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## Nazis Rain Death on Sheffield; Greeks Seize Porto Palermo

# ITALIANS FLEEING ON ALL FRONTS

### POLICE, BENCH PASS THE BUCK ON AUTO TOLL

Privately, Each Blames  
Other for the 87 Deaths  
In City Traffic.

(This is the first of a series of articles describing what goes on behind the scenes as Indianapolis acts to reduce its traffic death toll, already a tragic all-time record high.)

By RICHARD LEWIS

Deadlocking official efforts to stem the rising tide of traffic casualties in Indianapolis, the Police Department and the Traffic Courts are still playing the game of "pass-the-buck" with the City's traffic mess.

It's a tug of war between two schools of thought on how to solve the traffic problem. As indicated by rising traffic deaths, neither side is getting anywhere and both are at it.

Superficially, there has been the appearance of sweet harmony between the two enforcement agencies. But underneath, each side is privately heaping upon the other the blame for the City's tragic plight: 87 traffic deaths so far this year.

Police Point to Courts

The police claim they are making arrests, but the traffic judges are permitting arrests to fizzle out in dismissals, withheld judgments and insignificant fines.

The judges believe the enforcement problem is primarily one of policing. "Prevention is better than punishment," they say. Police should patrol the streets in full view of motorists to discourage violation instead of hiding behind a bush to trap the traffic犯.

In traffic court yesterday, Municipal Judge John J. McNelis took occasion to answer Police Department and newspaper criticism that the courts are "too easy" on violators.

"Dislikes" Fine at Christmas

Before he stood a young man charged with speeding 44 miles an hour on the wrong side of Washington St. Said Judge McNelis in passing sentences:

"I am going to suspend your license for 60 days. I dislike the idea of taking money away from you at Christmas time. But there are certain individuals who think the courts are too easy."

"These individuals rarely come down to the courts to see the situation for themselves, but sit in their office buildings and criticize. I don't like to do this, but to be free of all this criticism I'll have to make you pay a fine."

"Pay \$2 and costs—that's \$12."

A few minutes later, the Judge looked up to see the young man waiting in line to pay.

Solicitous Question

"Would you prefer to pay after Christmas?" he asked the young man solicitously.

The young man replied that he "guessed" he would rather pay the fine now—and get it over with."

That was one case in which the Judge commented. Here is one in which he made no comment:

Saturday night, a man was arrested for speeding on N. Senate Ave. Sunday night he was arrested.

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TECKEMEYER HEADS  
REAL ESTATE BOARD

The directors of the Indianapolis Real Estate Board today chose their officers for 1941: Earl A. Teckemeyer, president; William A. Hackemeyer, vice president; Wendell M. Hicks, secretary, and Lorin Driscoll, treasurer.

TAKES UP \$2 FINE  
WITH 'TREASURER'

The Police Department received the following letter today:

"Dear Sirs:

"Please be advised that I will pay my \$2 sticker just as soon as my wife lets me have the money."

It was signed.

9 SHOPPING DAYS  
LEFT

TO BUY KITTY A CATNIP MOUSE  
CHRISTMAS SEALS

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### Army's Champ Recruiter



Elaine Bassett . . . "Maybe they think I'm the goddess type."

### But Blond Model Hopes Flat Feet Keep Hubby Home

'My Heart Just Isn't in This Military Stuff,' Drawls Texan  
Who'll Pose for Service Posters.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (U. P.)—The champion recruiter of North America was chosen today. She is blonde Elaine Bassett, who posed for the Canadian "Join the Army" posters and now has been selected to pose for Uncle Sam's.

A model, Miss Bassett is tall and statuesque, which she said probably was the reason she was chosen—not because she has any great love for the military.

"Maybe they think I'm the goddess type, or something cute like that," she drawled. "My heart isn't in this Army stuff. I'm hoping my husband's flat feet will keep him out of the war."

The daughter of a Baptist minister of Dallas, Tex., Miss Bassett has two sisters, who are models too.

"Dad didn't like it a-tall at first," she said. "Then I got my picture on a magazine cover. He kept that thing folded up in his pocket for days."

