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FORECAST: Fair and cooler tonight and tomorrow. High today, 69; low, 46. High tomorrow, 68.

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Fear 9 Dead As Tugboat Sinks in N. Y.

Oil Tanker Rams Craft in Harbor

NEW YORK, Oct. 2 (UP)—A tug boat sank after a collision with an oil tanker in upper New York harbor early today with the apparent loss of nine lives.

One of the surviving members of the tug's crew said a mixup in signals caused the crash. The tug went down in 48 feet of water seconds after colliding headon with the tanker. Six other members of the crew were rescued.

Coast Guard and harbor police boats stood by to recover bodies of those who may have been trapped. All of the nine men missing were presumed dead.

4-Leave Hospital
Four of the six survivors were discharged from the hospital after receiving treatment. They were Capt. Richard Davis, Charles Sweeney of Wainwright Park, N. J., George A. Wren of New Bedford, Mass., and Knute Hansen of New York.

Mr. Sweeney, first mate on the tug, said some of the crew had no chance to escape.

"We left pier 65 in the North River with two boats port-side of the ship. We blew. Then there was a mistake in signals and the collision. The ship cut the two barges in half and turned the tug completely over at about the same half minute.

"Two men were on the top deck and got out. I was one of those. There was no time to sound the alarm. The men in the fog'side had no chance whatever to get out.

"The tug Grace picked up Capt. Hegg and myself and we were brought to the hospital. I was in the water about half an hour and the captain 20 minutes."

Identify Missing Men
Police identified the missing men as Russell Kimmel, Lawrence Gillian, Severino Perrio, Aurilio Montoro, Joseph Soares, Christopher Vickers, Frank Grychick, Henrik Gustavson and a man listed only as Serriera.

The tanker was not damaged. Police reported that no one aboard that vessel was injured.

Report Five More Molestings Here

Two Get Stiff Fines, Jail Terms

Five more molestings were reported here last night despite the conviction of two men in Municipal Court yesterday on charges of assault and battery in connection with offenses involving two teenage girls.

The men were James Thompson, 23, of 1231 Roache St., a paroled rapist, and Nathan Schneider, 31, of 509 Holly St. Each was fined \$100 and costs and sentenced to 180 days on the Indiana State Farm.

Grabbed Teen-ager
Thompson was convicted after he was identified as the man who grabbed a 15-year-old girl at 27th and Clifton Sts. last Wednesday.

Schneider molested a 12-year-old baby sitter who cared for his two children, police said.

A woman patron reported a man to ushers last night after he committed an indecent act in a South Side theater. As the ushers approached the man leaped up and ran from the movie house.

The fugitive ran south on Shelby St., but the ushers captured him after a brief chase. He was being held by police today on vagrancy charges.

Housewife Grabbed
A 30-year-old Michigan St. housewife was grabbed last night when she stepped from her kitchen door. During the struggle her assailant ripped off the woman's sweater but became frightened by her screams and fled.

An 8-year-old schoolgirl was accosted by a passing motorist yesterday as she was walking in the 100 block of S. West St. He offered her a "ride in the country," but the little girl fled and the car turned off on a side street.

A man, who rode away on a motorbike, accosted a 48-year-old housewife on the East Side yesterday as she was working about the yard. She ran to the house and the man disappeared.

A 25-year-old waitress employed by a West Side restaurant was molested by a motorist early this morning as she waited for a bus at Sherman Dr. and New York St.

The man invited her to get in his car and he would take her downtown. She ignored him and he drove on, but soon returned and made the same offer. The waitress ran back to the restaurant and the car disappeared.

Traffic Victim's Rites
VALPARAISO, Oct. 2 (UP)—Funeral services were arranged today for Mrs. Hattie Rosenbaum, 38, Kouts, who was crushed to death when a truck toppled onto her passenger car on U. S. 30 near here yesterday and flattened it.

Housing Project . . . For Rats



PUBLIC ENEMY—He doesn't carry a gun, but he's dangerous. Mr. Rat will steal you blind, ruin your property, burn your house down and kill you if he can. This one was photographed in downtown Indianapolis, across the street from City Hall.



Photos by Lloyd B. Walton, Times Staff Photographer.

MR. RAT'S DREAM HOUSE—You may not consider it an ideal residence, but a pile of trash is Home Sweet Home to Mr. Rat. He didn't have to build it, he doesn't pay any rent, and, if he wants to move, there are lots more just like it waiting for tenants. This particular trash and garbage pile is situated in the shadow of City Hall.

