

FULLER WANTS 'POLITICS' OUT OF INSURANCE

Councilman Defends His Order, Charges 'Irregularities'

Charging that "certain irregularities" have been brought to his attention relative to the placing of municipal insurance and reinsurance bonds, Councilman Frederic W. Fuller, Jr., last night gave his reasons for filing with the City Council an ordinance that would require all city insurance to be placed through a local insurance agents and brokers association.

The ordinance was referred to administrative committee of the whole Monday night.

His aim, he said, is to take the city's insurance placement "out of politics."

Mr. Fuller's statement follows: "As a result of improper handling of city insurance business by some insurance agents (which led to prosecutions) and based on the successful Hartford plan, the Association of Insurance Agents and Brokers, participating in City of Springfield Municipal Insurance, was formed by a committee of the Springfield Board of Fire and Casualty Underwriters in 1912 to take the insurance purchases out of politics."

Plan Described "Any duly licensed agent who has a usual place of business in the city of Springfield is eligible to participate in the association. A rotating board of agents acts as advisors to the purchasing agent without cost to the city, reviews all requests for insurance by the purchasing agent who places the insurance on the basis of the lowest cost to the city."

"By common agreement commissions on all city business are pooled and distributed yearly in accordance with a formula mutually agreed upon. A small annual fee is charged each participant for accounting expenses."

"Inasmuch as bonds on contracts for new city construction are paid by the city it seems only proper that the city should require that placement of such insurance also be through the proven low cost and honest channels of the City Purchasing Agent."

"Certain irregularities both past and present have been brought to my attention in connection with the placement of insurance and performance of bonds on new construction."

"As a member of the City Property Committee I have insisted on the placing of these bonds on any awarded contract in the jurisdiction of that committee, through the established association, and I feel it should be mandatory on all awarding authorities and committees to do likewise, so that honest, economical business methods shall prevail. It is for that purpose that I have initiated the ordinance under current debate," he concluded.

Jewish Fast Day Of Tisha B'Av Begins Tonight

Major Calamities Recalled; Lamentations in Synagogues

A day when many calamities for Jews and for the world occurred will be observed tonight and tomorrow by fasting and reciting of lamentations and dirges in synagogues.

The occasion is Tisha B'Av which starts at sundown tonight. The Hebrew words mean the ninth day of the month of Av.

On this day, in 586 B. C. and again in 70 A. D., Jerusalem was destroyed, and on the last occasion the revolt of the Jewish leader, Bar Kochba, failed and ended in a great massacre.

Other major sad occurrences on Tisha B'Av throughout the ages; the Jews were expelled from Spain; and World War I began.

At Kaddish Synagogue in Springfield, services will be at 8 tonight and at 7 a. m. and 1 p. m. tomorrow.

WALNUT ST. MAN TO BE ARRAIGNED

Wilbert J. Ingram Held On Lewdness Charge

Wilbert J. Ingram, 29, of 94 Walnut St. was held in lieu of \$2000 bail at Police Headquarters last night on a charge of open and gross lewdness, pending his arraignment in District Court this morning. Police said that as the result of investigation into a scandalous case, additional charges may be brought.

Second Man Held A 66-year-old man was held as a suspect last night in connection with the same case. Police said he may be arraigned with Ingram today. The case is said to involve two young boys.

The investigation was conducted by Capt. Daniel J. Shea of the Crime Prevention Bureau with Sgt. Lawrence O'Connor, Patrolman James Moriarty, and Policewoman Elizabeth Fitzgerald.

Assault Charge

Stephen A. Foley of 20 Chilton Ave. was arrested last night on a warrant charging him with assault and battery. Bail was set at \$500. The warrant, obtained in District Court by Foley's wife, charges that Foley assaulted her Monday night in their home.

Foley, a truck driver, was arrested by West Springfield police early last night at his place of employment.

BOSTON SURGEON DIES

Needham, July 29 (U.S.)—Dr. Lincoln Davis, noted Boston surgeon and captain of the Harvard crew in 1894, died today at his home in Needham. He was 80, and a native of Worcester.

Bethany Pentecostal Church Musical



The well known Noferi quartet last night presented a two-hour musical program in Bethany Pentecostal Church. Shown, left to right, waiting for the concert to start are Rev. Salvatore Noferi of Lakewood, N. J., Rev. A. D. Skymmer, pastor of Bethany Pentecostal Church; Betty Sue Noferi, Mary Louise Noferi and Joyce Noferi.

