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Senate Holds Fate of City Slum Program

Redevelopers Hope
For Amendments'
Defeat in Chamber

By LOUIS ARMSTRONG

Members of the Indianapolis Redevelopment Commission today were banking on the Indiana Senate to save the present program of slum clearance by defeating House amendments to the amendment bill.

One member of the commission said last night a number of Marion County Representatives had indicated they were opposed to the amendments, yet voted for them when the House passed the amendment bill 93 to 0 Monday.

The commission member said their excuse was "Oh, you'll be able to get the bill killed by the Republican Senate."

McCord said last night if the amendment bill is not killed in the Senate "it will be the end of the Indianapolis Redevelopment Commission."

Kammin Backs It

Jack C. Kammin, Indianapolis attorney and president of the City Plan Commission, initiated the amendment bill. He declared today, "Chances that the amendment bill would kill the Redevelopment Commission are without basis. On the contrary it makes it possible to carry out a true slum clearance program in keeping with American principles."

He charged that under the present law "gross injustices have been committed in many cases here."

Confuse Authority

Mr. McCord said too many people had confused redevelopment authority with a housing authority. He pointed out the principle of slum clearance was to buy up substandard property and aid in its redevelopment so it would bring more taxes into the city.

"The additional taxes will repay the taxpayers' cost within 14 years," he declared.

Mr. McCord said the amendments proposed would force the commission to provide housing for those within the redevelopment areas as a preliminary move. He said the commission had no funds to do this and that it was impossible. He said the commission is on record that it will not evict families until they have a place to move.

Provides Federal Aid

Mr. Kammin has written to the amendments' provisions for the commission to receive federal aid for land clearance.

The present law permits the selling of 10 or more parcels of land at less than the appraisal value. The amendment measure would repeal this clause. Mr. McCord said the commission was willing to have this clause repealed.

Switch Allegiance

A surprise development arose when Democrats and Republicans switched party allegiance on the controversial measure to repeal the compulsory arbitration law in utilities.

The Senate adopted an amended GOP labor committee report calling arbitration voluntary rather than compulsory in all utility cases.

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Paging Followell, Churilla . . . All 4 of You



Twin pages . . . Rep. Leo E. Followell (D. Hymers) was showered with attention yesterday when his 3-year-old identical twin sons, Douglas Shaw and Thomas Terrance, served as honorary pages in the House.

'Hickory's' Adage Invoked in Vain

GOP Stands Firm On Conservation Bill

By IRVING LEIBOWITZ

Hoosier Democrats have dusted off Andy Jackson's old political battle cry, "To the victor belongs the spoils," to squelch Republican Senate uprisings.

But the famous cry was wounded yesterday by Walter Vermillion, Anderson, leader of Senate Democrats, in opposition of the GOP's plan to establish a bipartisan conservation department.

Virtually all the Democratic Senators rallied around their leader, but the Republican majority clung to its party's standards to pass the measure. The bill would eliminate political patronage within the conservation department.

The present act gives the commission power to exempt from provisions of the clearance project certain properties which meet standards of the commission. However, there is no court appeal now from the commission's decision.

Mr. McCord said "The residents can now bring us into court on an injunction when they can show we have not acted fairly."

Mr. Kammin labeled the injunction an extraordinary remedy and said the commission does not have any well defined standards upon which to determine whether or not a property should be removed or remain.

Sen. Hoyt Moore (R. Indianapolis), chairman of the Senate Committee on Affairs of Indians, to which the bill has been referred, said last night it would be several days before his committee could hold a meeting on the measure.

Assessor to Address North Side Civic League

Roy T. Combs, Center Township assessor, will speak on "What the New Reassessment of Property Will Mean to You" at a meeting of the Northside Civic League at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow in the league's headquarters, 821 Congress Ave.

He will outline the reassessment program again at 8:30 p. m. in Little Flower Catholic Church, 1401 Bosart Ave. Elmer Warren, chief deputy in charge of improvements, and George Wheland, chief deputy in charge of land, will conduct a question and answer period.

