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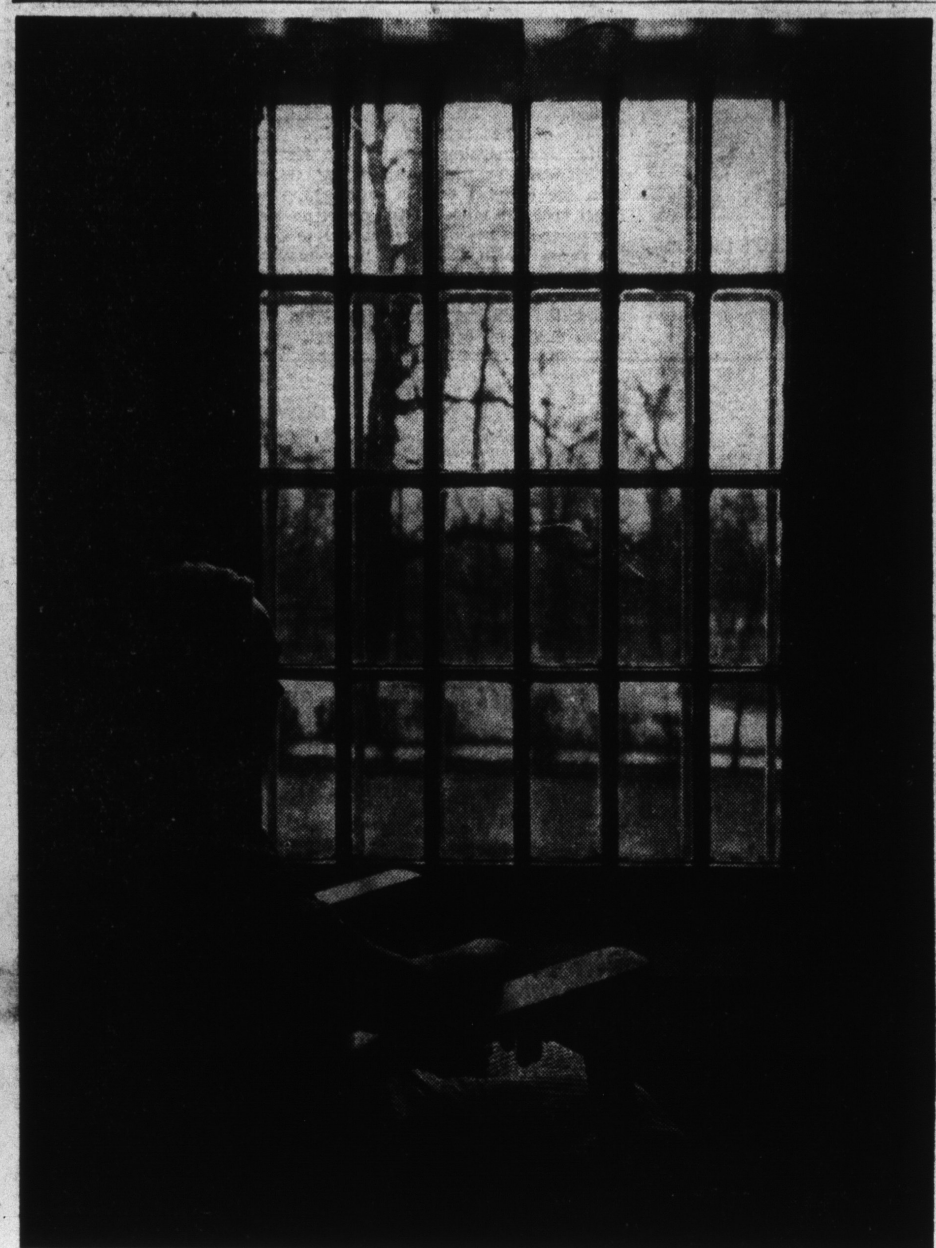
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Russ Want Hungry Reich-Marshall Veterans Push Ft. Harrison Housing



SHADOWLAND—This picture of a mental patient in Central State Hospital for the insane symbolizes Indiana's plans to bring more light into the shadowy half-world of mental illness. For decades institutions like Central have fought for funds to give mental patients proper care. Now action is on the way.

