

Council Whets Axes for Fat Park Budget

Rejects Dr. Kempf's Plea for Wage Hikes

City councilmen today were sharpening their axes for a whack at the park department's proposed 1948 budget.

Nearly all councilmen have expressed the opinion that the park department's record high request for \$1,126,201 is too much. They will review the department's budget tonight.

Last night the council took a preliminary cut at the city's health and hospital fund. From the department of public health alone it cut \$18,940 from proposed salaries.

After a look at city hospital salary proposals the council postponed further review of the department, pending more study.

Kempf Blasts Council

Refusal to approve \$3000-a-year salaries for restaurant, meat, sanitary and dairy inspectors brought charges from Dr. Gerald P. Kempf, city health director, that the council was making a "political football" out of public health.

He stated the \$2400 salary approved by the council would "not get any better inspectors than we have now."

Councilman Edward R. Kealing declared "you can hire all the inspectors you want at \$2400, and good ones, too."

Councilman R. C. (Bud) Davis said:

"They say they want to take the health department out of politics, but they just want to give the jobs to their own friends."

Defends Council

Council President John A. Schumacher defended the council. "Faced with the policy of holding the line on all salaries, I think it is fair enough when we give members of the health department salary increases this year," he said.

Many other public officeholders have been given no salary increase this year. Restaurant inspectors are receiving \$1920, sanitary inspectors \$1620, meat inspectors \$1920 and dairy inspectors \$2160. All would receive \$2400 next year under present council-approved setup.

Wading Pools Discussed

A group representing the Federation of Civic clubs asked the council last night to approve funds for the installation of chlorination units at the city's 20 wading pools.

Councilman A. Ross Manly told Judge Paul C. Weiter, federation president, all the council could do was approve the park department's budget but that it could not govern how the money was spent.

"We gave the department money to be spent on wading pools and they used it to improve Broad Ripple park and Tarkington park," asserted Mr. Davis.

The 20 wading pools in the city have been closed this year on order of the health department.

DUTCH FIGHTING INCREASES
BATAVIA, Aug. 19 (U. P.)—A Dutch communiqué today said that clashes were increasing along boundaries between Dutch and Indonesian forces and that they lost seven men killed and 17 wounded in the past 24 hours.

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THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

Cab Driver Beaten, Robbed of \$14

2 Passengers Stage Holdup at Speedrome

A taxi driver was brutally beaten and robbed by two dapper passengers early today.

George Knepp, 35, of 227 Spring st., driver of a United Cab, told police two men he picked up at Pennsylvania and Washington sts. at 1 a. m. today attacked him and robbed him of \$14.

He said the two men, one of slight build wearing an army field jacket and a dapper six-footer clad in a blue suit, tan shoes and a polka-dot bow tie, jumped in and told him to drive to the Speedrome on Rd. 52.

Mr. Knepp said he noticed a car following him as he neared the Speedrome.

Struck on Head

When he stopped, the six-footer suddenly leaned forward and struck the taxi driver on the head.

Then, his agile khaki clad companion leaped up and pinned Mr. Knepp down with an arm lock. He fainted the driver as the other man fainted blows on his face and head.

As Mr. Knepp sagged almost unconscious, one man rifled his pockets and took \$14.

"Stay here and be nice and quiet until we're gone," one of the bandits told him.

Then they leaped out of the cab and into the car which had been following and which had idled alongside during the beating.

Mr. Knepp drove back to town and reported the beating to police, who administered first aid.

Tries to Steal Car

Mr. Knepp, 35, of 3418 Station st., captured a 17-year-old boy as the youth tried to steal his car, parked at the New York Central roundhouse on Shelby st. last night.

Mr. Knepp had parked his car and walked away when he noticed a man trying to enter the car.

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