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### NEW PROTESTS ON BINGO GIVEN TO MORRISSEY

Better Business Bureau's  
Bulletin Says '12 Places'  
Advertise Games.

The Better Business Bureau reported today in its monthly bulletin that it is receiving numerous reports of the operation of bingo games throughout Indianapolis and environs.

The bulletin listed 12 places, including some churches, where games allegedly "are being advertised and conducted" and said a brief investigation would uncover others.

It also carried reproductions of a number of the post card notices and hand-bills, most of them dated in late November, that the bulletin said are being distributed for the games.

Operators Warned

Police Chief Michael F. Morrissey, given the list published in the bulletin, said that the places mentioned in Indianapolis, hadn't operated for several weeks "to my knowledge."

He said the Police Department had been working on the matter quietly for several weeks and that in all cases where complaints of bingo games had been received the operators or organizations involved had been warned "to expect a visit" and in all such cases a later investigation showed that no games were being played.

Officials of the Better Business Bureau said they had learned that a bingo game in one downtown establishment had stopped within the last few days but said they had received information on other games, particularly in some churches, within the past few days.

Legal Bingo Sought

Two places listed in the bulletin where bingo games allegedly are going on are in the county. Sheriff Al Peetey said he had talked to the proprietor of one place last week and that the game had stopped.

The other place, in the county, came under the jurisdiction of the Beech Grove police, the sheriff said.

Another place listed in the bulletin is in Hancock County. State Police said that matter was up to the Hancock County authorities.

The Better Business Bureau (Continued on Page Seven)

2 DEAD IN COLLISION  
OF 3 LOCOMOTIVES

CUMBERLAND, Md., Jan. 2 (U. P.).—Two trainmen were killed and two injured seriously in a collision involving three locomotives in the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad yards here yesterday.

The dead were fireman James S. Privally, 33, Pittsburgh, and fireman Edward R. McLoughlin, of Bedford, Pa.

Showered with live steam and scalding water when a steam pipe broke, engineer James F. Mencer, 51, of Cumberland, suffered burns of the face and head. Engineer Thomas Holleran, 53, of Braddock, Pa., suffered injuries of the head, arms and legs.

The accident occurred when two coupled passenger engines headed north from the roundhouse to Cumberland station collided with a freight engine en route to the roundhouse.

STRIKERS MASS AT  
HARVESTER GATES

FT. WAYNE, Ind., Jan. 2 (U. P.).—Hundreds of strikers massed at the gates of the International Harvester Co. truck plant today in a demonstration for a contract for which they walked out two days ago.

L. R. Turner and A. J. Atwood, regional directors for the United Automobile Workers (C. I. O.), told the strikers that the union was asking for "a decent contract which they (the management) can grant without jeopardizing their competitive place in the truck industry."

The demonstrators were given soup from a nearby kitchen operated by strikers' wives.

SPECIAL STOCKS FEATURE

NEW YORK, Jan. 2 (U. P.).—Special stocks continued to be the feature on the stock exchange today while gains in leading issues were generally small. Universal Pictures first preferred soared \$12 on a plan to retire a portion of the stock.

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### Bobbie's Runaways to End— Grandmother, Police Hope

He's Only 3 and His Latest  
Adventure 'Scared Her  
To Death.'

Bobbie Elliott Jr., who is 3 and likes policemen when they ride him in their automobiles, has a habit of "slipping away from his grandmother."

Bobbie "slipped away" yesterday afternoon and in his wanderings in the rain became acquainted with a kind lady, two policemen and the folks at the Children's Guardians Home in Irvington.

But he's back home today at 414 E. Ninth St. and his grandmother, Mrs. Donnie Elliott, said that "here's one grandmother whose little boy isn't going to get away again."

Found by Woman

At 5:53 p. m. yesterday police were called to an address in the 800 block of Ft. Wayne Ave. A woman there told them that a child had followed her through the rain from East and 9th Sts. The boy, she said, had no hat, coat or underwear under his green corduroy overalls.

She took him into her home and called police.

Police took the boy to headquarters but they could not learn his name and he didn't care to say himself. His face and hands were washed and the staff of the Juvenile Aid Division entertained him.

