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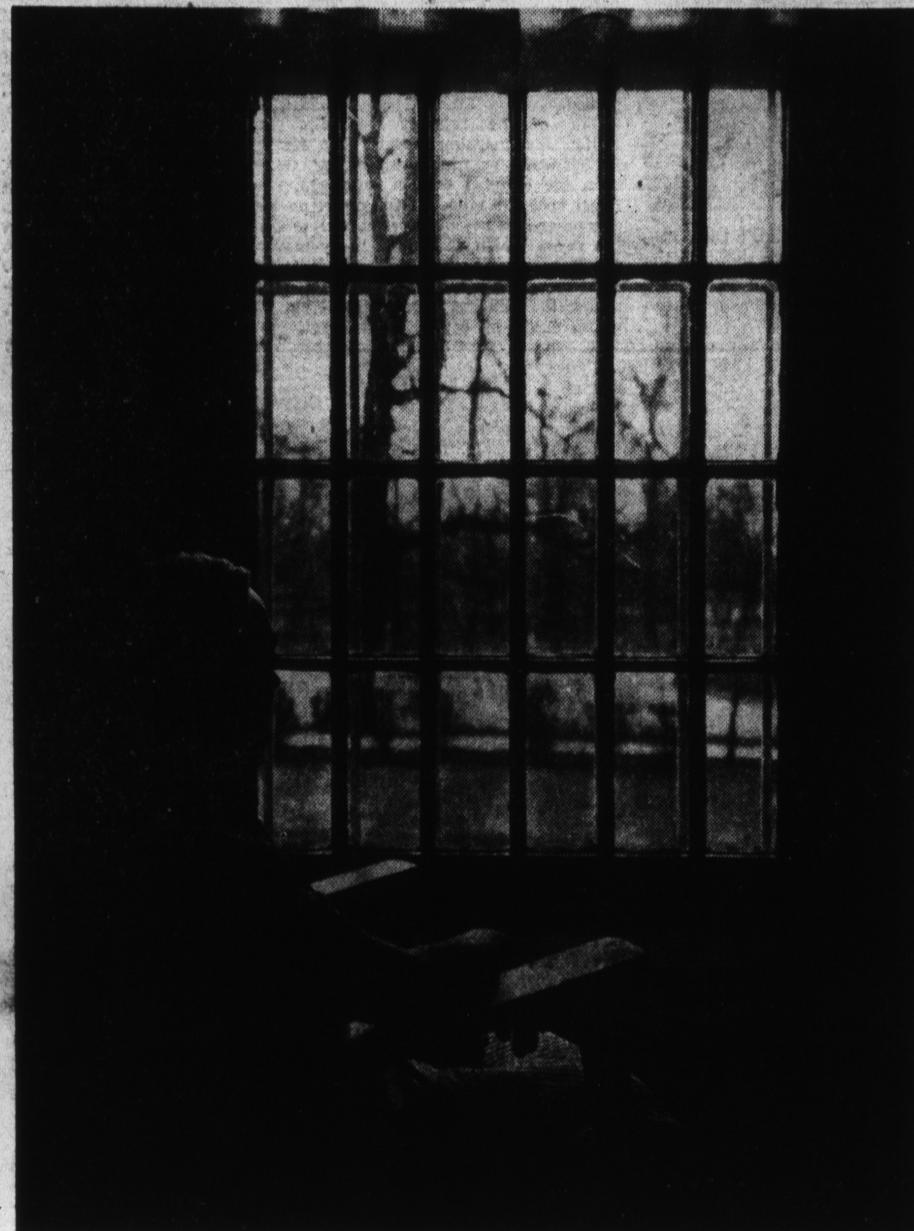
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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Russ Want Hungry Reich-Marshall

Veterans Push Ft. Harrison Housing



SHADOLAND—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.

Surprise Sprung By Teen Defense

Witness Supports
Accident Theory

COLUMBUS, Ind., March 31.—Two "surprise" witnesses introduced by the defense today delayed the closing arguments of the teen-agers' murder trial here.

Earlier, opposing counsel in the trial of William Price and William Johnson, both 17, of Evansville, said they expected to start closing arguments today.

The trial is in its fifth week.

The defense argued that Trooper Herbert W. Smith was in a crouching position, almost in front of the teen-agers' stolen car, when the shot that killed him was fired.

Aids Accident Contention

This testimony was in line with the defense contention that the trooper might have been killed accidentally when he stepped in front of bullet fired by Price at the tire of the state car. The state had contended the trooper had stood to the side of his car.

Two drawings by Mr. Heckman tracing the line of fire of a bullet supposedly fired by the trooper were introduced as evidence.

Another witness, Dan Stine, 80-year-old Columbus gunsmith, was scheduled to follow Mr. Heckman.

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Mercury in 50s Forecast Today

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

6 a. m. 37 10 a. m. 52

7 a. m. 38 11 a. m. 55

8 a. m. 43 12 (Noon) 57

9 a. m. 47 1 p. m. 58

Continued warm weather with temperatures in the 50s were predicted by the weatherman for today and tonight.

A high of 47 degrees was recorded here yesterday. The temperature had dropped 10 degrees at 6 a. m. today.

Showers were predicted for the north portion of the state tonight with rain in the central and south portion tomorrow.

Herman Rosenthal, a notorious gambler, July 16, 1912.

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**

Times Washington Bureau
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 mayoralty 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 mayoralty 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 out-laid token.

He was elected 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."

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 story— 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. Harmer, 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.

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