

Ex-WAA Official Tells Probers Of 'Probable Negligence'

DENIES GIVING SPECIAL FAVOR TO 'EXPEDITER'

Blames Help Shortage for Laxness Regarding Fields Order.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (U. P.).—A discharged war assets administration official admitted today that he probably was negligent in handling an \$8065 order for scarce wire screening by Benjamin F. Fields, ex-convict and contract "expediter."

But he denied giving the order any special consideration. The testimony was given by William J. Gildrein, recently dismissed as sales manager of the Philadelphia administration office of the WAA.

Mr. Gildrein blamed a shortage of help and heavy business for the fact that Mr. Fields' order was separated from others and went through without the certification required by law.

"No Reason" for Special Care. He said he had "no reason" for holding Mr. Fields' order on his desk until after bids were closed instead of putting it through in routine fashion with the others.

He said that Glenn A. Dies, a former employee of Mr. Fields who had visited his office as often as twice a month since last March, handed him the wire screening order.

Mr. Fields testified yesterday that Dies formerly was employed by him but has since quit. "It was customary for Mr. Dies and Mr. (John) Brunner to come into my office and give me their orders," Mr. Gildrein told the committee. Mr. Brunner has been identified as having been associated with Mr. Fields in several enterprises.

Placed in Desk Drawer. Mr. Gildrein told the house surplus investigating committee that he tossed the order on his desk and told Mr. Dies "It would be thrown in the hopper" with other orders.

Mr. Gildrein said he put the order in his desk drawer, probably a few days later, and eventually handed it over for processing to the sales department. Testimony yesterday indicated it had not been processed until after the bids had been closed.

He admitted, under questioning, that it would have been simpler if he had put the order through in the routine fashion. He commented that he was operating under "a hell of a lot of pressure" and that it was "probably negligence on my part."

Failed to Notice Lack. He admitted that he "did not notice the order was not properly certified," but added that Mr. Fields had submitted many other orders with proper certification.

The required certification calls for the bidder to set forth his intended use of the material and to certify himself as a wholesaler.

Mr. Fields testified yesterday that he sold the 539 rolls of screening to an Oklahoma City contractor, collecting a \$4412 fee on the \$8065 sale.

Mr. Gildrein said Joseph Dellert, a regional director of the office of surplus property, suggested that he talk over with Mr. Dies and Mr. Brunner "what I had to sell." Mr. Gildrein denied, however, that Mr. Dellert gave any indication that Mr. Dies or Mr. Brunner "were to receive special favor."

DIAMOND MERCHANT SEEKS HIDDEN GEMS

NEW YORK, Aug. 13 (U. P.).—Jack M. Werst of Dayton, O., the second largest diamond dealer in America, said today he was on the trail of \$1,000,000 worth of precious gems hidden in Europe.

He also told the "inside story" of the Vanderbilt diamond—which Mrs. Gloria Vanderbilt, senior, sold to Mr. Werst for \$35,000 when her daughter, Mrs. Gloria Vanderbilt-Stokowski, cut off her allowance.

The Dayton diamond dealer said that his brother-in-law, Maj. Joseph Stermer, with the American military government in Frankfurt, was hunting down the caches of gems in his spare time.

Will Go to Brussels. Mr. Werst said he intends to go to Brussels soon to close a \$500,000 deal for the 43 carat Le Kheive, a champagne colored diamond once owned by the Empress Eugenie.

He said he hoped to obtain the Heese crown jewels, which were recently recovered from an American army colonel and his WAC bride. Mr. Werst said he would bid \$3,000,000 for the gems.

The diamond merchant was very proud of his purchase of the 16 1/2 carat Vanderbilt diamond. He purchased it for \$35,000 and valued it at \$155,000.

"It's like hiring a trick dog out to the movies," he explained. He rents the stone for exhibition at \$250 a day.

"But I wouldn't sell it for half a million for the publicity value," he said.

