual bills for August, paid by the two townships:

	Center	Wash.
5 lbs. flour	19	23
5 lbs. sugar	28	32
5 lbs. rice	28	32
5 lbs. corn	28	32
5 lbs. beans	28	32
5 lbs. lentils	28	32
5 lbs. peas	28	32
5 lbs. butter	28	32
5 lbs. lard	28	32
5 lbs. oil	28	32
5 lbs. coffee	28	32
5 lbs. tea	28	32
5 lbs. fruit	28	32
5 lbs. vegetables	28	32
Total	\$5.20	\$1.45

SLAYER OF OFFICER COMMITS SUICIDE

YORKTOWN, Sask., Oct. 12 (U.P.)—As a posse seeking him for the hammer slaying of a Royal Mounted Policeman closed in, Ernest Flook, 24, scrawled a hurried note last night and put a bullet through his head.

Fund Leader Confers With Aids . . . Among 500 Workers at First Luncheon . . .



Before announcing the first subscriptions in the Community Fund drive at yesterday's initial luncheon at the Indianapolis Athletic Club, Perry W. Lesh, general chairman, conferred with his vice chairman, Harold B. Tharp (left) and A. W. Metzger.

F. D. R. URGES WAR AID WORK

All Agencies Should Be Co-ordinated With Red Cross, He Says.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (U.P.)—President Roosevelt warned today that if the war continues "human suffering will become more appalling."

He asked for complete co-ordination of voluntary relief agencies to prevent duplication and waste in bringing humanitarian relief to people affected by the conflict.

In a statement drafted by the State Department, Mr. Roosevelt declared that while the United States, as a nation, is "neutral in the present tragic war in Europe, I am sure we cannot be indifferent to the suffering inflicted upon the peoples of the war-torn countries, particularly upon the helpless women and children."

He emphasized that the Red Cross is traditionally the agency through which Americans extend humanitarian relief.

"It is traditional that the American people should wish, after providing in full measure for the support of our necessary charitable endeavors at home, to extend material aid to the helpless victims of war abroad," he said.

"With the continuance of war, human suffering will become more appalling and there will no doubt be need for relief work in addition to that which comes within the scope of Red Cross policy and responsibility."

"Groups desiring to carry on various kinds of relief work have in fact registered with the Secretary of State as required by regulations issued pursuant to the Neutrality Act."

"It is my hope that in their activities these groups will supplement and not conflict with the work of agencies already established and that there will be a complete co-ordination of effort of all voluntary relief in order to prevent duplication and confusion, avoid waste and promote the utmost efficiency."

ALLIES TURN DOWN NAZI PEACE OFFER

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Appeal for peace in Commons today, asked President Roosevelt and King Leopold of Belgium to arrange a conference of neutral powers, including Russia, even if the belligerents refused to participate.

David Lloyd George, former Prime Minister, addressed the Council of Action for Peace, expressing hope that Britain would "leave the door open" for peace negotiations.

BERLIN, Oct. 12 (U.P.)—Nazis said today that it was to be assumed that "the war will go on" as a result of the Allies' complete rejection of Adolf Hitler's peace proposals.

Nazi sources, which had said that consultation with Italy and Russia would follow rejection of the peace offensive, expressed belief that it was impossible for Herr Hitler to accept the position set forth by Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain.

The Fuehrer and Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop were understood to have conferred on the subject.

English Cancel Armistice Day

LONDON, Oct. 12 (U.P.)—Britain's Armistice Day celebration at the Cenotaph commemorating the 1,069,919 British Empire dead in the World War, will not be held this year because of the new war.

King George decided to cancel the observance Nov. 11, because he thought it undesirable to assemble a big crowd in view of the danger of air raids.

The Archbishop of Canterbury said that he hoped there would be small services at village memorials in the country, and he called for a National Remembrance and Dedication Sunday, Nov. 12.

HINT 3-POWER TALKS MAY BREAK UP AXIS

Ciano Reported Angry, Worried Over Russia.

