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FORECAST: Fair tonight, tomorrow. Little temperature change. Low tonight, 62. High tomorrow, 85.

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Health Official OKs State Fair if Polio Rate Doesn't Rise

Spraying of DDT at Grounds to Begin Immediately as a Precautionary Measure

Dr. Leroy E. Burney, state health commissioner, today said there was "no reason" to cancel the State Fair if the polio rate did not increase over what it has been in the past few weeks.

He met with fair officials this morning and it was decided precautionarily DDT spraying of the Fairgrounds would begin immediately.

Carl Tyner, secretary-manager of the Fair Board, said the grounds and buildings would be sprayed numerous times between now and fair time next month. Garbage and trash containers will also be sprayed, and special precautions will be taken to keep water fountains and lavatory facilities clean. Mr. Tyner said 50 new toilets had been added since last year.

Indiana's T-1 Rise
Meanwhile, Indiana's toll of infantile paralysis cases rose to 297 with the report today of six new cases. This figure was nearly three times as great as that last year at this time. On Aug. 7, 1948, only 104 polio cases had been reported in the state.

Dr. Burney pointed out, however, that most of the cases had been reported in north and north-eastern counties and that unless the number increases greatly or spreads more widely it should not affect the State Fair plans. Death of an 11-year-old Thorn-town girl, Janie Woodburn, and a Muncie boy yesterday brought to 30 the number of persons who have died from the disease this year.

The other victim was nine-year-old Rue S. Steele, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Steele, Muncie, who died in the Ball Memorial Hospital.

Vera Shepard, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shepard, Anderson, was rushed to Riley Hospital in critical condition early today, state police reported.

County Reports 22d Case
At the same time, Marion County reported its 22d case since Jan. 1, when Charles Sullivan, 9, of 2150 S. Pennsylvania St., was taken to General Hospital with the disease today.

The State Board of Health reported 15 new cases yesterday and an additional six this morning. Added to the list of counties invaded by the crippling disease were Dubois, Posey, Boone and Shelby. Each reported one case. They increased to 54 the number of counties where the disease has struck at least one victim and left only 38 counties untouched by polio.

When Dr. W. C. Anderson, epidemiologist for the health board, issued his latest bulletin this morning, it showed the following new cases in the previous 24 hours by counties:

Worst Affected Counties
Allen and St. Joseph, five each; Dubois, Grant, Vanderburgh, Gibson, Posey, Shelby, Fulton, Tipton, Boone, Marion and Jay, one each.

At the same time, the situation in the worst-affected counties showed the following case totals: Jay 71, Delaware 33, Randolph 30, Marion 20, St. Joseph 16, Union, Allen and Howard 11 each; Vanderburgh and Madison 10 each; Adams and Lake, eight each; La Porte and Hamilton, five each; Blackford and Grant, four each; Tippecanoe, Montgomery, Henry, Fayette, Tipton, three each.

In the Jay County seat of Portland, the Jay County Hospital board announced it would set up an emergency hospital for treatment of "mild and suspected" polio cases. The unit was to be established in the American Legion Chateau with 20 beds furnished by the Red Cross. In Muncie, production of home-made iron lungs went on a 24-hour basis at the Warner Gear Division, Borg Warner Corp. Three were to be completed today.

Two were delivered yesterday to Ball Memorial Hospital, which is reaching its capacity to handle polio cases.

Dr. Anderson said a break-

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85-Degree High Forecast Tomorrow

Fair weather tonight and tomorrow was forecast by the Weather Bureau today.

The mercury will drop to 62 Follen Count . . . 2 per cu. yard degrees tonight and reach 85 tomorrow.

Partly cloudy skies were expected to hold temperatures to a high of 85 degrees today.

POPE TO TAKE REST

VATICAN CITY, Aug. 4 (UP)—Pope Pius XII has completed preparations to leave the Vatican for his summer residence at Castelgandolfo, 15 miles south of Rome, Vatican sources said today.