After 40 Years, Indiana Can Help Mentally Unfit

Setup Authorized by Last Legislature
Opens Way to Improve Conditions

First of a series.

By ROBERT BLOEM

AFTER 40 YEARS of evading the issue, Indiana is ready to roll back the shadows that hang over every inmate of its mental institutions. After 40 years of following the path of least resistance, the state has an agency—the mental health council—and the power to begin and eventually complete a full-scale, long-range mental health program. Today conditions in Hoosier mental hospitals are little better than they were last July when the Times bared them to public view. Patients still are left largely to the care of untrained and unskilled attendants and orderlies.

Last week there were 85 who had been ordered committed but for whom no institution beds were available. Two of these were lodged in the Marion county jail—treated as they would have been in Middle Ages, but only because there was no other place to hold them.

THE 1947 general assembly did more to establish a long-range program for caring for these unfortunate than any legislature in two generations. It also left much undone, but that's another story. Funds have been provided to build a new hospital for the insane in northern Indiana and a new psychiatric hospital here in Indianapolis. A program was made possible for the maximum training of certain types of mentally handicapped children through use of public school facilities.

TOPPING the list of general accomplishments was unification of authority and concentration of re-

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A. V. C. Backs Use of Site For G. I. Homes

Legion Executives
Call Move 'Practical'

The Indianapolis American Veterans Committee pushed plans today for the utilization of Ft. Harrison as a housing project for veterans.

American Legion spokesmen said the Legion has not yet considered the possibility, but individual Legion executives said they thought such a move practical.

Sentiment appeared growing today in Indianapolis generally for the conversion of the historic fort into a residential community when the army evacuates it July 1.

Too Small for Army

The army is moving out of the fort under its new program of extended training in areas large enough to maneuver units as large as a division.

Housing facilities for 2000 families will be vacant there as soon as present army units leave.

Charles Feibleman, Indianapolis attorney and state vice chairman of A. V. C., said the veterans group would form a committee Wednesday. This group will study methods by which the fort with its extensive grounds and buildings could be turned into veterans' housing.

"It is the most logical solution to the veterans' housing problem here we have yet seen," he commented.

To Study Operation

A. V. C. leaders said they would consider two methods by which the fort might be operated.

One was the acquisition of the property from the war assets administration by a non-profit organization either by purchase or lease. The other was outright purchase by a private corporation which would agree to rent it to veterans at moderate rents.

Spokesmen for the veterans said they believed that since the fort was built with federal funds, it should not be permitted to fall into the hands of speculators.

No municipal agency or county authority now exists to intervene in the sale of the fort, a check showed.

Mayor Tyndall disbanded his housing committee Friday.

It reported that at least 11,000 families in Indianapolis were living doubled up in inadequate quarters.

Non-Profit Group
Has High Priority

WASHINGTON, March 31.—A non-profit corporation bidding on Fort Benjamin Harrison for housing purposes would have a near top priority war assets administration officials said today.

Corporation officials are world

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IN MAYOR RACE—James M. Dawson, attorney, becomes candidate for Republican mayoral nomination.

Trolley Fare foe Out for Mayor

James Dawson Enters
Republican Race

As a spokesman for "64,274 petitioners against the trolley fare increase," James M. Dawson, attorney, today announced his candidacy for the Republican mayoral nomination.

He explained that he would represent specifically the "interests of the straphangers" in the May 6 primary election.

"Otherwise, I shall be aligned with no clique," he said. "I shall strive only to continue to represent the average citizen."

Ran for Prosecutor

Mr. Dawson, who also ran for the Republican prosecutor nomination a year ago, waged a one-man campaign against the trolley fare increase last summer by his insistence on riding a car on an outlawed token.

He was ejected from the car. He is president of the People's Protective League, formed, he said, "to prevent the ordinary citizen from being gouged by public utilities."

