

## FIRE DESTROYS STORE, HOUSE

Two Buildings Are Total Loss, Owner Says.

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8 a. m. Battalion Fire Chief Phil Moss said the flames, fanned by a brisk west wind, already had enveloped the roof of the store when fire fighting apparatus arrived.

Two nearby buildings, a rooming house at 1232 W. Washington and a residence at 16 N. Lansing st., were slightly damaged by the intense heat of the fire.

The blaze was discovered by William P. Hinds as he left his room at 1232 W. Washington on his way to work. He notified Mr. Howard, who lives in an upstairs apartment across the street from the furniture store.

Mr. Howard told authorities he had been in the store late in the evening and had noticed no sign of fire at that time. He said the used furniture which had been destroyed was not covered by insurance.

Fire apparatus jammed early morning traffic and forced hundreds of workers bound east on Washington st. to detour.

**POLES SENTENCED TO DIE**  
NUERNBERG, Nov. 7 (U. P.) — An American military court at Coburg has sentenced two Polish displaced persons to death and five others to life imprisonment for gang raids on German villages, the military government announced last night.

## Results of Early Morning W. Washington Blaze



This rooming house at 1242 W. Washington was swept by an early morning fire today.

## Hoosier Naval Veteran Kills Self During Movie Show

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Mrs. Packard said her husband and came back to Kokomo as the climax of a Sunday afternoon quarrel some weeks ago. Her husband, she said, told her to leave and asked her to divorce him.

"He took it seriously when I kidded him that he was just a baby and that I had to treat him like a 3-month-old," she said.

**Was an Orphan**

Reared in the Masonic home in Franklin, the Kokomo boy had been on his own since he was 16. He worked his way through high school and was employed at a factory in Kokomo before entering the navy.

He and his wife went together through high school. They were married two years ago, when he returned on leave after 10 months in the Pacific theater.

His only surviving relatives are his wife, a foster sister, Mrs. Mildred Hammond, Kokomo, and a brother, Frank Packard, Indianapolis.

## SENTENCE TWO AS DRAFT VIOLATORS

Two members of the Jehovah's Witnesses were given five years each in federal court here yesterday for violating the selective service act.

The defendants, Robert Wenning, formerly of Indianapolis, and Robert Johnson of Edinburg, were accused of refusing to report for induction.

James Haines, 41, and Daniel C. Herron, 31, were acquitted by a federal court of charges of receiving stolen goods from an interstate shipment in a railroad yard at Anderson. The defense sought to indicate their confessions had been obtained under duress.

## SHERMAN MEMORIAL RITES SET SUNDAY

A memorial service for First Sgt. Ralph L. Sherman Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sherman, 247 N. Beville ave., will be held at 8 p. m. Sunday in Howe high school.

The service will be given by the American Legion Irvington post 38. The 28-year-old sergeant was killed in action in France last March. He was a graduate of Technical high school.

## IN INDIANAPOLIS

### EVENTS TODAY

Indianapolis Diocesan Council of National Catholic Women's convention, E. of C. building.  
Indianapolis Association of Credit Men, economic forum, meeting, 6:15 p. m., Hotel Washington.  
Society of American Archivists, convention, Hotel Bevier.  
Junior Chamber of Commerce, luncheon, 12:15 p. m., Hotel Washington.

### EVENTS TOMORROW

Indianapolis Red Cross board, luncheon, Hotel Bevier.  
Society of American Archivists, convention, Hotel Bevier.

### BIRTHS

**Girls**  
At St. Francis—Harry, Mildred Rose, Alice, Dorothy, Myrtle Jones, James, Marian O'Neill.  
At Methodist—Elisabeth, Betty Chapman; Carol, Elizabeth, Robert, Albert, Edward; Paul, Prida Hard.  
At St. Vincent's—Thomas, Charlotte York.  
Boys  
At St. Francis—Robert, Frances Downing; Carol, Mary Hannon, Dolores Hammens, At Coleman—Courtland, Phyllis Beck; Lewis, Mona, Lois Clark; Hilton, Margaret, Elizabeth, William, Charles.  
At Methodist—Alfred, Mary Duvall, Alfred, Frances, Sister; Robert, Alice, Henry, Stephen, Lydia Majcak; Alfred, Helen, William, Winifred Carpenter; Vincent, Marie Lynch.

