

# Mayor Gets Tough, Urges U. S. To Pay For Sewer Costs



CHILLY MAID—Pat Mullarkey of Dallas, 1952 Maid of Cotton who is in New York for two months of fitting and training before leaving on a six-month tour, shivers atop a hotel roof. Incidentally, she wears white cotton pedal pushers and a bright red cotton moire coat.

## Banned in N. Y., Acclaimed in Cuba

HAVANA, Jan. 8 (UP)—"La Ronde," a controversial French film banned by New York censors, has won the Cuban Radio and Moving Picture Association's praise as the best movie in 1951.

The association included five U. S.-made films yesterday among their choice of the top 10 issued last year. They were "Cyrano de Bergerac," "Salt for the Devil," "An American in Paris," "Born Yesterday," and "Strangers on a Train."

"La Ronde," which means "The Dance," was banned in New

## Clark to Aim Same Policy At State

Uncle Sam will be asked to divvy up some of his federal tax "take" on face loss of city services here.

Mayor Clark has recommended that the Sanitary District seek payment from the U. S. for sewage disposal now provided free of charge to federally owned buildings.

"We are most unhappy that federal agencies are using what is rapidly becoming a public utility here in Indianapolis and not paying us anything for it," he told the Sanitary District board yesterday.

Earlier, the Mayor asked, "If they don't pay, we don't have to give them the service, do we?"

### Hits State Usage

A similar get-tough policy will be aimed at the state, he said.

Negotiations to get payment for sewer service provided state-owned buildings should be launched at the same time, he added.

"If we must pay the state for using their buildings, they surely can pay us for sewers," the Mayor declared.

At the same time, he made it clear there will be no change from a policy of "no annexation, no city services" established by the previous administration.

"These outlying areas that want to join just the Sanitary District to get sewage disposal are trying to enter the city on their terms," he said.

### 'Won't Allow That'

"If we allow that, we'll find Indianapolis surrounded with a flock of small towns which will stunt our growth. We won't allow that."

"If they want to join us, they've got to join 100 per cent," he declared.

In another move to unsmother Indianapolis' tangled sewer problems, the Mayor asked the Sanitary District to agree to get the U. S. to build a major sewer from Ft. Harrison which would connect with the city system.

Last year the board asked the Army to build a sewer from the post which would be large enough to permit home builders to use it as well as carry Ft. Harrison sewage.

### Army Rejects Plea

The Army refused the proposal then, insisting no Army funds were available for construction not exclusively for the Army's benefit.

Mayor Clark said yesterday, however, he had reason to be "more optimistic" after a discussion with federal authorities during a Defense Department survey of the Fair Grounds last week.

At the present time, nearly 20 federally owned or operated buildings in Indianapolis get free sewage disposal.

Included are the postoffice building, other government office buildings and one building of Allison Division which gets free service as long as it is operated by the U. S.

### Cites Sanitary District

Mayor Clark ripped state practices of charging rental fees for city use of Fair Grounds buildings for auto storage.

He said the Sanitary District was charged \$400 monthly rental for storage of garbage collection trucks.

The Sanitary District got its first payment for sewage disposal from the Fair Grounds last year when the Fair Board submitted a check for \$2500.

A bigger bill for sewage service also can be expected by private industry and some "charitable groups that operate money-making businesses," board discussion showed yesterday.

Mayor Clark gave his approval to a suggestion from Oscar F. Barry Sr., former board president, that private contracts and some sewage disposal agreements be reviewed with an eye to increasing the bill.

## Man Killed in U. S. 31 Crash

James H. Prather, 34, New Albany, was killed early today on the approach to a narrow bridge on U. S. 31, most deadly of Hoosier highways.

Mr. Prather's car crashed into the semitrailer of a truck which had stopped to let another vehicle cross Jersey Bridge on the border of Scott and Jackson counties between Crothersville and Austin.

State police said he was driving alone at 40 to 45 miles an hour.

Last year more persons died on U. S. 31, a South Bend-Indianapolis-Louisville artery, than on any other road in the state.

A State Police official said more deaths occur on this highway south of Indianapolis, partly because of its narrow bridges like the one where Mr. Prather died.

North of Indianapolis, he pointed out four bridges are being widened or replaced between Westfield and Kokomo.

## Rollback Expected On Wool and Soaps

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (UP)—The government was expected to roll back ceiling prices today on wool, soaps, cleansers and talloil.

The orders will reduce ceilings on raw wool an average of about 20 per cent, but the new ceilings still will be about 40 per cent higher than current world selling prices and will not affect clothing prices.

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## 'He Said He Was a Cop'

# Boy, 14, Chained and Tortured for 11 Weeks By Accused Bank Robber in Salt Lake City

By United Press

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 8—A 14-year-old boy was found chained to a bed today where he had been held prisoner and tortured for 11 weeks by an accused bank robber.

Ricky Hendricksen was released from the four-foot chain and padlocks which held him to the bed by police who rushed to the address supplied by John D. Billett, 24, after hours of intensive questioning.



JOHN D. BILLETT—Accused bank robber.

## Ike's a Cinch, Backers Say

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's political managers proclaimed jubilantly today that they now have all they need to sew up the Republican presidential nomination.

Gen. Eisenhower's public confirmation yesterday that he is a Republican, can be drafted, and will let his name go before the voters in the Mar. 11 New Hampshire primary was even more than some of his backers had expected in the way of a green light.

It offset any possible dismay over the fact that the general ruled out coming home to take a personal hand in the campaign.

