

# Chief of AEC Refuses to Quit Despite Critic

Lillenthal Calls Senator's Charge 'Vague, Ungenerous'

WASHINGTON, May 23 (UP)—David E. Lillenthal said today in reply to a Senator's demand for his ouster that he is willing to stand on his record as chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission.

He said the progress of the nation's atomic energy program over the past two and a half years is in itself an answer to Sen. Bourke B. Hickenlooper's "vague and ungenerous" whole-sale indictment.

The Iowa Republican, a former chairman of the Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee, blamed Mr. Lillenthal for "incredible mismanagement," and for two highly-publicized fiascos.

He identified the latter as the case of the missing uranium and the disclosure that alleged Communists were sharing in the commission's fellowship program.

In his reply, Mr. Lillenthal said that this country's position in atomic weapons was "nothing less than tragic" when he assumed control of the program.

Today, he said, the United States has a "substantial stockpile of atomic weapons, including those of new design."

Furthermore, he said, the nation has developed new sources of atomic materials, set up new safeguards for the atomic program and "restored" the morale of atomic scientists.

"The accomplishment of this advance in this period of time is the answer to Sen. Hickenlooper's vague and ungenerous whole-sale indictment," Mr. Lillenthal said.

In calling for Mr. Lillenthal's ouster, Sen. Hickenlooper said the atomic program "is suffering from equivocation, misplaced emphasis and waste."

Meanwhile, two congressional committees pushed ahead with their investigation of alleged Communists in the atomic energy research program.

The Atomic Energy Committee met behind closed doors to question Dr. Isador S. Edelman, a \$3750-a-year research fellow now working in a Boston hospital. Dr. Edelman was revealed last week to have received a commission fellowship, even though he was denied security clearance.

Tomorrow Mr. Edelman faces a Senate Appropriations Subcommittee which must pass on all funds for the commission.

## Start Smashing 29 Slot Machines



Deputy Sheriffs Don Maris (left) and Larry Flater (right) wield hammers on the first of 29 slot machines ordered destroyed by the court as Sheriff James Cunningham and George Dailey watch approvingly. The one-armed bandits were seized in raids on three Marion County country clubs two weeks ago. Money in the slots was ordered confiscated and turned over to Riley Hospital ward for crippled children by Municipal Court Judge Joseph Howard, who ordered the destruction.

## Slots Broken Open, Yield About \$1000

Money Will Be Turned Over to Riley Hospital

Silver estimated at "somewhere around \$1000" was carried from the county jail to Indiana National Bank in a lard can today, to be counted and turned over to the Riley Hospital crippled children ward.

It was removed from 29 confiscated slot machines, just before deputy sheriffs carried out a court order to smash the machines.

**Smash Machines**  
Dr. Donald Caseley, medical director of Indiana University Medical Center, accompanied deputies to the bank to be present for counting of the money and to accept it in behalf of Riley.

The smashing of machines and confiscation of the money for Riley was ordered by Municipal Court Judge Joseph Howard, acting on an appeal from Prosecutor George Dailey and Sheriff James Cunningham for instruction on disposing of the one-armed bandits.

The slots were yanked out of three Indianapolis country clubs two weeks ago, by joint raiding parties from the sheriff's and prosecutor's offices.

## Rites Arranged For Barber

Funerals for Benjamin Wickliff, who had been a barber most of his life, will be held at 1 p. m. Wednesday in the Peoples Funeral Home. Burial will be in Crown Hill.

Mr. Wickliff died Saturday in the home of a granddaughter, Mrs. Grace Brown, 877 W. 25th St. He was 76.

Born in Livermore, Ky., Mr. Wickliff operated a barber shop in Kentucky and later in Kokomo, Ind., before coming to Indianapolis in 1929.

He was a barber in the Bankers Trust Building for two years, 14 years ago, and until his retirement two years ago had operated his own shop at the corner of 12th St. and Senate Ave. Mr. Wickliff had been director of the choir in Straubers Baptist Church in Livermore.

Surviving are his wife, Susie; two daughters, Miss Lena and Miss Ollie Wickliff, Indianapolis; a son, Walter Wickliff, Indianapolis; and three grandchildren.

## Store Sends Out 'SOS' In Theft Problem

Zink's Market in Speedway, scene of a burglary Saturday night, had a problem today. The loot taken from a safe included about \$900 in checks, most of which were industrial payroll checks which were cashed in payment for groceries. In order to stop payment on the checks, the store needs the names to whom the checks were issued.

