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Our Fair City—Back Alley View



Another view of Our Fair City . . . Tony Maio, street commissioner, ruefully surveys a cluttered alley on the northwest side of Indianapolis. Alleys fall under Mr. Maio's jurisdiction and he would like to get around to caring for them. "The public could help until the department can get the streets fixed. Then we'll get into the alleys," he said.

10 Killed, 2 Hurt In Michigan Fire

Lake Resort Razed After Stove Explosion

LAKESIDE, Mich., Mar. 3 (UP)—Ten persons were killed and two others critically injured today when flames touched off by an explosion razed a lake resort house.

The victims were listed by state police as August Taski, Mrs. Maude Clover, 46, and her eight children, Artie, 3, Nancy, 5, Sandra, 6, James, 7, David, 9, Harold, 10, Joanne, 15, and Roger, 8.

Howard Clover, 17, and his brother, Ward Jr., 21, were burned and taken to Muskegon hospitals. Attendants said they were not expected to survive.

Believe Stove Exploded

Officers said a coal stove apparently exploded in the frame building and caused the rapidly spreading fire.

Officers feared there might be other victims as neighbors in this little Fox Lake village of 65 residents said there frequently were as many as 20 persons spending the night in the house.

Lack of communications prevented rapid identification of the victims. Police said Mrs. Clover had 13 children, including Eileen Clover, 25, and Mrs. Betty Pickett, both of Muskegon, and Robert Clover of Parkway.

Hoosier WAC 'I-Woman Army' At Manila Post

MANILA, P. I., Mar. 3—You've heard of those one-man armies of war-time. Want to meet a one-woman army, peace-time model?

She's Capt. Susana Z. Hough, of Muncie, Ind., assistant finance officer in the Philippine Command, U. S. Army.

Capt. Hough is the one and only WAC in this Far Eastern sector of Uncle Sam's defense, and she likes the distinction. She's also Indiana's first WAC grandmother.

Capt. Hough says she enjoys her work here "100 per cent."

Col. Trees to Speak

Lt. Col. Charles J. Trees, formerly with Detachment 101, Office of Strategic Service in India, will address Indianapolis Kiwanis members on "OSS in India and Burma" at their luncheon tomorrow in the Claypool Hotel.

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Extension Of 15 Months Voted On Rent Controls

City Council Seeks to Ban Fuel Control

Reach Tentative Agreement to Modify Measure

City Council has reached a tentative agreement to kill the fuel control provisions of the new smoke abatement ordinance, it was learned today.

Although no formal action has been taken on the measure since public hearings on it ended six weeks ago, councilmen have quietly been attempting to work out a compromise measure acceptable to householders and industry.

Disclosure that the compromise would eliminate fuel control as practiced by the cities of St. Louis and Pittsburgh was made by councilmen today after passage by the legislature of a coal trade association bill prohibiting Indianapolis from adopting fuel control.

The bill is an amendment to a 1931 statute which requires state, county and municipal government to purchase Indiana soft coal to meet their fuel needs.

The amendment specifically prohibits any municipality from passing an ordinance that would discriminate against soft coal. Under the original ordinance presented to council last December, soft coal could not be burned in Indianapolis except in furnaces equipped with stokers or other mechanical firing devices.

Councilman Donald Jameson, Republican, said he believed the legislature was invading municipal rights in passing such a bill. He said he had not read it and could not determine whether it would outlaw fuel control until he had received a legal opinion.

Change Measure On Segregation

The anti-segregation bill was amended today to confine its authority to public schools, colleges and universities only.

The measure was called back to the amendment stage so that the changes could be made and it will probably come up for a second vote tomorrow.

The section changed required the state to "abolish, eliminate and prohibit segregated and separate schools or school districts on the basis of race, creed or color."

The word "creed" was removed from this section, and the word "public" written in to read "separate public schools or public school districts on the basis of race or color."

Baby Crop Off

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3 (UP)—The Federal Security Agency estimated today that 3,715,000 babies were born last year, a drop of 161,000 from the previous year's all-time record. The agency placed the 1948 birthrate at 24.4 per 1,000 population, about five per cent below the rate for 1947. In 1946 the rate was 23.3.

Sewing Contest Entries Due

If YOU are going to seek a share of the \$1460 cash in The Times Sewing Contest, be sure to register NOW.

The official registration form is in The Times Woman's Section.

Also . . . for tips on preparing contest garments, read the timely article on spring fabrics by Louise Fletcher, Times Woman's Editor. They're on Page 29.