The opposing forces of Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio conceded privately that Gen. Eisenhower's statement will make it a little harder for them to line up delegates to the GOP nominating convention next July. But they insisted that Sen. Taft is still a sure winner.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 8 (UP)—Wisconsin supporters of Gov. Earl Warren for the Republican presidential nomination today dumped the California governor and leaped aboard Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's bandwagon.

Louis J. Cecil, chairman of the 5th District Young Republicans Club in Milwaukee, said "the lack of a decision on Warren's part as to whether to enter the Wisconsin presidential primary forced us to break up our organization for him."

A top-level strategy meeting of the Taft forces is expected within a few days to make plans for coping with the changed situation. Up to now the Taft movement has banked heavily on uncertainty about Gen. Eisenhower's intentions as a persuasive talking point with convention delegates.

Sen. Taft himself accepted the Eisenhower announcement matter-of-factly. He said he figured all along he would have opponent for the nomination and that Gen. Eisenhower "might be among them."

The official comments of the Eisenhower boosters were mostly formal statements hailing the general's announcement as a sure sign he is destined to win the nomination and election.

Their private reaction was an enthusiastic "That's all we need. Now we can really go."

Gen. Eisenhower's declared availability caused no apparent dismay to the other two announced candidates for the GOP nomination—Gov. Earl Warren of California and former Gov. Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota.

Actually, their prospects "may be improved" with Gen. Eisenhower in the race. Political observers regard both as dark-horse contenders whose main hope lies in an Eisenhower-Taft deadlock at the convention.

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Ricky was in "surprisingly good health," but he told officers that Billett had beaten him about the face and head with his fists and shoes during the early days of the boy's captivity. Ricky was kidnapped Oct. 20.

The boy was rushed to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hendricksen, where his mother burst into tears and swept him into her arms.

Billett, who yesterday robbed \$20,915 from a downtown bank and already was held in lieu of \$20,000 bail on that charge, admitted to police that he kidnapped Ricky.

"This is our Christmas... this is our New Year's... this is our holiday," his mother cried.

An electric train was waiting for Ricky along with his pet dog. Ricky said that Billett grabbed him Oct. 20 at the used car lot where both worked.

"He said he was a special cop and wanted to question me about car theft," young Hendricksen said. "He took me to a motel next to the lot for a few days and then moved me to this house in back of a drug store."

"I was too scared to know what was going on. I thought at first he was on the up and up. But pretty quick it seemed like a phony."

### Didn't Have Badge

"I asked him if he was a cop, where was his badge. He said he didn't have any because that was the way he caught car thieves."

Ricky said that Billett told him he was taking him to the residential district house from the motel for "tests."

The "tests," the boy explained, included beatings about the face by Billett's fists and a shoe.

After a few days, the boy said, Billett quit the beatings but kept him chained to the bed when he was not at the house.

The youth disappeared last fall while returning home from a used car lot where he had worked. Police speculated that he probably had run away, but his parents insisted he had been kidnapped.

Billett was arrested late yesterday and charged with taking \$20,915 from the drive-in branch of a bank.

A lone gunman had entered the Eighth South and State branch of the First Security Bank shortly before noon yesterday, ordered employees and depositors into a corner and escaped with a sack full of currency.



RICKY AND MOTHER—"This is our Christmas."

## Tait Aid Dies Of Wounds

Richard J. Schmidt, shot fleeing a New Castle burglary Apr. 1, is dead.

Schmidt, formerly of 1215 N. Pennsylvania St., was an accomplice of Ernest Tait, whom the FBI once listed as one of the country's 10 most-wanted criminals.

Shot by New Castle police after a burglary at the Elks Club, Schmidt was brought to General Hospital here. His case caused controversy between officials as to whether taxpayers of Marion or Henry County should pay for his medical care.

He died Sunday in General Hospital.

Services will be held at 11 a. m.

Thursday in the Kirby Mortuary with burial in Memorial Park.

Schmidt, who was 33, is survived by his wife, Betty; two daughters, Bonnie and Ellen; two brothers, William and Edward; a sister, Mrs. Betty Crandall, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmidt.

Tait, who escaped from the gun battle, was caught by the FBI in Miami on a tip from a restaurant operator in Coral Gables, Fla.

More color comics than in any other Indiana newspaper are printed each week in The Sunday Times.

## Urge Control Over Public Housing Here

In what probably will be their shortest meeting in their four-year terms, newly elected City Councilmen launched the new year with a move to control public housing here.

A seven-minute session included:

ONE: Introduction of three measures.

TWO: Passage of no ordinances since none was up for action.

THREE: A fast exchange of wisecracks between Mayor Clark and Councilman Charles Ehlers.

FOUR: Election of Councilman J. Wesley Brown to represent the Council on the Zoning Board.

FIVE: Adjournment.

### Urges Final Say-So

Last to be submitted but promising to bring most controversy to the new Council was a measure giving the Council final say-so on public housing projects.

The resolution, similar to one which died in committee in the previous Council, requires the Housing Authority of Indianapolis to submit each project to the Council for approval.

The action is an outgrowth of strong opposition voiced to the Housing Authority's plan to build more than 40 double houses on a site at Dawson St. and LeGrande Ave.

### Calls for Rezoning

Also submitted was a measure calling for rezoning of a 20-acre tract north and west of the Meadowbrook Apartments.

The request was submitted by Brookfield Corp., an L & L Building Corp. affiliate. Plans call for the construction of approximately 200 units of rental housing on the tract. It will be a continuation of a project known as The Meadows.

The third measure is an annexation proposal for an East Side area along the east side of Arlington Ave. between 13th and 14th Sts.

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