

## HAPPY ENDING FOR BENNY



**HIS ARM IN A SLING** the only mark of his harrowing experience, little Benny Hooper, who one week ago was buried in a well-shaft precipitating heroic efforts to save his life, leaves Bayview Hospital in his home town of Mastie Beach, N. Y. With him are his dad, Benjamin Sr., his mother and sister and a new member of the family, a dog given Benny by an admirer.

## Ike Summons Top Advisers To Conference

### Unusual Saturday Conference Held On Disarmament Plans

**BULLETIN** WASHINGTON (UP)—President Eisenhower today approved the new U. S. disarmament proposals to be submitted when talks with Russia resume in London on Monday.

WASHINGTON (UP)—President Eisenhower today summoned top advisers to an unusual Saturday meeting at the White House to stamp final approval on new American disarmament proposals.

The ideas that came out of the special morning conference will be carried to London where disarmament negotiations with Russia are scheduled to resume Monday. Presidential disarmament adviser Harold E. Stassen plans to leave here Sunday for the conference.

Besides Stassen, others called to the White House meeting were Secretary of State John Foster Dulles; Deputy Defense Secretary Donald A. Quarles; Lewis L. Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission; Adm. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Robert Cutler, the President's adviser on national security matters.

**Follows Friday Session** Most of these officials sat in on a three-and-one-half hour meeting at the State Department Friday afternoon to hash over the disarmament problem. Vice President Richard M. Nixon also attended Friday's session. No details were divulged afterwards.

One of the big problems facing the United States is finding an agreed U. S. position on areas for testing out Eisenhower's "open skies" aerial inspection plan. The Russians put forward a proposal accepting the plan on a partial basis and now are waiting for a U. S. reply.

**Deemed Unsatisfactory** The United States has indicated this is unsatisfactory because it gives the Russians too many important American areas to check while giving U. S. inspectors rather minor ones to check in Russia. (Continued on Page Six)

## Mack Reece Dies At Home In Mansfield

Mack Reece, a native and former resident of Mansfield, O., died suddenly at 6 o'clock this morning at his home in Mansfield, O. No details were received as to the cause of death.

Survivors include his wife, the former Emma Reinling; two daughters and one son, all of Mansfield; three sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Hurler of Mansfield, Mrs. Kenneth Baney of Findlay, O., and Mrs. Fay Scheartz of Decatur; and two brothers, Frank Reece of Mansfield, and George Reece of Mansfield. Funeral services will be held Monday.

## Kiefer Sentenced To Death For Murder

### Fort Wayne Man Is Convicted By Jury

**FORT WAYNE (UP)**—Richard Kiefer, 36, Fort Wayne, Friday night was sentenced to die in the electric chair at Indiana State Prison before sunrise on Sept. 27 for the brutal slaying of his wife last Jan. 15.

The sentence was imposed by Allen Circuit Judge William Shannen after a jury of nine men and three women deliberated for more than 30 hours before returning a verdict of guilty of first-degree murder.

Kiefer earlier signed a three-page statement in which he confessed the brutal murder of his wife, Pearl, 36, and daughter, Dorothy, 5, in the basement of their home. He said he beat both to death with a small hammer and slashed their bodies with a kitchen knife. The little girl's body was half stuffed down a laundry drain.

Asked by Shannen if there were any legal reason why his punishment should not be carried out, Kiefer replied "the only thing I can say is that I did not premeditate it."

Shannen answered: "That is not a legal reason. The jury reached the only verdict in good conscience it could have. It was not an easy thing to do. No one likes to do it, but this is a country of law. No man has a right to take a life. You may be wondering why your life is being taken. It is not being taken, you have forfeited your life."

"Thou Shalt Not Kill" means no one has a right to go out and kill. If we have no laws, we have no country, no government. The members of the jury have had a hard job and by their forthright decision told the people of Allen County they will not allow murder to go unpunished in this county."

Kiefer covered his face with his hands when Shannen ordered him put to death.

His son, Paul, 16, and daughter, Caroline, 14, only surviving members of the family, both rushed up to their father and embraced him as he was being led from the courtroom. Caroline became hysterical and had to be removed from the room.

Kiefer said in his statement he argued with his wife when she complained he spent much money on fishing and drinking.

Shortly after the double slaying, Kiefer drove to Chicago and registered under a fictitious name in a hotel. He was the object of a four-state manhunt before he returned to Fort Wayne voluntarily and gave himself up about 48 hours later.

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## Lawrence Goodin Dies At Bluffton

Lawrence Goodin, 71, prominent Bluffton businessman, well known in Decatur, died unexpectedly at 7:15 p. m. Friday at his home. He had been in failing health for 18 months. He was a member of the First Methodist church and the Rotary club. He operated the Goodin Motor Co. for many years.