HOOVER SAYS RUSS DELAY WORLD PEACE

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 13 (U. P.).—Herbert Hoover asserted today that all nations but Russia want to make peace.

"There is universal desire in all nations except Russia to make peace," the former president said. "My own impression is that Russia is obstructing to gain time for elimination of all non-Communist elements and thus consolidation and practical absorption of those areas behind the 'iron curtain' and elsewhere."

Park Board Sponsors Teen Chorus



Barbara Collins (left), Dave Fenimore and Jane Feeble will be in the first rehearsal of the all-city combined teen chorus, to be held at 8 p. m. tomorrow at Central Y. W. C. A. Sponsored by the park board, the teen chorus is part of a teen-age music program being conducted currently. Fabien Sevitzky, Indianapolis Symphony director, is advisory chairman.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

EVENTS TODAY. Rotary club, luncheon, 12:15 p. m., Claypool. Mercester club, luncheon, 12:15 p. m., Lincoln. Lutheran Service club, luncheon, 12:15 p. m., Lincoln.

EVENTS TOMORROW. Lions club, luncheon, 12:10 p. m., Claypool. Kiwanis club, luncheon, 12:30 p. m., Adams. West Alhambra division, convention registration, dinner, 6:30 p. m., Claypool.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Richard Dale Eberhart, 1812 Draper; Mary Ellen Kleinschmidt, 709 E. Minn. Carl C. Preje, 303 W. McCarty; Wilma Florence Schuch, 1134 Church. Albert Charles Pries, 137 E. Palmer; Betty Jo Mary, 2205 N. LaSalle. Marie LeRoy Gibson, 418 N. Bancroft; Virginia Stein, 1519 Spain. Barbara Jean Sigmund, 1902 Milburn. Arthur Hallett, Butlerville; Margaret S. Coffey, R. 3, S. 3. Richard J. Hunter, 2135 Central; Joanne Kathleen Dismore, 2102 N. Meridian. Cornelius Ivy, 194 E. Pleasant Run blvd.; Florence Orelia Harris, 1603 Central. Ray S. Kesterson, 802 Wagoner; Retta Hazel Desiring, 802 Wagoner. Martin Franklin Lamb, 2148 College; Virginia Eunice Marsh, 119 1/2 S. Hawthorne Lane. Howard Earl Hackey, 813 E. 31st; Berendina May Sims, 228 Sanders. John McGovern, 231 N. Adams; Ruth June Goetting, 121 S. Summit. James Walter Owens, 124. Norma Jean Davis, 241 Barnes. Joe Milton Peasley, 1601 Central; Martha E. Greer, 2146 Central. John Albert Peterson Jr., 1523 Wade; Grace Frances Tommichal, R. 3. William H. Phillips, 67 N. 5th. Beech Grove; Betty Jean Young, Beech Grove. Philip Moses Porter, 706 Murry; Ella M. Darringer, 1316 Norman. Donald Francis Powell, 252 N. Oxford. James R. Patton, 302 N. Dearborn. Raymond Alfred Pressel, R. 3, Doris Jean Kesterson, Waukegan. John Remos Price, West Lafayette; Marjorie Elmer, 241 N. Dearborn. Russell Rankin, 844 Dewey; Thelma Lucille Valentine, 4 N. Dearborn. Rudy Martin Solis, R. 1, Patricia Ann Williams, 1827 N. Illinois. Howard Dale Bieda, 221 High; Wilma Jean Austin, 136 Wisconsin. Carl Grant Bull, 1908 Villa; Ruby Mae Allison, 1908 Villa. Edwin Carroll Batton, 1104 N. Tacoma. Juanita Irene Strum, 1401 N. Jefferson. William Louis Beaman, 543 W. 21st; Patricia Jean Eckman, 2411 Central. William Henry Bradford, 1341 Broadway. Frances Mary Rita Moore, 1149 W. New York. Charles William Brock, 1514 N. Bosart; Louise Irene Hamilton, 1514 N. Bosart. Robert Bruns, 1516 S. Alabama; Vivienne Bertha Smith, 28 N. Chester. Leroy Buffington, Camp Atterbury; Della Bead, 1945 S. Greenwood. Lawrence Butler, 2019 Cornell; Mildred Dillard, 284 S. Kentucky. William Henry Carlin Jr., Ft. Wayne. Virginia Ann Higdon, 1437 N. Tibbs. Marvin Clay Carpenter, 2010 N. Talbott. Anna Louise Haboush, 3088 N. Pennsylvania. Everett Cathcart Jr., R. 3, Betty Ann Minor, R. 3. Leroy Chedda, 2919 Baltimore; Marguerite Cash, 2420 N. Arsenal. Russell Lexington Collier, Bridgeport. Wilma LaVonne Weaver, Bridgeport. Austin Coby, 817 Kennedy. Robert Cowherd, 947 Camp; Virginia Barton, 947 Camp. Orville E. Craig, 310 S. Tibbs; Marjorie Irwin, 1112 Broadway. James LeRoy Cross, 2821 N. Emerson. Agnes Marie Morgan, 2840 E. Maryland. Clarence J. Davis, 1723 N. Meridian. Mary Loretta Skomp, 1603 Central. David Rutledge Davis, 1463 N. Park. Gayle Marsh Pope, 839 N. Chester. Harold M. Davis, 21 S. Denny; Helen Margaret Gregory, 21 S. Denny. Robert Norman DeBard, Kokomo; Mary J. Bolman, 553 N. Temple. Kenneth Wayne Doane, 1156 Madison. Isaac Eva Treemore, 2411 N. Pennsylvania. John Orris Donohue, 1230 Olive; Miriam Hickman, 2026 Woodlawn. Ralph Vernon Barle Jr., 8126 Broadway. Frances Mae Foxworthy, R. 3, 13. Stanley Gale Eaton Jr., Indiana, Ill. Mary Josephine Finkhouse, 34 Meridian place. William Perry Eckhart, South Bend. Dorothy M. Perry, South Bend. Clarence Ewart, 847 N. California; Bertha Rutland, 976 W. 28th. Robert Tharpe, 853 Martin; Arlene Hyatt, 444 Fletcher.