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Count Ciano is credited with being one of the principal architects of the Rome-Berlin axis. But, it is pointed out, the axis had for its basis the Anti-Comintern Pact—that is to say, a mutual distrust of and hostility toward communism.

When Hitler made a partner of Stalin, Count Ciano is said to have looked upon the act as a betrayal of Italy.

True or not, Herr Hitler has had mighty little to say of Italy since. When he has mentioned her it was very perfunctorily, possibly because failure to mention her at all would have been too conspicuous.

Moreover, while the conversations of Berlin remain a secret, that which is printed in black and white is another matter. Hence, the significance attached to the blast against Russia which appeared in the Sunday paper of Gen. Italo Balbo, top-flight Fascist. In that paper, the Corriere Padano, the modulations of Moscow were called "a clique of sanguinary criminals who have subjugated Russia and seem to aspire to subjugate the world."

It wound up by proclaiming Italy's undying hostility to bolshevism.

Other Papers Follow

Other papers have since taken up the cry, which is still more "on fire." For Italian newspapers don't publish things which the Government doesn't wish published. Accordingly, the belief is spreading that the Rome-Berlin axis is seriously cracked if not definitely broken.

The reported three-cornered conversation between the Nazi capital, Moscow and Rome would seem to indicate one of two things, either an effort to patch up matters or a definite break.

SPARE FINLAND, AMERICA ASKS

U. S. Envoy Goes to Kremlin; War to End in West Seems Inevitable.

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Stalin and their Finnish "guest" was described as a cordial preparatory session.

The Finnish navy and troops were ready for a possible emergency; the civilian population was partly evacuated from the big cities; roads were mined and officials declared that they had no intention of taking orders from Moscow.

Soviet planes flew along the Finnish frontier and a division of the Red Army was reported massed near the border, but there were no indications that the Russians planned to start a war with the Finns at present regardless of the outcome of the negotiations. The Soviets were believed to be interested in getting bases on small Finnish isles in the Gulf of Finland, which it was believed, might be arranged, and in fortifying the strategic Aaland Islands, which Finland was expected to refuse.

Sweden, having increased her military preparedness, and Norway, cautiously watching the spread of Soviet power around the Baltic, were nervous as to future developments, but offered nothing more than moral backing to the Finns.

Expect War to Be Avoided

In London, it was believed that the Soviets would seek to follow a course that would avoid getting them into even a small war at present. The new Russian-British trade pact, considered here as of political importance, was indicated as a sign of the Soviet desire to get as much as possible out of both sides in the European war without becoming involved directly.

It was generally believed that Americans would sympathize strongly with Finland in any situation that threatened its independence. Since that republic was established in 1921 out of former Russian territory, it has been the only European state to pay promptly and in full its debt to the United States.

60,000 Refugees Flee

In Finland, the most general expression of regret over the possibility of war was the likelihood that the 1940 Olympic Games might have to be held elsewhere. Helsinki had widened its streets, enlarged its squares and constructed new buildings and hotels in anticipation of the games. At the Olympic Stadium, flags of the four Scandinavian countries still flew, but other flags, apparently in the interest of neutrality, had been removed.

In Berlin it was believed that Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's flat rejection of Adolf Hitler's peace terms left little possibility of avoiding a devastating war.

The Allied had put the question definitely up to Fuehrer Hitler. Either he must recede from his present stand and offer modified proposals or prepare the war to an inevitably tragic end. This is expected to mean furious action by sea and air possibly as early as tomorrow. Already the Germans are claiming control of the North Sea.

Claim North Sea Supremacy

The main emphasis by Nazis was on the strength of Germany's fighting forces, especially the Nazi armada which recently has been in conflict with the British fleet blockading the North Sea. Those clashes, the Nazis claimed, have demonstrated that the British fleet is vulnerable and that Germany will control the North Sea.