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"Shrewd Manipulating"

Veteran Senate legislators labeled as "shrewd political manipulating" Sen. Mary Garrett's successful effort to beat off a move to amend a bill which would give Marion County Prosecutor George Dailey an additional \$70,000 to run his office.

Sen. Garrett pulled a "sleight of hand" by asking another legislator to call the bill down on the floor before she walked out of the chamber.

Expecting only Sen. Garrett to push the measure, her opponents sat idly by with motions to amend while the bill advanced unnoticed.

One of the amendments would have removed the mandatory clause in the bill which would require the county council to appropriate \$150,000 for the prosecutor's office. The present appropriation is \$80,000 annually.

James A. Dungey of the Crispus Attucks High School ROTC has gained the distinction of being the only third year cadet with a 100 per cent average score in military activities.

In addition to the citation given Cadet Dungey, attendance ribbons were awarded to Zebulon Alexander, James Gaines, Lee Jordan, Virgie Mosley, George Powell, Marvin Proctor, Calvin Rodgers, Wilford Shannon, Homer Sherlock and Oscar Walker.

Attendance stars were awarded to Hunter Brown, James Harris, Robert Hudson, Richard Merriweather, Charles Robinson, Russell Rochester, James Sherlock, John Bridgeforth, Thomas Watson, and Phillip Boyd.

In the girl's military unit, five members were promoted. Advanced were 2d Lt. Thelma Arm-

stead and Esther Warren; Cadet M/Sgt. Virginia Thurman; cadet 1st Sgt. Phyllis Adair; and Cadet Sgt. 1st Class Barbara Williams.

Tech High School pupils have scheduled their annual student talent revue, the "Sketchbook," for presentation on Apr. 1 in the school gymnasium. The production has been given annually at Tech for the past 17 years.

The senior class play, "Come Rain or Shine," will follow the student revue on Tech's schedule of talent offerings.

Janet Spall and Robert Witherpoon have been chosen for the leading roles in the play to be presented Apr. 22 in Caleb Mills Hall.

Other cast members are Joanne Dennis, Mary Jane Marin, Donna Redd, Marilyn Miller, Virginia Smith, Joyce Shipp, Genevieve Hedge, Janet Wray, Martha Sue Beck, Ward Kennedy, David Wade, Robert McCord and Richard Geiger.

Written by Marjane and Joseph Hayes, Tech graduates, the play will be directed by Gaylord Allen and Bruce Pearson.

Mar. 2 will bring presentation of the Freshman Follies to Tech under the direction of Robert Gwyn. Besides the school

dance band, participants in the follies will include Doris Delores, Marilyn Harrison, Gene Hamilton, Diana Davis, Judy Chance, Beverly Cutler, Jane Finkhimer, Shirley Merrick, Raymond Wilson, Gena Martin, Marlene O'Dell and Leila Whyde.

David VanBiskirk will serve as master of ceremonies.

At Shortridge the 9B talent show will be presented Mar. 23 in Caleb Mills Hall. Faculty sponsors are Mrs. Eula Vos, Miss Ellen Luchtinger and Mrs. Virginia Graham.

On the superior honor roll at Acton Grade School are Donna Mohr, Joan Showalter, Betty Workman, Carole Kyser and Beverly Brown, eighth grade; Judy Scott and Betty Spur, seventh grade; Marjorie Reamer and Robert Copeland, sixth grade; Mary Lain, Jerry Thomas, Myra Hotz and Linda Hutchinson, fourth grade; Sharon Huffman, Sharon Moore, and Shirley Matherson, third grade; Janet Anderson, Donna Green, Sonja Hutchinson, Monte Ray, Conover, Bobby Maze and Donald Rabourn, second grade.

Regular honor roll pupils are Karen Kolp, Ware Smith, Sue Rush, Judy Clevenger, Beverly Keough, Dorothy Schaeckel, Larry Green, Dotte Shortridge, Nancy Martin, Anna May Conover, Donnie Keller, Lynn Kysar, Marjorie Marcus, Eddie Moore, Lloyd Willis, Janice Anderson, Katy Brennen and James Spears.

Franklin Township High School's senior class will offer "Strictly Formal" as its class play on Mar. 4.