But late last night two policemen took Bobbie to the Guardians Home. They said he gave him two pennies before he'd let them go, for he liked to ride in their automobile.

Sleeps Soundly

When Bobbie was cleaned up and put to bed, he slept well and this morning he became attached to a blue toy truck in the Home's play room. At 7 a. m. they still didn't know where he came from.

All he'd say when asked for his name was "Tim."

But at 7:45 o'clock this morning a man called and reported that Bobbie Elliott Jr. was gone.

Bobbie's grandmother learned the man, a nearby grocer, call and police told him about Bobbie. The grandmother was "scared to death" Bobbie had been killed.

When told that he was at the Guardians Home, Mrs. Elliott told this story:

Bobbie's mother died recently, and his father is a night cook in a restaurant. And so he lives with her.

Leaves as She Sleeps

Yesterday afternoon, as she was preparing to take a nap, her daughter from Martinsville, Ind., came in and said she might take Bobbie to Martinsville. Then Mrs. Elliott went to sleep.

When she awakened early this morning, Bobbie was gone. Since he had told her daughter to awaken her if she was going to take Bobbie to Martinsville, Mrs. Elliott was worried about Bobbie being gone.

And so she went to the home of another daughter who lives here. But this daughter didn't know anything about Bobbie and so Mrs. Elliott had the grocer call police.

This morning Mrs. Elliott told her son, John, 18, to "make haste and go get Bobbie."

NEW YEAR'S DEATH  
TOLL NOW PAST 225

Traffic Fatalities, About 90  
Below Yule Total.

By UNITED PRESS

The nation's motorists embarked on the new year by contributing more than half the victims to a holiday toll of at least 226 persons dead of violence.

A national survey showed at least 142 persons perished in traffic accidents on New Year's Eve and the first day of 1941.

The Council said the New Year holiday traffic fatalities appeared to range 90 victims under the Christmas holiday toll.

Don't Rejoice Too Soon—It  
Was Zero This Time in 1940

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

6 a. m. .... 53 10 a. m. .... 42  
8 a. m. .... 51 11 a. m. .... 41  
8 a. m. .... 49 12 (noon) .... 39  
9 a. m. .... 45 3 p. m. .... 38

The trouble with rejoicing over springtime winter is that you never know what's going to happen.

Even J. H. Armstrong, the weatherman, can predict only a few hours into the future. Today he said that it would be colder tonight and slightly so tomorrow, but he made it plain that it's not a cold wave that's coming.

He used the term "slightly."

### DIES AID SAYS PELLEY MONEY BACKS LOSEY

Claims Silver Shirts Founder  
Is Power Behind Fellow-  
ship Press, Inc.

By DANIEL M. KIDNEY  
Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—William Dudley Pelley, founder and former leader of the Silver Shirts of America, put up the money to create the Fellowship Press, Inc., at Noblesville, Wick Fowler, Dies Committee agent, reported here today.

The investigator, who has just returned here from Indianapolis, said he also learned that Pelley financed the moving of the Pelley publications plant equipment from Asheville, N. C., to Noblesville.

This information was obtained in a long talk in Mr. Fowler's Severin Hotel room at Indianapolis with Carl Losey, president of the newly formed Fellowship Press, and Losey's attorney, George A. Henry.

Firm Directors Listed

The conference, Agent Fowler said, brought out that title to the Noblesville printing plant for Pelley publications is held in the name of Mrs. A. M. Henderson, 415 N. Euclid Ave., Indianapolis.

Directors of the firm, besides Losey, are L. A. Brown and A. M. Henderson, both listed as living at 415 N. Euclid St.

Both L. A. Brown and A. M. Henderson are said to be former associates of Pelley in the Dies committee in August, 1939, Chairman Martin Dies read into the record a reference from one of Pelley's writings mentioning "Marion Henderson, my secretary."

Past publications by Pelley have been anti-Semitic and Losey was inclined to blame the Jews for what he termed "smear stories" regarding new publication venture, Mr. Fowler said.

Losey Mixes Words

"At first, Losey told me that his plans were to publish nothing but what was 'intolerant,'" Mr. Fowler reported to the committee, "but when I called his attention to this, he said he meant he would publish nothing but things 'tolerant' to all races and creeds."