Since the store has no list to provide police, they asked that persons who cashed their checks in the store Friday or Saturday communicate with them.

# Five Twisters Leave 44 Dead And 400 Hurt

4 Midwest States Estimate Losses At \$5 Million

The barrage of tornadoes that thundered over parts of four Midwest states this week-end, left 44 persons dead, nearly 400 injured and at least \$5 million in property damage.

Twenty-one persons died at Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Almost 10,000 volunteers were at work today in 17 communities, cleaning up the wreckage of the violent cloud comes that began roaring out of the skies Saturday night.

Authorities believed that all victims had been removed from the rubble. But they feared that the death toll would mount steadily as critically injured persons died.

**Hit by 5 Twisters**  
At least five twisters and high windstorms smashed across eastern Missouri, southeastern Iowa, Illinois and western Indiana. In addition, a violent wind ripped the roofs of many houses in Abilene, Tex., last night.

The week-end's tornadoes were the latest in a series of about 35 twisters that have struck the Midwest, West and Southwest in the last nine days.

The condition that caused the tornadoes has moved over the Allegheny Mountains today and had lost most of its strength. A new cold front was sweeping down from Canada.

**Cape Girardeau Raked**  
Cape Girardeau, on the Mississippi River, was hit hardest. In addition to the long list of dead, more than 250 persons were injured, and 433 houses wrecked or damaged.

Witnesses said the storm actually consisted of two twisters, one following the other.

"They roared like a hundred B-29's," said Grover Curry, 50, whose home was swept away.

Mayor Walter Ford said about 500 families were left homeless. Fifty-four persons were still in hospitals today. Two National Guard companies patrolled the wreckage-littered streets to prevent looting. Mayor Ford estimated the town's damage at \$2,000,000.

**Towns Listed**  
Other towns hit included: Wood River, Ill., five dead. Palestine, Ill., four dead. Terre Haute, Ind., two dead.

## Combs to Talk On Reassessment

In an effort to familiarize citizens with the proposed reassessment program, Center Township Assessor George Combs will give a series of eight talks in neighborhood homes.

First two of the discussion groups planned, will be held tonight at 7:30 p. m. at 2310 Harlan St., and at 8 p. m. at 2101 English Ave.

The time schedule for other talks announced today by Mr. Combs, include:

Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., 4566 Wentworth Blvd., and 8 p. m. 4831 Wentworth Blvd.; Thursday, 7:30 p. m., 2254 Union St., and 8 p. m. 135 W. Pleasant Run Pkwy.; Friday, 7:30 p. m., 1830 Shelby St., and 8 p. m., 2254 S. Pennsylvania St.

Mr. Combs said residents in the vicinity of these homes are invited to attend the meetings.

**DISCOVERY OF HELIUM**  
Helium, the modern "miracle gas" used in American balloons, was discovered by two European scientists in 1868.

## Woman Struck By Lightning At Height of Storm

INDIANAPOLIS today discovered a local victim of the violent Saturday night rainstorm.

Mrs. Emma Gasper, 1124 Broadway, reported she was struck by lightning at midnight Saturday as she closed a window to shut out sheets of rain. Just as she closed the window, lightning struck an iron bar covering the window and Mrs. Gasper said she felt the electric shock in her arm and leg.

She declined hospitalization and was reported recovering today.

## Shanghai Reports Reds Repulsed

SHANGHAI, May 23 (UP)—Nationalist counter-attacks have re-opened Lungwa Airport and have driven Communist troops back from the east bank of the Whangpoo opposite Shanghai, military reports said today.

Ten planes took off from Lungwa Airport yesterday and it was understood that more were scheduled today. However, the Whangpoo still is barred to commercial shipping, blocking Shanghai's sea exit.

Military reports indicated, however, that the 16-mile stretch of the Whangpoo from downtown Shanghai to the open waters of the Yangtze is controlled by some 20 Nationalist warships.

## BOY FUMBLES BALL, DIES

LOS ANGELES, May 23 (UP)—Little Michael Davis, 6, was playing catch with older boys yesterday when he fumbled a high toss and the baseball hit him on the chest. The youngster fell dead.

## FPC Natural Gas Hearing to Resume

Cross-Examination on City's Plea June 6

Cross-examination of witnesses in the Indianapolis appeal for natural gas will begin June 6 before the Federal Power Commission in Washington.

