

Last Ironic Gesture Granted Count Ciano

Permitted To Face His Firing Squad

Bern, Jan. 12 — (UP)—Frontier reports from Italy say that Benito Mussolini made a last ironic gesture to his son-in-law, who turned traitor against fascism. He granted Galeazzo Ciano the privilege of facing the firing squad which executed him at Verona.

The first details of Ciano's execution say he was shot after Marshal Emilio De Bono and three other members of the fascist grand council who voted last July to depose Mussolini.

Ciano refused a bandage for his

eyes after a special Mussolini dispensation enabled him to escape the ignominy of being shot in the back.

At 9 a. m. yesterday a military truck carrying Ciano left Salvo prison in Verona and rattled to an isolated spot on the outskirts of the town, where a detachment of blackshirt militiamen waited.

Pale, and garbed in a white cotton shirt and black pants, Ciano previously had taken holy communion in prison from the hands of Dominican monks who went with him to face the firing squad of 12.

Ciano clambered out of the truck at 9:18 a. m. and went to the center of a square where the major commanding the fascists read the death sentence. The militiamen snatched attention and shouted "viva il Duce."

A monk standing beside Ciano muttered a brief prayer. The militiamen lifted their rifles. A volley

Seven Hoosiers Are Given Decorations

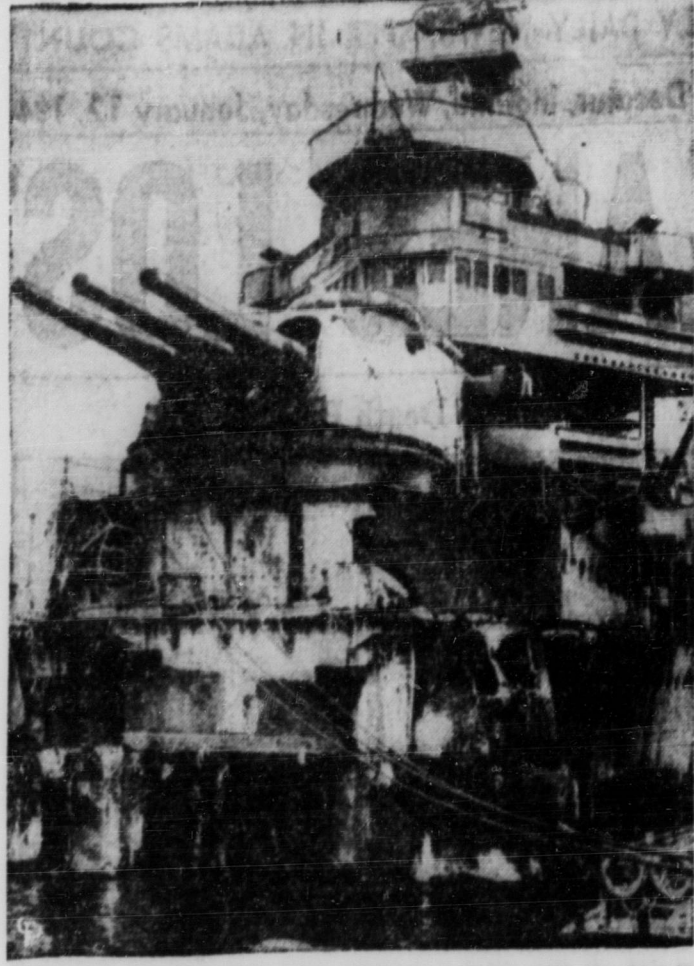
Air Force Members In North Africa

Washington, Jan. 12 — (UP)—Seven Indiana men are among 100 more officers and enlisted men who have been decorated by the war department for their work with the 15th air force in the North African theater of operations.

Those from the Hoosier state to receive the ninth bronze oak leaf cluster to add to their air medals are Second Lieutenant Ralph Lebl of Indianapolis, Technical Sergeant Raymond Curtis of Mt. Vernon and Sergeant Robert Reed of Brazil.

The eighth bronze oak leaf cluster has been awarded to Technical Sergeant Lloyd Loveless of Elwood and Staff Sergeants William Marine of Kokomo and Cletus Nickens of Brownville.

A silver star has been presented to Technical Sergeant Kenneth Kirkendall of Monrovia. It was given to recognize his gallantry in action on July 11 of last year when he was a bombardier on a B-26 mission to bomb an airfield. During the bombing run, he was wounded seriously. But he succeeded in completing an accurate bombing of the airfield. He suffered one broken arm and severe lacerations to his face, legs and body.



ALTHOUGH ITS BOW WAS SHOT AWAY in a battle with the Japs in the Southwest Pacific, this U. S. Navy cruiser made port and was returned to action after a new bow had been built at the Bremerton, Wash., Navy yard. This photo was taken before the ship was fitted with a temporary bow so that it could return to the Bremerton yards. Official United States Navy photo. (International Soundphoto)

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38	Brown	Tweed	Raccoon	39.95	24.95
37	Black	Wool Shetland	Squirrel	49.50	35.00
44	Brown	Tweed		32.95	23.95
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39	Black	Needlepoint		22.95	16.95
13	Tan	Tweed		23.95	17.95
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10	Tan	Tweed	Coat	10.95	8.95
7	Tan	Tweed	Coat	12.95	9.90
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7	Brown	Camelhair	Coat	16.95	9.95
3	Tan	Timme	2 Piece	15.95	14.85
4	Tan	Tweed	Coat	7.50	6.25
5	Tan	Camelhair	2 Piece	16.95	12.95
2-4	Tan	Tweed	Coat	7.50	6.25
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LOCALS

W. Carl Graham, of Fort Wayne, acting state adjutant of the American Legion and well known here as a critically ill following an appendectomy operation. Blood transfusions are being used.