POPE RECEIVES SHEEN

VATICAN CITY, Aug. 4 (UP)—Monseigneur Fulton J. Sheen, prominent Catholic author and radio speaker, was received in private audience Wednesday by Pope Pius XII. After a week's stay in Rome, Mr. Sheen will visit sanctuaries in Italy and France.

Link Ex-Army Aids to War Contract Fraud

\$6 Million 'Improper Payments' Bared by U. S. Comptroller

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 (UP)—U. S. Comptroller General Lindsay Warren disclosed today that he termed "shocking" evidence of "fraud, collusion and/or bribery" on the part of former Army officers in the award of wartime government contracts.

Mr. Warren reported to Congress that the general accounting office, in addition, has found \$6,280,000 in improper payments "induced by fraud" in connection with the settlement of government contracts.

He said these represented only a "sampling" and that he hesitated to guess the "entire extent of fraud and overpayments."

Mr. Warren said that his investigations of contracts awarded to New York firms for preparation of government technical manuals disclosed "beyond reasonable doubt" that contract awards in the first instance were based on "fraud, collusion and/or bribery on the part of certain government personnel (military and civilian) and others." And he cited these examples:

ONE: An Army officer "divulged to one of the bidders" the prices quoted by other firms on preparation of the manuals. The bidder received a \$40,375 contract—later canceled—and as an "aftermath" the officer became employed by the company and was paid \$7600 for "services."

TWO: Two former Army officers, while on active duty, "received shares of corporate stock valued at \$2000 in return for purported 'part time services' to a firm which shortly thereafter received government contracts at prices totaling in excess of \$100,000."

THREE: "Numerous instances" were reported involving acceptance by government employees of "entertainment, lunches, dinners, liquor, etc., from contractors who, in return, seem to have been favored with government contracts and liberal termination settlements."

FOUR: Other cases of a "feathering of nests" by officers and employees of the government who subsequently were given jobs by the contractors.

FIVE: A firm received three government contracts shortly after its representatives were introduced to two government employees, and concurrently the company's books reflected "liabilities to these employees" of between \$1175 and \$2025.

'White Paper' on China Announced

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 (UP)—President Truman announced today that the State Department will issue tomorrow a lengthy "white paper" on this nation's policy in recent years toward China.

In announcing this, Mr. Truman asserted that the "warm" friendship between the people of this country and of China is "as strong today" as ever.

The Chief Executive said that the role of this government in its relations with China has been subject to "considerable misrepresentation, distortion and misunderstanding." He added that the present situation requires full discussion of the China policy and the facts behind it.

Food Market Robbed

Burglars who smashed a plate-glass window to gain entry to the E&T Food Market, 1105 Oliver Ave., last night, escaped with \$10 in change and 60 cartons of cigarettes, Norman Eadens, 45, store manager, said the burglary was discovered when the store was opened early today.

Mailman Weds Colleen Whose Heart Was Broken by GI

Takes Up Romance With Lass by Letter

By PHILIP F. CLIFFORD JR.
Lawrence McMurrer is an Indianapolis mailman. And via the postal service he sought to mend the broken heart of a red-haired Irish colleen whose war-time romance with another Indianapolis mailman had cooled.

Mr. McMurrer's cure was so effective that today and the pretty lass from Dublin by the name of Peggy Redmond are on their honeymoon.

They were married yesterday afternoon by Criminal Court Judge Saul I. Rabb in the judge's chambers.

Miss Redmond had found romance when an Indianapolis soldier went to Ireland and wooed her in 1945, on a 14-day pass from his station in Germany. They corresponded after he was redeployed to Hoosierland.

But over the years, the ardor in the letters began to cool and the ex-GI worried that he had made the girl unhappy.

He told his roommate about it. The roommate was Mr. McMurrer who asserted that while not an expert in the tribulations of the lovers, he nevertheless was willing to try his hand.

He began writing to Miss Red-

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Emergency Phone Rate Hike Rejected By PSC

Red Political Penetration Goes Deep Democratic Party in Hawaii Under Control of Communists

Anti-Red Faction Has Appealed To McGrath for Backing in Fight

By EDWIN C. HEINKE, Assistant Managing Editor, Indianapolis Times

HONOLULU, Aug. 4—So deeply and so successfully have the Communists penetrated Hawaii that today they control the Democratic party machinery in the territory.

