

Fascists Rush Troops as Greeks Menace Main Albanian Base  
GREAT BRITAIN CLAIMS SEA TRIUMPHS

COUNTY BOARD WELFARE QUIZ OPENS MONDAY

Judge Cox Charges 'Apparent Inefficiency' in Local Department.

The Marion County Welfare Board will begin an investigation Monday into charges made today by Circuit Court Judge Earl R. Cox of "apparent inefficiency" in the County Welfare Department.

Judge Cox's statement was made following similar charges yesterday by two County Department employees who testified at a hearing before the State Welfare Board on an appeal of the dismissal from the county department Nov. 15 of Miss Mary McFadden, 1516 N. Pennsylvania St.

Cox Names Members  
The investigation Monday, it is said, will be made as another attack on the State Welfare Laws, which give the State Welfare Board power to appoint the Marion County welfare director over the heads of county welfare board members.

Judge Cox, who names members of the board, said "apparently there is something wrong with the whole set up in the county department, and I'm for finding out what it is."

Thomas Neal, County Welfare director, at whom the "inefficiency" charges were flung, said he would "carry on his own" investigation of the circumstances surrounding the dismissal of Miss McFadden, "to make sure these conditions can't arise again."

Plan Thorough Inquiry  
The Marion County Board has called a meeting Monday ostensibly to review Miss McFadden's dismissal. The State Board having returned the appeal case yesterday with no comment.

But, it was learned, the Board will begin a thorough investigation into inefficiency charges with a view, it is said, to creating ammunition to be used in an attempt to repeal the provisions of the law which permit the state-control over county directors.

ROOSEVELT OPPOSES DEFENSE SALES TAX

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29 (U.P.).—President Roosevelt said today that he would oppose any proposals to enact a sales tax to finance new Government expenditures resulting from the national defense program.

Mr. Roosevelt will explore the entire fiscal situation tonight at a supper conference with Congressional Treasury and Budget Bureau tax experts. He left no doubt that should a sales tax proposal emerge, he would oppose it.

The tax conference tonight, said Mr. Roosevelt, probably will not produce any major decisions on the new fiscal policy which will be evolved in the Congress which meets Jan. 3. The meeting, rather, will be exploratory, he added, explaining he wants to look into all phases of the situation.

The conferees, he continued, will look into the matter of Government expenditures as well as the new tax program. He already has announced that he has established a policy of cutting all non-defense programs and expenditures to the bone in the coming fiscal year.

DIES OF WOUND IN TERMINAL SHOOTING

Harry Roberts, who wounded himself early Sunday morning at Traction Terminal, died today at City Hospital. He was 33 and lived at 3232 Greendale Ave. The shooting occurred after Roberts met Mrs. Virgil Smythe, 25 W. Michigan St., at a freight yards near the terminal. Police said they had learned that Smythe had warned Roberts to cease his attentions to Mrs. Smythe.

When the two men met Sunday a fist fight ensued and Roberts was beaten up. He staggered to his feet and walked away. While Smythe and his wife still were talking, Roberts returned with a gun.

Clothe-A-Child Drive Launched by The Times For the Eleventh Year

THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES today opens its 11th annual Clothe-A-Child campaign. For the last 10 years, Clothe-A-Child has been aiding an increasing number of children. From a total of 380 youngsters given warm clothing in 1930, the campaign last Christmas-time reached a high of 2638. Altogether, a total of 11,976 children have been clothed during the 10-year period.

The Clothe-A-Child campaign serves a double purpose. It not only furnishes a real Christmas for the children of needy families, but it provides these underprivileged youngsters with warm clothing for the chilly days of January, February and March.

Thousands of Indianapolis children are unable to attend school in zero weather because of inadequate clothing. Hundreds of these children actually have no underwear, hundreds more have no overcoats and trudge to school shivering in skimpy and ragged jackets.

