

Indianapolis Slum Clearance Program Nears Showdown

Expect Ruling Tomorrow on Blighted Area

60 Residents Oppose Commission's Plan

Indianapolis' program for slum clearance reaches a showdown tomorrow between the redevelopment commission and 60 residents of the first "blighted area" marked for clearance.

This is a 178-acre tract of land bounded by W. 10th, W. 16th, North West and Milburn sts. and Stadium dr. The commission's long range plan is to buy up the tract, or acquire it by condemnation if necessary, raise existing structures there and redevelop it into a modern community.

Opposed to the plan are most of the residents in the area, according to Jack B. Kammins, attorney, who represents about 60 of them.

Filed Remonstrance
This group has filed a remonstrance against the commission's plan with the commission. The remonstrance asserts that the plan will make homeless the families now housed in the area.

After two hearings Jan. 2 and 17, the commission will decide on the remonstrance at a meeting at 10 a. m. tomorrow at city hall.

Mr. Kammins said that if the commission decides to go ahead with its development plan for the area, residents will file suit to prevent it in superior court.

Land Grab Scheme
In a formal memorandum to the commission, Mr. Kammins charged in effect that the Indianapolis redevelopment plan was a land grab scheme by which independent, small property holders would be dispossessed and their land turned over to corporate interests.

"No consideration whatever is given to any plan to secure and guarantee the betterment and improvement of the homes of these residents after the land has been redeveloped and the parcels are ready to be sold," he said.

Section 18 of the (redevelopment) act... does not restrict the bidders to the present residents, but... will actually have the effect of ruling out the present residents because of the very harsh and discriminating qualifications.

Authorized to Sell Land
Mr. Kammins asserted that the commission is authorized to sell land in the area at cut rates to any individual or organization which buys a parcel of 10 or more lots. This feature precludes the possibility that individuals can purchase in the area, and opens the door for realty corporations to move in and seize the tract, he said.

"These provisions are inequitable and discriminatory," he charged. "Instead of ownership of the property being vested in individuals, as at present, the act will produce a situation where the ownership of the land will be in few hands."

"This is not free enterprise by any fair definition of the phrase."

Cites Housing Shortage
In addition, the attorney charged, residents of the area will be displaced from homes in the midst of a critical housing shortage. The redevelopment act, he asserted, "totally ignores" the welfare of the persons who live in blighted areas.

In reply to Mr. Kammins' assertions, Otto K. Jensen, executive secretary of the commission, said the commission had no intention of displacing any resident of the area until new dwellings could be provided.

He said the commission planned to utilize vacant building sites in the area, create new homes first before tearing down the old.

83 Lots in Tract
One tract alone, he said, contained 83 building lots. There are numerous other tracts.

The commission secretary, however, confirmed Mr. Kammins' charge that cut rates would be given persons or corporation able to purchase 10 or more lots and improve them immediately.

"Anyone can bid on these," he said, "but the final award is up to the commission. Land need not necessarily be sold to highest bidder. It may be sold to the bidder who can do the best job in the commission's judgement."

No Construction Standards
At present, Mr. Jensen said, the commission has adopted no standards of construction.

"They will have a standard in a way," Mr. Jensen said. "We're interested in seeing that no new blighting occurs in an area that we redevelop."

Mr. Jensen added that when homes have to be razed, displaced persons could be housed in Lockefield Gardens. He said at least 50 residents of Lockefield, a government slum clearance apartment project, were interested in buying homes in the proposed redevelopment.

Auto in Accident Following Another
An automobile driven by Martin O. Reid, 16, of 4928 E. 21st st., was following another car driven by John E. Foster, 16, of 4936 E. 21st st., when both were involved in a three-car accident yesterday at Olney st. and Brookside parkway, South dr.

It had been reported that the Foster automobile was being driven behind the Reid car and overturned when young Foster attempted to avoid collision with the second car.

In attempting to avoid striking the Foster car, young Reid drove his automobile into the path of a car operated by Edward M. Dobbs, 27, of 1215 Newman st., police reports show.

