

OK's Purchase Of Equipment For Streets

\$52,000 to Be Spent, Aid Cleanup Drive

By LOUIS ARMSTRONG
The City Council has added its part to the Indianapolis spring clean-up campaign by approving the purchase of \$52,000 worth of equipment for the street commissioner's department.

The equipment which includes 15 one- and one-half ton dump trucks and two street sweepers, will be ordered for delivery in time to take part in the clean-up beginning the last of this month.

The council gave its approval to the order last night under suspension of rules to speed purchase of the vehicles.

Called 'Dirlest City'

Tony Malo, street commissioner, said the trucks and sweepers would play a key part in the City's effort to "debulk" the author, John Gunther, who called Indianapolis the dirtiest city in the USA.

Charles Miller, chairman of the "purple homes" citizens committee, asked the council last night what it had done to correct conditions which caused discoloration of homes in the southeast section of the City.

Despite the fact that he was told the City combustion engineer is making an investigation, Mr. Miller declared he felt the homeowners were getting the "brush-off."

"Getting Run-Around"

"We want something done about the situation," he demanded, "and we want someone to pay the damage done to our homes. All we are getting is the run-around."

Robert Traugott, American Veterans Committee, asked the council to request a ruling on a case now pending in Circuit Court against the Citizens Gas & Coke Utility.

Mr. Traugott had made the request at several previous meetings. He charged the council with taking a "do-nothing" attitude toward the utility and received a loud ovation from the spectators' section.

Clement Stanford, another anti-utility crusader, reminded the Council that Friday is the deadline to appeal the permanent 10-cent trolley fare and the increased water rates.

Councilman J. Porter Seidensticker questioned the legality of an existing supplement to the City's contract with the Indianapolis Power & Light Co.

Mr. Seidensticker pointed out that the supplemental contract was approved by the City Works Board Nov. 9, 1942, but was never approved by the City Council. He said he would obtain a legal opinion on the question from Edward H. Knight, corporation counsel.



MEET 'WOMAN OF TIMES'—The wife of a World War II veteran, Mrs. Wade B. Gilley of Tyndall Towne, her 4-year-old son, Danny, and a bag of candy were responsible yesterday for the "capture" of "The Woman of The Times," Mrs. Wayne Warrick (right). Mrs. Gilley is shown here receiving a Times check for \$50.

Plant Fire Loss Set at \$200,000

HAMMOND, Apr. 6 (UPI)—

Firemen were still removing smoldering bales of waste paper today from a paper plant that was damaged by fire yesterday. Damage was estimated at between \$200,000 and \$500,000.

Plant officials said the fire apparently was started by sparks from a welder's torch in the second-story drying room.

Several carloads of chemical pulp and newsprint were ignited when the sparks fell to a first-floor storage room.

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