

Red Cross Considers Single Fund-Raising Campaign

**Policy Change
Favored by
Big Donors**

**Separate Drives
Help in Past**

By RICHARD LEWIS

Will the Indianapolis Red Cross some day join the Community Fund for a single fund-raising campaign here?

The American Red Cross is considering a change in its policy which has prohibited chapters from taking part in all-purpose drives since 1936.

So rigidly has this policy been enforced that Van Wert, O., recently lost its Red Cross charter when leaders there refused to withdraw from the Community Fund.

Sentiment Mixed

Although some cities have insisted that Red Cross and Community Chest combine their drives for funds, there does not appear to be any overwhelming sentiment for a joint campaign in Indianapolis.

Both fund-raising and relief organizations have held separate drives here for 15 years. Sentiment to combine them is mixed.

In addition to the 46 Community Fund agencies and the Red Cross, there were 29 other solicitations here in the last 12 months, according to the license records of the City Charities Solicitation Bureau.

Some of the big donors in Indianapolis have been hoping for years these drives could be combined into a single big one. It would save time and effort, they say.

Those favoring a one-shot campaign for all charities feel that Red Cross could lead independent charities into Community Fund by abandoning its traditional independent drive.

Red Cross has been reluctant to jeopardize its "freedom of action" by taking part in joint campaigns. It conducts its annual drive in March, five months after the Community Fund.

Executives of the organization have been unwilling to join Community Fund because it would also limit emergency disaster collections, they feel.

Most chapter heads agree with national policy. One exception is Augustus K. Oliver, Pittsburgh industrialist and chapter chairman there.

Movie Fund Closed

Pittsburgh is one of several cities where management and labor have adopted the one-drive-a-year idea. Red Cross is having increasing difficulty soliciting there.

The motion picture industry a few years ago set aside part of its one-fund collections for Red Cross. National Chairman Basil O'Connor said Red Cross could not take money on that basis.

Since then, the movie relief fund has been closed to Red Cross.

West Coast aircraft plants are installing dollar-a-month clubs. Contributions are deducted from the payroll and allocated by a plant committee.

Boston insisted on combining fund drives during the war. Indianapolis did, too, but when Community Fund leaders went to Washington to make a special plea to combine the drives during the war, Red Cross wouldn't listen.

May Modify Stand

Now Red Cross appears to be facing the prospect of being shut out of areas where the one-drive-a-year idea is gaining support.

For this reason, the national organization may modify its stand on separate campaigns at the national convention of Red Cross in San Francisco June 21 to 24, allowing local chapters to join up if they want to.

Sentiment among Red Cross and Community Fund leaders here on this possibility is by no means unanimous. One Red Cross executive here said:

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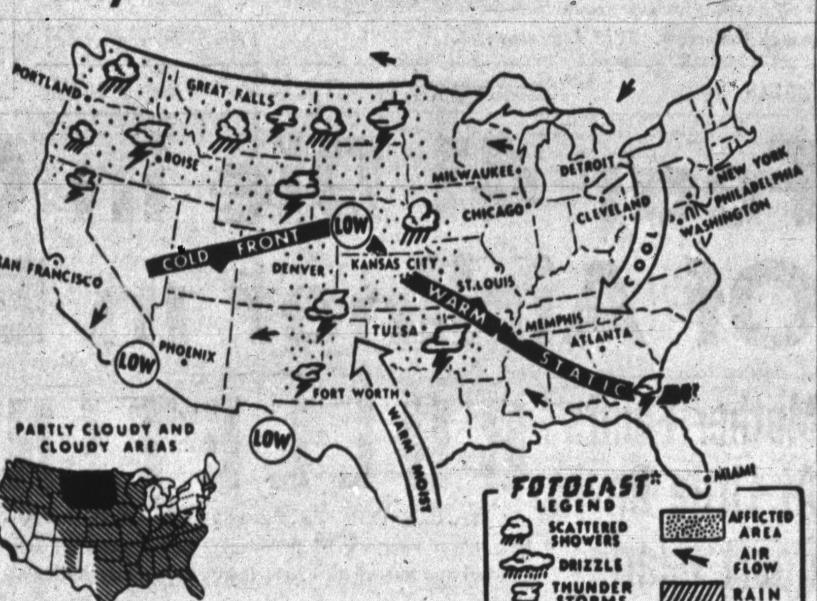
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Today's Weather Fotocast—



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TONIGHT AND TOMORROW—Continued cool weather is the latest official forecast for the Middle West, with thunderstorms through the Great Plains states as indicated on the map. Air flow arrows indicate the path of the cool winds from Canada which are expected to bring temperatures in the high 50's as the first day of summer nears. Symbols in the affected areas of the forecast indicate where the storms will strike.