He seemed to be given a chance to show what his publication is like before condemning it as subversive or un-American.

While admitting that Pelley had been in Noblesville under the name of Garfield and that they had tried to buy the Noblesville Times, Losey told Mr. Fowler that he alone would be responsible for the new magazine to be published by the firm.

The magazine, to be put out for "businessmen" is expected to be off the press within the next two weeks.

"Pelley's only connection with the business, Losey maintained, would be through an agreement to put out Pelley's own books on "esoterics and metaphysics."

Losey Is Director

Although Losey is a director and president of the Fellowship Press, Mr. Fowler said, the fact that both Brown and Henderson are long-time associates of Pelley might give Pelley two to one voting strength with the directorship and make Losey a figurehead rather than a real power.

The agent said that although he was in both Noblesville and Indianapolis, he had no personal contact with Pelley.

Losey's own past connections with D. C. Stephenson, Grand Dragon in the heyday of the Ku Klux Klan in Indiana, combined with the fact that he had been a member of the Silver Shirts, brought on investigation of the Noblesville venture by the Dies Committee.

Resentment in State

The Committee will continue to watch the operation with great interest, Mr. Fowler said, "particularly the matter of finances and possible political connections."

Mr. Fowler confirmed the report that resentment is growing over the advent of Pelley in Indiana, both in Indianapolis and Noblesville. He declined comment on the seriousness of an alleged bombing threat which Losey said he received by mail and turned over to the FBI.

Bet They Were  
Bowled Over

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 2 (U. P.).—Patrolman F. J. Aragon reported today that he was watching the Tennessee-Boston College football game in the Sugar Bowl when two men, obviously victims of too much New Year's cheer, asked him to help them find their seats.

Aragon said he looked at their tickets and discovered they were for the Rose Bowl game between Stanford and Nebraska at Pasadena, Cal.

"I told you we were on the wrong train," one of the celebrators told the other.

The patrolman let them stay to watch the Sugar Bowl game.

### Doesn't Know Where to Go

Robert Rainwater ... he's looking around.

A suit of condemnation has been filed and the notice to vacate has been posted on the barn door.

"We haven't found a place to go yet," Mrs. Rainwater said. "The 20-day notice isn't long, but I'm sure we can make some arrangements for a place to live and work in that time."

Ernie Pyle in England

'Blitz a Failure So Far and  
London Is Not Knocked Out'

LONDON (by wireless).—It has happened that in my first few days here I have met a tremendous number of people. The first thing everyone says—and I'll bet I've heard it 200 times—is this:

"Is it better or worse than you thought it would be?"

Then I have to explain to them that in the United States we had felt that perhaps, because of the censorship, we might not be getting a complete picture of the devastation. We had been afraid that London was more grievously wounded than we were being allowed to know.

And now, having been prepared for any shock and having looked at London, I can truthfully answer that it is better off than I had expected.

I think the newspapers have given a proper estimate of the damage. True, the destruction has been immense. But these ghastly blows actually have hurt London less than it is possible to conceive or believe without seeing for yourself.

Believe it or not, London as a living, enduring institution is not gravely injured. Not in its architecture, or in its mode of existence, or its utilities, or its transportation, or its health. And above all, not in its spirit.

So far, the blitz on London is a failure. London is no more knocked out than the man who smashes a finger is dead. Daytime life in London today comes very close to being normal.

My reply of "better" seemed to please the questioners, with one exception. A girl said, "Oh, I'm sorry to hear you say that." I think she probably felt that I didn't appreciate what they had been through. Also, she may have thought that if I wrote such stuff back to the States it might lead people to believe that Britain didn't need help as badly as she really does.

You See a Block Half Wiped Out

THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS on newspapermen here. They can travel wherever they like.

The two sections hardest hit are the poor East End and the rich West End. The latter would correspond to the Times Square and Fifth Ave. districts in New York, or to all of downtown Washington between the Capitol and the "Million Dollar" Bridge, or to San Francisco from Market St. to Russian Hill.

I haven't been to the East End yet, but I have walked at least 10 miles through the West End. I covered and re-covered the Parliament (Continued on Page Seven)

SIX SPEEDERS FINED  
AVERAGE OF \$17.63

Rinier Cites Newspapers'  
Criticism of Laxity.

