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FORECAST: Considerable cloudiness with a few showers today and to night. Tomorrow fair, continued warm.

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Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness—

Independence of 13 Colonies Proclaimed

'We Mutually Pledge... Our Lives, Our Fortunes and Our Sacred Honor'

PHILADELPHIA, July 4, 1776—Congress today declared the 13 United Colonies "free and independent states" and repudiated the last bonds of allegiance to the British Crown.

Complete text of the Declaration follows:

WHEN, IN the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive

with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our consent:

For depriving us, in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offenses:

No Longer Free

FOR ABOLISHING the free system of English Laws in a neighboring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies.

For taking away our charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering, fundamentally, the Forms of our Government:

For suspending our own Legislatures and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever:

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection, and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is, at this time, transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to complete the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of cruelty and perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the head of a civilized nation.

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9 Die Violently In Indiana, 300 in Nation

Toll Less Than July 4 Slaughter Last Year

Indiana's violent death toll rose to nine today as Hoosiers celebrated a three-day holiday over the July 4 week-end.

In the nation the number of dead passed the 300 mark as record numbers crowded highways and vacation spots. The toll, however, was running far behind that of a similar three-day holiday last year when 638 persons lost their lives in mishaps.

Those who met violent deaths in Indiana were:

Boris J. Naouf, 23, Alexandria, Grace Baker, McNatts.

Thomas M. Moxley, 1, Ft.

John Lonsbury, 16, Crown Point.

Paul John Streusert, 65, Knox.

Carl Erickson, 24, Chicago.

Tommy Cripe, 11, Goshen.

Guernard Harrell, 46, Vicksburg.

Floyd Boone, 37, Dugger.

Three Drawn

Three of the number met death by drowning. The others were fatally injured in traffic accidents.

Mr. Naouf drowned yesterday in the boat in which he was riding on Lake Freeman capsized in the wash from a passing speed boat. Mrs. Thelma Wells, Alexandria, his companion, was also drowned.

One-year-old Thomas M. Moxley drowned in a backyard fishpond Saturday at the home of a neighbor southwest of Ft. Wayne. The child was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Moxley.

Miss Baker, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Baker of near McNaught in Huntington County, drowned in a gravel pit south of Warren in Wells County. Unable to swim, the girl got in water beyond her depth and sank.

Struck by Auto

Paul John Streusert died in Holy Family Hospital yesterday of injuries received Saturday night when he was struck by an automobile on US 35 driven by Letha White of Knox.

John Lonsbury, 16, of Crown Point, was killed Saturday night when the motor scooter he was riding was struck by a Nickel Plate freight train at a grade crossing.

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Collide Head-On

Guernard Harrell and Floyd Boone were killed Friday night when the car in which they were riding on Ind. 54 near Linton collided head-on with another vehicle.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavored to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian savages, whose known rule of warfare is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions we have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms. Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated Injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have we been wanting in attention to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts made by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them, by the ties of our common kindred, to disavow these usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connection and correspondence.

'He Has Refused'

HE HAS dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly for opposing with manly firmness his invasion on the rights of the people.

He has refused, for a long time after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the legislative powers, incapable of annihilation, have returned to the people at large for their exercise; the State remaining, in the meantime, exposed to all the danger of invasion from without and convulsions within.

He has endeavored to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for the naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migration hither, and raising the conditions of new appropriations of lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

People Harassed

HE HAS erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies, without the Consent of our Legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution and unacknowledged by our Laws; giving his Assent to their acts of pretended Legislation.