The British Admiralty's reports on the fighting have given a contrasting picture and there did not yet appear to be sufficient evidence to indicate the outcome of the test between aerial and sea power.

Fighting continued to be confined to local operations on the Western Front, but Germans were putting increased power into patrol raids which in some places along the Moselle and Rhine sectors were taking the form of sudden attacks by large Nazi parties. The French asserted that all had been repulsed, some with heavy losses.

City Hospital Issue Ended, Mayor Says

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Zedek Hebrew Congregation; Lionel Artis, Lockfield Gardens manager; the Rev. W. F. Rothenburger, Third Christian Church pastor; Henry Richardson, attorney; Miss Irene Harris, Phyllis Wheatley Y. W. C. A. staff member; Mrs. J. H. Ward of the Y. W. C. A. Inter-racial Committee, and Mrs. George W. Buckner, chairman of the Y. W. C. A. committee's hospital division.

Activity of the Citizens' group grew out of PWA charges, made public Sept. 15, that the City was not utilizing the PWA grant of funds.

The grant stipulated that the new building's third and fourth floors should be used for Negro patients, and that the fifth floor should provide quarters for Negro internes and nurses.

Could Roosevelt Mediate Without Involving U. S.?

By LUDWELL DENNY, Times Special Writer

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—What price mediation? This is the latest form of the ever-changing keep-out-of-war question. Would mediation mean involvement?

It is generally assumed here that President Roosevelt will act as a mediator in the European war eventually. But that he will not act until the Allies want him to is also assumed.

The basis for these accepted assumptions is not only the inspired or flattered record of statements of certain officials, but also the well-known long haul policy of the President.

He considers Hitlerism a menace to America and American institutions, and the British navy and French army our first line of defense.

Thus, when and if he mediates, it will be nominally as a neutral but actually as a partisan.

This has raised the question whether the President—carrying the water of neutrality on one shoulder and of partisanship on the other—could walk the tight-rope of mediation without danger of falling in.

Theoretically, of course, the President could act simply as a postman, transmitting the exchange of messages between belligerents.

But the President cannot be a mere postman in fact. He is too close to the Allies. To date there has been much consultation. It probably would not be an exaggeration to say that Washington is closer to London these days than Rome is to Berlin.

Also because he heads the strongest nation in the world, whatever the President does will have wide repercussions. That is a truism.

And it is a truism which makes the fear of American involvement in European affairs all the greater.

To minimize this danger some members of Congress will oppose the President acting as a lone mediator, and urge that he act only with a group of neutrals.

RADIO IN MEXICO, TOWNSEND'S REPLY

AUSTIN, Tex., Oct. 12 (U.P.)—Dr. Francis E. Townsend was en route to Chicago today, determined to build his own radio station in Mexico and tell American citizens of his pension plan if American radio stations refuse to let him speak in this country.

The National Association of Broadcasters announced in Washington that it had barred Townsend Plan advocates from paid radio programs.

Dr. Townsend said that he was not surprised that he had been barred from paid programs, but that he considered such action an abridgment of the right of free speech.

"It's a plain, political move," he said. "We're going to want to know how the Democratic and Republican Parties get their time when we are barred."

FLEE CHUNGKING, IS REPORT

TOKYO, Oct. 12 (U.P.)—Domei (Japanese) news agency reported from Hankow today that the Central Chinese Government had moved sections of its headquarters to Siao lungkan, 15 miles west of Chungking, the present capital. The dispatch said the transfer was necessitated by Japanese air raids on Chungking.

\$106,491 RAISED IN FUND DRIVE

15 Per Cent of Community Campaign Quota Is Reached.

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collecting money for a Community Fund," Mr. Morgan told the workers. "We have come to recognize the fact that now we are in a cause which is at the very heart of democracy. A cause which grows from the spirit which recognizes the preciousness and sacredness and the possibilities inherent in every human life."

"The great concern is not so much in what will happen to the beneficiaries of these agencies which the Fund supports. The great concern is what is happening to this city if there are very many people in it who will not voluntarily pay the price of freedom which this civilization provides."

