

Singer, 84, to Make Debut in New York

NEW YORK, Sept. 2 (UP)—James Taber Fitzgerald, who began taking singing lessons 19 years ago, will make the first big appearance of his career here Sept. 9 when he sings at Town Hall, it was disclosed today. Mr. Fitzgerald is 84.

He turned seriously to singing in 1929, Mr. Fitzgerald said, when business became bad at the music store he operated in Los Angeles and "everything kind of slipped out from under me."

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Avoid Politics in Selecting Successor, Brown Advises

Sends Letter to Board With Resignation; Park Director to Take Seattle Post

By LOUIS ARMSTRONG

Paul V. Brown, park director, handed his resignation to the Park Board today and admonished its members not to be swayed by "political influence" in the selection of his successor.

The director is leaving Oct. 1 to take over the directorship of the Seattle, Wash., park system. He has been parks director here five years.

Mr. Brown attached to his resignation a letter in which he summarized his accomplishments and warned Park Board members to "assume your full responsibility in the selection of my successor."

He declared: "The department will operate properly in the recognized by the board as its chief executive officer responsible and responsive to the Board of Park Commissioners which by law has the exclusive government and control over the department, its properties, policies and personnel."

"Assume Responsibility" "I urge that you, the board, assume your full responsibility in the selection of my successor and give to him the united support he will need in his efforts to carry out the policies you adopt. "Only then can be maintained the discipline within the department necessary to carry out the complicated and multitudinous purposes of municipal public recreation."



Paul V. Brown

Leaves With Regret He continued, "I leave the department with sincere regret, particularly in the knowledge that some of the important projects we had planned, such as shade tree replacements, parkway extension and landscaping, municipal amphitheater and a feasible merit system were not further advanced during my time here."

Mr. Brown said that under a master park plan adopted in 1944 the department had acquired Broad Ripple, Tarkington and Marrett Parks, and nine playgrounds, but that the department was still behind in its expansion schedule.

He asked that purchasing, under the schedule be resumed, and that the 400-acre downtown water park site on Fall Creek between 10th and 16th Sts. be acquired along with a play field at Keystone Ave. and Pleasant Run pkwy. and several other playgrounds in densely populated areas.

Cites Summer Opera He listed as successful projects initiated by the department the band, orchestra and vocal concerts, summer opera, music festival, community sings and dances, Christmas carols on the Monument and many other programs.

He added that in co-operation with others, the department has made "real progress" in promoting athletic leagues and tournaments.

Stassen Blames HCL on President

ALBANY, Sept. 2 (UP)—Harold E. Stassen, a member of the Republican high command, charged the Truman administration today with "deliberately" attempting to keep up the high cost of food.

After a lengthy conference with Republican presidential candidate, Thomas E. Dewey, Mr. Stassen told reporters he was convinced that statements by officials of the Department of Agriculture were designed to increase food prices "when they should have been coming down."

He referred to an announcement by Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan, that the federal government planned to step up its food purchasing program. Mr. Stassen told the reporters that food supplies throughout the world were up and that attempts by the government had been made to emphasize "false scarcities."

"This is a deliberate attempt," he said, "to stop the downward trend of food prices that follows reports of large crops throughout the world."

Two Injured Children Reported 'Fair'

Two children injured in play at their homes were reported in fair condition at General Hospital today.

Sandra Cooper, 10, of 721 Chadwick St., suffered second degree burns yesterday afternoon when her dress caught fire while she was putting on a nightgown.

She Falls Off A Horse

Palmer, Mass., Sept. 2 (UP)—Screen actress Ariene Judge was reported resting at the home of a friend today after injuring her hand in a fall from a horse.

Kiwanians Plan Event

Indianapolis Kiwanians will celebrate Father, Daughter and Son Day tomorrow at their luncheon in the Riley Room of the Claypool Hotel, with the "Junior City Slickers" providing the program, Grover Millett, secretary, announced today.

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