

Mayor Threatens Shake-Up Of Smoke Abatement Board

Wolf Asked For Record of Past 2 Years

Feeney Decries

'Lax Enforcement'

Mayor Feeney today threatened to shake up the Board of Smoke Abatement. And No. 1 target may be \$8000-a-year City Combustion Engineer Robert L. Wolf.

The Mayor, apparently unhappy over the enforcement of the current anti-smoke ordinance, had asked Mr. Wolf to present a list of his accomplishments during his two years in office.

"We've been lax on prosecution," the Mayor said, "and the whole board better get busy. There are some good men on it but they've been under the impression that Mr. Wolf is running the show. He's just the executive secretary."

Cited C. of C. Plan

The Mayor said Mr. Wolf brought in a new smoke ordinance and some of the board members said they had never seen it. He said the Chamber of Commerce has an ordinance, too, and someone ought to get them all together and work out the best one.

"Our trouble is that the one we've got isn't being enforced," he said, "and we're not going to fool around about it."

When asked if he had presented a proposed ordinance to the Mayor without having shown it to the board, Mr. Wolf said, "the Mayor knows better than that."

"Records Are Available"

"I received the Mayor's request for a list of my accomplishments in office only yesterday afternoon," Mr. Wolf said. "The records are available. I make a thorough annual report which is widely distributed."

"This is a very complex job," he said, "and for me to tell how many bricks I have laid without explaining the importance of the individual brick would be unwise."

Asked for Investigation

Mr. Wolf said he had long wanted an impartial appraisal of the work of his office. "In fact," he said, "I asked for a full-scale investigation 10 months ago." He added that he wondered if such an investigation might prove or disprove any charges of lack of results." Despite promised reforms, nothing has been done.

He said the restraint to enforcement has not been political either in this administration or the one before but has risen from the tradition that smoke abatement should be voluntary.

Assign Pfc. Sauer To Pershing Guard

A local soldier assigned to a ceremonial detachment of the Army will be a member of the honor guard at the casket of Gen. John J. Pershing as he lies in state tomorrow and Monday in the rotunda of the Capitol.

Pfc. Edward G. Sauer, 18, of 1113 Calhoun St., was assigned to the detachment after his basic training in March of this year, and has participated in several outstanding ceremonial functions.

Before he enlisted, Pfc. Sauer attended Indianapolis schools and was a member of Scout Troop 49. He took his basic training with a brother, Pvt. Benny L. Sauer, who is now stationed in Dayton, O.

Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sauer, Edward Sauer has seven brothers and sisters living in Indianapolis.

State Demands Return Of Illegal MD Plates

Illegal users of license plates issued to medical doctors will be required to turn them over to the state, Director H. Bales Brown of the Indiana Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau said today.

Mr. Brown said some 42 illegal cases of illegal users of MD plates had been reported to him recently. He said the list of offenders included medical students, internes, osteopaths and chiropractors. Mr. Brown said unauthorized persons found using the MD plates would be asked to return them to the motor vehicle registration bureau immediately.

Boy, 4, Slightly Hurt When Struck by Car

A four-year-old boy was in fair condition at St. Vincent's Hospital today with minor injuries received when he was struck by a car near his home.

Steven Dailey, 564 N. Oxford St., was struck as he ran from between parked cars. Driver of the automobile was Willard F. Higgins, 63, of 936 N. Oxford.

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Our Fair City—

Indiana Democrats Discard Gloom and Gird for Battle

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the lower courts are laying it on to build up a record.

Also . . . the attorney situation in Municipal Court hasn't eased any since The Times discussed it in a series of articles a year ago. At that time, it was pointed out that the average citizen "in trouble" with the law got the book heaved at him unless he had an attorney.

It was customary then, too, for a small clique of attorneys to dominate the court's business. . . .

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Watch for a shakeup in the Park Department. The Mayor isn't satisfied with some operations. At least one head is about to fall. For the last week, the Mayor has had an investigator scouting the playgrounds to see how they're being operated.

