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MAP OF THE SECTION of southeast Wyoming where 66 persons died when their plane crashed and burned against the east escarpment of Medicine Bow Peak. The plane, a United Air Lines aircraft, enroute from New York to San Francisco, was reported overdue at Salt Lake City after leaving Denver. Crew of the aircraft were (below from left) Capt. C. C. Cooke, 35, of Menlo Park, Calif.; Stewardess Patricia Shuttleworth, 22, of Salt Lake City, and First Officer Ralph D. Salisbury, 33, of Palo Alto, Calif.

66 Killed In Plane Crash In Wyoming

Worst Commercial Airplane Mishap In History Of Nation

MEDICINE BOW PEAK, Wyo. (INS) — The grisly task of bringing down 66 bodies from Medicine Bow Peak, scene of America's worst commercial airplane mishap in history, started this morning in sub-freezing weather.

Dozens of volunteer rescue workers battled snow and the danger of rock slides to recover broken bodies from the wreckage of a United Air Lines DC-4 which plummeted into the 12,005-foot peak Thursday morning.

The four-engine airliner carried 64 adults and two babies to their deaths when it crashed about 100 feet from the top of the towering peak.

Rescue ground parties trekked to the scene from Laramie, Rawlins and Medicine Bow. It was almost four hours from the time the plane's wreckage was spotted from the air until a sheriff's posse from Rawlins was able to reach the scene.

Volunteer workers made an attempt to recover bodies Thursday afternoon but were turned back by a raging snowstorm and gathering darkness. It is not unusual when early winter air crashes occur in the area to delay recovery operations until the next spring.

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Indiana's Appalling Traffic Toll Grows

Accidents Thursday Increase Death Toll

INDIANAPOLIS (INS) — Indiana's appalling mountain of dead bodies from highway crashes grew higher today. The toll for the year already was at a frightening high of 810 men, women and children at the time of the last weekly summary was issued by Indiana state police.

Two persons were killed in a midnight crash on rain-swept Ind. 37 one and one-half miles south of Bedford. Violet June Earl Conley, 31, of Bedford, and Wayne Edward, 31, of Mitchell, died of fractured skulls when the pick-up truck in which they were riding was hit by a truck.

State troopers said that the smaller truck, believed to have been driven by Edward L. Strother, 49, of Bedford, apparently ran off the road, then swerved back onto the pavement in front of the semi-tractor trailer truck driven by Wilfred J. Cardinal, 40, of Overland, Mo.

Strother was reported in serious condition at a Bedford hospital and Cardinal suffered minor injuries.

The collision of a skidding car and a truck on a curve of U. S. 12 cost the life of Joseph H. McCormack, 58, of Chicago, and also killed his Great Dane dog, who was riding on the seat beside him.

The crash occurred late Thursday near Chesterton. Police said McCormack was traveling at high speed when he slid sideways into a truck driven by Raymond E. Davis, 52, of East Chicago. Davis was not hurt.

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GE Offer Is Rejected By UE Officers

Meeting Adjourned Thursday; No More Meetings Scheduled

NEW YORK (Special) — The 20th meeting between the General Electric company and the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America (UE), was adjourned in New York Thursday with no further meetings scheduled and with no hope for progress in sight.

A company spokesman said, "Apparently the UE officials prefer to continue the present contract unchanged until Sept. 15, 1956, instead of working out a new agreement on the company's five-year package offer which provides for more than 30 features for pay and benefit increases."

"To UE-represented employees in Decatur, this meeting has serious and profound consequences, not only for the apparently helpless employees who must yield to the whims of national politics in the UE, but also for the community. It certainly now seems that GE employees in Decatur are destined to lose the pay increases and other benefit improvements offered by GE for a period as long as a year and perhaps longer."