Pointing out that newspapers blame low traffic fines for the mounting auto death toll, Municipal Judge Pro Tem George Rinier today fined six speeders an average of \$17.63.

Judge Rinier declared: "The newspapers place the blame on the courts for the traffic toll and say that our fines are too lax. When the evidence warrants it, I intend to give sufficient punishment so that the motorist will think before he speeds again."

One motorist charged with speeding was acquitted after he explained that at the time of his arrest he was taking his child, suffering from pneumonia, to Methodist Hospital.

Eldon Broyles, 1258 Roosevelt Ave., charged with drunken driving, who was released without bond so that he could spend Christmas with his family, today was fined \$60 and sentenced to 30 days in jail.

LONDON CONSIDERS  
DYNAMITING RUINS

LONDON, Jan. 2 (U. P.).—Army experts and civilian officials met today to decide whether to tear down or dynamite the ruins of the ancient Guildhall, Wren churches and other famous buildings destroyed in the German raid Sunday night.

Gun cotton was issued to Royal Engineers who took charge of demolition work under a staff of experts, and it was expected that the blowing up of those ruins considered the greatest menace would be started tomorrow morning.

### 20,000 BOMBS RAIN ON BREMEN IN 3-HOUR RAID

FDR MAY GIVE  
DETAILS OF AID  
PLAN MONDAY

Craft of German-Occupied  
Nations Tied Up in Our  
Ports May Be Acquired.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (U. P.).—Administration quarters indicated today that American cargo ships will be lent or leased to Britain as one of the first steps in President Roosevelt's program of accelerated material aid for Axis foes.

The sources said that if the plan is carried out there is some likelihood that the United States may compensate for the loss of vessels by acquisition of most of the 133 ships owned by German-occupied countries and now tied up in American ports.

Legal aspects of such a course were being studied but there was no indication that the Government planned to take over German and Italian "refugee" vessels as well as those of other foreign countries.

Germany and Italy have said that seizure of their ships would be viewed as a "warlike" act.

Works on Message

This new move came as Mr. Roosevelt continued work on his annual message to Congress—an address which is expected to give details of his plan for speeding up delivery of war supplies to Britain. It will be delivered Monday.

Britain's urgent need for ships was placed before the President again by dispatches from London telling of a proposed plan by which American flag-vessels would take over, for the duration of the war, British trade routes in an extensive area of the Pacific, thus releasing British merchantmen for the more vitally important Atlantic and Mediterranean services.

Similar to Plan Year Ago

First reaction to the British proposal here was lukewarm. Officials said that this country could not afford to upset its normal foreign trade development by guaranteeing it would return any routes to Britain after the war.

Official sources said that the British proposal appears to be similar in most respects to one made over a year ago. Nothing came of it at that time because maritime officials here were unwilling to guarantee a return of trade routes.

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Dig for 4 Bodies  
Under Avalanche

ALTA, Utah, Jan. 2 (U. P.).—Hundreds of men dug through tons of ice, snow, broken trees and rocks today for the bodies of four men believed buried last yesterday when an avalanche swept down the side of a peak in the Wasatch Mountains and into Rustlers' Gulch.

A force of 100 men who had worked through the night was relieved at daylight by 400 fresh workers, but despite their efforts, it was feared the bodies might not be found until the snow melts next summer. Machinery cannot be used to remove the snow, which is piled 50 feet deep in the gulch.

GARNER A 'STRANGER'  
UNDER HIS NEW HAT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (U. P.).—Vice President John N. Garner, returning from Texas after a long vacation, drove up to the White House today and almost didn't get in.

The reason: He was wearing a "man in the street" gray fedora hat in place of his usual wide-brimmed Texas sombrero.

"I didn't know you," a White House guard said when Mr. Garner walked in, smoking his customary cigar.

"I don't blame you," the Vice President replied.

Mr. Garner, who opposed Mr. Roosevelt's renomination and did not vote in the November general election, will remain in the Capital until after the third term inauguration Jan. 20. His own term of office expires then.

HEALTH O. K. GABLES TOLD  
BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 2 (U. P.).—Johns Hopkins Hospital physicians today completed their check-ups on Clark Gable, the movie star, and his wife, Carole Lombard, and told them they were in excellent health.