Cast members will include Glenda Bullock, Lillian Goddard, Evelyn Glesing, June Cramer, Kenneth Utter, James Gray, James Sherron, Shirley Raible, Jean Tucker, Helen Wilkins, Ben McFarland, Charles Lahrman, Ruth Thomas, Frances Martin, Dorothy Plesner, Frances Vander Baan and Robert Schoenstrup.

The junior-senior class prom will be held in the Marott Hotel on Apr. 23. Candidates for prom queen and king are Doris Williams, Donna Engle, Elinie Meyer, Laversa Whitaker, Pat Cunningham, Don Shimer, Richard Cope, Lowell Smith, Richard Ross and Ralph Nicely.

Franklin Township dads will play their first basketball game

on Feb. 25 (Morning) — PROTECTION OFFICERS

Increases salary of protection officers of juvenile courts in all except Lake and Marion Counties. Increases range from \$1200 to \$1500 on population basis. (79 ayes, 2 noes.)

SB 373 (Hines-Boush) — FRESHMEN-SENATE

Provides for election of a class officer under provision of act regulating hours and duties of freshmen. Reduces working hours from 84 to 72 hours weekly. (79 ayes, 2 noes.)

SB 375 (Baldwin) — ELECTION PROCEDURE

Increases number of names required on a petition to nominate candidates on a ballot from one-half of one per cent to 10 per cent total vote of all parties cast in last election. (79 ayes, 2 noes.)

SB 376 (Bartman) — DIRECT PRIMARY

Establishes a direct primary election for lieutenant governor and senator with a provision requiring party registration 30 days before primary. (79 ayes, 2 noes.)

SB 378 (Bartman) — BANKS

Provides banks may not be closed for

any time before midnight on next

business day after item is received. (45 ayes, 5 noes.)

SB 379 (Edwards-Evans) — HOUSING

Raises from \$10,000 to \$25,000 the total cost of buildings coming under the architects and engineers' plan.

SB 380 (Makowski) — SANITARY DISTRICTS

Removes ceiling on tax levy in private homes or on central point.

SB 385 (Hurst-Bentz) — CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

Establishes a merit system for the conservation department. (79 ayes, 20 noes.)

SB 386 (Hurst-Bentz) — TOWNSHIP BOARD

Fixes annual salary of township advisory board member at \$25. (79 ayes, 2 noes.)

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

SB 387 (Richardson-Egan) — PROBATE CODE STUDY

Establishes Probate Code Study Commission. (Voice Vote.)

IN INDIANAPOLIS

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Eugene Alvin Crouse, 30, 1205 N. Olney; Betty Ann Lewis, 19, 3608 E. 10th; William M. McRae, 22, 1000 N. Meridian; Eddie Anna Calahan, 22, 829 N. Bonar; John David Dyer, 18, 1009 Eugene; Vanda Lee, 19, 1000 N. Meridian; Robert Blair Kirkwood, 42, 4512 E. Washington; Dora vs. John R. Williams; Arthur H. vs. Pauline F. Williams; Dora vs. John R. Williams; Wallace L. vs. Ruth G. Sanders; Mae L. vs. Lester L. Coffey.

BIRTHS

At Home—Louise Mary Fresh, 919 1/2 E.

At St. Francis—Frank Helen Jones; William M. vs. Clarence Miller; Floy vs. William M. McCullum; John R. vs. Grace J. Gillings; Frank vs. Mary; Dora vs. John R. Williams; Dora vs. John R. Williams; Arthur H. vs. Pauline F. Williams; Dora vs. John R. Williams; Wallace L. vs. Ruth G. Sanders; Mae L. vs. Lester L. Coffey.

At Methodist—Evelyn Virginia; Arthur H. vs. Pauline F. Williams; Dora vs. John R. Williams; Wallace L. vs. Ruth G. Sanders; Mae L. vs. Lester L. Coffey.

At Catholic—Evelyn Virginia; Arthur H. vs. Pauline F. Williams; Dora vs. John R. Williams; Wallace L. vs. Ruth G. Sanders; Mae L. vs. Lester L. Coffey.

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