By virtue of their whip hand over the Democratic machine, the Communists are in the thick of a fight to oust Gov. Ingram M. Stainback, who is a Democrat and an aggressive anti-Communist. He is a liberal and has been friendly to labor throughout his 22 years in federal office.

This is a part of the Communist pattern for making Hawaii a test tube of conquest—capture of a major political party.

As a result of infiltration by Communists and left-wing members of Harry Bridges' International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, the Democratic party here has split into two factions.

One is the regular Democratic machine, in which the Communist-ILWU followers are well entrenched. The other is a newly formed opposition, the Young Democratic Club, composed of Democrats who refuse to follow the Communist party line.

(Residents of Hawaii elect their own territorial legislature and a non-voting delegate to the U. S. Congress. Their governor is appointed by the President.)

Asks Power for Reorganization

Last week the chairman of the Young Democratic Club, Harry Kronick, wrote Sen. J. Howard McGrath, national Democratic chairman, asking authority to reorganize the Democratic party of Hawaii.

"I call your attention to the files of the Department of

The story of America's second "Pearl Harbor"—how trained Communists are strangling commerce in the Hawaiian Islands—is continued today by Edwin C. Heinke, assistant managing editor of The Indianapolis Times. Today's article is the third of a series.

Justice which will disclose that the Democratic party here was completely taken over on Apr. 1, 1948, by the Communist-controlled ILWU," Mr. Kronick wrote.

"I also call your attention to the findings made by Sen. Butler as to the infiltration and capture of control of the Democratic party machinery by a small group of Communists and that the Democratic party of Hawaii is presently synonymous with the Communist."

Mr. Kronick, who is a former vice chairman of the Honolulu Democratic committee, was referring to the report by Sen. Hugh Butler (R. Neb.) prepared for the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

The Butler report showed that the stakes are high in the political fight that rages openly in the islands.

"The immediate objectives of the ILWU-Communist party conspirators in Hawaii," Sen. Butler said, "are: (1) statehood, with a state constitution to be dictated by the tools of Moscow in Honolulu, and, (2) removal of Gov. Stainback, to be replaced with a governor named by the Communist high command."

Able to Force Precinct Election

The ILWU-Communist standard-bearers began to move into the Democratic party last year when the Political Action Committee was dissolved. With its labor backing, the new bloc had enough power to force a new election of precinct club officers.

The elections, held Apr. 1, 1948, resulted in a clean sweep for the Commies and left-wingers.

For example, Jack Kawano, named on a government list as a Communist, was elected president of the 12th Pre-

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Camp Atterbury Soldier Killed

Dies After Accident Involving Jeep

Cpl. William West, 33, of Muncie, attached to the 151st Infantry of the 38th Division, died at Harrison Air Base Hospital today of injuries suffered yesterday in a jeep accident at Camp Atterbury, the first casualty of the annual encampment of the Indiana National Guard there.

Military authorities said Cpl. West was injured when the jeep he was riding with Sgt. William Hobbs, also of Muncie and attached to the same infantry regiment, overturned during maneuvers.

Suffers Back Injury

Sgt. Hobbs was confined to the hospital with an injured back but his condition was not considered serious by National Guard surgeons.

Cpl. West, who was an employee of the Delco Battery Division of the General Motors Corp., in Muncie, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer West of Marion. He was a Purple Heart veteran of World War II. Survivors, besides his parents, include his wife, Elsie, a son and two daughters, of Muncie.

Wild Boy Returns To 'Big Thicket'

SPLENDORA, Tex., Aug. 4 (UP)—Johnny Spears, "the wild boy of the big thicket," returned to his Texas jungle today, and his barefooted family put his new "store-bought" clothes in a battered old trunk for safekeeping.

But Johnny probably will not stay long in the woodlands where he grew up as a child of nature.

Plans were being made to have the 14-year-old deaf mute enter the State School for the Deaf at Austin, the state capital, when the fall term opens about a month from now.