Rodents Threaten to 'Oust' City Hall Administration

Romp and Breed in Lot Adjacent To Headquarters of 'Pied Pipers'

Let this be a warning to City rat control authorities. Unless you clean up trash and garbage conditions in an area across Ohio St. from City Hall the rats are going to move right in and take over your desks.

It must be nice being a rat in Indianapolis . . . plenty to eat . . . no housing shortage . . . accommodating landlords . . . and wonderful recreation facilities.

The rats displayed all signs of enjoying life last night in a parking lot in the 200 block E. Ohio St., right in the shadow of the City Hall.

They romped and played to their heart's content and defied humanity. They brought shrieks of fright from women patrons of the lot.

They stood up on their hind legs and beat their sleek, well-nourished chests. They scampered under the cars and back and forth between two large piles of trash and garbage.

A black cat stalked through the lot and sniffed at one of the trash piles where a rat had entered a few minutes before. Mr. Cat didn't even pause to investigate. He walked over into a dark area and then left the lot. The rats went back to play.

'Ran Me Out'
A man came through and asked what Lloyd Walton, Times photographer, was doing with all the photographic equipment set up.

"Just wait until these cars pull out of here tonight," the man said. "The rats will stand right up and fight you. I used to live in that building over there but they ran me out."

The lot attendant said he has seen as many as six at a time romping, feeding and fighting among themselves.

"You should have seen it around here two weeks ago before they hauled away all the trash," he declared.

**Name Assistant
Agricultural Agent**
LAFAYETTE, Oct. 2—William L. Johnson, former assistant county agricultural agent in Hancock County, has been named assistant agent in Kosciusko County.

He fills the vacancy left by the transfer of C. L. Breeden to the post of county agent in Blackford County.

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Three Burned In Stove Blast At Noblesville

Daughter, 16, Saves Mother, Baby in Fire

NOBLESVILLE, Oct. 2—A 16-year-old girl braved flames twice today to save her mother and her month-old baby from a flash fire which followed an explosion in their home.

The mother, Mrs. Helen Huffman, who is in critical condition in Noblesville hospital, threw kerosene onto a stove fire at about 8 a. m. A violent explosion shot flames over her, igniting her clothing.

Her daughter Mildred, who was in the next room with her month-old infant girl, put down the child and rushed to her mother's aid. Failing to beat out flames which were spreading over the room, she wrapped her mother in a blanket and carried her from the house.

Fire Spreads
Meanwhile, the flash fire which followed the explosion had spread over three rooms. The daughter ran back into the room to save her baby but the child had already been seriously burned.

Both the daughter and her baby are in serious condition in Noblesville hospital.

The fire had spread through part of the frame house and caused about \$2500 damages before firemen brought it under control.

The father, Lonnie Huffman, was in the home but was not injured.

Russ Plan Gunfire In Air Corridor

Practice to Continue Throughout Day

BERLIN, Oct. 2 (UP)—Russia announced today that Soviet warplanes will engage in aerial combat firing practice during the day near the Western air corridors to Berlin.

The aerial combat maneuvers will be held west of Berlin, over the Soviet zone crossed by air routes on their run to the German capital. The Russians informed the four-power air safety center.

The Soviet announcement said the firing practice would continue throughout the day.

This is the first time the Russians have announced aerial combat firing practice in the vicinity of the Western air corridors.

Soviets Switch A-Bomb Proposal

PARIS, Oct. 2 (UP)—Russia offered today to drop her adamant demand of the last two years that the United States destroy its stockpile of atomic bombs at once.

Andrei Vishinsky proposed for the Soviets instead that the United States agree to scrap the bombs on the day that a treaty of international control of atomic energy is signed.

But Mr. Vishinsky's plan left the western powers cold. It was described by U. S. Delegate Warren Austin as "another Oriental maneuver."

Dies in Japan
TOKYO, Oct. 2 (UP)—United States Far East Air Forces today announced the death of Col. Timothy L. Mulligan, headquarters staff engineer. Col. Mulligan died at his home in Tokyo.

Eight years ago, Mr. Wishart, an automobile mechanic, put into his will a request that an automobile be interred with him. At first he wanted to use an automobile, one of three he built during his lifetime, for a tombstone, but undertaker F. S. Schilling said he doubted that regulations would permit that.

