



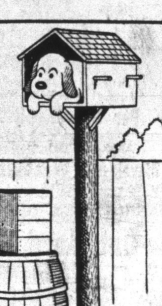
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Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness— Independence of 13 Colonies Proclaimed

'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 of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

Train of Abuses
PRUDENCE, INDEED, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and, accordingly, all experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed.

But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new guards for their future security.

Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies, and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former systems of Government, that the history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object, the establishment of an absolute tyranny over these States.

The Facts
TO PROVE this, let facts be submitted to a candid world: He has refused his Assent to Laws the most wholesome and necessary for the public good. He has forbidden his Governors to pass laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature; a right inestimable to them, and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them by compliance with his measures.

'He Has Refused'
HE HAS dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly for opposing with manly firmness his invasions 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 dangers 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 judicial 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 endeavored to bring us subject 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 them, by a mock Trial, from punishment, for any Murders which they should commit on the inhabitants of these States: For cutting off our Trade

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 4th 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. Nacoff, 23, Alexandria, Grace Baker, McNatts, Thomas M. Moxley, 1, Ft. Wayne.

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 Drown

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

Mr. Nacoff drowned yesterday when 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 rescued.

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 McNatts 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.

Injuries suffered when the automobile in which he was riding collided July 2 with another vehicle on US 6 south of La Porte were fatal yesterday to Carl Erickson. Three other persons were hurt.

The Cripe youth died Friday night when the bicycle on which he was riding three miles west of Goshen on US 37 was struck by a truck.

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.

In Indianapolis a motorcyclist and a 7-year-old boy were in critical condition in General Hospital as the result of traffic accidents.

Ivan Cole, 28, of 546 Birch St., received possible spine injuries when the motorcycle he was riding collided with an automobile Saturday afternoon at Chase St. and Oliver Ave. The automobile was driven by Arlie Harrison, 22, of 1332 W. Ray St.

Seven-year-old Kenneth Bergdoll of 2413 Stuart St., is the other termed critical at General Hospital, after being struck by an automobile as he crossed the street at 24th and Stuart Sts. The machine was driven by Robert A. Ballard, 16, of 2263 N. Dearborn St.

A state-by-state survey showed that 307 persons had died accidentally since Friday evening.

Of the total, 164 were killed in traffic accidents, 69 drowned, two were killed by fireworks, two died in plane crashes and 65 died in miscellaneous accidents.

**Deputy Sheriffs
Get Caught in
Own Double Stalk**

DEPUTIES WILLIAM OWEN and Robert Keithley saw headlights shining through the woods at 18th St. and Eagle Creek. They left their car and started out 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.

FLASHLIGHTS revealed two beady eyes staring from "holes" out through a stocking covering the man's head.

Deputy Owen fired one shot from his revolver as the man turned to flee 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.

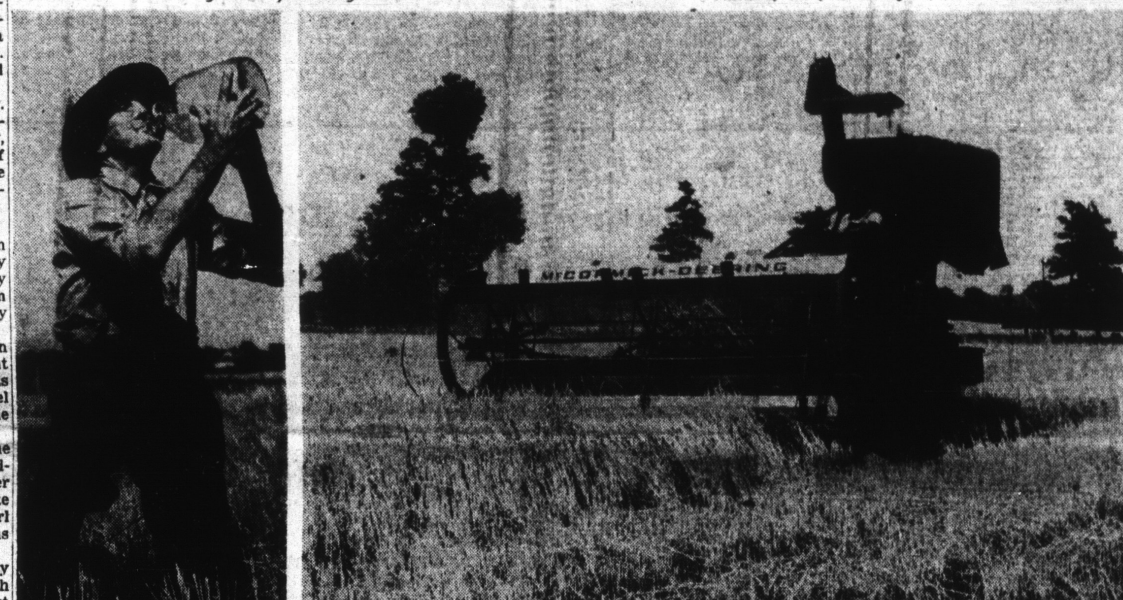
A return to the original investigation proved fruitless also. Deputy Owen said. The shots had frightened away the swimmers.