PLEA PREPARED FOR SANITARIUM

Company Undaunted by Nursing Home Trouble.

Despite the adverse reports surrounding the operation of "independent" nursing homes throughout the state, officials of the Langdon Hospital, Inc., today still planned to appeal the further needs for a sanitarium in Indianapolis.

A request to convert the existing residence at 3423 Central ave. into a sanitarium is one of 39 cases to be heard by the city zoning board next Monday.

"We know we'll have a tough time presenting our case now, but the need for a decent sanitarium in the city is present more than ever today," declared Mrs. Olive M. Langdon Evans, secretary-treasurer of the corporation.

Formerly in Operation. Mrs. Evans stated that graduate nurses and competent doctors would nurse her patients. She said that the sanitarium would have 20 beds for invalid, chronically ill persons. "Patients will only be admitted by their physician's orders and consent," she said.

The Langdon hospital formerly operated for 19 months at 41 W. 32d st., from where the hospital was "illegally evicted," Mrs. Evans claimed.

She said that the building was sold to operators of the Retreat Sanitarium, Inc., although her lease on the premises continued until April, 1946. At present a case against the present occupants of the

W. 32d st. building is being prepared by Mrs. Evans' attorneys. In other appeals, the zoning board will hear cases requesting variances for the construction of four new houses, six new buildings and the conversion of eight residences into larger dwellings.

Frank E. Worley of 15 E. Washington st. will request the construction of a two-family house at 5653 S. Winthrop ave. at an estimated cost of \$13,000.