"If there be too many in this town who have not caught this vision, then we could very well fear for what the future holds."

PEOPLE WARN STATE OFFICER IN LOUISIANA

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 12 (U.P.)—Attorney General David M. Ellisson was threatened with impeachment today by the citizens voluntary committee which accused him of failing to act in the Louisiana scandals.

He was warned that measures similar to those now in progress against District Attorney Charles A. Byrne would be started unless he answered the committee's letters regarding violations it had reported unless he took immediate action.

CHINESE CLAIM BIG VICTORY IN SHANSI

CHUNGKING, Oct. 12 (U.P.)—The Chinese military claimed today that the Eighth Route Army had killed 2000 Japanese troops in a major engagement in central Shansi Province.

Forty thousand Japanese troops were repulsed in the engagement, the Chinese said.



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IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here Is the Traffic Record

DEATHS TO DATE	County	City
1938	85	53
1939	73	55

—Oct. 11—

Injured . . . 7/Accidents . . . 15

Dead . . . 2/Arrests . . . 55

WEDNESDAY TRAFFIC COURT

Violations	Cases	Con. Fines
Speeding	7	\$68
Reckless driving	6	4
Falling to stop at through traffic	2	42
Disobeying traffic signal	11	14
Drunk driving	0	0
All others	17	8
Totals	45	\$139

MEETINGS TODAY

Indiana Library Association, annual conference, Hotel Lincoln, all day.
Daughters of the American Revolution, state convention, Claypool Hotel, all day.
State Library Trustees Association, annual meeting, Hotel Lincoln, 8:30 p.m.
Executive Leadership Forum of Junior Chamber of Commerce, Indiana, Indianapolis Athletic Club, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana Business Club, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon.
Advertising Club of Indianapolis, luncheon, Indianapolis Athletic Club, noon.
American Business Club, luncheon, Indianapolis Athletic Club, noon.
Caravan Club, luncheon, District Temple, noon.
Oil Club, luncheon, Hotel Severin, noon.
Construction League of Indianapolis, luncheon, Archibald and Builders building, noon.
E. Ninth St., 8 p.m.
Indiana Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Grand Lodge convention, Odd Fellow Building, all day.
Indiana Library Association and Indiana Library Trustees Association, meeting, Hotel Lincoln, all day.

MEETINGS TOMORROW

Exchange Club, luncheon, Hotel Severin, noon.
Community Fund, luncheon, Claypool Hotel, noon.
Indiana Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Grand Lodge convention, Odd Fellow Building, all day.
Indiana Library Association and Indiana Library Trustees Association, meeting, Hotel Lincoln, all day.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

(These lists are from official records in the County Court House. The Times, therefore, is not responsible for errors in names and addresses.)

Robert Renick, 22, of 3335 E. New York; Cordia Bernice March, 18, of 923 N. Sherman.
Robert E. Kelly, 24, of 2309 Prospect; Edna F. Krich, 23, of 97 Schiller.
Harry Martin Carr, of 2430 Brookside; Genevieve Irene Jahn, 22, of 809 E. 3rd.
Edward Roland Kinsbury, 28, of 3915 Boulevard; Anis Louise Hunt, 22, of 3472 W. Illinois.
Ollie O. Pierce, 61, of Bedford, Ind.; Maude M. Wheeler, 53, of 129 W. Main.
William Moore Winfrey, 77, of Connersville; Sarah Gibson, 53, of 1229 Yandes.
Andrew White, 28, of 2773 Columbia; Lillie White, 28, of 918 W. 10th.
Cecil G. Scott, 23, of 418 N. Illinois; Marcella Dant, 18, of 849 Broadway.