Witnesses who appeared in the Mar. 7 hearing when direct testimony was presented will be questioned three days. A decision on the application will then be expected from the FPC in 30 days.

The Citizens Gas & Coke utility has applied for 10 million cubic feet of natural gas a day with the promise that if the request is granted, gas users will save \$2 million a year in lowered rates.

Utility witnesses will be E. G. Peabody, assistant to Thomas Kemp, general manager; V. C. Seiter, assistant secretary and treasurer; and Eric Larson, engineer of Ford, Bacon and Davis, New York City.

**To Build Pipelines**  
The original application of the utility did not specify the willingness to build pipelines, but amendments promised to build whatever lines were necessary to bring it into the city.

The utility will accept natural gas from Texas Eastern, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Co., Texas Gas Transmission Corp., and Tennessee Gas Transmission Co.

## Replevin Suit Filed Over Joel Thorne's Car

A replevin suit demanding immediate possession of Joel Thorne's six-cylinder engineering special race car was filed in Superior Court today by Loral Tansy, 392 N. Delaware St.

Mr. Tansy said the car belongs to him and is now being "detained" by Mr. Thorne. Mr. Thorne was not available for comment.

## Victory Field Gate Keeper Dies After Scuffle in Park

Albert Fuhrmann, veteran gate keeper in Victory Field, was dead today.

As far back as his son, Harry, can remember, "Dad" Fuhrmann was an Indians' fan.

Mr. Fuhrmann, of 2018 Koehne St., who joined the stadium staff in 1942 for something extra to do, died between the grandstands and bleachers there yesterday after an argument with a neighbor.

The two were believed unknown to each other. Mr. Fuhrmann collapsed of a heart attack after a scuffle with Joseph H. Buytaert, 1845 Koehne St.

Mr. Fuhrmann died in the arms of Patrolman Joe Sanders, who asked him about the incident after hearing of the fight. The team physician failed to revive him.

**Argument Begins**  
Witnesses said the argument began when Mr. Buytaert tried to pass to the grandstands for coffee. Mr. Fuhrmann halted him, since all those moving from the bleachers to the stands must pay the difference in price.

After the scuffle Mr. Buytaert returned to the bleachers. Mr. Fuhrmann returned to his post, when Patrolman Sanders approached.

"Baseball was only a sideline with 'Dad,'" his son, Harry, said. "He worked on his own as an electrical contractor since the war."

**Cooler Weather Due After Rains**  
Cooler weather through tomorrow with light showers tonight was forecast for Indianapolis today as heavy week-end rains sent the upper Wabash River two feet out of its banks at Lafayette and Covington.

The state was drenched with badly-needed moisture over the week-end bringing relief to farmers whose fields were so dry that corn and soybean crops were threatened.

Rainfall ranged from alight in parts of the state to 4.67 inches at Logansport through yesterday morning and continued light showers throughout the day raised swollen streams.

By this morning week-end rainfall in Indianapolis totaled 1.67 inches, ending the drought in Marion County. Westerman Paul Miller said. The southern regions of the state are still a little dry for best crop results, he added.

Flooded lowlands were expected to remain under two feet of water through tomorrow at Lafayette and through Wednesday at Covington.

A maximum of 68 was forecast for tomorrow following an expected low of 56 tonight.

Sky will be mostly cloudy tomorrow following brief light showers tonight, the Weather Bureau said.

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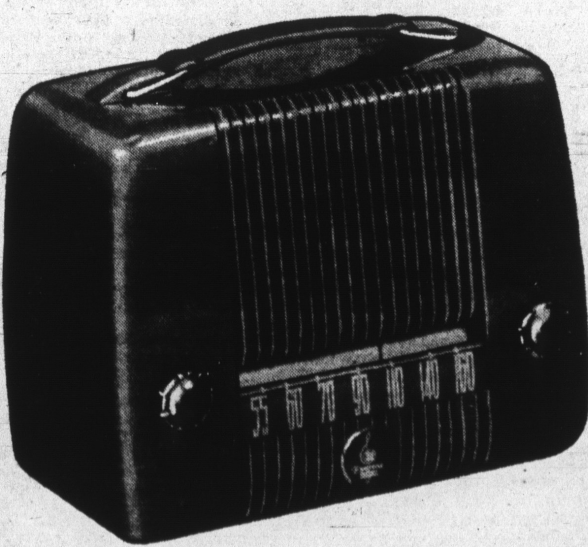
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