Where There's Smoke

RELATIONS between Combustion Engineer Robert Wolf and Mayor Feeney are strained these days. The Mayor thinks the engineer jumped the gun in complaining about a salary cut, recommended by Controller Phil Brey, to the newspapers.

The recommendation cut Mr. Wolf's \$8000 salary to \$6000. It also cut proposed pay of his assistants. Mayor Feeney thinks Mr. Wolf should have complained to him first, before releasing the squawk to the press.

Some Republicans have been approaching gubernatorial candidate Robert Crighton, a teetotaler, to sound him out about prohibition. They're worried he might back a revival of it in the legislature. Word is the GOP candidate has indicated he has no such plans, although personally he might not oppose any attempt to make the state dry.

Tradition Broken

THE CITIZENS GAS & COKE UTILITY's switch to mixed gas involved another change of policy. The utility finally broke down and decided to talk to the working press, something it had declined to do for years. The first press conference since 1940 was held Friday. It not only broke tradition but erased a lot of suspense on both sides.

URGES HOUSING PASSAGE

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And he'll try to reconvene National Veterans' Housing Conference here, get members to urge other Congressmen to sign discharge petition. House members will worry more than ever about re-election now, and veterans from all sections will be asked to come here, watch closely what their Congressmen do.

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Viaduct Slayer Held for Murder

Warrant Filed By Victim's Father

CINCINNATI, O., July 17 (UPI)—A murder warrant was filed today against a 33-year-old man who yesterday threw 8-year-old Patricia Jackson to her death from a viaduct and then blamed "radioactivity" for his act.

The warrant against the man, who gave the name of Harry Robertson, Richmond, Va., was filed by Jack Jackson, Patricia's father.

Robertson, captured by passers-by after he had tossed Patricia to her death 125 feet below, muttered incoherently when taken to police headquarters.

"Radioactivity did it," the big six-foot-four-inch slayer monotoned.

"They kept calling me yellow. When I go to sleep at night they call me yellow, and when I get up in the morning they call me yellow."

"I just grabbed a girl. I threw her over. The radio waves said nothing about that."

Officials at the Downey Veterans' administration hospital said they had had a Herbert Robertson, 33, of Richmond, as a patient in 1945. He had been suffering from "psychotic personality and alcoholism," but was discharged as "cured of his psychotic difficulties" in October, 1945.

George Connor, Race Driver, Wed

George Connor, 500-Mile Race driver, was married yesterday to Vanelia Dell Eakin, 5121 W. 16th St. The ceremony was read in the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Revia Watson, 5030 W. 12th St.

The Connors, who managed to keep the impending marriage a total secret from gasoline alley friends, are honeymooning in Milwaukee before visiting McConaughy's parents in California.

They will return to Indianapolis next month. He has been working for Cotton Henning since early spring.

Washington Calling—Odds Called 4-1 Against War but Threat Increases

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Warren criticized Congress for not passing housing bill shortly before he went on ticket. Rep. Harry Scott, new GOP national chairman, signed petition to bring T-E-W out from committee and petition is still alive when Congress reconvenes.

Taff earlier said Dewey should press party policy on all issues.

But House leaders don't agree. They'll roll their own. And they are men who left Philadelphia bitter at Dewey.

House leaders have one idea only: How best to eucr Truman. They are saying announcing session at party convention makes it "purely political" and they'll play it that way.

One suggestion that's taken seriously: Meet and adjourn at once. Crisis abroad may prevent this, and some Republicans rank and filers already have objected.

Another plan: Pass strict rationing and price control law at once; fix early expiration date, say Nov. 15, right after election. Sponsors of this idea would call Truman inefficient if he failed to get laws operating before then. He probably couldn't because he has no such plans, although personally he might not oppose any attempt to make the state dry.

Third idea is to call up civil rights bills at once, rely on Southern filibuster to block everything else, keep Democrats off balance. But, as Truman said, cloture could end that if Republicans really want to. And Minority Leader Barkley's there to push civil rights edict of platform on which he's running.

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CHECKING FACTS—20

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