

# Spectators Mix Jeers, Applause In Council Housing Battle

## Action Bogged Down On Low Rent Program

Seidensticker Loses in Parliamentary Move to Force Vote on Resolution

The issue of federal low rent housing for Indianapolis remained unresolved today after City Council wrestled with it for one round last night and decided to delay the decision before a packed house.

For nearly four hours during the hearing, arguments were presented on the issue which would grant the Mayor power to appoint a housing authority committee and make Indianapolis eligible for aid under the federal low-cost housing program.

Parliamentary maneuvering by Councilman J. Porter Seidensticker, Democrat, to force the resolution to a vote was defeated by his colleagues after the resolution was presented and recommended for passage by Councilman Mary Connor.

**Applause and Jeers**  
During the hearing, Council President Christian E. Hardt twice threatened to clear the chambers when crowds got out of hand with enthusiastic applause and jeers directed at speakers presenting their stands on the issue.

When Miss Connor moved for passage of the resolution, her action was countered with a motion from Councilman Donald Jameson to "table" the adoption and postpone action for further study. In an effort to force the vote, Councilman Seidensticker moved to "table" the motion by Mr. Connor.

Council voted to delay action on the resolution after Mr. Seidensticker's action was defeated, six to three.

**Need of Ex-GIs**  
Advocating appointment of a housing authority, Martin L. Larner declared that council should consider the need of former servicemen. He is regional chairman of the American Veterans Committee.

"The housing shortage has not improved," Mr. Larner said. "Private production can only keep us even with the housing need."

Mr. Larner added that temporary housing projects, such as Tyndall Towne and other "baracks-like" installations had now been in existence for four years. He contended that the housing shortage, in the meantime, had grown worse, not better.

"We want private enterprise to build as many houses as they can," Mr. Larner declared, "but they are after a profit. They must build accordingly, and cannot supply houses to those who need them most."

An opposite stand was taken by Marshall Abrams, managing director of the Construction League of Indianapolis and representative of several building groups.

**Cites U. S. Program**  
Under the federal aid program, he said, housing would be provided only for a minority of low income families. With federal intervention, Mr. Abrams declared, a shortage of materials in private industry would develop and employment would be affected.

The spokesman said indications in the industry are that the current housing shortage may be turned into a "definite surplus" next year by private industry. The surplus would probably be evident, he stated, before any program with federal assistance could be inaugurated.

Reading from a prepared statement, Mr. Abrams further said that Indianapolis taxpayers would be subsidizing occupants of housing units erected under the proposal at the rate of more than \$100 per year. The figures were based on assessment tabulations applied to regular housing units.

**Backs Resolution**  
Mrs. Lee Burkett, housing chairman for the 11th district, VFW Auxiliary, declared that money spent by the United States for housing in foreign countries had not wrecked the U. S. economy. Speaking for adoption of the resolution before council, she reasoned that erection of low cost homes here through federal aid would not endanger the economy.

John Bartee, representing United Auto Workers, CIO, spoke in favor of federal aid, warning that "bad housing breeds juvenile delinquency." His statements were backed by Frank Beckwith, local attorney, who said the program great grandchildren.



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Martin Larner . . . Charges that private enterprise is not meeting housing needs for low income groups.

Marshall Abrams . . . Declares adoption of housing authority would be an indictment against private enterprise.

Mrs. W. P. Rusterholz (left) and Mrs. Helen Hawkins were among the more than 250 spectators who listened to speakers.

## Social Worker Conference Set

### Family Living Planned as Theme

FRANKLIN, Ind., Oct. 4 (UP)—"Laughing Killer" William Martin Caine, 28, Evansville, today began a life prison sentence as the murder trial of three men who allegedly accompanied him on a fatal holdup continued.

Caine pleaded guilty of first-degree murder in the death of Lloyd L. Abbott, 49, before Johnson County Circuit Judge Oral F. Barnett yesterday. But three other accused men pleaded innocent.

A jury was expected to be completed today to try Elbert Henshaw, 22, and Harold Lloyd, 23, both of Indianapolis, and John Parnell, 18, Louisville, Ky., who allegedly were with Caine when Abbott was shot Mar. 2.

**Services Conducted**

For Buddy Clark

GLENDALE, Cal., Oct. 4 (UP)—Funeral services were held today at Forest Lawn Cemetery for 36-year-old Crooner Buddy Clark while the Civil Aeronautics Board investigated the cause of a plane crash in which he was fatally injured Saturday night.

Mr. Clark was the only fatality among six persons aboard the twin-engine Cessna, which was returning to Los Angeles from Palo Alto, Cal., where they had witnessed the Stanford-Michigan football game.

An autopsy revealed Mr. Clark died of hemorrhage due to multiple fractures of the skull, the coroner's office said, and an inquest was scheduled.

**Takes Jail to Staying Away From His Wife**

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Oct. 4 (UP)—William B. Mortimer, 26, went to jail for three months today rather than obey a judge's ruling to keep away from his wife for three years.

Mr. Mortimer, of Lowell, Mass., had soothed both his wife and mother-in-law in the eye and beat his wife's aunt with a baseball bat. He appeared yesterday before Superior Judge Vincent J. Brogna on charges of assault and battery and got the choice of staying away from his wife for three years on probation or going to the house of correction for three months.

"I'll take the three months now," Mr. Mortimer said.

**Rites at Princeton For Woman, 105**

PRINCETON, Oct. 4 (UP)—Funeral services were conducted yesterday for Mrs. Elizabeth Beard, 105. She died Friday at her home. Mrs. Beard was a native of Dubois County.

She was survived by 170 direct descendants, including 22 great

great grandchildren.

**1500 QUAKES A YEAR**

Japan has about 1500 earthquakes a year, but most are too weak to do any damage.

**IN INDIANAPOLIS**

**EVENTS TODAY**

Daughters of the American Revolution—Through Wednesday, Lincoln Hotel.

Indiana Restaurant Association—Conventions—Through Thursday, Murat Hotel.

Women's Society of Christian Service—Friday, Robert Park Methodist Church.

Electric Living Homes Display—Sponsored by Indiana State Power Co. and Westinghouse Corp. Homes open to public 8:30 a. m. to 10 p. m. through Saturday.

Indiana Council of Women—8th Annual Year, President's Day Luncheon—Nonn, Columbus Club.

Forum—What's Wrong With Indianapolis?—8 p. m. Community Center.

Retirement Club Luncheon and Program—8 a. m., Claypool Hotel.

Community Center—Education Program—3:45 p. m., Herrin Art Institute.

Indiana Women's Republican Club Elects Officers—7:30 p. m., Club hall.

54th Annual Indiana State OES. Meeting—7:45 p. m., North Park Masonic Temple.

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