Gets 175 Miles on Gallon, Carburetor Inventor Says

OTTAWA, Mar. 3 (UP)—Paul Emile Desrochers, a garage mechanic, said today he is ready to prove he can drive any car 175 miles on one gallon of gasoline.

The secret lies in a carburetor he has worked on for 15 years. For the last month he's been getting 175 miles consistently, he said. The public was skeptical. So were the experts.

"Periodically these fellows come over the horizon," Dr. G. C. Monture, chief of the mineral resources division of the mines and resources department, said. "I don't think any one of them has ever proved his claim."

Automobile men said they had to be shown. But they added that if the 36-year-old mechanic can show he "has something" the public "will yell for it."

Mr. Desrochers began preparations for a super test. He plans to invite government engineers, scientists, the press, Mayor E. A. Bourque of Ottawa, and others.

Mr. Desrochers said when he

Jap Bootlegger Palms Off Whisky Of 1484 'Fame'

TOKYO, Mar. 3 (UP)—A Japanese bootlegger apparently has laid claim to the discovery of America.

At least a bottle of bootlegged whisky, found in a raid on a Tokyo night club, bore the label "famous since 1484."

THE BOTTLE was one of dozens of imitations of American whiskeys confiscated in the Tokyo-Yokohama area by Army criminal investigations agents.

The "imported" whiskeys have been found to contain kerosene, wood alcohol and gasoline, agents said.

Bonus, Budget Stall in Senate

Republicans Dicker Over Financing Bills

By ROBERT BLOEM

The biennial budget and the bonus question appeared locked in a mammoth stall today while the Senate Republican majority dickered with administration Democrats over state financing.

The budget remained in the Senate Finance Committee this morning instead of reaching the floor as scheduled. Publicly the reason given was that an "unconstitutional" feature had turned up in the bill and that it would have to be corrected.

Privately and off the record, however, the budget was being held up for tax showdown between the opposing partisan forces. The bonus bill, meanwhile, remained in a conference committee whose job was to compromise on a method of financing it.

Vague on Gains

Even off the record, Republicans were not clear on what they hoped to gain by holding up the budget bill. It appeared certain, however, that the questions of new taxes and new state spending, including the bonus issue, were closely involved.

Some GOP Senators believed it was only a question of waiting to see how the rest of the financial outlook was going to shape up and that no politics was involved. Others believed privately that unless Democrats yielded on several important points on the bonus that drastic changes in the budget bill might be forthcoming or that the bill might be held up so long as to force a special session of the General Assembly.

Against New Taxes

Last night Sen. John Van Ness (R. Va.) said the president pro tempore, served notice the GOP Senate majority would consent to no new taxes unless the need could be shown. So far, he said, the Republican senators weren't convinced.

A few hours earlier Gov. Schricker told more than 100 fifth-district businessmen who swarmed into his office to protest increased gross income taxes the state faced bankruptcy.

The legislature, which the Governor called a "fantastic operation," will have to produce some more money, he said. It's just a question, the Governor added, whether they want to do it now or come back and have another try at it later.

Van Ness Draws Line

Sen. Van Ness drew the Senate line against new taxes in a brief, fiery over the administration's proposed quarter of 1 per cent privilege tax on farmers and industries doing their business in interstate channels. He stopped.

FRONTIER EDITOR DIES

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 3 (UP)—Pioneer newspaperman Herman E. Mootz, 78, one-time friend of Buffalo Bill, died here yesterday. Mr. Mootz, the author of many western books, established the first newspaper in Guthrie, Okla., the Daily Optic, in 1889.

Kansas Going Wet First Time in 68 Years

TOPEKA, Kas., Mar. 3 (UP)—Kansas may be able to drink liquor legally in their homes and private clubs Saturday night for the first time in 68 years.

A bill legalizing the sale, possession and consumption of liquor needed only to be signed by Gov. Frank Carlson and to be published in the official state paper.

It was passed by both the Senate and House of Representatives late yesterday after almost two months of legislative wrangling.

For week-end WANT AD results use

TIMES Want Ads

RI-5551

To sell used furniture, used cars, used musical instruments; to sell real estate; to find jobs or lost articles; to rent a room or to perform any want-ad task phone your ad now for quick results at lowest cost.

Ads taken 7:30 a. m. to 7:30 p. m. until noon Saturday for The SUNDAY TIMES.

Legion Offers To Back Probe Of Subversives

Would Foot Bill Of Un-American Affairs

Creation of a privately financed U. S. Un-American Activities Committee which would operate like the corresponding committee of the 80th Congress was rushed into the House of Representatives today by the Indiana Department of the American Legion.