Authorization to erect a \$8000 four-unit apartment building at 2524 Webb st. will be sought by Emmett O. Bandy, 1305 Leonard st., while Joseph W. Selva, realtor at 840 Consolidated bldg., will seek permission to construct a \$7500 house at 6406 Central ave. and a \$10,000 dwelling at 6435 Riverview dr.

Sales Building Asked. The request of Leo L. and Gladys Masters, 3509-17 W. 16th st., to construct and operate a \$20,000 retail and wholesale sales building at 3509-17 W. 16th st. tops building variances.

Others include a request by Elmer T. Mark to erect a \$3000 retail store building at 3025-39 English ave. and authorization by Crown Products Co., 3302-24 Newton st., to build a \$14,000 addition to their present factory.

Precision Sheet Metal & Manufacturing Co., 734 S. Emerson ave., will seek a variance to construct a \$6000 plant on ground now occupied by the Wayne Burial Vault Co., while Gerald W. Baker of 19 N. Sheridan ave., will ask permission to build a light sheet metal manufacturing plant at 1454-58 S. Keystone ave. for \$4000.

Request for construction of another new building will be asked by Margaret L. Skaggs. She desires to erect a restaurant building at 854 W. 11th st.

Rites Are Set for Bobby Nall 3d Indianapolis Polio Victim

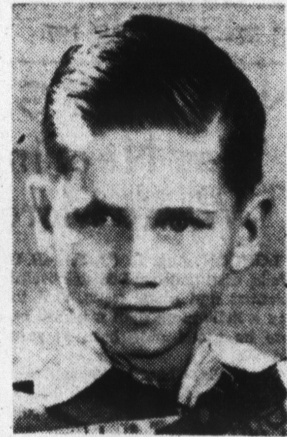
Indianapolis polio death toll stood at three today, as funeral arrangements were prepared for the latest victim, 10-year-old Bobby Gene Nall.

The youth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Nall, 732 S. Irvington ave., died Sunday, after being stricken with infantile paralysis one week ago. His death was the third resulting from polio this summer and the 16th case reported in the city.

The boy's death brought to a halt preparations for a birthday party for his 5-year-old brother, Michael Nall, Friday. Bobby had planned to buy his brother a toy jeep, a piggy bank and marbles, the presents he wanted "as soon as I get out of bed."

The polio victim, a pupil in the fifth grade at School 82, wanted to be a musician and was known as an accordionist at school and Meadlawn Christian church. The boy also was a tap dancer and was a member of Cub Scout Pack 28 and Den No. 3.

Private funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow at Meyer & Abdon funeral home. Burial will be in Floral Park. In addition to his parents and brother, the boy is survived by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Nall and Mrs. Ida Roth, all of Indianapolis.



Bobby Jean Nall

AFL WILL ENTER POLITICAL RING

Raises Voice Against Dis- mal Record of Congress.

CHICAGO, Aug. 13 (U. P.).—The American Federation of Labor, the nation's largest trade union organization, added its full strength today to labor participation in political activities.

Raising its voice against the "dis- mal record" of the recent congress, the organization's executive council yesterday ordered A. F. of L. political activities expended on a local and national scale "far beyond their scope" in previous political campaigns.

The 15-man council directed that full information on the voting records of each member of congress seeking re-election be prepared and distributed to the A. F. of L.'s 7,000,000 members.

The action was taken to enable members to "elect the friends of labor and defeat its enemies," the board said.

In announcing the new "intensified" political program, A. F. of L. President William Green said that the program would not be related in any way with the C. I. O.'s Political Action Committee.

"We will carry out our own political program," he said.

BUFFALO BUILDERS STRIKE. BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 13 (U. P.).—Construction work in the Buffalo area was almost completely shut down today as 18,000 workers struck in protest of OPA pricing of wage increases granted during the price control agency's temporary demise.

L. S. Ayres & Co. advertisement featuring illustrations of women in various outfits and text describing their products and services.

L. S. Ayres & Co. advertisement featuring a large illustration of a woman in a dress and text describing their products and services.