He'll Make No "Deals"

Mr. Dawson pledged elimination of graft from the police department and declared he would make no "deals" with politicians in his campaign.

A graduate of Shortridge high school, Butler university, and Indiana Law School, he is a member of the Indiana and American Bar associations, South Grove Golf club and the Indianapolis Public Links association. He is married and lives at 1320 N. Delaware st.

Sports Roundup—

● Sideline and "inside information from the world of sports is offered in "Sports Roundup" each day in The Times.

● This breezy column is written by Eddie Ash, Times sports editor and dean of Indianapolis sports writers.

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Police Check on Pools; Stark Awaiting Reports

Prosecutor Continues His Investigation
Of Tow-Truck Shakedown Charges

Police today continued to check information on the city's \$9 million annual "pool" take.

Prosecutor Judson Stark said police will report to him when all pool operators are checked.

Meanwhile, he said, he was continuing to question tow-truck operators on their charges that policemen were shaking them down for as much as half what they earned for towing cars wrecked in accidents.

Orders to close more than 30 lotteries and pool ticket enterprises operating "wide open" here resulted in three raids over the weekend. Dice, cards, money and weapons were seized.

Squads under Capt. Wayne Bear and Sgt. Paul Pearsey entered the Arumco Club at 405 Indiana ave. at 8:30 p. m. Saturday with a search warrant and arrested seven persons on gambling charges.

The raiders said they found \$10 in a pouch, eight decks of cards, two policy books, a baseball ticket score book, some furniture and a revolver loaded with five shells.

They arrested and charged Leslie Hayden, 51, of 311 W. St. Clair st. with keeping a gambling house and operating a lottery; Mattie Hayden, 39, same address, keeping a gaming house; and John E. Conley, 31, of 213 W. North st., keeping a gaming house and gaming.

Fourteen men were arrested and charged with gaming and visiting

Lockman Trial Hears Kin of Mrs. McConnell

Life in Home Told
By Sister-in-Law

By VICTOR PETERSON
Times Staff Writer

MADISON, Ind., March 31.—The state today continued to weave a web of circumstantial evidence around Mrs. Lottie (Tot) Lockman, the good Samaritan of Jefferson county, accused of attempted murder by poison.

The victim is Mrs. Mayme McConnell, wife of Forrest McConnell, well-to-do Dupont resident. On the second week of the trial opened in Jefferson county circuit court the prosecution called Mrs. J. S. Kirkpatrick, sister-in-law of Mrs. McConnell, as a witness.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick, along with Dr. E. C. Cook, McConnell family physician, instigated the investigation into the invalid's unusual illness.

Like Sisters, She Says

Contrary to some country gossip, Mrs. Kirkpatrick said that she and Mrs. McConnell were more like sisters than in-laws and that their relationship was very cordial.

On cross-examination, the defense attempted to discredit Mrs. Kirkpatrick's testimony with immaterial questions. Judge Harry E. Nichols cautioned the defense on this type of examination.

Defense attorneys are particularly interested in Mrs. Kirkpatrick because they implied in their opening statement last week that she herself might have had opportunity to give bichloride of mercury to Mrs. McConnell.

Tells of Visits

On direct examination by the state, Mrs. Kirkpatrick told of various visits of the alleged victim to her home and of sojourns she made in the McConnell residence.

She verified Mrs. McConnell's symptoms—which doctors say are peculiar to mercury poisoning—and told how she took samples of body fluid for examination.

She took these to Dr. R. N. Harger, state toxicologist. While awaiting report, she said, "Tot" asked her every day if any word had come on the examination, when it would come and what it might show. Mrs. Kirkpatrick also said that several times the 63-year-old housekeeper had forecast that Mrs. McConnell was going to die.

She denied ever having any trouble with Mrs. Lockman and said that to her knowledge there never was any mercury in the Dupont household.

Plan to Call Expert

The state is attempting to establish a chain of events which will prove conclusively that body fluids taken from Mrs. McConnell were actually sent to Dr. Harger.