A resolution to set up the committee which would be financed by Legion funds swept through the House last night by voice vote. It was scheduled to come up for House approval any time today.

Promoter of the resolution is Elmer (Doc) Sherwood, former Americanism director of the Legion and professional lobbyist. The resolution was presented to the Senate last night by Sen. Jack O'Grady (D. Terre Haute).

Sen. O'Grady said he "didn't know anything about it and he affixed his name to it at the request of Sen. Willis K. Batchelor (R. Angola)."

Urges 4-Man Committee

Sen. Batchelor said he didn't know much about it either. He said "Doc" Sherwood had handed it to him with the admonition the Legion wanted it and was prepared to pay the bill for any investigation that might have to be done.

The resolution would create a committee of four members which would have legislative authority to investigate any organization or group deemed to be subversive.

The committee would be composed of one Democrat and one Republican from each of the two legislative houses. It would elect its own chairman who would have authority to direct investigations.

Fund Available

Legion spokesmen said they hoped the probes could be conducted without cost, but in the event of necessary expenditures there was a Legion emergency fund available to reimburse investigators.

The committee would then report the results of its investigations to Gov. Schricker, who would also make up an agenda of legislation to quell subversive activities in Indiana for recommendation to the next legislature.

If the House concurs in the legislation, the signature of Gov. Schricker is not necessary, because the operation of the committee does not involve the expenditure of state funds.

The Governor was "of available for comment on the resolution" this morning. He was attending ground-breaking ceremonies for the new Farmworth radio and television plant in Marion.

The resolution drew opposition from members of the Indianapolis Church Federation, the Indianapolis Community Relations Council, several unions and the American Veterans Committee.

Representatives of these groups were trying to get in touch with the Governor to block the measure, since its adoption by the House was reported imminent and could be accomplished merely by voice vote.

The resolution stated that it was aimed at "the forces of subversion" which "do not operate through the honest American movements, but are instead covert, insidious, scheming operations which live upon perversion, misinformation and ability to distort the mind."

Universities Seen Targets

It further stated that such movements "have made greatest headway among idealistic youth and adults who are sincere to the point of gullibility."

This was interpreted by opponents of the resolution as an indication that Indiana, Purdue and Butler Universities might become targets of un-American activities investigations.

Legion spokesmen recalled that at the Legion's area meeting on subversive activities here several weeks ago, "radicalism" in colleges and universities of the state was suggested as a subject for investigation.

A national Legion spokesman here said that a similar investigating committee has been created by the Illinois assembly and is preparing to investigate the University of Chicago after 150 students from the university made a mass protest against the operations of the committee earlier this week.

The Legion said such committees are being formed with its aid in other states to carry the Legion's fight against subversive activities.

LIGHTNING HITS PLANE

WILLOWS, Cal., Mar. 3 (UP)—Lightning struck a large Army transport with 22 persons aboard yesterday, forcing it to make an emergency landing at Glen County airport. No injuries were reported.

Skies to Clear After Clouds And Smog Lift

COOL, CLOUDY weather today will give way to clear skies and a low of 32 tonight, according to the Weather Bureau.

The high-pressure area which helped to hold smog hovering in the city early today will drift away to the southeast and leave clear weather in its wake.

A SUNNY, pleasant day with not much wind was forecast for tomorrow. Weatherman Paul Miller said light southerly breezes would send the temperature up to 54 degrees.

Mr. Miller predicted a warm, fair week-end for Indianapolis and Mar. in County.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

6 a. m.	34	10 a. m.	35
7 a. m.	35	11 a. m.	35
8 a. m.	35	12 (Noon)	38
9 a. m.	35	1 p. m.	40

Board Studying Esplanade Paving

Traffic Engineer Wants 3 Removed

A proposal to remove esplanade from three city streets and replace them with pavement was taken under advisement today by the Board of Works.

Lewis Johnson, city traffic engineer, urged the removals from N. Alabama St. and N. New Jersey St. between 19th and 22d Sts. and in N. Tuxedo St. between Brookside and E. 10th St.

Paving of the two North Side streets, the engineer said, would serve to relieve traffic congestion in other heavily traveled arteries in the area.

More Accidents

The works board was told that accident rates on streets having esplanades are higher than in other sections of the city because of the narrow limits through which cars must pass.

Mr. Johnson also said that children who are allowed to play on the esplanades were endangered by the traffic and pointed out that fire vehicles found it almost impossible to go through these streets in which other cars were parked.

