

CITY TO STAY ON JOB FOR V-E DAY

Spontaneous Jubilee Viewed As Unfair to Pacific Fighters.

A campaign to prevent any public celebration when the war in Europe ends was launched today by a committee of 40 members representing business, labor and employer groups.

At a meeting with Mayor Tyndall the committee unanimously agreed to sponsor a "stay on the job" program for V-E day (victory in Europe).

The people of Indianapolis must realize that when the war in Europe ends our war is not over by any means," Mayor Tyndall said. "In fact, our war probably will not be even half over when and if Germany surrenders."

Brown Heads Committee

The V-E day committee headed by Paul Brown, city park superintendent, voted to conduct a publicity campaign to inform the public that any jubilee on Indianapolis streets at the end of the European war would not be fair to the thousands of families who have boys fighting and dying in the Pacific.

Labor union officials said they already had advised their workers against any layoffs when the war in Europe ends.

War plant executives said they will put up posters throughout their factories urging all workers to stay on the job.

The Employers association announced that surveys made last summer regarding V-E day plans revealed several plants planning to shut down for 24 hours. A more recent survey showed a change in attitude. No plants now are planning any recess.

Will Control Celebrations

Mayor Tyndall said that plans will be made to control any spontaneous celebration that might develop among crowds on downtown streets.

"If any groups should want to stage a parade, we will direct them to the World War Memorial plaza for memorial services in honor of the dead instead of a victory celebration," he said.

The committee instructed Mayor Tyndall to appoint a smaller committee of four or five members to conduct a publicity campaign advising the public against a V-E day celebration.

ORDER INQUEST IN HOLLYWOOD DEATH

HOLLYWOOD, March 14 (U.P.)—Authorities today ordered an inquest Friday to determine whether a 41-year-old Hollywood tennis instructor killed himself or was murdered by gasoline black marketeers.

When police found Leslie C. Wilbanks' body, with a bullet through the heart, in a fashionable Hollywood apartment Saturday night, they listed the death as suicide.

Then O. P. A. officials revealed that Wilbanks, socially prominent teacher of filmdom's net aces, had been arrested in a gasoline black market case and released under bond after turning informer.

Jack Foster, O. P. A. investigator, contested the police suicide listing. He said Wilbanks, who sometimes used the more glamorous name of Pierre, Beauregard, "was killed."

ECONOMIST TO HEAD OPEN FORUM SUNDAY

"What You Earn and What You Pay," will be discussed by Dr. Mordecai Ezekiel, noted economist, when he speaks before the Indianapolis Open Forum at 8:15 p. m. Sunday in the Kirschbaum center.

Former economic adviser to Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard, Mr. Ezekiel will emphasize the relationship of prices and salaries.

Dr. Ezekiel, who has had a lengthy background of government service, is author of a book, "Jobs for All." He also has studied at the University of Minnesota, Brookings Graduate School at Washington and as a Guggenheim research scholar abroad.

Theodore Dann, president of the Jewish Center association of Indianapolis, will preside. Dr. M. O. Ross, Butler university president, will introduce the speaker.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

EVENTS TODAY

City tin can collection, south of 16th st. Junior Chamber of Commerce, luncheon, Washington hotel, 12:15 p. m.

EVENTS TOMORROW

Induction ceremonies, Indiana superintendent of public instruction, statehouse supreme court room, 11:15 a. m. City tin can collection, south of 16th st. Red Cross war fund campaign.

Indianapolis Real Estate board, luncheon, Washington hotel, 12:15 p. m.

BIRTHS

Wesley Dorothy Richland, at City Edgar, Bertha Coop, at Coleman Raymond, Sylvia Steen, at Coleman Edward Harry Foulk, at Methodist Robert, Alice, at Methodist Everett, May Wilkerson, at Methodist Glendon, Roberta Campbell, at Edwards, Edward, at Edwards John, Melva Wiley, at Edwards Robert, Georgann Pace, at 444 N. Beville, Indianapolis, 12:15 p. m. Jack, Elizabeth Harian, at St. Vincent's Daniel, Mary James, at St. Vincent's Josephine, at St. Vincent's Robert, Ann Parks, at St. Vincent's Robert, Ann Parks, at St. Vincent's Lyman, Edna Wycoff, at St. Vincent's.

Boys

Lafayette, Winnie Bell Smith, at City Alfred, Dorothy Clark, at Methodist Harry, Eva, at Methodist Robert, Bertha Hance, at Methodist Lorene, Lila Lundin, at Methodist James, Frances McDaniel, at Methodist Robert, Roberta, at Edwards, Edward Wade, Dorothy Davis, at Edwards Robert, Bertha Brown, at St. Vincent's Lloyd, Margaret, at Edwards, Edward Walter, Roberta Lindley, at St. Vincent's Arthur, Ardus Richardson, at St. Vincent's Louis, Guiney, at St. Vincent's Robert, Edna Norlita, at St. Vincent's.

Hoosier Returns



BIG 3 TO ESTABLISH COUNCIL IN AUSTRIA

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President Roosevelt disclosed yesterday that the Big Three had decided to establish an allied commission for Austria at Vienna. The German control council, which will be in Berlin, and the reparations commission at Moscow.

The Vienna commission will be patterned after the Berlin body, it was understood, but allied treatment of Austria will be grounded on the promise made to Austrians in November of 1943.