Political Gleanings

Emil J. Vlasak found the Democratic National Convention more exhausting than any campaign he has ever led.

He returned home Monday evening exhausted and suffering from a serious head cold. He spent yesterday in bed trying to make up lost sleep and cure his cold. Life was beginning to look a little brighter to him last night.

With Mrs. Vlasak and Mrs. Daniel Brunton, Mr. Vlasak drove home from Chicago, Ill. They made Le Grange, Ind. Saturday night and left there Sunday about 10:30 a. m. after attending mass. They got to Erie, Pa., Sunday night and drove from there to Springfield Monday.

Mayor Brunton drove out with the party but had to come back by plane in order to be here for the City Council meeting Monday evening.

Mrs. Brunton commented that she had never seen Mrs. Truman look as "animated and happy" as she did at the convention.

"Her expression showed that she was delighted that the President stuck by his decision not to run again," said Mrs. Brunton.

Thomas F. Moriarty also returned home from the Democratic convention completely "beat out." Like Mr. Vlasak, he had a severe cold and remained at his Hampden home yesterday.

The same source from which it was learned that W. Lee Costigan is likely to be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for mayor at the next municipal election regardless of who else is in the field, hinted yesterday that Howard T. Jensen will be in there slugging for the Republican nomination.

At present Mr. Jensen is giving a helping hand to Honore Savaria in his campaign for the GOP nomination for register of deeds.

Former Mayor Albert Cole of Lynn has been named campaign manager of Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge. In a letter sent out yesterday, Cole pointed out that Sen. Lodge is the first United States senator since the Civil War to resign his seat in the Senate voluntarily to enter military service.

He served with American tank outfits in North African, Mediterranean and European theaters of operation. He was re-elected to the Senate following his discharge from the Army in December, 1945.

Edward N. Hurley, who is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for clerk of courts, did a good turn yesterday for a fellow member of the School Committee, Leland A. Stone, who is leaving no stone unturned to gain the GOP nomination for register of deeds, by taking Stone's nomination papers to Boston together with his own and filing them at the office of the secretary of state.

Don't be surprised if Rep. Daniel Breenahan hobs up as a candidate for a city or county office at some future election. He is retiring from the Legislature but his friends

Checks Bounce, Cops Nab Suspect

A 26-year-old West Springfield man was held as a suspect at Police Headquarters last night, and according to police, he will be arraigned in District Court this morning on a larceny charge.

He is said to have passed three bad checks at the Security Banking Co., totaling \$100. Police said the checks were drawn on the Third National Bank, but returned "no account."

The suspect was taken into custody yesterday at 1 p. m. at Main and Liberty by Detectives John H. Sullivan and John Gilmore.

CHAP. 90 WORK BIDS REQUESTED BY SUPERVISORS

The Board of Supervisors yesterday voted to request the state Department of Public Works to call for bids by private contractors for the Chapter 90 work in Carew St. and Berkshire Ave. this year.

These bids are then to be submitted for perusal of the supervisors and a choice of the contractors. It is the board's desire to start the projects as soon as possible.

This action of the supervisors, the first under which Chapter 90 work here is to be let out to private contract rather than be carried on by city crews as in the past, comes as the result of directive from the City Council in a measure passed Monday night. That measure in effect ordered the supervisors to arrange for the work under private contract, and an appropriation of \$174,000 was made. Of this sum the state will eventually pay the city \$72,000 and the county \$36,000 for their respective shares of Chapter 90 projects.

The board will ask the City Council for a \$20,000 appropriation to defray the cost of repairs on Water Department mains now under construction. At budget making time \$30,000 was requested for this work, but the Finance Committee cut it down to \$10,000, since it was anticipated that through transfer in departmental account the \$20,000 would be returned by the Water Department and could be placed in the Street Department budget rather than in the general fund.

But it develops that the bills for such repair work must go direct to the contractors on the extension of water mains, and when paid by them must go into the city's general fund rather than to the Street Department budget. That necessitates asking for the additional \$20,000 now in order to pay for the repair work.

But there will be no loss to the city since the \$20,000 eventually will be paid back by the contractor and placed in the general funds.