This Curious World



P. C. Rubush Dies in Florida

Founded Local Architect Firm

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Printing and Hollywood Beach Hotel.

Mr. Rubush was the first president of the Hoosier Motor club when it was founded in 1914. In 1927 he was a representative of the United States Chamber of Commerce to London.

He was president of the Lincoln Operating Co. Mr. Rubush made his home when in Indianapolis at 3111 N. Meridian st. He had been living in his Miami Beach winter home since October, 1946. He also maintained a summer home in Three Lakes, Wis.

Survivors are the widow, Mrs. Rena J. Rubush; two sisters, Mrs. W. W. Hadley and Miss Lou A. Rubush; two nephews, Ben W. Rubush and George D. Hayes; a niece, Mrs. D. R. Hocker, and H. W. Hayes, a brother-in-law, all of Indianapolis.

Services Here
The body will be brought to Indianapolis for funeral services and burial from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., where Mr. Rubush died.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. at the funeral home of Mr. Rubush, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Hocker, William Hadley, Donald Hadley and Howard Young Jr.

Honorary pallbearers are P. E. Rupprecht, George Kuhn, C. E. Whitehill, Russell White, F. W. Junglaas, Walter J. Pray, R. R. Howard, E. O. Hunter, Leo Rappaport, Herbert Duckwall, Howard Schurmann and Judge Howard S. Young, all of Indianapolis, and David Nelson, Three Lakes, Wis.

Bozo Is Apartment House Boss
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cloth or small brush and scours his fangs.)

On the other side of the ledger Bozo is less reputable. He claws up discarded cigarettes for chewing purposes after which he rolls around the living room rug in what might be called a "jag" if he weren't so dignified.

He also has a passion for peach brandy—it produces the same results as tobacco, only more so.

Not only does he drink and chew. There are those who have watched him in one of his glaring, spitting moods who allege he also cusses—mentally.

Another of Bozo's favorite tricks is to lie in wait stretched out on newel posts on the second landing of the apartment house. When a newcomer, especially a utility man enters, he ambushes them with a "playful swack" with his long razor-sharp talons.

Some Other Habits
Too numerous to itemize are his habits of climbing under a prominent lamp and yawning when he wants company to go home; waking Miss Cathcart at 2 a. m. each morning for a malted milk tablet; vaulting a four-and-one-half foot half door put up to keep him in, and growling like a dog at intruders.

So much is Bozo the central figure at the apartment building that someone suggested knocking the "h" out of "Cathcart apartments."

The rejoinder, apparently from one Bozo had "swacked playfully" from the newel post, was that they "knock the 'h' out of Bozo instead."

No, says Miss Cathcart, no one has ever called Bozo a "sweet" cat. But his vanity is soothed by admirers who say they've never seen one like him.

Shantung Red Capital Reported Near Fall
NANKING, Feb. 4 (U. P.).—Government sources said today the defenses of Lin-yi, Communist capital of Shantung province, were "falling." Fall of the city within the next five days was predicted.

It was reported that Communist Gen. Chen-yi moved his headquarters 50 miles north to Yishui as government troops penetrated to within 10 miles of the southern outskirts of Lin-yi.

By Ferguson

Niblack Assails Politics in Court

Judge Flays Ostrom For Interference

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ple the first month I was on the bench. Of 37 of these cases, 23 were found guilty and I assessed jail sentences in all of them. Twelve of these appealed their cases to Criminal court and the jail sentences were suspended.

"The next month, I was allowed to try only five of 50 drunken driving cases because all the rest of them filed affidavits for change of judge."

"This went on for sometime and I finally concluded that to save the county paying \$10 for a special judge in each case of drunken driving I would assess what the custom would tolerate... a fine and suspension of jail sentences except in cases of repeaters and those who almost killed some innocent party."

Denounced Cutting Sentences
"However, in these last cases many appeals were taken from jail sentences and in all fairness to the bar I must admit that criminal court knocked off the jail sentences in 90 per cent of the appeals."

He denounced the lessening of sentences on appeals to higher courts.