Stranger Slugs Dog Pound Driver

Bandit Foiled In Hotel Heldup

A city dog pound driver was slugged when he attempted to snatch a stray dog and a bandit was foiled in an attempt to rob a hotel clerk here late yesterday.

Clifford Hash, 32, of 2209 Howard St., truck driver for the city pound, was found in a semi-conscious condition in the 500 block, Blake St., by a police cruiser squad.

When he was revived he said a man ran up and slugged him as he was picking up a stray dog off the street.

Threatened By Bandit

Mrs. Cora Strahn, 62, clerk of the Commercial Hotel, 213½ S. Illinois St., said a bandit threatened her with a gun and demanded "all my money."

However, before she complied a hotel guest walked out of a nearby room and the bandit turned and fled down the staircase.

A sneak thief walked behind the counter of the Mathew Boules Shoe Shop, in Kentucky Ave., adjacent to the Lincoln Hotel and grabbed all the change out of the cash register and escaped. Mr. Boules said the thief got about \$6.

Witnesses Sought In Watkins Case

Officer's Suspension Continued by Board

The Safety Board today sought the return from Florida of two prosecuting witnesses in the case of police officer charged with borrowing \$400 with which to finance a gambling joint on Indiana Ave.

A hearing in the case of the officer, Anthony Watkins, was held by the board yesterday but was recessed when the witnesses, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kaufman, owners of the Ritz Lounge, 364 Indiana Ave., did not appear.

Watkins was suspended from the force a month ago after his establishment at 311 Indiana Ave. was raided. He is accused of borrowing the money from the Kaufmans with the promise of giving them a percentage of his profits from the establishment. He formerly was supervisor of the Lockheed Pal Club.

Suspension Continued

To speed the appearance of the Kaufmans, L. J. Keach, Safety Board president, asked the State Alcoholic Beverage Commission not to renew their tavern license until the board has had a chance to intervene in the hearing. The license expires Sept. 30.

Watkins' suspension was continued by the board, pending outcome of the trial.

U. S. Seeks to Open New Coal Talks

WASHINGTON, June 17 (UP)—Federal Mediation Director Cyrus S. Ching decided today on a personal attempt to revive negotiations between coal operators and John L. Lewis and head of a strike next month.

Mr. Ching told reporters he would handle the government's conference. Contract talks broke down Tuesday.

But Mr. Ching wasn't even sure Mr. Lewis would attend. He received acceptances from the operators but no reply from the United Mine Workers president.

Hearing Saturday

Federal Judge E. Alan Goldsborough sat at Saturday to hear the operators' suit for a determination of which miners are eligible for pensions and distress benefits. And the National Labor Relations Board will begin hearings next Monday on charges against Mr. Lewis and the union for refusal to bargain last month with the Southern Coal Producers Association.

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Gates Names 20 To State Boards

Three Local Men Included in List

Gov. Gates announced additional appointments today to state boards and commissions.

He reappointed Albert G. Hahn, Evansville; Dr. Benjamin H. L. Murphy, Columbus, to four-year terms on the hospital regulating and licensing council of the state board of health.

Merritt Harrison, Indianapolis,

was reappointed to a three-year term on the state board of registration for architects.

Knapp Reappointed

Carl Knapp, Cannelton, was reappointed for three years to the state toll bridge commission.

William S. Moore, South Bend,

was appointed for four years on the board of registration for engineers and land surveyors.

Capt. O. F. Heslar, Indianapolis,

was reappointed for four years to the board of public harbors and terminals.

Memorial Commission

Reappointed for three-year terms on the World War Memorial commission were James A. Raper, publisher of the Brazil Times; Mrs. Faye Holman, Rochester; Harold A. Shindler, Newburgh; Luther C. Brown, Salem, and John B. Goodrich, Winches-

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