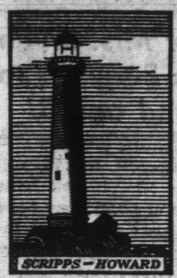


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Truman Aids Keep Lookout For Deflation

Detect Inflation Sag
As Prices Drop

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27 (UP)—Administration aids mapping a campaign against high prices are keeping an eye on the possibility of an economic bust.

Most economic policy-makers believe inflationary forces still dominate the economic scene. Some of them feel, however, that these forces may be about spent.

One top-level fiscal official put it this way: "Inflationary pressures still outweigh the deflationary forces. But they aren't as great as they were a few months ago."

Many government economists agree that inflationary pressures have subsided somewhat in recent weeks. They have adopted a wait-and-see policy. They want to know how much President Truman will ask for "cold war" spending.

Among economic barometers indicating at least temporary slackening of inflationary pressures is the cost of living. As measured by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, living cost dropped slightly between mid-October and mid-November for the first time in seven months. And department store sales have been below their usual pre-Christmas levels.

Spending Up Prices
Economists say heavy spending for the Armed Services and foreign aid could change all that. President Truman's \$15 billion ceiling on defense spending may have to be boosted, some observers say. And military aid for China and lend-lease arms for Western European governments could swell the cost of foreign aid.

That kind of spending, economists say, puts more money in circulation and reinforces inflationary pressures by bidding up the price of scarce material and labor.

One high administration adviser says the anti-inflation campaign will be designed to stabilize the economy against both boom and bust.

"It is not correct to regard the two as separate and unrelated," he said. "They must be dealt with together and the danger of the boom is the best itself."

Favors Controls
Dr. Edwin G. Nourse, head of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, has been charged with mapping the administration's economic program. He must co-ordinate proposals of five government departments—Agriculture, Commerce, Interior, Labor and Treasury—plus the Federal Reserve Board.

President Truman already has indicated he will ask Congress for stand-by controls on prices and reserve authority to channel scarce materials into industries where they are badly needed.

Mr. Truman also favors higher taxes, especially a tax on excess profits of corporations. That would help to balance the federal budget and take some money out of circulation, he feels.

Boy, 12, Loses Eye As He Hammers Rifle Cartridge

GENERAL HOSPITAL surgeons lost their fight last night to save the right eye of 12-year-old Ronald Gorman, who was injured by an exploding rifle cartridge.

Mrs. Helen Gorman, 3001 E. Washington St., said her son exploded the shell with a hammer while she was Christmas shopping yesterday. The casing slashed his eye.

Surgeons, at first, thought they could save the eye, but extensive examination proved the damage was too great.

AS HIS mother waited, Ronald was taken to the operating room where physicians began their delicate task.

In a relatively new operation, they replaced the eye with an artificial one which will eventually be hooked to the eye muscles of the original. This permits natural movement of the artificial with the good left eye.

The pupil of Ronald's new eye will match the color of his left one, physicians said.

RONALD explained that he had "just been playing" with the 22-caliber cartridge when he struck it with the hammer to make it explode.

Mrs. Gorman said he often fired caps in the same manner, but had never played with bullets before.

All-State Team

• Hese Clark, who has selected Indiana All-State High School football teams for The Times down through the years, presents his 1948 mythical Stars of Stars lineup today.

• One Indianapolis player, Don Klingler, Broad Ripple, was honored as fullback on the first team.

• It was the greatest year in history in state prep football in caliber of play and number of players participating.

• Story, selections and pictures on page 51.

Hope Still Is Burning



Photo by Henry E. Gleason Jr., Times Staff Photographer.

Aftermath of blaze. . . Old age pensioners, Mr. and Mrs. William O. Smith stand forlorn in a doorway of their home.

Aged Pensioners Who Lost Possessions In Holiday Fire Face Winter Undaunted

By IRVING J. EIBOWITZ

This is the hard-luck story of the William O. Smiths, an aged Indianapolis family whose background is interwoven with American history.