### DEATHS

Hankell A. Giff, 48, at Veterans' care home.  
Bertha R. Reuter, 75, at 2317 E. Washington, chronic myocarditis.  
Sarah Malinda Lien, 72, at 1311 E. Kessler.  
William Wessel, 71, at Veterans' cerebral hemorrhage.  
Gordon Franklin Dalton, 77, at City of Indianapolis.  
Charles Philip Bradley, 72, at 1864 Indianapolis, chronic myocarditis.  
John L. Lovett, 72, at Veterans' cerebral pneumonia.  
George J. Kremer, 56, at Veterans' care home.  
George Fager, 65, at City, diabetes mellitus.  
Jessie Barnhart, 61, at Methodist, arteriosclerosis.  
Bertha Miller, 66, at 2115 Shriver, cardiovascular renal.  
Eugene Carter, 66, at City, arteriosclerosis.  
Clyde H. Patterson, 72, at 4654 Norwood, bronchopneumonia.  
Minnie Mae Shultz, 66, at 2010 Quill, cerebral hemorrhage.  
Roy H. Roberts, 46, at 2220 W. Michigan, pulmonary tuberculosis.  
Talbot J. Green, 62, at 3632 W. Michigan, coronary thrombosis.  
Andrew J. Haltzman, 68, at 3008 W. Vermont, coronary thrombosis.  
William G. Gurney, 66, at 2000 N. Adelton, uremia.  
Infant, 2 hours, at Methodist, congenital.

John G. Quinn, 6, at Elsie, myocarditis.  
Lulu B. Mann, 65, at 441 Haugh, cardiovascular.  
Mary Elizabeth Wilking, 77, at 230 N. Adelton, uremia.  
William C. Duncan, 66, at Methodist, diabetes mellitus.

## STALIN ABSENT; MOSCOW 'UPSET'

### Mystery Veils His Failure To Appear at Fete.

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Instead, the review was read off by Foreign Commissar Molotov and the generalissimo's traditional order of the day to the Red army was signed by Marshal Alexander Vasilevsky, acting for Stalin.

**No Explanation**

There was no official explanation for Stalin's non-appearance at the meeting of the supreme Soviet yesterday and at this morning's mammouth military review in Red square.

Vasilevsky indicated just before the start of the review that Stalin would not attend today's ceremonies, and informed sources believed some last-minute development had caused the premier to change his plans.

Also conspicuously absent were such top Soviet figures as President Mikhail Kalinin and Marshals Voroshilov and Zhukov.

Gen. Alexei I. Antonov, Soviet chief of staff, substituted for Stalin at the review.

"The Red army has stood and will continue to stand in the front ranks of the armies of the United Nations in defense of the peace and security of the peoples of the Democratic countries," Antonov said in his address to the troops.

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Two representatives to congress were elected. Roy Clippinger, Republican, of Carmi, Ill., won the post in the Illinois 24th congressional district in an uncontested contest. Some votes were cast for a Democratic write-in candidate who previously had announced he had withdrawn from the race.

**G. O. P. Wins in New Jersey**

The Republicans also retained their seat from New Jersey's fourth congressional district. Frank A. Mathews Jr., Republican, defeated former Common Pleas Judge Frank S. Katzenbach, Democrat, and former District Court Judge George Pelletieri who ran a poor third as an independent Democrat. The post was vacated by the resignation of D. Lane Powers.

But Republicans took comfort from their victories in mayoralty

## Jeffries Wins Election Fight in Detroit; CIO's Candidate Loses Bid for Mayor

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ended for the Democrats with the election of William O'Dwyer, former Kings county (Brooklyn) district attorney who smashed "Murder, Inc."

**Record Victory**

O'Dwyer swept to a record-smashing victory over his two major opponents, General Sessions Judge Jonah J. Goldstein, Republican-Liberals fusion candidate, and City Council President Newbold Morris, Independent.

O'Dwyer, who also had the backing of the American Labor party, had a 685,175 vote plurality over Goldstein who ran second. It was the largest any mayor had received.

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