Record of Fires

3:32 a. m. Telephone alarm, 60 Talcott Ave., attic kitchen.

3:31 a. m. Box 4651, above fire.

1:40 p. m. Telephone alarm, 3 Sargeant St., automobile.

2:53 p. m. Radio alarm, Bridge St., emergency.

3:20 p. m. Still alarm, Storms Ct., Evans.

3:43 p. m. Telephone alarm, 52 Olmstead Dr., garage.

4:25 p. m. Telephone alarm, rear of 1095 State St., rubbish.

7:17 p. m. Telephone alarm, Birnte Ave., and Sheldon St., mailbox.

8:02 p. m. Still alarm, Memorial Bridge, gasoline on road.

Lacerated Forehead

Alex Halouchuk, 55, of 111 Tenth St. was taken to Mercy Hospital in the police cruiser at 9:15 last night with a lacerated forehead. One stitch was required to close the wound. Halouchuk was found lying on the Greenwood St. sidewalk near the Hooper School. He was unable to explain how he received the injury.

SALES GAIN HERE

Springfield department stores registered a 5 per cent gain in sales for the week ending July 19 this year over the period last year. By comparison, New England suffered a 5.5 per cent decline. The figures were supplied by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

Time Out for Food



Mrs. William McCarthy takes time out from her reading to give Billy, Jr., his bottle. She was one of many Liberty Heights residents to move her family into the shade of Van Horn Park yesterday afternoon. Her other two children were romping in the paddle pond when the picture was snapped.

CAMPAIGN TRIP BY STEVENSON HERE EXPECTED

Plans to Originate With Democratic State Committee, It Is Indicated

Any plans for a campaign tour of Massachusetts by Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois, Democratic presidential nominee, will originate with the Democratic State Committee, it was indicated last night.

While no definite arrangements for a state tour have yet been undertaken, it was expected the western part of the commonwealth would be included when the Democratic candidate begins stumping for New England support.

Cornelius W. Phillips, Jr., Democratic City Committee chairman in Springfield, said he expected the State Committee would contact local committees when arrangements got underway.

Three Massachusetts delegates to the Democratic Convention, Dist. Atty. Stephen A. Moynahan, Register of Deeds Edward P. Boland, and State Sen. Maurice A. Donahue of Holyoke, dispatched a wire to Gov. Stevenson as they left Chicago, inviting the nominee to visit Western Massachusetts "so that our people can know what a wonderful American you are."

APPEALS BOARD HEARS FERRY ST. ZONE PETITION

Harry A. Goodman Seeks to Expand Business in Former Church Property

After a short hearing yesterday afternoon, the Appeals Board of the Building Department took under advisement a petition of Harry A. Goodman, now doing business of buying and selling old metals and articles of fabric and paper at the rear of 96 Ferry St., for a variation of zoning at 104-108 Ferry St. for expansion of the business.

Planning Board Opposed Atty. Joseph B. Cowett pleaded the case of the petitioners and Atty. Stuart G. Waite appeared for the Harrison Building Corp., owners of property adjoining the Goodman tract at 106-108 Ferry St., in opposition. The Planning Board also was recorded in opposition.

Mr. Cowett stated that Mr. Goodman last February bought the property of the Church of God in Christ and its building, the latter not used for six years, believing in all good faith that the premises could properly be used as an accessory to his other Ferry St. property.

Goodman said his desire is to use this additional space for storage purposes so he may maintain an orderly yard and gain more speed and efficiency in handling of products. He maintains that use of this land would not be detrimental to the neighborhood, but rather would enhance it by clearing up the tract at the rear of 96 Ferry St. that now becomes cluttered with metal, fabrics and papers. Failure to grant the petition would mean a substantial hardship, Goodman said.

He stressed too, that under present zoning the property cannot be used for residence or industrial purposes.

The opposing argument As counsel for the Harrison Building Corp., Atty. Waite entered objection. That company owns a building at 112-114 Ferry St. used for stores on the first floor and tenements on the upper floors.

In effect, the Goodman property is a junk yard, Waite maintained, and as such could develop fire hazards and health hazards.

A representative of the Planning Board recalled that three years ago the board turned down a petition for change of zone for the Goodman property and that the petition still hangs fire in the city government.

Rebuttal In rebuttal Cowett said his client has been engaged in his present business at the rear of 96 Ferry St. 43 years. It seems strange, he said, that during that period the Planning Board has taken no move to get it out of there.