Since 1852, when mule cars were the chief mode of transportation on Washington St., misfortune has dogged the footsteps of the Smiths.

But never, the old age pension couple say, have they been in worse shape than today—with no shelter, clothing or means of obtaining food.

They are temporarily living with in-laws at 631 Denison St., less than 25 feet from their former converted garage home which was destroyed by fire Thanksgiving Day. Lost in the holiday blaze were all their earthly possessions.

Mr. Smith, 73-year-old former railroad worker who still vividly recalls the 1913 flood when his home was inundated, said they would try to get through the winter as best they could.

"Guess we'll have to practice a little more economy and try to make our pension do," he says. But their combined \$80 a month will hardly be enough to replace the couple who will celebrate 54 years of marriage next June.

Undaunted by their turn of fate, Mrs. Smith, optimistically predicts a change for the better in the near future.

Recalls Boyhood
After all, the 71-year-old mother of four sons reasons, "we managed to survive after Will was shot in a hunting accident and when our son, Earl, lost his leg falling off a freight train in 1924."

A philosopher of sorts, Mr. Smith often recalls his carefree boyhood days in a log cabin in Lawrence County and relates stories of his father and grandfather.

"My dad was a buck private in the Civil War," Mr. Smith relates, "and his dad was a farmer who came to Indiana from England."

Mr. Smith claims kinship with Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, victorious Union Army general and 18th President of the United States.

"My father," he says, "was a second cousin of the general."

Like many another homeless Indianapolis and Marion County aged pension couple, the Smiths face the future no less uncertain than their pioneer forebears.

No Coliseum Bid, Hulman Declares

'Far From Definite,' Says Speedway Head

Enthusiastic local citizens seeking to acquire the Coliseum lease with Tony Hulman supplying the cash saw their dream fading last night.

Home from a duck hunting trip in Illinois, the millionaire Terre Haute wholesale groceryman sportsman was incredulous when friends told him that he was practically running the Coliseum now in addition to his Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

It had been reported that Mr. Hulman was ready to negotiate for the lease this winter.

Far From Proposal
"Sure, it was discussed by some of the boys some time ago but we're far from making any definite proposal," said Mr. Hulman.

"Somebody asked me if I would be interested in the proposal to bid for the lease but we never even discussed it."

One of Mr. Hulman's close advisers said the idea emanated at a cocktail party when "somebody said, 'wouldn't it be a good idea if Tony had the Coliseum too.' And somebody else said 'sure.'"

"But there was no move made on approach. In fact, Tony probably knows less about it than anybody."

"That's just about right, too," said Mr. Hulman last night.

"I'm surprised that there was any publicity about it."

"It's just one of those things. As to whether we would try to bid for the lease, well your guess is as good as mine. However, if we figured we couldn't do as well or better, we probably wouldn't be interested in the proposition."

Lacked Finances
In business circles, it was reported that the idea of wresting control of the lease of the Coliseum from the Coliseum Corp., headed by Arthur Wirtz, Chicago sports promoter, had been brewing for several years.

The only thing lacking was the finances necessary to bid for the lease. Then somebody happily thought of Mr. Hulman.

In event these citizens are successful in interesting the Speedway president, they will be opposing the Wirtz syndicate which also is well supplied with cash.

And the Coliseum Corp. will have a \$50,000 head start.

The lease was executed in 1939 for 15 years. A clause provides that if cancelled by the State Fair Board for any reason at the end of 10 years, the sum of \$50,000 shall be paid to the Coliseum Corp. for its equipment.

There is nothing to prevent the corporation from entering its bid if and when the lease is opened up for bidding. That's where the \$50,000 will come in handy, Wirtz men pointed out.

TWO WOMEN INJURED
Two women pedestrians were seriously injured last night by a hit-and-run driver who later left his car wrecked in a ditch. Gladys Waters, 58, of 4444 Norwalk Ave. sustained fractures to both legs and head injuries. Her companion, Mary Parker, 66, of 4217 Evanston Ave., received a broken leg and head injuries. The women were struck as they crossed 42d St. and Evanston Ave.