CLOTHE-A-CHILD endeavors to meet the ever-growing need at Christmas-time. It is simple to help. You can clothe a child directly yourself or you can provide the money and The Times will clothe the child for you.

Headquarters for this year's campaign are in The Times building, as they have been in the past, but this year the entrance to the Clothe-A-Child office is at 44 S. Capitol Ave. Here are the ways you can participate:

- 1-If you wish to shop with a child personally, call Riley 5551 and ask for "Clothe-A-Child." You can make an appointment to meet a child at these offices and go with the youngster directly into the store.
- 2-If you want The Times to act for you, mail a check or money order to "Clothe-A-Child, The Indianapolis Times." Experienced shoppers will do the rest.
- 3-Join with others in your office, club, church, sports team, fraternity, sorority or lodge. Select a treasurer and shopping committee. Then let us know how many children your group desires to clothe.

All the lists of children are checked by the social service agencies, the social service department of the Public Schools, the Parochial Schools and all children clothing are registered with the Christmas Clearing House to avoid duplication of clothing gifts. The cost of outfitting depends upon the child's needs—usually from \$8 to \$12. The average is \$10.

The 10-year progress of Clothe-A-Child:

1930	380
1931	350
1932	423
1933	898
1934	1295
1935	1241
1936	1365
1937	1665
1938	1821
1939	2638

Your gift will mean a step toward a happier life for the underprivileged children of Indianapolis.

Telephone RI ley 5551 now and ask for "Clothe-A-Child."

COLDER WEATHER BY TONIGHT IS FORECAST

Frigid Wave Moving East From Rockies.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES  
6 a. m. .... 39 10 a. m. .... 36  
7 a. m. .... 40 11 a. m. .... 35  
8 a. m. .... 38 12 (noon) .... 37  
9 a. m. .... 38 1 p. m. .... 37

Colder weather tonight was forecast for Indianapolis as a cold wave swept across the northern tier of states from the Rockies to the Atlantic seaboard.

The U. S. Weather Bureau here said Indianapolis will miss the brunt of the storm, although the mercury probably will drop to 25 tonight.

Accompanied by snow, the cold wave dropped the mercury to the sub-zero mark in the Dakotas and Minnesota, and even in the south thermometers registered freezing.

F. D. R. MAY USE STRATO PLANE ON NEXT TOUR

Plans Defense Trip Next Week; Refuses to Reveal Destination.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29 (U. P.).—President Roosevelt disclosed today that he hopes to leave early next week on a defense inspection tour which may take him more than 12 hours rail travel from Washington, but he added that if an emergency arose he would return to the White House by airplane.

Such a trip would shatter all precedent and represent the first time in history that a President has traveled by plane. Mr. Roosevelt has not flown since 1932 when he went to Chicago from Albany, N. Y., to accept his first nomination as President.

Refusing to disclose the destination of the projected trip, the President said that, in effect, it would not violate his 12-hour rule if he could be certain of being able to get back to the White House by plane in such a period.

Wide Flight Area  
He admitted that this arrangement might open the entire continental United States to his possible future trips and, perhaps, the waters outside the territorial limits of the country.

Asked about the possibility that he might fly in a naval flying boat, the President countered with a reply that he might fly in a stratosphere plane.

Under the 12-hour flying rule, flights could be made over a radius extending from Newfoundland, south to Puerto Rico, and west to Spokane, Wash. It was understood that the U. S. Cruiser Tuscaloosa was at Norfolk, Va., ready for the President's use if he desired it.

Speculation that he might witness the scheduled maneuvers off the Puerto Rican Coast, which start Dec. 7, met with no comment at the Navy Department. Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox has announced that he will witness the war games.

Hints No Rule Needed  
President Roosevelt said the Secret Service never has told him directly that he could not fly. Therefore, he indicated, he assumed he could fly in case of an emergency. He said he felt that the question of a Presidential flight could be worked out amicably without laying down a rule.

