

# Feehey, Bayt Authorized To Appeal Recent Budget Cut

## Council OK's Petition to State Board

### Wicker Charges Slash Will Trim Pensions

By LOUIS ARMSTRONG  
Mayor Al Feehey and City Controller Phillip L. Bayt prepared today to petition the State Board of Tax Commissioners for an appeal from the recent budget cut handed the city by the County Tax Adjustment Board.

The officials were authorized to file the petition under a resolution passed last night by City Council. Six Democratic members voted for the measure while two Republicans voted against it. The third minority member was absent.

Both Democratic and Republican members of the council were urged to support the measure by Councilman Joseph Wicker, Democratic chairman of the council's finance committee, who charged among other things that the cut, if not appealed, will cause hardships to widows and orphans on the police and firemen's pension funds. The reduced levies will not provide enough cash to pay the pensions, he said.

### Cut Pension Funds

The tax cut reduces the tax levy of the firemen's pension fund from 9 cents to 8.6 cents and the policemen's pension fund, levied from 4.6 cents to 4.3 cents.

The resolution specifically appeals the pension cuts, the general fund levy cut from \$1.33 to 96.3 cents, the health and hospital fund levy cut from \$1.7 to 27.5 cents and the sanitation department levy cut from 19.3 cents to 17.8 cents.

"We have been forced into the same tragic situation which we faced when we took office the first of the year," said Mr. Wicker. "We have a big spending budget, but not enough cash appropriated to meet it. The same thing will happen next year that happened this. Creditors will have to sue the City and we will have to sell bonds to meet the bills."

## IU Prize Winner Quits Russ Group

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who instigated the recent series of purges, as a "charlatan."

Lysenko induced the Soviet academy to repudiate the principles of genetics by accepting as dogma the inheritance of acquired characteristics.

### No Reply Received

"These disgraceful actions show clearly that the leaders of your academy are no longer conducting themselves as scientists but are misusing their positions to destroy science for narrow political purposes, even as did many of those who posed as scientists in Germany under the domination of the Nazis."

The air mail letter of resignation was sent to the Soviet academy last week. Dr. Muller said he had received no acknowledgment from that body.

The professor is a member of the National Academy of Scientists of America and president of the American Society of Human Genetics. He has been a member of the IU faculty for four years.



## Seek to Complete Today's Weather Fotocast Sanitation Plant

### Speedway Appeals To Pollution Board

The Indiana Stream Pollution Control Board today was studying a request of Speedway City officials for more time in which to complete a sanitation plant to stop pollution of Eagle Creek.

Plans for the new plant were to have been finished by Dec. 1 and it was to have been built by January, 1950. Thomas J. Blackwell, Speedway City attorney, said difficulty in obtaining materials was responsible for the delay.

### Other Actions Listed

In other actions the board:

ONE: Approved preliminary plans for a sewage treatment plant at Warsaw and the rehabilitation of a plant at Sullivan.

TWO: Scheduled a rehearing for Oct. 21 of a pollution case against Crown Point and ordered Hobart to stop pollution of Deep River by July, 1950.

THREE: Discussed a temporary injunction sought against the New York, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railroad at Tipton to stop car-washing activities at Buck Creek.

FOUR: Set hearings in cases against the Lowerre Canning Co., Straughn; the Kravt Foods Co., Shirley, and the Rushville Canning Co.

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### Monument Just Erected

## Union Veterans to Make Last Stand in Indianapolis

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who decked the city with flags and bunting and constructed a reviewing stand in front of the Court House. The parade through downtown streets was one of the largest the nation had seen — 25,000 marched and Indiana alone had 10,000 veterans in the parade, marching eight abreast for 15 squares.

At the head of the Montgomery County column was Gen. Lew Wallace, as well known then as a soldier as he was later for statesmanship and as the author of "Ben Hur."

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STRAUSS SAYS . . . STORE HOURS DAILY INCLUDING SATURDAY 9:30 TILL 5:00

TONIGHT AND TOMORROW—Cool and typical fall weather will continue in the East and Middle West tonight and early tomorrow. By dawn temperatures are expected to drop into the 50's. Scattered showers are predicted in the areas shown on the fotocast map.

**Crook Steals Burglar Trap Set to Nab Him**

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 30 (UPI)—Ross E. Piper set a trap for the

passkey burglar, who had been entering his room and stealing from his dresser drawer.

He rigged an elaborate device

consisting of a flashlight, an electric clock and a radio, all wired to frighten the burglar. Then he smeared indelible pencil lead mixed with syrup on the door-knob and dresser handles.

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Officers are on their way now to Los Angeles to bring back a prisoner, John M. Barker, 26, formerly of 904½ Ft. Wayne Ave., on a charge of raping a 14-year-old girl here Sept. 8.

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