'Justice' In County Courts Stalled For Seven Years

Mass Razing Planned for Local Slums

Destruction Set for
After First of Year

Hundreds of slum properties, most of them condemned years ago but still standing, will be demolished after the first of next year by the City Building Commission.

For the first time in a decade, the old buildings, some of them dangerous firetraps, will be torn down on a large scale. The wrecking will be done in all sections where the buildings now stand.

Building Commissioner Charles E. Bacon said he was waiting until he can employ additional help under his 1949 budget to make a complete survey of condemned and mostly uninhabited properties before he puts wrecking crews to work on the buildings.

Follows Times' Articles
Mr. Bacon's disclosure followed publication of articles in The Times describing the fire menace created by such properties.

"We don't want to work a hardship on families who live in properties that ought to be torn down," said Mr. Bacon. "There are a good many empty buildings that will go first."

"I know we are going to run into the problem of families with no other place to go. It's a tough problem."

Mr. Bacon added the problem was complicated by the fact "squatters" have moved into condemned dwellings and refuse to get out.

Started This Year
The slum eradication program got underway this year as the Building Commission, for the first time since the war, began to exercise its powers of condemning properties found unsafe for habitation. So far, 40 properties have been condemned and are earmarked for the crowbar and sledge.

Meanwhile, an ordinance to coordinate the inspection and condemnation powers of three city departments is being drawn to facilitate the work of the commission.

In addition to the commission, the Health and Fire Departments in a joint condemnation structure as health or fire hazards. The ordinance would integrate these inspection services with those of the commission.

The commissioner said lists of buildings to be wrecked will be compiled in a general survey. A wrecking schedule will then be arranged, he said.

Expectant Mother Hit-Run Victim; Try to Save 2 Lives

A 36-YEAR-OLD expectant mother lay critically injured in St. Vincent Hospital last night, victim of a hit and run accident.

Doctors worked early this morning to save both the mother and the baby. An operation was performed at midnight.

The woman, Mrs. Nora Niehus, of 1938 Bosart Ave. was riding in a car with her husband, Roy, traveling north on Bosart Ave. when another vehicle smashed into their car at 12th St. and kept on traveling.

Police later found the auto, registered in the name of a Greenfield man, abandoned at 12th St. and Drexel Ave.

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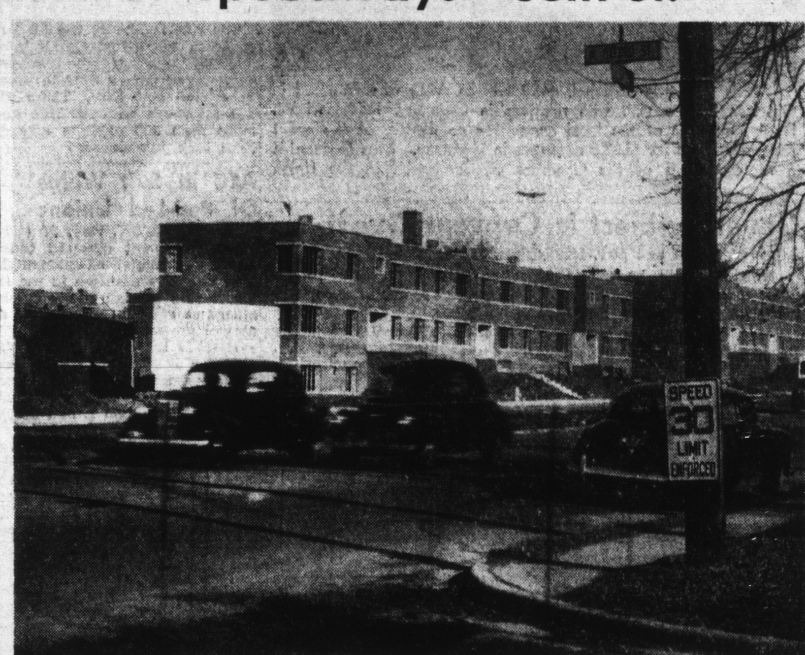
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Add to Speedways—38th St.