He suggested with a grin that the Secret Service might want to put a convoy of protecting planes around his ship should such a flight actually develop. He joined in the general laugh when a reporter asked him: "When was the last time you were up in the air?"

The President said he is satisfied with progress of the defense program, and that invocation of priorities may be unnecessary in getting production of military airplanes right of way over commercial aircraft.

DIES IN COLLISION  
BREMEN, Ind., Nov. 29 (U. P.).—Clarence Emery, 45, of Kalamazoo, Mich., was killed today when his creamery truck crashed head-on with a freight truck one mile east of here.

BRIDGE HEARING SET  
The hearing for the injunction suit to block the purchase of a bridge at New Harmony by the Indiana State Toll Bridge Commission was set for next Friday morning by Judge Herbert E. Wilson in Superior Court today.

GOEBBELS IN NORWAY  
OSLO, Norway, Nov. 29 (U. P.).—German Propaganda Minister Dr. Paul Joseph Goebbels, arrived here today.

'We Had Great Dreams,' Says Father of Lieut. Shank, Killed on Flight of Triumph

Prodded, Second Lieut. Robert Bruce Shank headed his trim National Guard plane for a landing at his father's airport. It was to be a triumphant visit.

This was his first flight with his new commission. It ended abruptly a few seconds later in tragedy. His plane collided in mid-air with a little training ship, and the recent Army school graduate and two civilian fliers were killed.

And the 21-year-old flier's father, oldest of the U. S. air mail pilots who had taught his son to fly last summer, stoically said today: "Bob lived a pretty full life—so I have no regret."

Lieut. Shank received Federal permission to fly an Indiana National Guard plane only Wednesday. Yesterday, he took off from Stout Field and was bound for Hoosier Airport, his father's.

Landing gear down, he was maneuvering to set the plane down when the planes collided in mid-air.

Parents Save Children as Fire Razes Home



Mother Carries Baby While Father Awakens Two Boys

Charles Eddleman Says He Will Rebuild House; Even Auto Was Destroyed in Night Blaze.

Four years ago Cecil Eddleman built a two-room home at 5218 Mathews Ave. and his wife and family moved in. In his spare time, Mr. Eddleman added improvements, and this year he finished it—a cozy five-room frame bungalow and garage.

Today the result of Mr. Eddleman's four years' labor was leveled by fire as the couple saved their three children.

But Mr. Eddleman hasn't give up his desire to have his own home. He said he will start building another one on the same site as soon as he can get his family settled.

"And I'll have to start from scratch," he explained.

Mr. Eddleman came home about 2:30 this morning after a night's work as garageman for the Indiana Bell Telephone Co. He sat down and talked with his wife, who had waited up for him.

Wife Smells Smoke  
Suddenly Mrs. Eddleman smelled smoke. Her husband went to the garage which adjoins the house, and opened the door. Flames leaped out and burned his face.

With only minutes to spare, Mrs. Eddleman picked up her sleeping baby, Sandra Jean, 3 months old, and ran outside while Mr. Eddleman rushed his two sons, Harry, 8, and Robert, 10, to safety.

Mrs. Eddleman and the children went to a neighbor's house, while her husband tried to save the home. There are no fire hydrants near 5218 Mathews Ave., in Perry Township, and the 550 gallons of water which one fire truck brought was not enough to quench the flames.

Wells Are Dry  
Almost all the wells in the neighborhood are dry and the family had been forced to carry water to their house.

The Eddlemans managed to save the clothes they were wearing—that was about all. The family car also was destroyed.

"I had some insurance—but not much," Eddleman said today. Firemen estimated the loss at \$2500.

To Harry, the young son, it was a particularly bitter night.

"We lost all our toys," he said. "The only thing saved from the household was one basket of damp wash which Mrs. Eddleman was ironing."

Last year the Eddleman home was struck by lightning. No damage was done to the house, but both Mr. and Mrs. Eddleman were knocked down by the bolt.