Paralyzed Son Craves a Melon And He Gets One

CHARLOTTE, Pa., Mar. 3 (UP)—Lewis Walters believes in getting most anything his invalid son wants—even a watermelon from Cuba.

Last week Lewis Jr., 37, hopelessly paralyzed by a bone tumor, told his parents he had a craving for watermelon. His father left their Roscoe, Pa., home to buy one, only to find March was not the season for watermelons.

Mr. Walters appealed to Clem Pireaux, manager of a chain supermarket in Charlotte, to help him find one. Texas reported no watermelons. Mexico said they were not ready for market. Cuba was the last resort.

MR. PIREAUX sent a cablegram: "Send watermelon air express. Must comply."

The melon, cool and juicy, arrived at the Walters home yesterday, and young Lewis lost no time in digging in.

Bradley on Holiday

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3 (UP)—Gen. Omar Bradley, Army chief of staff, begins a week's vacation in Miami today.

Cardinal Spellman Helps Dig Strike-Bound Graves

1020 Dead Await Burial in Strike; Prelate Calls CIO Union 'Red'

NEW YORK, Mar. 3 (UP)—Francis Cardinal Spellman, grim-faced and tight-lipped, led a group of seminarians through the mud and snow of Calvary Cemetery today to dig graves for 1020 bodies whose burial has been delayed by a seven-week grave-diggers' strike.

The Cardinal led a party of 37 students, dressed in rough work clothes and carrying picks and shovels, into an area where many graves had been partly dug before the strike was called. He stood silently watching as they clambered, two men to a grave, into the snow-covered pits and began to deepen them.

There were about 100 seminarians at work. They arrived in three buses, which passed through gates guarded by pickets. As the first bus, with Cardinal Spellman and 37 students, pulled through a gate, one of the two pickets on duty tipped his hat.

"Undaunted" the Cardinal was undaunted by "strike-breakers," lauded from the corners of the United Cemetery Workers (CIO).

Dressed in a black overcoat and black hat and wearing galoshes, he walked through the five-inch snowfall watching the work. After the digging had been under way

House Group Approves Plan By 23 to 2

Measure Contains Special Relief for Hardship Cases

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3 (UP)—The House Banking Committee today voted 23 to 2 to extend rent controls for 15 months beyond the Mar. 31 expiration date. The administration has asked a two-year extension.

Chairman Brent Spence (D. Ky.) announced the vote to reporters, although the committee had not yet worked out all the details of the bill.

He said the committee decided not to subject landlords to criminal penalties, except in the case of veterans' priorities.

The committee rejected an amendment by Rep. Paul Brown (D. Ga.) that sought to set up a rent level based on "a reasonable return on a fair value."

Provisions for Relief

The bill contains provisions for relief of hardship and inequities and requires Rent Director Tighe E. Woods to give consideration to landlords suffering loss.

Mr. Spence said his committee also agreed to re-control apartments in residential hotels, rooms in transient hotels occupied by permanent residents, however, would remain free from control.

An amendment by Rep. Chase G. Woodhouse (D. Conn.) to put controls on motor trailer camps was also approved. This would apply to camps where persons rent land for permanent residence.

Mr. Spence said the bill includes permission for Mr. Woods to sue for treble damages when landlords make illegal charges. As of now the tenant has to sue for his rent.

Woods Renews Appeal

The bill also bans further "voluntary" 15 per cent increases in leases.

The House committee acted as a Senate Banking Subcommittee heard Mr. Woods renew the administration's appeal for a two-year extension of rent control.

Sen. Charles W. Tobey (R. N. H.) warned Mr. Woods he would vote against any extension unless the administration comes up with a simplified rent control program that would provide landlords a "fair return on invested capital." Mr. Tobey has been a strong supporter of rent control in the past.

Mr. Tobey's proposal appeared to be similar to that contained in the Brown amendment rejected by the House committee.

Mr. Tobey voiced his warning after Mr. Woods testified that he had given the "return-on-value" idea thorough study and had rejected it as unworkable. Mr. Woods said he knew no way to set a fair value on rental properties or determine what constitutes a fair return in different areas. But he said he was willing to try again.

Seeks New Formula

At this point, Mr. Tobey offered to try and work out such a formula with Mr. Woods.

Mr. Tobey told Mr. Woods that the time has come to start thinking about getting rid of the "in-cubus" of rent controls which, he said, is an "un-American" procedure.

He said the rent control program has become "lost in a great maze of technicalities," and it's time to try and eliminate "gross injustice" under the present law.