**'Tattle' Tales
For Women . . .**
• The "inside gossip" of the Washington social whirl by Elise Morrow starts EXCLUSIVELY in The Times today.

• Read CAPITAL CAPERS every Saturday in The Times . . . a chatty, "behind the scenes" account of people who know the choice gossip of the nation's capital.

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**Our Fair City—
GOP Leaders Seek to Woo
Away 'Unhappy' Democrats**

ONE OF THE top strategies of the Republican leadership in the election campaign is a smooth-working behind-the-scenes maneuver to woo a large bloc of disgruntled Democrats into the GOP column Nov. 2.

Republicans moved into the strategy two weeks ago following a factional split in the Democratic ranks. They've already aligned precinct machinery for conversion of some unhappy Democrats.

In an effort to counteract the split, Democratic leaders in a series of conferences this week, worked a fast get-together. From now on all factions of the Democratic Party will be out front patting each other on the back.

Just to prove the harmony called on to furnish special meals for Fire Chief Roscoe McKinney and members of the Safety Board.

Firemen are on duty at the various stations for 24 hour shifts. The meals they eat during their shift at the station they prepare

FIREMEN in several station houses are a bit peeved at being

Woman Killed In Leap From Escort's Car

Political Concerto— Fiddler, Year-Old Boy Steal Dewey's Show

Rubinfoff Called Back for Encore; Ovation Disturbs Child's Sleep

By PAUL R. LEACH, Times Special Writer
EN ROUTE WITH GOV. DEWEY, Oct. 2—The musical Deweys had their show stolen by a fiddler and a year-old baby last night at Cheyenne, Wyo.

Mr. Dewey himself was responsible. But it turned out all right, politically.

"It was a true Western welcome Cheyenne gave Gov. and Mrs. Dewey. Members of Mr. Dewey's party were not prepared for what happened in Cheyenne.

As Mr. Dewey entered the junior high school auditorium he met Rubinfoff the violinist. He was waiting to play a concert.

They shook hands and Rubinfoff whistled in Mr. Dewey's ear. Mr. Dewey nodded, grinned and went on the stage.

WHEN he had finished his speech he said he was stepping into the role of impresario for the first time.

"Rubinfoff is waiting to give a concert as soon as we get out of here," Mr. Dewey said. "He said he would like to play one piece for you."

Rubinfoff, carrying his famous fiddle, stepped on the stage. "I have been in this country since 1911," he said. "I want to play for Gov. and Mrs. Dewey. I wanted to say may you have the best of health—ur—ur see, I cannot speak. I have the accent. So let me make the violin talk."

He played Victor Herbert's "Sweet Mystery of Life." He started to leave the stage, after shaking hands with the Deweys, but the crowd applauded and yelled.

"What do you want for nothing?" he yelled. So he played "The Horace Staccato" for an encore.

EARLIER Mr. Dewey was just launching into one of his most successful lines of the whole tour, when there was an interruption.

"We were going about 35 and I told her that was as fast as I was going to drive because I'd been drinking."

"She just opened the car door and jumped. I didn't know what had happened."

Mr. Day said he stopped the car and ran back to find the girl unconscious. State Trooper John Hatch said she was dead when he arrived at the scene.

"She was the first girl I ever dated," Mr. Day told The Times today. "She used to live next door in Noblesville and we had dated off and on for years."

He said that he and Miss Baker were "going together" when he went to service in 1943. He said he received a letter that Miss Baker was going with someone else and that he began dating another girl when he returned from service in 1946.

"We began seeing each other a few weeks ago. She had been living in Milwaukee and she called me to tell me she was in Anderson visiting her aunt."

Had Three Dates
"We've had about three dates since she was back. Last night we got to talking and I told her I was going to go with another girl. She kept saying I didn't love her."

"She kept saying this. Then she started asking me to drive faster."

"I didn't have any idea what she was going to do."

Police said no charges were filed against Mr. Day. The girl's body was taken to Elwood, pending a coroner's investigation.

Police in Elwood said they had observed the couple earlier in the evening in the Golden Gardens in Elwood.

Cards in her purse indicated that Miss Baker intended to go to work Monday at Sears Roebuck in Anderson. She was staying with an aunt, Mrs. Opal Lyan.

The girl formerly resided with her family in Noblesville. Her maiden name was Hartley. She had been married to a man named Baker but was divorced, Mr. Day said.

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