Speeding motorists convert E. 38th St. into speedway despite 30-mile-an-hour sign.



Fast-moving cars and trucks make it difficult for motorists to get onto E. 38th St. from side streets.

Drivers 'Step On It,' Increase Hazards

Indianapolis, famed for its 500-mile big car track, has another speedway on E. 38th St.

Motorists race down the well-paved four-lane street from Fall Creek Pkwy. to Massachusetts Ave.

Times photographer Lloyd Walton clocked automobiles zooming by at more than 50 and 60 miles per hour. The roads are dotted with signs that read: "Thirty mile speed limit enforced."

Despite the signs, the cars continue to whiz past at excessive rates of speed and traffic patrolmen are seldom seen along the route.

Many Accidents
The street has been the scene of numerous accidents this year. The latest mishap occurred late Friday when seven persons were injured in a three-car accident at the intersection of E. 38th and Oxford Sts.

Residents of the Meadowbrook housing area have complained to local authorities that it is virtually impossible to get onto 38th St. from a side street because traffic moves so fast and because there are no automatic stop-and-go signals.

A petition is being circulated by many neighborhood residents requesting the police to furnish traffic control officers along the route.

Meanwhile, motorists continue to race down that stretch of highway, creating another traffic hazard in the city.

Tojo's End Near, MacArthur Hints

TOKYO (Sunday), Nov. 28 (UP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters indicated today that former Premier Hideki Tojo and six other condemned Japanese war leaders may be hanged any time after midnight tonight.

Col. M. P. Echols, Gen. MacArthur's public information officer, said that his office will begin an around-the-clock service at 12-01 a. m. tomorrow (9-01 a. m. Sunday, Indianapolis time), issuing spot news about the condemned men as rapidly as it is received from Sugamo prison.

Under the new procedure, it was understood a flash on the executions would be telephoned to Gen. MacArthur's public information office and released immediately.

After that, a detailed report on the executions is expected to be prepared as rapidly as possible by the public information office and given to correspondents.

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Truman, Old Hand at Upsets, Smiles as Navy Ties Score

'Gallup Picks Army' Byplay Amuses Nation's No. 1 Grid Fan; Margaret Cheers for Cadets

By MERRIMAN SMITH, United Press Staff Correspondent
PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 27—President Truman, who staged one of the biggest political upsets in history, chuckled today as he watched underdog Navy upset football experts' predictions by playing to a 21-21 tie in the annual Army-Navy classic.

Mr. Truman happily noted also that even the weather prediction for the game was wrong. The weatherman had said there would be rain. But the weather turned out to be balmy, sunny and almost cloudless.

The President attended the game as an impartial rooster, although he sat on Navy's side of the field. During the train journey from Washington, he walked through the cars and kidded reporters about "predictions."

He said he wasn't forecasting anything.

Every time Navy scored a touchdown Mr. Truman smiled, and he laughed heartily when the Midshipmen hoisted a big sign saying, "Gallup Picks Army," of the Chief Justice of the United States.

Contributions Warming Up For Times Cloth-A-Child

First Donations, Pennies to Dollars, Total \$322.32 as Greater Need This Year Is Stressed

First contributions to The Times Cloth-A-Child for 1948 are in . . . and the \$322.32 total is evidence that Indianapolis for the 19th year will open its heart to unfortunate neighbors.

The donations came from organizations, from individuals, from persons who annually are listed on the "honor roll" of first contributors. Too, there are those "little" gifts that are the heart of Cloth-A-Child. Like the coins that jingled in the envelope which contained the note:

"I realize this donation is very little, but it might help some."

The gift was 32 cents.