"Finally he got to showin' it around—sort of shy like. Everybody thought it was so sweet and all, that he keeps writing me to get some more good pictures he can show off to his friends."

"You Should Have Seen Me"

Her sisters, Margaret Johnson and Verona, also work in New York. Verona is red-haired, but Margaret is a blonde like Elaine, who has promised her employer, John Powers, that she won't cut off her hair shorter than her present shoulder length bob.

"Lordy, you should have seen me when I first came to New York four years ago. I had curls down my back and when I walked into John Powers' office I had on a poker bonnet. He said he saw a ray of hope—but not much more. I was bound and determined to be a model, though. I played the violin in the Dallas symphony and studied at drama school in the summer to keep me out of devilmint."

Then she said, she had stage ambitions. Now, she said, "She's o'clock and I wash my hands of it. I'm the missus then."

Just then she dropped her pocketbook.

Out rolled a hairbrush, a comb, mirror, two compacts, calling cards, a brassiere, two packages of chewing gum, four unmailed letters, two powder puffs, at least 12 books of matches, an appointment book, a rabbit's foot and a pair of red flannel panties.

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A VARIED COLLECTION

"You can't call modeling a career," she said. "Six o'clock and I wash my hands of it. I'm the missus then."

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EARLY MORNING FIRE  
ROUTS 2 FAMILIES

An overheated stove set fire to a double house at 1113-15 W. 32d St., early today and routed two families. They spent the rest of the night at neighbors.

The families were Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Bogard and children, Doris, 10, and Perry, 11, and Mr. and Mrs. Morton T. Mosher and Mr. Mosher's father, Jonathan Mosher.

Firemen said the loss was between \$500 and \$600.

A MAN RETURNED to the Clothe-A-Child office with the three children he had taken to outfit.

The youngsters were happy. Their parents, who were waiting for them, expressed their gratitude for helping some other needy family.

The man told the parents: "I know how you feel. I've been through it myself."

Then the story came out. It seems that back in 1930—the year Clothe-A-Child was started—the man was down on his luck. He had eight children to care for. There had been a lot of illness. Clothe-A-Child outfitting three

### A Man Remembers When Clothe-A-Child Helped Him, Now He's Glad to Aid Others

### EASTERN CITY IMPERILED BY WATER ERROR

All Rochester, N. Y., Residents Urged to Vaccinate Against Typhoid.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 13 (U. P.)—Dr. Arthur Johnson, city health officer, today urged all Rochester residents to undergo vaccination against typhoid fever and reported that samples of the public water supply showed it "highly contaminated."

The health officer's report was made as Norman Price, a waterworks foreman, testified at a public hearing that the water supply was polluted yesterday when a workman opened an unused valve which connected the domestic service system to a main carrying unfiltered Genesee River water to fire hydrants.

Dr. Johnson announced that public clinics were being established throughout Rochester and its suburbs so that all of the city's 324,000 residents could obtain free treatment.

He said the State Health Department at Albany was being called in to supply additional vaccine. State health authorities already had representatives at Rochester to assist in preventing an epidemic.

State sanitization officials ordered a complete chlorination of city drinking water.

Bacteriologists sought to determine how many residents were supplied with the polluted water when they turned on their faucets.

Meanwhile, residents were being warned to boil water before using until further notice. The warnings were reiterated throughout the day by radio, police car public address systems. Two hundred extra telephone operators called more than 90,000 subscribers to announce: "A city water main has broken. Boil water before using."

Detective Groh—13 letters there, too—made the arrest.

Chief Orders  
Clean Santas

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 13 (U. P.)—Police Chief Leo Kamins today ordered charity organization Santa Claus to clean up their suits or get off Peoria streets.

"It only confuses children to see a Santa Claus on every corner, leaning against a lamp post, wearing a different kind of shoe on each foot, khaki pants instead of boots and dirty wads of cotton for beard," Kamins said.

Charity organizations agreed to the edit.

### WILLIE WANTS JOB; WEARY OF LOAFING

Several Things in Mind, He  
Says on N. Y. Visit.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (U. P.)—Wendell L. Willkie, who came here by train for what he called an "informal visit" with Willkie Club members and others, said today he was in the market for a "job."