Hague's Swing To Ike Fails To Shake Truman

Wheat Harvest Time in Indiana



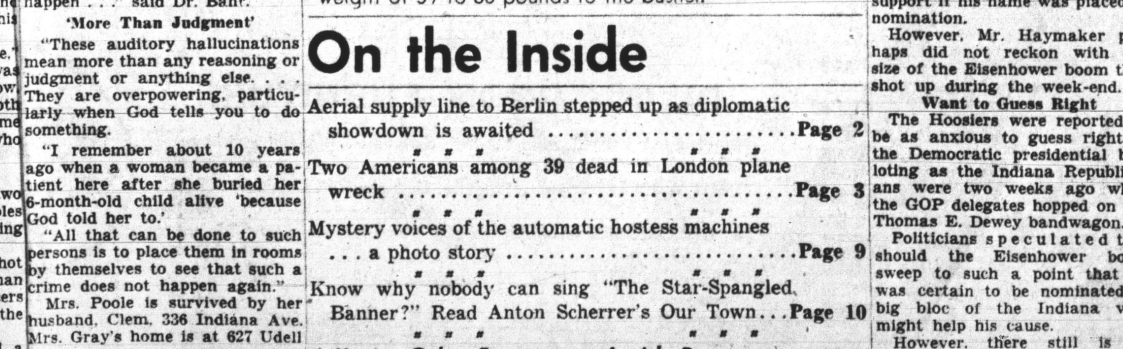
RANK AND READY—Combines will swing into action throughout Marion County and Central Indiana this week, to harvest a wheat crop forecast at considerably better than average. Here is a section of the 165 acres which Charles Mann, west of Southport, expects to yield from 35 to 40 bushels to the acre. Reports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



GOLDEN GRAIN—After every few laps around the field, Mr. Coffey halts the combine and Oren Mann (right), son of Charles Mann, pulls alongside with a truck. Grain cascades down the chute, ready for market or bin. Mr. Mann was expecting an average test weight of 59 to 60 pounds to the bushel.



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Expects Boom For General To Fizzle Out

Holds Eisenhower
Is Really a Republican

The draft-Eisenhower
bandwagon picked up some
influential passengers today
but President Truman was
reported to feel it would be
halted before the Democratic
national convention opens next
Monday.

New Jersey Democrats led by political boss Frank Hague, were the latest to join the drive to ditch Mr. Truman. At a tumultuous meeting at Asbury Park, N. J., they voted to instruct their 36 convention delegates to support Gen. Eisenhower for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Mr. Hague, vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee, led the bolt with the declaration that neither Mr. Truman nor GOP nominee Thomas E. Dewey could give the public the "world leadership" it is seeking. He said the Democratic Party in New Jersey would be "wiped out" if Mr. Truman were nominated.

First Switch

The switch by New Jersey Democrats marked the first time that a key industrial state of the North had openly allied itself with the stop-Truman drive initiated by Southern Democrats.

Former Democratic National Chairman James A. Farley, when asked to comment on Mr. Hague's switch to Gen. Eisenhower, said he was astounded that some people would "question" the integrity of Eisenhower's no-politics statement of January.

"In my judgment, President Truman will be nominated in Philadelphia before the conclusion of the first ballot," said Mr. Farley.

The draft-Ike forces took Gen. Eisenhower's silence to mean consent. For instance, Democratic National Committeeman Harry Carlson of New Hampshire, one of the leaders of the Ike-for-President boom, said a personal conference and later telephone conversation with Gen. Eisenhower made him "satisfied" the former Army Chief of Staff is available for the Democratic nomination.

He said in an interview that Gen. Eisenhower hadn't actually told him he would accept and that he didn't put the question directly to the general because he didn't consider it appropriate.

Expect Boom to Die

However, Mr. Carlson added, "at no time did he ever say: 'I will not accept the nomination.'"

Close associates of Mr. Truman said he believed the Eisenhower boom would die down before the Democratic convention gets around to balloting Mr. Truman. It was said, regarding Gen. Eisenhower as a Republican at heart and doesn't think he'd go for the Democratic nomination.

Anti-Truman Democrats were confident Gen. Eisenhower would get the nomination unless he says flatly beforehand that he can't be drafted.

William Ritchie, Nebraska Democratic chairman, predicted that more than 200 convention delegates would attend the anti-Truman caucus in Philadelphia Saturday. The meeting was called by James Roosevelt, New York Mayor William O'Dwyer, Chicago Democratic leader Jacob M. Arvey and 15 other party bigwigs.

Mr. Roosevelt said in Los Angeles that he, too, expected "quite a crowd" at the Philadelphia caucus.

However, John J. Jangle, Missouri national committeeman, said Mr. Truman's home state would not desert him. The President, he said, "will be nominated on the first ballot."

'Wait and See'

In Michigan, State Democratic Chairman John R. Franco said a majority of the state's convention delegates want Mr. Truman. National Committeeman Sy Bevan said a majority want Gen. Eisenhower. Mr. Bevan was among the party leaders who called the Philadelphia caucus.

In Oklahoma, State Chairman James Harrington said only that the "Draft-Ike" movement had not swayed the state's convention delegation from its "wait and see stand."

Meanwhile, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, the Republican presidential nominee, spent a quiet week-end with his family at their Pawling, N. Y., farm. He and his vice presidential running mate, Gov. Earl Warren of California, are not expected to begin active campaigning until September.

CRACK DOWN ON GAMING

TERRE HAUTE, July 5 (UP)—Mayor Ralph Tucker said today that gambling of any kind was taboo here. He said the law enforcement agencies would crack down in an all-out attempt to rid the city of gambling.