

Feeney Pushes Fight to Balk Rent Increase

Will Make Appeal to National Office

Mayor Al Feeney announced today he will carry his fight to Washington against the 25 per cent City rent increase recommended by the Indianapolis Rent Advisory Board.

The Mayor is preparing a letter which he will send to the Office of Housing Expeditor asking that it give full consideration to the tenants' side in the Indianapolis rent controversy.

After attending the meeting of the rent board yesterday, at the invitation of the chairman, K. V. Ammerman, Mayor Feeney said:

"The board was unable to show any evidence which would justify a 25 per cent increase of rents to the City."

Won't Halt Request
Despite his intervention, the board was prepared today to forward its recommendation to the Office of Housing Expeditor asking for the 25 per cent "across the board" increase over the rent level of June 30, 1947.

The recommendation also asks that rent control be extended to Dec. 31, 1948, because "the available rental housing will not be adequate to meet reasonable needs and requirements in this rental area" when controls expire Feb. 29.

A second vote on the recommendation was taken by the board yesterday afternoon after Mayor Feeney left the meeting. The vote was announced as 5 to 2 for the increase.

One Fails to Vote
Two of the nine-member group were absent and one who attended the meeting said, at one point, that he would not vote. However, he later cast his vote with the majority.

One of the absent members, Mrs. F. B. Ransom, called and said she wished to cast a vote with the minority.

James Robb and Henry Goett formed the minority. The five members of the majority were Mr. Ammerman, Charles B. Forrest, Herman Wolff, William P. Snethen and Berkley W. Duck Jr.

Robb Disputes Decision
Mr. Robb wrote a report of the minority which will accompany the majority's recommendation. He said:

"I cannot in any way see how the majority can justify the 25 per cent increase."

"It should be noted with interest that four of the five persons of the majority vote are either directly or indirectly representative of the large real estate interest in this city."

He contended that "not one fact was submitted in support of an increase that is not grounds at the present time for an increase in rent by petitioning the Area Rent Office."

Mr. Robb also charged that no income tax return was submitted which would show a tenant had lost income.

Woman, 45, Killed In 19-Floor Leap

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 9 (UP)—A woman about 45 years old died in a plunge from the 19th floor of a central-city apartment building today.

Hundreds of office workers stood horrified as her body hurtled to the street, three blocks from City Hall.

Police identified her tentatively as a resident of an apartment in the 500 block on S. 15th st.

They said she was away from home for the past several days, and tumbled from the apartment less than two hours after she returned from her visit.

Her body landed on Manning St. in the rear of the apartment. Police said she lived on the fourth floor of the building, and could not say why she went to the 19th floor after returning to her rooms.

An employee of the apartment identified the woman as Mrs. Julia Reisman, who has been living there with her husband, Louis, for the last eight years.

Faith Restores Home To Evicted Woman, 101

BOSTON, Jan. 9 (UP)—Mrs. Muriel Salisbury, 101, said today she wasn't surprised when her landlord, Domenico Lucio, canceled an order evicting her from her \$12-a-week apartment.

"God has never failed me yet," she said.

Mrs. Salisbury, partially blind, whose only support is a small legacy left by her husband, was ordered evicted yesterday because she was \$300 behind in her rent. She refused charity.

Last night, Mr. Lucio canceled the eviction order and said Mrs. Salisbury could keep the apartment until he found another place for her.

"They laughed when I said I worked for God and that he never failed me," she said. "But now see—he hasn't failed me this time either."

'Flying Saucers' Back Again, Blamed for Pilot's Death

Mysterious Objects Reported in Skies Over Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee

Mysterious objects seen floating in the sky over Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio revived speculation about "flying saucers" today.

The latest report on the phenomena was at Wilmington, O., where personnel at the Clinton County Air Base reported a flaming ball of red fire which was seen for 35 minutes until it disappeared over the horizon.

National Guard headquarters in Kentucky blamed the death of a pilot on a mysterious gleaming object which he was chasing.

They said Pilot Thomas F. Mantell, flying without oxygen equipment, apparently flew too high, became unconscious and lost control of his plane. He crashed near

Franklin, Ky. Two pilots flying with Mr. Mantell turned back after they had climbed to 30,000 feet.

A bright, bulb-shaped object also was reported seen at Clarksville, Nashville and Columbia, Tenn., and at several points in southern Kentucky yesterday.

The ball of fire at Wilmington, O., was seen by Staff Sgt. Gale F. Walter and Corp. James Hudson in the patrol tower at the air base. They watched it for 35 minutes.

They described it as a flaming red cone trailing a gaseous green mist. "It hung suspended in the air at intervals and then gained and lost altitude at what appeared to be terrific bursts of speed," Mr. Walter said.

The intense brilliance of the object pierced a heavy layer of clouds, he added.

It also was seen by Wilmington residents night before last.

Officials at the Chicago Weather Bureau said there were no weather conditions which would have produced an aurora borealis and they also ruled out the possibility that it was St. Elmo's fire.

St. Elmo's fire, they explained, requires release of static electricity from a conductive object such as a plane wing, ship mast, or a steeple.

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Youth, 17, Admits 800 Aboard Stricken Ship Face Peril of Capsizing

Air Pilots Report Vessel Floundering in High Seas; 6 Feet of Water in Hold

TOKYO, Jan. 9 (UP)—Eyewitness reports from pilots flying over head said today that the Russian motorship Dvina appeared to be in imminent danger of capsizing and spilling her 800 passengers into the Pacific Ocean.

The ship was being buffeted by mountainous seas. Water already stood six feet deep in her hold. The pilots said that a rescue ship apparently had taken the Dvina under tow but that she was wallowing in the troughs of the huge waves.

Forty to 50 persons, huddled on the bow and fantail of the ship, appeared to be in an "extremely perilous" situation, Lt. Fitzsimmons reported.

No lifeboats were seen hanging from her davits, leading to speculation that some of the passengers or crew might have abandoned ship. Rescue ships have been fighting to save the Dvina's passengers since her first SOS Wednesday.

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Hoosier Gets Death In Murder of Kin

LIMA, O., Jan. 9 (UP)—Lester Nichols, 42, of Silver Lake, Ind., today was under sentence to die in the electric chair April 30 for the first degree murder of his father-in-law, the Rev. Lewis Whittaker, last May 6.

The sentence was handed down late yesterday by Judge Moras A. Jenkins after two alienists at the Lima State Hospital for the Criminal Insane reported that Nicholas is sane.

Rites for Mrs. Burleson

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 9 (UP)—Private funeral services were held yesterday for Mrs. Adele Steiner Burleson, 84, widow of one-time U. S. Postmaster General Albert Sidney Burleson. Mrs. Burleson, whose husband served in the Wilson administration, died suddenly of heart disease in her Austin home.



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