

## 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 Museolini 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 snapped to 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 Leib 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 Lovelot of Elwood and Staff Sergeants William Marine of Kokomo and Cletus Nickens of Beeville.

A silver star has been presented to Technical Sergeant Kenneth Kirkendoll 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.

## COL. GUY PETIT IS LIONS CLUB SPEAKER

### Auctioneer Talks To Decatur Lions

Col. Guy Petit 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. Petit, who is a member of the staff of the Rappert 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.

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

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

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Dietiker and small son Curt of Delta, Ohio were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Neirer 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.

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 begin 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.

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.

The president sent to congress today a long-range program for development of a 34,000 mile trans-continental 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.

**Third Brother**

Edgar Steele is the third member of his family to be given federal prison sentences for selective service violations. Two of his brothers, Clyde, 23, and Ralph, 23, were sentenced to four-year terms last April when they were convicted by a jury in the Fort Wayne court on a similar charge.

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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## MAJOR GEO. BOWERS

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

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## EDGAR STEELE GUILTY

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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

shattered the silence, and the major strode to the body, proclaiming that "justice has been done."

Ciano's body was taken immediately to a Verona cemetery, together with those of the other four executed. It is expected to be sent later to the family chapel in Leghorn where his father is buried.

## Clearance Girls Coats

Size	Color	Material	Trim	Former Sale Price	Price
Jr. 12	Red Reversible	Wool Shetland		16.95	11.95
Jr. 14	Red	Wool Shetland		15.95	13.95
Jr. 14	Red	Wool Shetland		15.95	13.95
Jr. 12	Red	Wool Shetland		19.95	13.95
Jr. 16	Tan	Tweed	Button In Lining	19.95	14.95
16	Blue	Needlepoint	Fox Collar	42.95	24.95
13	Tan	Camchairs	Raccoon Collar	49.95	35.00
15	Tan	Tweed	Fur Lined	32.95	22.95
14	Black	Wool Shetland		29.95	17.95
16	Red	Wool Shetland		24.95	18.95
14	Tan	Camchairs		29.95	17.95
20	Black	Wool Shetland		39.50	29.50
16	Brown	Tweed		29.95	17.95
18	Tan	Tweed		32.95	23.95
17	Brown	Tweed		29.95	17.95
18	Black	Wool Shetland		29.95	17.95
35	Black	Wool Crepe	Squirrel Collar	40.50	35.00
20	Black	Needlepoint	Oppossum	34.95	24.95
20	Black	Needlepoint	Crey Fox	49.50	29.95
35	Brown	Wool Shetland		29.95	22.95
38	Brown	Tweed	Raccoon	39.95	24.95
37	Black	Wool Shetland	Squirrel	48.50	35.00
44	Black	Tweed	Persian	37.95	24.95
45	Black	Needlepoint		22.95	16.95
39	Black	Needlepoint		23.95	17.95
13	Tan	Tweed		37.95	25.00
38	Brown	Wool Shetland	Fur Lined	32.95	22.95
20	Brown	Tweed		42.95	27.95
20	Cocoa Tan	Camelhair	Squirrel	49.50	34.95
35	Crown	Needlepoint			

24

Red

Tan

Tan

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Blue

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Brown

Tan

Tan