"Some idea of the losses UE-represented employees at Decatur are already suffering as the result of the delaying tactics of their bargaining officials is indicated by the fact that they have already sacrificed close to an estimated \$20,000 in pay increases and in just one of the nine pension improvements alone. One of the new pension features offered by the company would eliminate a one percent-of-pay employee pension contribution, thus substantially further increasing the take-home pay of all present participants in the pension program. Equally important, not only have important improvements in the pension program been made, but no loss in coverage will occur as a result of the reduction of contributions. The company's offer also included many other benefits, many of which are particularly appealing to women and long-service employees. Some union officials have estimated the five-year package program offered by General Electric to be equal to an estimated 48 cents an hour wage improvement."

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Fish Fry's Ticket

Sale Ends Saturday Remaining Tickets On Sale Tomorrow

Robert Lane, chairman of ticket sales for the annual Chamber of Commerce-Adams county fish fry to be held next Thursday, reaffirmed today that ticket sales will close Saturday.

All tickets unsold by this evening will be picked up from the various locations and placed in two downtown spots Saturday for final sales.

These tickets will be available only at the First State Bank and Peterson's clothing store Saturday night and the city campaign will start in full force, Bernard Clark, city Democrat chairman of the 1955 drive.

There are only a limited number of tickets unsold, both in the \$1.50 and \$2 price range. When the \$1.50 tickets are exhausted, the \$2 tickets may be purchased by non-members.

The annual fish fry will be held at 6:30 p. m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at the Decatur high school gym. A sufficient supply of fish has been ordered to assure plenty of food for all who attend.

An entertaining program has been arranged, featuring the men's chorus of the Northern Indiana Public Service Co., and Clint Milliken and his wife Ruth, entertaining magicians. Louis Jacobs, chairman of the retail division of the Chamber of Commerce, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Henry Heffner, 81, of Goshen, succumbed to injuries received in a car-pedestrian accident. Goshen's first traffic death in more than a year.

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INDIANA WEATHER
Clearing and cooler tonight. Saturday fair. Low tonight 42-46 north, 45-50 south. High Saturday 63-68 north, 68-73 south.

Decatur, Indiana, Friday, October 7, 1955.

Threat Of Renewal Of Violence Voiced For Perfect Circle Plant

Pinay Battles

To Save Faure Government

Premier Of France May Lose Out On Policy In Africa

PARIS (INS) — French foreign minister Antoine Pinay today jumped into the national assembly battle on North African policy in an attempt to save the life of premier Edgar Faure's embattled government.

Pinay all but spelled out a French threat to launch a cold war offensive against Spain and Egypt in retaliation for radio broadcasts stirring up trouble in French North Africa among rebellious tribesmen.

It was believed Pinay might rally some support among his independent group for the premier's policy, but the chances that the government would survive a right-wing onslaught were still considered.

The Gaullists turned against the government. Faure was unable to count on the Socialists in a showdown. Many moderates were hesitant. Only his Radical Socialists and Popular Republicans (MRP) appeared willing to support him in a confidence test.

Pinay indicated new steps would be taken to counteract the allegedly inflammatory broadcasts by radio Cairo and radio Tetuan, in Spanish Morocco.

He recalled France had suspended arms deliveries recently to Egypt and made a series of protests to Madrid.

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Five Admitted To Citizenship Here Proceedings Held In Circuit Court

Five persons were admitted to citizenship in the United States of America during naturalization proceedings this morning in a jammed circuit court room.

The five were Isaac Garza Menendez of Monroe route one, formerly of Mexico; Manuel Monroy Gonzalez of Decatur, formerly of Mexico; Bawel and Julia Gorb of Monroe, formerly of Ukraine, and Endre Sipos of Decatur, a former citizen of Hungary.

Students from all of the county's high schools filled the court room to capacity to witness the process by which these persons became naturalized citizens.

The ceremony opened with invocation by the Rev. Otto Busse, pastor of the Preble Lutheran church. Naturalization examiner Stanton W. Smiley of the Hammond office then presented the five for naturalization and moved that they be admitted to citizenship.

Judge Myles Parrish granted the motion and admitted them after explaining the naturalization laws and asking questions to determine that they were willing to renounce allegiance to foreign or enemy powers and to support the United States.

Following the oath of allegiance taken by the five persons, Judge Parrish addressed them, explaining the meaning of citizenship by tracing the history of the United States. He emphasized that the population of this country is made up of representatives of all countries.