INDIANA AVE. BRIDGE REPAIRS SUGGESTED

Urged to Replace Plan for New Structure.

A proposal to repair the Indiana Ave. bridge over Fall Creek instead of building a new bridge costing \$500,000, was presented to the Works Board today by Louis C. Brandt, Works Board president.

Showing preliminary plans to patch the structure, condemned as unsafe more than a year ago by the city, Mr. Brandt told the Board he believed needed repairs would not exceed \$9000.

The proposal to reinforce and resurface the bridge was the result of insistent demands of West Side residents for exits to districts in northwest Indianapolis.

Mr. Brandt said that it would be virtually impossible to finance a new bridge next year as the city had hoped to do when it condemned the present structure. Repairs should add from six to 10 years to the life of the span, he said.

Board members withheld action pending approval by Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan. Repairs would include a superstructure with asphalt pavement and reinforcement of piers and understructure.

REPORTS ROME POWER CUT TO 2 BATTLESHIPS

Nazis Chased From Channel, London Adds; Axis Denies English Version.

By JOE ALEX MORRIS  
United Press Foreign News Editor

Italy, rushed more reinforcements into Fascism's battered Albanian battle lines today as both the Axis and Great Britain claimed important victories in sea and air fighting from the Mediterranean to the Irish Sea.

While Nazi bombers hammered at Liverpool and the R. A. F. attacked Germany's Ruhr Valley war industries, there were naval engagements in the English Channel and in the Mediterranean, with air bombers participating.

Germany claimed a triumph in a warship skirmish in the Channel but London asserted that it chased the Nazi ships to France; while both Britain and Italy claimed successes in the Mediterranean.

The engagements in the Mediterranean were of special importance because they spurred British agitation for a "knock-out" blow against Italy and may vitally affect the war in Albania, where Greeks claimed continued successes and reportedly were threatening the Fascist main base at Elbasan.

Here are the conflicting British-Italian claims on the Mediterranean sea battles:

BRITISH—

Italian dreadnaught strength had been cut to two warships by the Taranto raid and Wednesday's action. In the Wednesday encounter off Sardinia a 35,000-ton Littorio class battleship was torpedoed by a fleet airplane, three Italian cruisers and two destroyers were damaged.

Italian losses at Taranto are scored by the British as three battleships, two cruisers, two auxiliaries. This leaves two 32 622-ton Cavour class battleships available for Italian use.

One British cruiser, the 10,000-ton Berwick, suffered two hits and lost six men in the Wednesday action. Bombs dropped all around the famous aircraft carrier Ark Royal—often claimed to have been sunk by the Germans—but failed to cause damage or casualties. There was no British report yet on the Italian reports of a fresh air attack off Malta.

ITALIAN—

One British battleship badly damaged Wednesday by an airplane bomb, one British aircraft carrier and three cruisers damaged. In Thursday's attack another British battleship squarely hit by airplane bomb of heaviest caliber, five British planes shot down, four more damaged, and one German destroyer badly damaged, one cruiser lightly hit in the Wednesday engagement, lost one plane yesterday.

The English Channel fight was apparently a skirmish between small forces of German and British destroyers. The Germans claimed a destroyer flotilla made a sortie toward the British Coast and succeeded in torpedoing two British destroyers.

At the same time other German destroyers claimed to have sunk a 9000-ton and a 3000-ton merchant ship and two smaller vessels.

Corfu Coast Shelled

The British, in an incomplete report of the action, said the German destroyers were chased back to Brest as soon as sighted by the British light forces. They admitted damage to one British warship, but indicated belief that one or more German destroyers also had been hit.

The third naval action was reported in the Adriatic where Italian (Continued on Page Five)

REPORTS SUB NEAR

NEW YORK, Nov. 29 (U. P.).—The British steamer Harpass, 5682 tons, reported today that she was being approached by a submarine about 400 miles of the Irish coast, according to a message picked up by Mackay Radio.

21 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

TO GET BROTHER A TRAIN



BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

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