"This practice encourages appeals and greatly increases the work of criminal court," he said.

"However, it is the custom to assign these appeals to special judges, generally some ward chairman of a political party who, of course, is powerless then to inflict much of a penalty when the defendant is represented by a fellow ward chairman or precinct committee man as attorney."

Rage Half-Time System
Judge Niblack denounced the half-time system used by the prosecutor's office in handling municipal court cases.

"This system is responsible, in a large measure, for the inefficiency of the police courts here," he said.

"They are using 1800 methods. The deputy prosecutors in police courts are on half-time basis, draw half-time salaries, do half-time work and get half-time results."

"They are enthusiastic and earnest young men but their hearts are in their private business. Under the present system affidavits are hastily and carelessly drawn. Often a deputy prosecutor is handed a bunch of cases to try five minutes later without hearing about any of them."

Tried 60,000 Persons
Judge Niblack recommended that the prosecutor's office be given more finances for full-time operation and methods brought up to date.

During his five years on the bench, Judge Niblack said an estimated 60,000 persons came before him.

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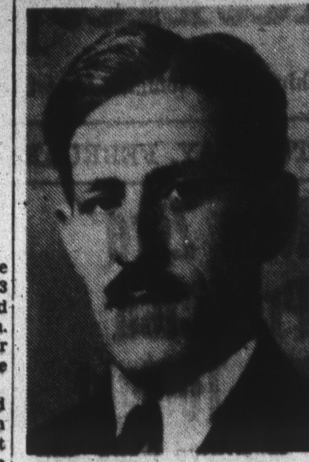
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BLASTS PRESSURE—Judge John L. Niblack reviews five years of party pressure on police courts here.

Primary Bill Showdown Near

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practices bill, and enact legislation which would remove, nationally, the poll tax payment block to voting.

Pari-Mutuel Bill
Bills to reduce gross income tax exemption, legalize pari-mutuel betting and provide a referendum on a soldiers' bonus highlighted the legislative session yesterday.

With the assembly swinging into the second half of its 85th session the house introduced more bills than in any previous session and the senate passed more measures than in any other meeting thus far.

Rep. Omar P. Brown (R. Patricksburg) and Rep. Elmer Johnson (R. Princeton) introduced the bill which would lower gross income tax exemptions from \$1000 to \$500.

Bonus Fund Proposed
Meanwhile in the senate the pari-mutuel bill was introduced as a means of building up a soldiers' bonus fund through taxation of legalized betting on harness races at county fairs. The measure would authorize the operators 11 per cent of the gross out of which they would pay the state 2 per cent of all money wagered. Operators would be authorized one meet a year.

The entire soldiers' bonus issued would be placed before the voters in a referendum in 1948 under a bill introduced by Rep. Glenn R. Shanker (R. Monticello). Voters would first be asked to vote on whether or not there should be a bonus of any kind. Those voting "yes" then would be asked to check one of five alternatives for footing the bill.

A bill, introduced by Rep. William Hostettler (R. Bloomfield) would place a graduated 20 to 50 per cent surtax on gross income tax to help finance the schools tuition fund.

Study Vote Counting
And in the senate Majority Leader John Van Ness (R. Valparaiso) introduced a measure to repeal the central vote counting system in large counties. The administration sponsored bill would eliminate the cause of the "long count," the war-time soldiers' vote law, affidavit voting in primary and would set the deadline for filing of candidacy from Aug. 1 to Sept. 1.

Senator Sam Johnson (R. Anderson), introducing a bill to prevent monopolistic control of printing, publishing or selling music, said it was aimed at such organizations as ASCAP and Broadcast Music, Inc.

The house yesterday passed a resolution for a constitutional amendment to lower the voting age to 18. The resolution calls for a referendum on the amendment in 1950.

Railroad Committee OK's Full Crew Law
Senator Hoyt Moore (Indianapolis), ranking member of the senate railroads committee, said today his committee would recommend passage of a bill to repeal the 1937 full crew law.

Introduced early in the session, the bill would do away with extra employees on trains operating in the state and place the authority to determine whether a man is needed on a train in the hands of the public service commission.