At that time they will call the toxicologist to report his findings. The "mercury and old lace" case continues to hold the interest of talkative Jefferson county. Although "Tot" is charged only with attempted murder the daily topic of conversation revolves about the bizarre happenings of last August when three bodies were exhumed.

The gray-haired hymn-singing housekeeper was then charged with murder when mercury was found in the body of Mrs. Minnie McConnell, mother-in-law of the alleged poison victim.

The charge later was dropped on the grounds of insufficient evidence. Tests still are being conducted to determine whether death was due to mercury.

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No Accord Better Than Half-Hearted Pledges, He Says

Shows Anger and Loss of Patience
At Soviet 'Immovable Position'

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By R. H. SHACKFORD
Times Staff Writer

MOSCOW, March 31.—Secretary of State George C. Marshall today warned the Soviet Union that unless there is "real meeting of minds" it would be better to have no agreement on Germany.

The U. S. secretary's statement showed he is losing patience over delays in reaching agreement. It was the angriest declaration he has made here.

Secretary Marshall accused the Russians of making proposals which would result in German starvation. V. M. Molotov answered Mr. Marshall just as sharply, the Russian foreign minister accused the American of misrepresenting the Soviet position. He declared that the Russians have supported and will continue to support the Potsdam agreement.

However, both men agreed they would prefer "solid agreements" and Mr. Molotov and Mr. Marshall promised to do their utmost to reach an agreement.

Small Session Scheduled
At the close of today's 18th session, after more than three weeks of oratory, the ministers decided to hold a "restricted" meeting tomorrow at which only four representatives of each delegation will be present.

It was at such restricted meetings in the past that bargaining and horse-trading has taken place. "The United States is opposed to a policy which will continue Germany as a congested slum or economic poorhouse in the center of Europe."

He categorically rejected the Soviet demand for reparations from current production as an "absolute condition" of Soviet acceptance of economic unity for Germany.

Secretary Marshall said: "Unless we can have a real meeting of minds and a real desire to carry out both the spirit and the letter of our agreement it will be better if none were reached," Mr. Marshall said.

"We must not repeat the experience we have had in implementing the terms of the Potsdam agreement," he said. "We can never reach real agreement on the basis of ultimatums or immovable positions."

Secretary Marshall said all his policies toward Germany placed primary emphasis on the treatment of Germany as an economic unit. This he said was agreed on at Potsdam, but never carried out.

"A partitioned Germany would mean a partitioned Europe," he said. The United States wants one Germany because it wants a Europe which is not divided.

"Build Solidly Rather Than Fast."
"We all are here to resolve and not to accentuate our differences," he said. "But we should not seek agreement merely for the sake of agreement." The United States recognizes that its responsibilities in Europe will continue and it is more concerned in building solidly than in building fast.

This last was in line with what is understood to be Marshall's present attitude to wait and sit out the situation here and even after the conference rather than compromise on basic principles.

Threaten Strike Vote
The delegation, headed by Powers Hapgood, C. I. O. regional director, warned the mayor that members of the union would take a strike vote tonight.

If they vote to strike, both A. F. of L. and C. I. O. members in the city ash and garbage collection department and at the sanitation plant would walk off their jobs in sympathy, the mayor was told.

This would virtually shut down those municipal services since both departments are heavily unionized. Mr. Hapgood advised the mayor that 80 per cent of the workers at

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All-America Owners
Discuss '47 Schedule

CHICAGO, March 31 (U. P.)—Club owners of the All-America professional football league met today to discuss a tentative 1947 schedule prepared earlier by coaches.

Jim Crowley, owner-coach of the Chicago Rockets and former commissioner of the league, said the meeting originally scheduled for April was advanced to permit owners to examine schedule.

"A couple of the owners are not exactly satisfied," Crowley said. His statement indicated the program, which has not been completely revealed, might be changed.

ITALIAN COUNCIL FOUND SLAIN
MILAN, March 31 (U. P.)—Giovanni Malatesta, 53, was found shot to death today in his villa near Milan. Police believed he was murdered.