Judge Parrish told them, "In this dignity of being an American you shall not be a subject, you shall be a citizen; and being a citizen you are joint heirs with all other Americans of all those great Americans by whom this constitution of the United States was ordained."

The pledge of allegiance to the (Continued on Page Seven)

Nixon Meets Second Time With Cabinet

No Announcement Is Made On Subjects Discussed At Meet

WASHINGTON (INS) — The Eisenhower cabinet met with Vice President Richard M. Nixon today for its second session since the President was stricken with a heart attack.

The White House meeting also was attended by presidential assistant Sherman Adams, who presumably brought instructions from Denver where Mr. Eisenhower is hospitalized.

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6 To 10 Satellites Are Being Planned Used In Different Type Experiments

WASHINGTON (INS) — Navy scientists think that one or more of the U. S. earth satellites to be launched in 1956 may circle the earth for a year or perhaps longer.

The researchers said a slight "miscalculation" might put one of the basketball-sized "space laboratories" into an orbit high enough above the earth's magnetic pull to let it remain there indefinitely.

It was revealed Thursday that the navy scientists are responsible for planning several of the artificial satellites to be launched during the international geophysical year.

So far the defense department has contracted for only one of the man-made moons, but the national academy of scientists said six to 10 of them are planned.

Dr. Homer Newell, one of the scientists working on the newly-named "Project Vanguard" at the naval research laboratory, told International News Service that several satellites would be useful for different types of experiments.

Newell said a "slide rule" formula has been worked out for determining the length of time an artificial "moon" would stay aloft.

He explained:

1. If an attempt to create a satellite at an altitude of only 100 miles, it would not circle the earth even once. Friction and gravity would bring it down too soon.

2. But if the closest approach of the satellite's initial orbit is 200 miles, it will continue to circle the earth for about 15 days. This is the satellite which the Pentagon has authorized the Glenn L. Martin company of Baltimore to build at a cost of \$2,035,000.

3. If the closest approach of the satellite were 300 miles, it would continue to circle the earth for about a year. Such a satellite is needed, Newell said, for "geodetic" studies involving the use of satellites to determine exact distances (Continued on Page Five)

Truce Efforts In New Castle Strike Collapse

Spokesman Of Union Advances Possible Renewed Violence

NEW CASTLE, Ind. (INS) — The possibility of renewed violence at the strike-ridden Perfect Circle foundry where eight persons were shot and wounded was advanced today by a spokesman for the CIO-United Auto Workers.

William F. Caldwell, international representative of the striking UAW, told a public meeting after truce efforts collapsed that Indiana unionists may once again march against the company in New Castle where a pitched battle took place Wednesday.

Clyde Hoffman, attorney for Perfect Circle, said in reply:

"We are just not in a position to close that plant."

A company spokesman told newsmen that the firm plans to reopen just as soon as 600 Indiana national guardsmen who are patrolling the strike-torn industrial city of 18,000 are withdrawn.

He added that the firm would first get permission from law enforcement authorities before production is resumed.

The plant was shut down following the riot Wednesday when 5,000 sympathizers converged with UAW-CIO strikers on 100 nonstrikers armed and barricaded inside the factory. Eight persons were shot and wounded in the demonstration.

A representative of Perfect Circle admitted that the plant had been stocked with firearms as a protective measure taken with the full knowledge of police.

Union officials walked out of a meeting with management late Thursday in the office of Mayor Paul F. McCormack. The mayor admitted that "We gained little ground" in the first conference in weeks in the 11-week old strike.

The issues involved included a deadlock over a union shop, a lay-off plan and wages.

Meanwhile, the state militia, acting under a limited martial law edict by Gov. George N. Craig to check violence, continued to ring the plant. They also were stationed at road blocks on highways near the plant to check possible violence.

Mayor McCormack ordered that the foundry remain closed until Monday "to let things simmer down," although management officials said they hoped to reopen the plant today.

After walking out of the meeting, the company, said:

"Since we cannot reach agreement at this meeting, we have come to the end, so