It will "help some," like every one of the pennies, dimes and dollars that add up to enough hundreds and thousands to purchase warm clothing for Indianapolis' underprivileged children.

The need for Cloth-A-Child is greater this year than it was in 1947, according to the large number of requests already being received for aid. Last year more than \$40,000 was spent in providing warm clothing for Cloth-A-Child children.

You can help meet this year's increased need for help in several ways:

ONE: By sending or bringing your cash or check to Cloth-A-Child, Indianapolis Times, 214 W. Maryland St. Your contribution will be listed in The Times beside your name, listed as anonymous or in whatever way you designate.

TWO: By telephoning Cloth-A-Child at RI-5551 and making a needy children.

donor appointment to take one or more children to the stores and purchase needed clothing with your own money.

THREE: By placing one or more dimes on the Mile-O-Dimes when it opens Friday on W. Washington St.

Every cent of the money received will be used to clothe

Four Indicted In '41, Never Came to Trial

Records Show Delays
Of Year in Entries

By NOBLE REED

Deep in the paper jungles of Marion County Criminal Court records is a mass of entries representing seven years' delay in bringing to trial a case involving alleged embezzlement of \$45,000 public funds.

After six years of legal maneuvers, the Indiana Supreme Court more than a year ago ordered the case tried but so far no date has been set for trial.

Seven years of court records, showing delays of as much as a whole year between docket entries, are as follows:

The case first went on the Criminal Court docket June 20, 1941. It was made up of four indictments returned by the Grand Jury against four former Marion County deputy clerks handling records of Municipal Courts at the Police Station. The defendants named in the indictments were Frank Lyons, Thomas Ross, Philip Early and William Beckwith.

They were accused of altering Municipal Court records to cover up alleged embezzlement of money paid as court fines. The Grand Jury stated that evidence disclosed a shortage of more than \$45,000 in court fines over a period of more than three years from 1937 to 1941.

On July 2, 1941, about two weeks after return of the original indictments, the state (Prosecutor Sherwood Blue) dismissed the indictments and substituted four new ones, listing additional offenses.

During the next four months nothing was done about the indictments. There were no entries of record, no call for arraignment. Nothing.

Then on Nov. 5, 1941, Judge Dewey E. Myers, the presiding judge of Criminal Court at that time, entered an order disqualifying himself in the case.

Judge Myers asked the Clerk of the Indiana Supreme Court to submit a panel of three lawyers from which to select a special judge.

On Dec. 31, 1941, Judge John B. Hinchman of Hancock County was selected special judge. A few days later Judge Hinchman declined to serve.

Nearly two months later, Feb. 24, 1942, Judge Harold G. Barger, of Shelby County, was selected from another panel of attorneys. Judge Barger also promptly refused to serve in the case.

All Plead Not Guilty
Finally on March 28, 1942, almost a year after original indictments were returned, the late Fae W. Patrick was selected as the special judge. He accepted and was qualified to take the bench.

Four months later on July 16, 1942, Judge Patrick called the defendants into court for arraignment. All pleaded not guilty to the charges.

There is nothing in the record to show that any action was taken until almost a year later. The next entry was on April 17, 1943. This entry stated that the late Judge Patrick resigned as special judge.

This put the case under the jurisdiction of Judge W. D. Bain, who had been elected to the bench in 1942. Judge Bain set the case for trial June 1, 1943.

Meanwhile, defendants' attorneys Paul Rochford and John O. Lewis on May 6, 1943, filed the first of what later became a series of three pleas for dismissal of the indictments on the ground that the case had been delayed unnecessarily beyond the legal

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Mme. Chiang on Way

NANKING, China, Sunday, Nov. 28 (UP)—Madame Chiang Kai-shek, wife of the president of China, left Shanghai today for Washington aboard a United States naval plane. The U. S. embassy here announced. The embassy said the plane had been put at her disposal "at her request for the transportation of her and a small party to Washington in connection with the critical situation in China."

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