For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us;

For protecting the by a mock Trial from punishment,

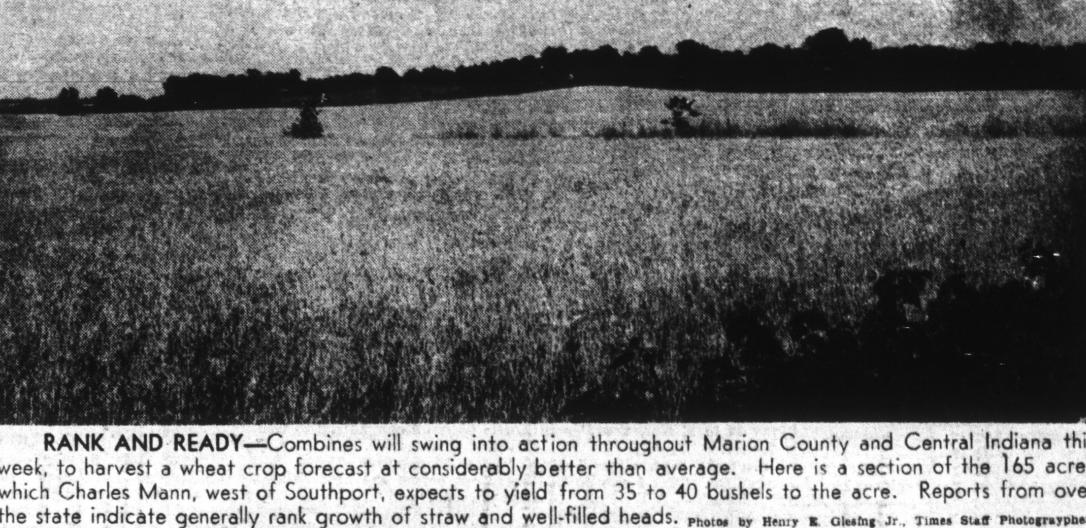
for any Murders which they should commit on the inhabitants of these States;

For cutting off our Trade

And, for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.

Hague's Swing To Ike Fails To Shake Truman

Wheat Harvest Time in Indiana



RANK AND READY—Combines will swing into action throughout Marion County and Central Indiana this week, to harvest a wheat crop forecast at considerably better than average. Here is a section of the 165 acres which Charles Mann, west of Southport, expects to yield from 35 to 40 bushels to the acre. Reports from over the state indicate generally rank growth of straw and well-filled heads. Photos by Henry K. Gleason Jr., Times Staff Photographer.



SELF-PROPELLED—One of the few self-propelled combines in this area is this one shown clipping through one of the Mann fields with Chester Coffey at the controls. It began "gathering in the sheaves" in the modern manner last Friday.



God Told Me To Kill Her'

Central State Inmate Strangles Best Friend

"Don't you feel remorse that you, a religious woman, killed a person?" asked Dr. Max Bahr, Central State Hospital superintendent of Mrs. Daisy Gray, this morning in an isolation room.

"No," Dr. Bahr. "God told me to kill her and it's all right with me now," answered Mrs. Gray, who strangled her best friend and roommate, Mrs. Mattie Poole, 30, Saturday at 4:30 a.m.

Mrs. Gray, 47, kept on repeating, "God told me to kill her, so I did." She twisted Mrs. Poole's nightgown around her neck until she was dead. Attendants discovered the body a few minutes after hearing Mrs. Gray wail, then called Dr. Bahr.

"There is nothing to do about such things. They just happen..." said Dr. Bahr.

More Than Judgment'

"These auditory hallucinations mean more than any reasoning or judgment or anything else... They are overpowering, particularly when God tells you to do something."

Deputy Sheriff Get Caught in Own Double Stalk

DEPUTIES WILLIAM OWEN and Robert Keithley saw lights shining through the woods at 16th St. and Eagle Creek. They left their car and started through the darkened area to investigate.

Hearing a twig crackle behind him, Deputy Owen turned to his partner and said, "Quiet."

"I'm not making any noise," said Deputy Keithley, who was standing at Officer Owen's elbow.

Spinning on their heels, both men drew their guns and came face to face with a stalker, who also had a gun in his hand.

Deputy Owen fired one shot from his revolver as the man turned to his revolver and both officers emptied their guns into the bushes where he disappeared.

Though he stumbled and fell, a search of the area failed to produce him.

A return to the original investigation proved fruitless also. Deputy Owen said, "The shots had frightened away the swimmers."

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