He held that the Harrison Building Corp., opposition in a spite move, because Goodman had not negotiated a deal for the Church of God in Christ property through that company.

Gurdon Bill Royalty



Elected king and queen of Gurdon Bill Playground yesterday during part of the playground's summer activities program were Bobby Shea, nine-months-old, left, and Kathy O'Connor, two years. The diminutive couple accepted the crowns of royalty with manners befitting true royalty.

Mosshammers Avidly Follow Search for Missing Camper

Connie Smith, 10, Friend of Family, Disappeared From Salisbury, Conn., On July 16

The search being made for 10-year-old Connie Smith who disappeared from Camp Sloane, Salisbury, Conn., July 16 is being followed with deep interest by Dr. and Mrs. Alden S. Mosshammer, Connie's family, and the Mosshammers have had associations for many years.

Dr. Mosshammer officiated at the marriage of Connie's parents Oct. 23, 1937, in First Congregational Church, Old Greenwich, Conn. In 1946, when he officiated at the marriage of Mrs. Smith's sister, Connie was the flower girl.

Dr. Mosshammer yesterday received a letter from Mrs. Smith asking him to distribute some circulars concerning Connie's disappearance. The family has the full approval of the police in distributing the circulars. The mother recalled in her note how attractive Connie had looked when she was flower girl at her aunt's wedding.

Connie had been injured in a fall at the camp the day previous to her disappearance. To all appearances her injuries were not serious. At about 8:30 a. m. on July 16, Connie was seen trying to thumb a ride to Lakeville. At that time she was on Route 44 about one-half mile west of Lakeville Center. She had stopped at two houses to inquire the way to Lakeville. It has not been possible to trace her from this point.

Connie lived on a ranch in Wyoming most of her life, is a leader among children and is self-reliant. She and her mother were to drive back to Wyoming when Connie finished camp. Connie is five feet tall, weighs about 85 pounds, has blue eyes and shoulder length brown hair with bangs.

Anyone having information about her is asked to telegraph or telephone collect to the Connecticut State Police Department, Hartford, Conn.

Lodge-St. Germain Letters

They Have a Cordial Note; That Taft-Eisenhower Matter Is All Over

"Joe" and "Cabot" are patching up differences of opinion on Republican Party policy.

D. J. St. Germain, "Joe" to his friends and an ardent admirer of Sen. Taft, and Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge, who guided Gen. Eisenhower's successful campaign, are having an interesting exchange of ideas.

He'll Support Lodge Mr. St. Germain was highly critical of Lodge's role in the Eisenhower pre-convention campaign, but remarked recently that, in spite of their differences in opinion, he would support Lodge for re-election. Mr. St. Germain said he would rather have "a three-quarters Republican than a whole Democrat."

Returning from a trip to Canada yesterday, Mr. St. Germain found this letter from Sen. Lodge:

"Dear Joe: "I have just seen in an article in The Springfield Union your statement that you would vote for me in

spite of the fact that we have disagreed on certain questions. I hasten to send you this word of appreciation. It is very broadminded of you to feel this way and I appreciate it. I can assure you that if Sen. Taft had been nominated I would be supporting him to the utmost. We cannot maintain a two-party system on any other basis.

"Incidentally, I do not consider myself a 'three quarters Republican,' at all. The yardstick of a senator's Republicanism is the Republican platform, and I think that I have been 100 per cent on that."

WALLET STOLEN Reports of thefts from automobiles at Five Mills Pond equiptured yesterday. Lawrence Thompson of 34 Thompson St. told police his wallet was stolen while the car was parked near the beach. He reported that it contained personal papers and a small amount of money.

Rent Control Issue May Still Come Up at Election

The action of the City Council Monday night in going on record for continuance of federal rent controls has raised among some city officials the question of whether Springfield voters will have to express their preference by a referendum vote on the question at the Sept. 16 primaries.

And what happens if the vote of Sept. 16 should be the opposite of the vote of the City Council?

Another Pleasant Day at the Beach



Youngsters from five East Springfield playgrounds held a combined outing at Joyland Beach on Loon Pond yesterday afternoon. Here are representatives of each playground with their appetites and a love for that cool, wet water in common. Left to right are: Tommy Russell from Liberty Playground, Doreen Fanning from Lucy Mallory, David Sullivan from Samuel Bowles, Paula Christiania from Van Sickle and Jerry Sullivan from King's Field.