Dr. James Burk left today for a two weeks rest in Arizona. He will be back the 26th.

William Gehres, 75, well known farmer of near Willshire, died yesterday from pneumonia. Funeral services will be held tomorrow from the Reformed church in Willshire with Rev. Graeper in charge.

Albert Colchin, well known Decatur man, who was operated on yesterday at the Lutheran hospital, Fort Wayne, was reported to be progressing nicely. He rallied rapidly from the anesthetic and asked for a cigarette during the evening.

Mrs. William Keller is in Columbus attending the semi-annual board meeting of the supreme officers of the Catholic Ladies of Columbus.

Chaplain and Mrs. C. M. Prugh were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Neireiter, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Dietiker and small son Curt of Delta, Ohio were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Neireiter at their home. Four Acres, Mrs. Dietiker and son will visit here until Friday.

Peter Reicheldeffer, Geneva merchant and well known citizen of the county, visited friends in Decatur Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Martha Macy, Wave, stationed at Washington, D. C., is enjoying a ten day leave, visiting her mother, Mrs. John Shirk, and sister, Mrs. Lily, at West Palm Beach, Fla.

Mrs. Ben Shroyer, 710 North Third street, is recovering after a three week's illness with influenza.

Miss Nancy Daniels, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Daniels of Sixth street will enter Purdue University March 1 to take a four year course in pharmacy. Miss Daniels is a senior in the Catholic high school and has made sufficient credits to be entered at Purdue.

Col. Guy Pettit Is Lions Club Speaker

Auctioneer Talks To Decatur Lions

Col. Guy Pettit discussed one of the great faults of the American people, that of criticism without corrective action, at the regular weekly meeting of the Lions club in the K. of P. home Tuesday evening.

Col. Pettit, who is a member of the staff of the Reppert auction school, urged all Americans to use their right of franchise by taking an active part in government and voting. No one who fails to aid in the management of the various national and local governments has any right to complain, he said.

Clyde Butler was chairman of the program. Next Tuesday night a joint meeting of the Lions and Rotary clubs will be held at the K. of P. home, at which time ration problems will be explained.

LABOR UNIONS

here appeared little chance for enactment of a labor draft measure.

The president sent to congress today a long-range program for development of a 34,000 mile transcontinental network of highways. He says an improved highway system is necessary for the future economic welfare and defense of this country. He adds that the cost would depend upon the availability of manpower and materials, but estimates it at about \$750,000,000 a year.

A story is making the rounds of Washington that postmaster general Frank C. Walker will resign soon as chairman of the Democratic national committee. According to these rumors, one of a man for his religious principles but added that one of the defendants by his demeanor indicated he "was trying to avoid liability by a technicality."

MAJOR GEO. BOWERS

ber of the Masonic lodge. Besides Mrs. Gaze he is survived by a sister, Mrs. Roseanna Cassidy of Hammond. His wife, two brother, and seven sisters are deceased. He had no children.

The body is being sent to the Black funeral home here, but because the date of arrival is not known, the day and time of the funeral will be announced later. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery. Military services will be conducted by Spanish-American war veterans and the American Legion.

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admonished the two before sentencing them.

"This country believes God, but it operates under man-made laws. These laws permit the raising of forces to defend ourselves, or we would be overrun by Germany and Japan." The court said he admired

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those being considered for the post is Robert Hannegan of St. Louis, who recently was named commissioner of internal revenue. White House secretary Early, questioned this afternoon, said he knew nothing at all about the reports.

The president's state of the Union message is provoking considerable controversy on other points as well as the issue of national service. Congressmen opposed to a federal plan to arrange for the soldier's vote this year—a plan strongly supported by the president—showed clearly they'd carry their fight to the bitter end.

On taxes, too, the president's program is running into immediate trouble. The senate finance committee is determined to continue consideration of the tax measure now before it, although the president said it was wholly inadequate.

Incidentally, the president may give more clues on what kind of a realistic tax law he expects in his budget message tomorrow.

The house military affairs committee has approved \$300 discharge pay for veterans serving 60 days or longer, and \$100 for those serving less than 60 days.

Official figures on the cost of the war department's huge Pentagon building are revealed today. It cost more than \$71,000,000, or more than double the sum originally authorized by congress.

And here's news for motorists: Stricter control over gasoline ration coupons will go into effect in New York next week and later in other large cities. The office of price administration says the new central issuance system had a successful trial in Washington and Philadelphia. It takes the authority to issue coupons from local rationing boards and places it in the hands of OPA officials at one central office in a city. The new system is designed to prevent theft of ration books—the bases of the black market for gasoline coupons.

JAP ISLAND OF

In the Burma war — Admiral Lord Mountbatten's forces are pushing through jungles, south and west of Maungdaw on the Mayu peninsula. Their objective appears to be the port of Akyab—55 miles beyond—the goal of the unsuccessful British offensive in 1942.

Closed All Day Thursday for Inventory.—Arnold & Klenk.

BRITAIN REPORTS ON NATIONAL SERVICES

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