At that time Austria was promised post-war independence if her people pitched in to help regain it. Undersecretary of State Joseph C. Grew reminded Austria Sunday, on the seventh anniversary of its annexation by Germany, that now was the time Austrians to show that they wanted post-war freedom.

Capt. Raymond E. Knapp, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Knapp, 39 N. Vine st., is shown after he arrived in San Francisco with the first large group of American prisoners liberated from Cabanatuan prison camp in the Philippines. He is shown with a friend who came to greet him.

MEAT SUPPLIES SHRINKING FAST

Current Shortage Worst Since War Began, Outlook Is Gloomiest.

CHICAGO, March 14 (U.P.)—Better get a good mental picture of those three-inch steaks and juicy roasts that used to line the butcher's counters, because they won't be in style again for a long, long time.

Producers, wholesalers and retailers agreed gloomily today that civilians might just as well resign themselves to empty meat counters. It may be months, they predicted, before fresh meats return to the market.

The current meat shortage, they said, is the worst since the war began and is as widespread as it is acute.

A United Press survey revealed that in nearly every section of the country the better grades of meat—beef, pork, veal and lamb—had virtually disappeared. Even cold cuts and canned meats were almost non-existent.

Cite 4 Reasons

Spokesmen for the American Meat Institute cited four reasons for the shortage:

ONE—The lowest February stocks in history.

TWO—A drop-off in production, especially in pork.

THREE—Increased demands of the military and lend-lease.

FOUR—Widespread black market operations.

Another reason cited for the current scarcity was the wholesale slaughter of baby beef.

The meat institute reported less than 162,000,000 pounds of meat would be available weekly during the first quarter of 1945.

Supplies to Fall

Supplies for the second quarter, beginning in April, were expected to fall to 151,000,000 pounds weekly, he said.

Pre-war weekly meat consumption from 1939 to 1941 was approximately 226,000,000 pounds.

But the shortage isn't confined to the meat for table consumption alone. Restaurants and hotels are feeling the pinch and many quick lunch stands, barbecues and hamburger spots are closing down.

O. D. KENDRICK, 78, GRAIN DEALER, DEAD

O. D. Kendrick, 1527 Carrollton ave., died yesterday in St. Vincent's hospital. He was 78.

An Indianapolis resident about 30 years, he had been in the hay and grain business nearly all his life. He had offices in the Board of Trade building at the time of his death.

He was a member of Red Men's Lodge and the Grace M. E. church.

Survivors are his daughter, Mrs. Jaunita Larrabe, Beloit, Wis., and a brother, Howard B., Indianapolis.

Services will be held at 10 a. m. Friday in the Grace M. E. church with burial in Memorial Park cemetery.

Sitting on Dynamite Under Fire Scares GI From Here

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His story was told by a dispatch from the 7th army public relations office.

How does it feel to be left alone in charge of an ammunition dump on the 7th army front?

Pvt. Robert Whitsett of 1543 Wade st. can tell you. He weathered rain, snow and mortar fire for 48 hours, while literally sitting on dynamite—and all by himself.

The son of Indianapolis Police Officer Ernest Whitsett, ballif in municipal court 3, and Mrs. Whitsett, the Robert Whitsett, was left to guard the supplies.

As it rained, snowed and froze, Pvt. Whitsett dug four foxholes "just to keep warm." Then he settled down in his ringside seat to watch his tank battalion successfully attack the enemy pillboxes.

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The driver of a 12th armored division fuel and lubrication truck, Whitsett volunteered to haul ammunition and fuel for tanks to the 7th army front lines.

Under cover of darkness, the convoy left the bivouac area escorted by tanks. When they reached their destination, enemy pillboxes started lobbing mortar fire on them. The tanks dispersed and the trucks were unloaded, but fast.

The report meeting will be a luncheon at noon in the IPALCO club, N. Alabama and 18th sts. N. Capitol ave., and is a member of a tank company.

The interview was transcribed by the marine corps aboard the transport en route to the South Pacific just before the Leathernecks made their assault landing on that island.

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RED CROSS TO HEAR REPORT ON DRIVE

AN INTERVIEW with Marine

Cpl. Robert H. Souchon, who is fighting with the 4th marine division on Iwo Jima, will be broadcast over station WFBM on the "Hoosiers at War" program at 5:30 p. m. tomorrow.

Cpl. Souchon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. August Souchon, 3651 N. Capitol ave., and is a member of a tank company.

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Local Marine on 'Hoosiers at War'

SHAKEUP REPORTED IN NAZI COMMANDS

STOCKHOLM, March 14 (U.P.)—

The so-called Free German Press bureau reported today that the German army commands on both the Eastern and Western fronts had changed hands.

The bureau said Marshal Walter von Model had succeeded Marshal Karl von Rundstedt as commander in chief on the Western front. The same report circulated yesterday in Switzerland.

The bureau reported that Col. Gen. Heinrich Guderian, Nazi chief of staff, had been succeeded by a Gen. Scheerer as commander-in-chief of the Eastern front.

LONDON, March 14 (U.P.)—The Daily Express quoted unconfirmed reports that Marshal Karl von Rundstedt had been wounded by strafing allied fighter planes and was removed as commander of the German armies on the Western front.