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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 precautionally 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 laundry facilities clean. Mr. Tyner said 80 new toilets had been added since last year.

Indiana's T-1 Risks

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 northeastern 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 Thorntown 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 28 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 20, Marion 20, St. Joseph 16, Union, Allen and Howard, 11 each; Vanderburgh and Madison, nine 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 of Borg Warner Corp. Three were to be completed to day.

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

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degrees tonight and reach 85 to-morrow.

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

POPE TO TAKE REST

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

POPE RECEIVES SHEEN

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

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## 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 instances:

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 "service."

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, liquors, etc., 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.

The financial responsibility law requires that any motorist involved in an accident in which damages are \$50 or more must prove he is financially able to pay if he is held liable.

He can do this in one of three ways. If he has a liability insurance policy he may have the company file a form known as SR 21 as proof that he has such coverage. The second possibility is the filing of a cash bond large enough to cover estimated damages. A third out is to file with the Safety Responsibility Division a statement by damaged party waiving all claims.

Failure to do one of these three things may result in suspension of the driver's license to drive.

Under the policy started last March the Safety Responsibility Division, headed by Mahlon Leah, refused to accept SR 21 from the Fireman's & Mechanics' Insurance Co.

The July 29 order required the division to resume accepting these forms and ordered that no driver's license be revoked where a policy with the company is filed.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

6 a.m. 65 10 a.m. 76

7 a.m. 66 11 a.m. 79

8 a.m. 68 12 (Noon) 80

9 a.m. 71 1 p.m. 81

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 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.

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