BIRTHS

Maurice, Florence, Tragsten, at St. Francis.
James, Mary, Procter, at St. Francis.
Raymond, Margaret, Willey, at St. Francis.
Harriet, Dorothy, Pasch, at St. Francis.
George, Elva, Reinacker, at St. Francis.
John, Anna, Tyeon, at St. Francis.
Lewis, Helen, Hibbert, at St. Francis.
Richard, Martin, Bradley, at St. Vincent's.
Bertrick, Bertha, Parker, at St. Vincent's.
Hermann, Julia, Beck, at St. Vincent's.
George, Theodora, Ferguson, at Cole man.

BOYS

Robert, Scotty, Krus, at Methodist.
Sam, Eleanor, Caplan, at Methodist.
George, Mary, Bohnert, at Methodist.
Martin, Camilla, Joschian, at St. Vincent's.
Gerald, Anna, Dawson, at Coleman.
William, Mildred, Bigler, at St. Francis.
Richard, Virginia, Keating, at St. Francis.
Floyd, Helen, Woolf, at St. Francis.
Bern, Joana, Belucha, at St. Francis.
Ralph, Pinye, Jordan, at St. Francis.
Joseph, Dorothy, Hunter, at St. Francis.
Ernest, Helen, Blitz, at St. Francis.
Mord, Mary, Beatty, at St. Francis.
Huston, Katherine, Rubie, at St. Francis.

FIRE

5:17 A. M.—402-08 W. Washington; tavern, cause unknown, loss estimated.
7:30 A. M.—5260 Carrollton; residence, oil stove explosion.
12:03 P. M.—2102 W. Michigan, drug store, trash in coal chute lighting by cigarette.
12:48 P. M.—321 Koehne, shed, cause unknown, \$50 loss.

OFFICIAL WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

INDIANAPOLIS FORECAST—Fair and continued cool tonight; frost in exposed places; tomorrow partly cloudy.

Sunrise . . . 5:53 | Sunset . . . 5:10

TEMPERATURE

—Oct. 12, 1939—

6 a. m. . . . 58 | 1 p. m. . . . 80

BAROMETER

6:30 a. m. . . . 30.09

Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 7 a. m. . . . 0.00

Total precipitation since Jan. 1 . . . 35.22

Excess since Jan. 1 . . . 9.25

MIDWEST WEATHER

Indiana—Fair, cooler in extreme west-central portions, scattered light frost in north and central portions tonight; tomorrow partly cloudy.

Illinois—Fair, scattered light frost in north portion tonight; tomorrow considerable cloudiness, cooler in west-central portion in late afternoon.

Lower Michigan—Generally fair tonight and tomorrow; cooler in extreme east portion and scattered light frost in south portion tonight.

Ohio—Fair, slightly colder with light frost in exposed places in south portion tonight; tomorrow fair.

Kentucky—Fair, slightly colder with light frost in north and extreme east portions tonight; tomorrow fair.

WEATHER IN OTHER CITIES, 6:30 A. M.

Station	Weather	Bar. Temp.
Amarillo, Tex.	Pcldy	30.22 43
Bismarck, N. D.	Cloudy	30.12 33
Boston	Cloudy	29.99 51
Chicago	Clear	30.05 42
Cincinnati	Cloudy	30.07 43
Cleveland	Cloudy	29.95 47
Denver	Clear	30.21 39
Dodge City, Kas.	Clear	30.22 45
Helena, Mont.	Clear	30.30 33
Jacksonville, Fla.	Cloudy	30.25 70
Kansas City, Mo.	Pcldy	30.23 41
Little Rock, Ark.	Cloudy	30.22 47
Los Angeles	Clear	29.86 73
Miami, Fla.	Pcldy	30.09 76
Mobile, Ala.	Pcldy	30.02 68
New Orleans	Cloudy	30.02 68
Omaha, Neb.	Clear	30.20 39
Oklahoma City, Okla.	Cloudy	30.20 39
Pittsburgh	Cloudy	29.99 47
Pittsburgh	Cloudy	29.99 47
San Antonio, Tex.	Clear	30.16 62
San Francisco	Clear	30