VanRiper Named Ad Agency Officer
Edward L. VanRiper has been elected vice president-general manager of Sidener and VanRiper, Inc., local advertising agency.

In addition, Charles R. Isaacs has been named vice president and a member of the board of directors.

Mr. VanRiper, who first joined the agency in 1935, last year was made assistant to the president.

Mr. Isaacs has held the position of director of merchandising since 1945.

Both men are members of the American Marketing association. Mr. VanRiper is past president of the Marketing Research club of Indianapolis, while Mr. Isaacs is a member of the International Accountants society.

BEVIN SIGNS TREATIES
LONDON, Feb. 4 (U. P.).—Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin today signed the axis satellite peace treaties. The signing for Great Britain was done at Mr. Bevin's desk in the foreign office.

DIES ON GALLOWES
VIENNA, Feb. 4 (U. P.).—Siegfried Seidl, commander of the Theresienstadt concentration camp, who was accused of murdering 20,000 Jews, died on the gallows today.

3-Cent Cigaret Tax Foreseen

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ready chopped more than \$50 million from the original requests for department operating expenses and matching funds with which to carry on welfare and vocational educational activities.

State colleges and universities suffered the heaviest blows of the pruning ax. Their original requests, amounting to more than \$81 million, were trimmed just below \$22 million.

Even this figure represented an increase of about 40 per cent over what the same institutions received two years ago.

The budget committee trimmed requests for personnel and other purely operating expenses from \$59 million to well below \$35 million and a similar cut in the operating expenses for institutions dropped that figure to \$19 million.

Retirement Fund
The committee pointed out that building expenses at the institutions would be covered from the special excise tax fund for that purpose which has amounted already to \$13 million.

The state's share of public welfare costs to match federal funds is \$28 million.

Another \$1 million is to be appropriated for vocational education and rehabilitation.

For the first time the budget committee recommendations include \$34 million a year contribution to the teachers' retirement fund. For years the state has ducked this contribution until some quarters now hold its obligation to the fund virtually

State Budget Commission Proposals for Spending

The budget recommended to Governor Gates today by the budget commission for the next two years breaks down this way:

Operating Funds
Operating state department, boards, etc. \$24,885,591
Operating costs in institutions 19,354,530
Colleges and universities, 21,952,492

Total \$66,172,613

Matching Funds
Matching federal funds for welfare purposes \$22,114,000
Vocational education \$50,000
Vocational rehabilitation 300,000

State Police \$2,301,000

Grand total \$91,317,623

"This represents half of the cost of operating the state police department. The other half comes from highway funds."

ASBTON RITES HELD
NORTH VERNON, Ind., Feb. 4 (U. P.).—Services were held today for James Ashton, 39, president of the Jennings county farm bureau. Mr. Ashton was killed when his tractor overturned.

amounts to more than the treasury balance.

Roscoe Freeman, budget director, pointed out that this contribution simply would pick up the current contributions and would definitely not pay any of the back obligations.

During the two-year period the state also will contribute \$1,700,000 to the public employees' retirement fund.

Two With \$14,000 Baffle Police

State police and the FBI were stymied today in their attempt to trace activities of two men arrested in Franklin Sunday with \$14,000 in currency and a concealed gun.

The pair, Gene Lombardi, 39, and Robert Hall, 27, both of Chicago, will face charges of speeding and carrying a concealed weapon in Johnson circuit court today.

They were arrested Sunday after a state trooper stopped them for speeding. He found the money and gun in a suitcase. Under questioning the men told Capt. John Barton, chief of state detectives that their attorney had advised to refuse to talk.

The attorney was employed by Norman Shapiro, Chicago liquor dealer, who said the two men are his employees.

Shouts 'Fore' Too Late
DUBLIN, Feb. 4 (U. P.).—A city judge awarded Eileen O'Rourke, a secretary, \$420 damages for injuries suffered when she was struck on the head by a golf ball. The offending golfer, the judge said, was negligent because he shouted "fore" after the ball was in flight.

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