The defeated Republican Presidential candidate, who resigned as president of the Commonwealth & Southern Corp. to run against President Roosevelt, said he was getting tired of inaction after a vacation in Florida.

"I have got to get a job, I have got to get back in harness," he said with a laugh. "I have not decided definitely what I am going to do. I have several things in mind but, frankly, I have not reached a decision."

Mr. Willkie had flown to Washington from Hobie Sound, Fla. He will go to Washington tonight or early tomorrow to attend the dinner of the Gridiron Club. He will return Sunday.

He agreed with Morgenthau.

He opposed proposals for anti-strike legislation, but said it might be necessary to forego the right to strike in essential industries. He also predicted that American labor would have to sacrifice the 40-hour week to defeat Hitler's "ruthless power."

Both Mr. Landon and Mr. Taft agreed that the tax exemptions on Federal and state securities should be removed as recommended by Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. Mr. Taft said Mr. Morgenthau had "performed a wise move" in issuing \$500,000,000 in taxable defense notes this week.

HIT-AND-RUN VICTIM  
SEES HIS MOTHER HIT

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 13 (U. P.)—Tony Huff was injured Tuesday night by a hit-and-run driver, and yesterday he was brought home from the hospital.

Huff was propped up by a window so he could watch the street. He saw his mother, Mrs. Angie Huff, 57, sit down on the sidewalk just as a bus came down the street. He watched the bus hit his mother. She was badly injured but at St. John's Hospital it was said that she would recover.

### So What?

Wisconsin Woman's  
Bad Luck Piled Up on  
11th and 12th.

ONEIDA, Wis., Dec. 13 (U. P.)—This was Friday the 13th, but Mrs. Carl Dwyer wasn't concerned:

This is what happened to her on the 11th and 12th:

Her farm home was burglarized.

As she went to report the crime, her car stalled.

She walked to her brother-in-law's farm and borrowed a horse to tow the car. The horse fell dead.

When she returned to the automobile she found the battery had been stolen.

A Modest Hero

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (U. P.)—Joseph Miller looked up as he was walking to work today and saw a woman falling from a third-floor apartment window above him.

He braced himself, threw out his arms and broke her fall. He was unable, however, to keep her from striking the pavement. He called a patrolman and went to work.

An ambulance intern said the woman, Dorothy Guzzie, 22, was unconscious.

Police went to the brewery where Miller works to congratulate him and found that he was out delivering beer in his truck and had told fellow workers nothing about his accomplishment.

Unlucky for Morris

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (U. P.)—Don't tell Morris Brendel there's nothing to this Friday the 13th.

Brendel, whose first and last names add up to 13 letters, was arrested today in a 13-count forgery indictment which, it so happened, was the 13th handed up by the Queens County Grand Jury.

Meanwhile, residents were being warned to boil water before using until further notice. The warnings were reiterated throughout the day by radio, police car public address systems. Two hundred extra telephone operators called more than 90,000 subscribers to announce: "A city water main has broken. Boil water before using."

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URGES TAX RISE  
IN LOW BRACKET

Taft Suggests Income Levies  
Be Reduced, However,

In High Pay Group.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (U. P.)—Senator Robert A. Taft (R. O.) proposed today that income tax rates be lowered from 75 to 50 percent in the high brackets and increased from 4 to 10 percent in the low brackets.

He suggested lowering the exemption for married men from \$2000 to \$1500, said he agreed with President Roosevelt that "now is not the time to institute a sales tax" and opposed any increase in income tax rates for business.

The Senator said that "the most promising source of revenue" seems to be in the lower income groups.

From \$40 to \$150

Under his proposal, a married man earning \$3000 a year, who now pays income tax of \$40, would pay the Treasury \$150 a year. Those figures do not consider the special defense surtax added this year.

"We would just be kidding ourselves to increase the rate on business," he said. "That would only discourage the persons we are depending on to bring about prosperity in this country."

Alf M. Landon, here for the Gridiron Diner tomorrow night, told a press conference that inheritance taxes should be boosted with less emphasis on income taxes in order to "protect the producer."

Agree With Morgenthau

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