The Gables planned to return to Hollywood Saturday.

Is Von Luckner  
Raiding Again?

LONDON, Jan. 2 (U. P.).—The Exchange Telegraph Agency reported from Hong Kong today that survivors from vessels attacked in the South Pacific said that one of the German raiders south of New Guinea was commanded by Capt. Count Felix von Luckner, the famed raider commander of the World War.

Exchange dispatches said that a Norwegian survivor had claimed that Von Luckner commanded the raider which attacked his ship. The survivor was quoted as saying that the raider was the former British ship Glenagarry, 7100 tons.

Von Luckner commanded the Seeadler, a famous raider during the World War. As recently as 1938 he was known to have been in the South Pacific on what his friends said will cruise.

### U. S. Planes Stream Overseas; Neutral Eire Bombed.

BULLETIN

LONDON, Jan. 2 (U. P.).—More than 20,000 incendiary bombs and huge quantities of high explosives were dropped by British planes in a 3½-hour raid on the great German port of Bremen last night, the Air Ministry said today.

By JOE ALEX MORRIS  
United Press Foreign News Editor

Germany is sending air squadrons to Italy and several hundred Fascist warplanes are being rushed home from bases at the English Channel, it was revealed today, in order to bolster Italian air strength in Albania and North Africa and attack British supply lines and sea power in the Mediterranean.

Announcement of the move to aid the bogged down Fascist military machine was made by Gen. Francesco Pricolo, Italian Undersecretary for Air.

It was believed to indicate new winter campaigns in the Mediterranean theater of war.

Well-informed sources in Rome said the German reinforcements would be complete with ground crews, machine shops and repair facilities, but that they would operate under the Italian High Command.

U. S. Bombers Fly Atlantic

These sources said that the German squadrons were expected to be used against British sea power in the Mediterranean and the routes by which material and supplies are conveyed eastward from Gibraltar to British forces in North Africa and Anglo-Greek forces in Greece and Albania.

Other developments included: Lord Beaverbrook, British Minister of Aircraft Supply, told American correspondents that United States bombers are being flown across the Atlantic to Britain in a "steady stream" and that British aircraft forces now are at an all-time high.

The Nazi High Command claimed that nearly 100,000,000 pounds of bombs had been dumped on Britain in the great series of air attacks which started Aug. 8.

Bombs Fall on Eire

Residents of one area in neutral Eire were evacuated today after discovery that two large parachute mines were dropped there in the course of last night's airplane attack on Eire in which three persons were killed and several injured. The bombs fell in several Eire regions not far from Dublin. At least one was officially identified as of German origin.

The plane activity accompanied increasing anxiety over the status of Eire. The British are eager to obtain Irish naval bases to use in protecting sea lanes against German (Continued on Page Three)

CONVICT LEAPS TO DEATH

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 2 (U. P.).—A 17-year-old North Carolina convict committed suicide in the main cell block of Central State Prison here today by jumping from the fifth cell tier to the concrete floor below. The convict, Eitel Norton, evaded attempts of authorities to prevent his jump.

DELAYS ARRESTS ON  
DRIVERS' LICENSES

State Lenient Because of  
Deadline Confusion.

State police will not begin making arrests "right away" for failure to have 1941 drivers' licenses, Don F. Stiver, State Safety Director, announced today.

He said that the custom of giving motorists a few days of grace, followed in previous years, was being followed again this year because of the confusion among the public over the different deadlines for procuring drivers' licenses and license plates.

Governor Townsend Monday extended the deadline for purchasing license plates to Jan. 15 and Governor-elect Henry F. Schickler said he would extend the plate deadline to March 1.

The legal deadline for purchasing drivers' licenses, midnight, Dec. 31, was not extended, however.

The state police policy of leniency to motorists on drivers' licenses concurs with the policy of the Indianapolis police department announced yesterday by Chief Michael F. Morrissey.

Mr. Morrissey said that no one will be arrested for failure to have a 1941 drivers' license "until further notice."

Mr. Stiver said that state police would wait until the rush for the licenses at the various auto license branches is over before beginning to make arrests.

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