Johnny got a two-day glimpse of civilization when naturalist Larry Dean "captured" him in a 2 million acre wilderness known as the "Big Thicket" and took him into Houston, 40 miles south of here, Tuesday.

Girl, 6, Treated For Traffic Injuries

Ellen McKittick, 6, of 2873 Wentworth Blvd., was treated for shock and cuts about the knees and face today as a result of a traffic accident.

She was a passenger in the car of Richard McKittick, 27, of 4815 E. Washington St., when it was in collision with a taxi driven by Vera J. Burr, 28, of 5704 E. 32d St., at Washington and Pine streets.

Exhausted Sovola Swims 'Channel' in 10 Seconds

Columnist Defies Weather Warnings For Daring Feat and Drags Out Triumphant

By JIM HEYROCK

TIMES COLUMNIST ED SOVOLA, ignoring his manager's warning that partly cloudy skies would impair his chances, plunged into the frigid Indianapolis Water Co. canal at 10:01 1/2 this morning and exactly 10 seconds later dragged his weary body up the opposite bank.

Sovola, who has been training for the canal swim since swimmers began preparing themselves for paddling across the English Channel, was a tired but happy man as he slumped down on the canal bank and drained the water from his sneakers.

HE ENTERED the canal, a little bit at a time, just southwest of the new College Ave. bridge. Lining the new canal structure was a throng of 15 or 20 persons who shouted encouragement to the stout-hearted swimmer.

A rubber life raft, containing a large part of his party, accompanied Sovola on his crossing. He began with a violent flutter kick, which splashed several of the spectators and drove them to the other side of the bridge.

Less than half-way across the 60-foot-wide canal, the thing he had been warned about happened. A cloud passed in front of the sun and Sovola was unable to see the opposite shore through his goggles.

He veered off at an angle but quickly brought himself back to the direct course. The extra strokes, however, nearly caused him to fail.

Only four feet from the bank, exhaustion nearly caused him to quit. He faltered, he spat out a mouthful of water and changed from his puppy-fashion stroke to a powerful crawl. He touched the bank to set a new record for the canal crossing.

OBSERVERS, which included John Kleinhens, a representative of the water company, sent out to guard the company's property, believe Sovola's swim will bring about some drastic changes in the procedures now being employed by those attempting to swim the English Channel.

For example, Sovola's costume might be adopted by the channel swimmers. He wore a rubber swim cap, goggles, white coveralls and black sneakers. He covered himself with grease before hitting the water.

There were even whispers late today that Shirley May France, the 16-year-old girl who is about to swim the English Channel, might postpone her attempt at the big swim until she has a full report on Sovola's accomplishment. It would be a good example of what she shouldn't do.

Drop Cases and Run
Mr. Morrow, a polisher, told police the men dropped the cases, pushed open the doors and ran. Harold Skaggs, of 1746 Laurel St., an employee of the Railway Express Agency garage in the rear of the jewelry firm, said the two men ran to a car, in which a third was sitting at the wheel, and one got in and drove away while the other continued on foot and ran north on Illinois St.

Harry Shapiro, 66, 4217 E. 12th St., a co-owner of Gran & Co., told police three customers were in the store just before closing time last night and he believes they left the back door ajar.

Shapiro said the office of the concern had been ransacked and six cases removed. Four additional cases were found near the rear door where the burglars dropped the two cases when surprised by Morrow and Joyce.

Commission Sets Sept. 12 For Rehearing

Boost Would Have Added \$3.8 Million To Subscribers' Bill

Public Service Commission today denied Indiana Bell Telephone Co.'s petition for a temporary emergency rate increase.

The temporary boost would have added \$3.8 million plus taxes annually to the bill of Indiana Bell subscribers in 80 Indiana towns and cities.

The company had asked for an average increase of 15 per cent in its petition. The temporary increase would have been under a bonding arrangement which would refund the extra money paid by patrons if the PSC finally denied the utility's original petition.

Hearing Set Sept. 12

The commission set Sept. 12 as the date when the hearing on the original increase petition would resume. Hearing on the original petition opened Feb. 3, and was recessed May 23 for hearings