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'Hands-Foot' Slaying Trial Delayed Again

**Witnesses III,
Say Attorneys
For Pollard**

Nov. 3 Date Set
In Hancock Court

BY ROBERT BLOOM

More months of waiting lay ahead today in the already-long-delayed murder trial of Howard Pollard, charged with the "hands and foot" murder of Leland Miller here in April 1946.

Pollard's attorneys, with the cooperation of the Marion county prosecutor's office, won postponement this week from the scheduled date of July 16 to Nov. 3. The trial is to be held in Hancock county circuit court at Greenfield.

The action marked the third delay in bringing the murder case to trial. It was originally scheduled



WINS DELAY—Howard Pollard has won a new delay in his trial.

for trial in Marion county criminal court last Oct. 28. Pollard won his first delay by having a special judge called in to hear the case instead of the regular judge, William D. Bain. He then won a change of venue from here to the Hancock court.

Hancock Circuit Judge John B. Hinckley said he granted the delay when Pollard's attorney, Frank A. Symmes Sr., and deputy County Prosecutor Glenn Funk of Indianapolis appeared before him and made a joint request. Mr. Symmes originated the motion for postponement on grounds some of the defense witnesses were ill.

At the same time, Mr. Funk cited as additional reasons for delay the difficulty of obtaining a jury during the busy season in an agricultural community, and the nearness of the court's vacation period, which starts July 26.

Has Beat 13 "Reps."

Hancock County Prosecutor Melville Watson confirmed that there might have been some difficulty getting a jury, but added:

"We'd have the same trouble any time. People who have to work for a living never particularly like to be called to jury duty for a \$5 a day."

Pollard, who through similar delaying tactics and a "charmed life" from a police standpoint, has beat a series of 18 "raps," ranging from small fines for speeding to an outright conviction for grand larceny.

In April, 1946, he was accused of murdering Miller and then burning his body in a Boone county shack. The hands and a crippled foot were severed from the body in what police believed was an attempt to avoid identification of the body through fingerprints or the physical defect.

Was Free on Bond

Even as he was in the office of late Sheriff Otto Pettit writing out a statement that he shot Miller in self-defense, he was under a one-to-10-year reformatory sentence for grand larceny. He had been convicted in circuit court only two months before, but was free under \$250 bond while his attorneys prepared an appeal to the supreme court.

The appeal never was completed so the conviction stands. Yet, records show, Pollard has yet to serve a day of his reformatory sentence. Instead, he is lodged in the comparatively comfortable Hancock county jail awaiting the elusive murder trial.

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New Mayor Faces Tough Job on Budget, Lacks Trained Help

**Tyndall Planned to Keep Outlay Near
Last Year's, Hadn't Worked Out Details**

BY RICHARD LEWIS

THE DEATH of Mayor Tyndall leaves a provisional city administration headed by George L. Denny, attorney, facing a critical budget situation.

It also leaves a key department—the office of the city controller—in a state of disorganization, since Mr. Denny, who served as controller for three months, is now occupied by his duties as mayor.

Mayor Tyndall had made up his mind on the city's 1948 budget, on which he was working the day before his death, but did not have time to execute all of his plans.

He did, however, tell Mr. Denny and experts who were assisting in the formulation of the highly important city budget the policy he intended to follow.

GENERAL, it was to keep the 1948 budget about the same as the \$14 million expenditure for this year.

The details of carrying out budget policy had not been completed, however, and this is the most pressing problem now faced by Mayor Denny.

Although it was not made public at this time, the budget requests submitted by department heads five weeks ago to the city controller call for an expenditure of \$2,500,000 more than this year's appropriation.

With a hotly-contested municipal election coming up this fall, a budget increase of such magnitude could not be approved by the Republican command.

THE BUDGET, now about half finished, is due for presentation to city council in a month. From now until then, the new mayor will have to work fast to cut down requests and get it in shape.

Not for five years has City Hall been so depleted of experienced officers as it is today.

Mr. Denny himself has served in the administration only three months.

He was appointed city controller when Roy Hickman resigned to enter the Republican mayoralty campaign.

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**Michigan Man Named
Mental Health Director**

Appointment of Dr. Charles E. Zeller, Lansing, Mich., as director of the Indiana Council for Mental Health and superintendent of the Madison state hospital was announced today by Governor Gates.

As director of the mental health council, Dr. Zeller, who has been director of the department of mental health of Michigan, succeeds Clifford L. Williams, who resigned last March. As superintendent of Madison hospital, he succeeds the late Dr. George W. Boner.

**TORN PHOTOGRAPH
Also Investigated**

NEW YORK, July 10 (U.P.)—Scores of middle-aged businessmen in the six address books kept by Mrs. Sheila Manning were questioned today about their relationship with the radio actress. She was found strangled yesterday in her fashionable apartment.

Police Commissioner Arthur W. Wallander took charge of the investigation and assigned 60 of his best detectives to checking one by one the 200-odd names.

Many of the names in the books were well-to-do businessmen. Only a few women were listed.

Close to 200 persons were questioned during the night. One was a man whose signature was on an uncashed \$20 check found in the slant woman's apartment.

NAME KEPT SECRET

Police refused to divulge his name but said he told them he had been home with his wife Tuesday afternoon and evening.

Commissioner Wallander said none of those questioned was a suspect and none was held.

Blond, attractive Mrs. Manning, 49, a former radio bit actress—known professionally as Bessie K. True—was found strangled in her seventh-floor mid-Manhattan maid. Police established the time early yesterday by her maid. The nude body was found in the 30th floor apartment between 3 and 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

SIX ADDRESS BOOKS—New York police today were checking on 200 men whose names were listed in six address books kept by Mrs. Sheila Manning. Her body was found yesterday in her swank Manhattan apartment. She had been strangled. This picture of her is part of the pictorial evidence found in death room.

New Tax Bill To Be Vetoed By Truman

Sees No Reason To Change Mind

WASHINGTON, July 10 (U.P.)—President Truman will veto the revised Republican income tax reduction bill.

Senate Democratic Leader Alben W. Barkley said so flatly after a conference with the President today.

And Mr. Truman himself told a news conference shortly afterward that he saw no reason to change his position on the bill, which he vetoed three weeks ago and which now is on its second swing through Congress.

Except for the effective date—Jan. 1, 1948, instead of July 1, 1947—the revised G. O. P. measure is exactly the same as the one Mr. Truman vetoed. The house sustained the first veto by a two-vote margin.

FARE UP TO SENATE

Now, however, there are enough votes in the house to override a veto. The outcome thus will depend on the close contest in the Senate. Senate debate on the new bill began today.

Mr. Truman told the news conference he had explained to Mr. Barkley that he saw no reason why he should change his position if Congress should send him the same bill it sent him before.

Speaker Joseph W. Martin Jr. said he "hopes that after looking into the situation carefully" Mr. Truman will find that it will be possible to give adequate tax reduction.

The house approved the revised bill Tuesday by a vote of 302 to 112—26 votes more than the two-thirds needed to override a veto.

Yesterday, the Senate finance committee approved the bill 10 to 3. Senate passage was expected tomorrow or Saturday. Then in 10 days after he gets the bill again, Mr. Truman will send it back to Congress for the decisive votes on overriding a veto.

While the house seems certain to override a veto, a close vote is expected in the Senate, where proponents of the measure were assured of at least 60 votes. If all 57 members vote, it would take 48 votes to override.

The G.O.P. measure would reduce income taxes 10.5 to 30 per cent. It would save taxpayers an estimated \$4 billion annually.

HEART ATTACK BLAMED

Although he appeared in robust health, examining doctors said death had been the result of a heart attack.

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