GARAGE BURNED; BLAME PLACED ON CHILDREN

Olmstead Dr. Is Scene of Blaze; Youngsters Have Matches

Several hundred dollars damage was caused to a two-car garage at 52 Olmstead Dr. yesterday afternoon by flames believed caused by children playing with matches outside the building.

Wall Charred Fire Department officials said that the flames caught on the outside of the structure near the ground, charring the side of the building and eating through the wall. There were no automobiles in the garage at the time.

At a late hour last night the Fire Department had not determined the occupant and owner of the garage, since the two-family home at the same address was not occupied and the whereabouts of the families was not known.

Firemen and apparatus responded to the scene on a telephone alarm at 3:45. Acting District Chief James Hiney was in charge.

Early yesterday morning a fire in a wooden frame house at 60 Talcott Ave. forced two occupants to flee. Valerio Beaudry, an occupant, was rescued from the roof by firemen using ladders. Caused by an overheated refrigerator motor, the flames caused considerable damage.

END OF LOGAN ST. INCINERATOR IS PLANNED DEC. 16

Vote Taken by Supervisors; Land Will Probably be Sold by City

By a vote of the Board of Supervisors, meeting yesterday afternoon Dec. 16 will mark the passing of the Logan St. incinerator, which has been in operation for fully 40 years, and the probable sale of the tract on which it stands to the Standard Electric Time Co. This company occupies adjoining land and desires the incinerator for expansion.

The board voted to notify Dominic Di Stefano, Jr. of South Boston, present operator of the incinerator under contract with the city, that when his contract expires Dec. 16, it will not be renewed.

Unless the Standard Electric Time Co. can get land for expansion, it may be forced to leave the city, it was indicated yesterday.

The type of incinerator at Logan St. is outmoded and the supervisors feel it would be to the city's advantage to sell the property and thereby place it on a taxable basis, and to encourage the Standard Electric to stay.

For fully 37 years the Di Stefano company has operated the incinerator under contract with the city. Waste materials, rubbish, paper, tin cans, etc. have been hauled to the Logan St. building and dumped on a conveyor belt. There Di Stefano employees sort it over, pull out all salvageable materials, and dump the nonsalvageable into the two incinerator furnaces to be burned.

It has been an up-and-down business for the Di Stefanos. At times the market has been so poor for materials that they had to be stored for months. At others, with a good market, disposition was speedy and profitable. For the past few months because of a poor market, the incinerator has been practically shut down.

Under terms of the contract the city hauled the rubbish to the plant then the Di Stefano employees took over. The company pays the city a rental of \$330 a year and also pays the city on the basis of quantity of materials salvaged. For between 66,000 and 80,000 cubic yards it pays the city \$1000. For quantities from 80,000 to 100,000 cubic yards the payment would be \$1500 and for amounts above 100,000 cubic yards, \$2000 would be paid.

It was during the administration of the late Mayor John A. Denison that the incinerator was put into service. About 1915 the Di Stefano firm got the contract and has since held it under renewals.

Slippery Road

Residents in the general area of 1075 Boston Rd., and passing motorists joined voices in loudly protesting the carelessness of Springfield Rendering Co. employees yesterday afternoon.

The Police Department was flooded with calls after a Rendering Co. truck lost a large shipment of chicken intestines on the street. Cars skidded over the slippery spot on the highway, and several accidents were said to have been narrowly averted before employees of the Streets and Engineering Department cleaned the road.

LOCAL CIO FOR STEVENSON

Western Massachusetts CIO Council President Herman Greenberg, who attended the Democratic National Convention as an observer, will urge council delegates to go "all out" for Stevenson for President at a meeting of the group Tuesday night. He said he was very much impressed by the nominee.

Christmas in July Party for Airmen Home On Leave

It was Christmas in July last night for Airmen 1-e George A. Dubuc, who spent the December holiday in the Far East.

Relatives and friends arranged a Christmas party for him yesterday at the home of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Anthony of 131 Hickory St. Dubuc, of 41 Lansing Pl., he recently returned to this country.

Christmas songs, gifts and beverages were the rule at the party, and one celebrant noted that the atmosphere was so authentic it even felt cooler.