Surviving are his wife, Goldie; a daughter, Miss Peggy Goodin, nationally known author, and a half-sister, Mrs. Ella Snow of near Keystone. Friends may call at the Thoma funeral home after 7 p. m. today until noon Monday, when the body will be taken to the Methodist church for services

## Mandamus Suit Filed Today On Township Line

### Trustee Of Wabash Township Asks Land In Berne Returned

A mandamus suit against county auditor Edward F. Jaberg in the Adams county circuit court was filed today, asking the court to direct the auditor to show that Berne, south of Main street, lies in Wabash township.

The suit, brought by Wabash township trustee L. A. "Gus" Mann, in behalf of his township, was filed today by his attorneys, Custer & Smith.

The mandamus suit will not affect the city of Berne, or its school taxes. It will only affect the civil townships of Monroe and Wabash on the minor rates of trustee's fund and poor relief fund. This amounts to seven cents in Monroe township and 29 cents in Wabash township.

Changing of the approximately \$1,500,000 in tax evaluation from Monroe civil township to Wabash civil township would increase by 50 percent Wabash's total assessment, and lower its tax rate. It would very slightly raise Monroe township's civil rate.

More important, it would affect voting for the Wabash and Monroe township trustees, and for county councilmen from the third and fourth districts. Berne C. precinct, with 683 voters, would be changed from Monroe to Wabash township, and from the third to the fourth councilmanic district.

The problem is a knotty one for county officials. Since a petition was first filed a week ago, on behalf of the Wabash township trustee to make the change, lawyers, officials, and township trustees have worked on the problem.

Where does the problem start? Indiana became a state in 1816, with its present boundaries. Originally Adams county was part of Knox county. From 1818 until 1823 it was part of Randolph county, with Winchester as county seat.

In 1823 Adams county was transferred to Allen county, where it remained as Root township of that county until 1836. In 1835 the state legislature authorized the establishment of Adams county, among 13 others. On January 23, 1836, the governor issued a writ calling for an election of officers in Adams county for the first Monday of April for that year.

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## Subpenas Are Served On Three Witnesses

### Beck's Son And Two Others Are Located

**SEATTLE (UP)**—Dave Beck Jr. and two other long-sought witnesses were under subpoena today to appear "forthwith" before the Senate Rackets Investigating Committee.

Beck's father is under investigation by a Senate racket committee for his conduct as head of the Teamsters Union.

The son of the Teamsters boss was the first of three long-sought witnesses to be subpoenaed Friday. He was served at 11 a. m. c. d. t. and 3 hours and 10 minutes later Joseph McEvoy, a nephew of the elder Beck's wife, voluntarily accepted a subpoena at the home of U. S. Marshal W. Budd Parsons.

Later in the day Fred Verschueren Sr., a Teamster auditor, was subpoenaed at Providence Hospital where he was a patient.

Another man, Norman Gessert, originally was among the missing witnesses but was served in Ellensburg, Wash., and appeared before the committee before it recessed.

Sen. John L. McClellan, an Arkansas Democrat and chairman of the Senate committee, said in Washington young Beck should get in touch with the committee immediately although no date has been set for his appearance.

The committee has been told that young Beck was installed as president of a beer distributing firm at his father's insistence. Officials of Anheuser-Busch Inc. testified Beck Sr. demanded his son get a nickel a case on all Budweiser sold in Alaska plus \$1,000 a month.

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INDIANA WEATHER

Mostly cloudy and warmer with scattered showers and thunderstorms tonight and Sunday. Low tonight 58 to 65. High Sunday 78 to 85. Outlook for Monday: Partly cloudy and a little cooler.

# Chiang Takes Personal Command Over Serious Situation In Formosa

## At Least 31 Tornadoes Hit In Southwest

### Four Persons Dead, Several Missing In Storm-Lashed Area

**LAWTON, Okla. (UP)**—At least 31 tornadoes swept across the storm-battered southwest late Friday, killing four persons, injuring a countless number of others and destroying more than 200 homes and one school.

Several other persons were reported missing and searchers feared the death toll would mount. Forecasters said the prevailing weather today posed a threat of new twisters over the five-state area of Texas, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Colorado and Kansas.

**Lawton Hardest Hit** Friday's outbreak, which followed a wave of tornadoes that struck the area earlier this week, was described by the U. S. Weather Bureau as one of the worst in a single day in years.

Hardest hit was the town of Lawton, in southwest Oklahoma, where all four recorded deaths occurred. Ten others were hurt, four seriously, when three twisters rocketed through the small farming community almost simultaneously.

The new rash of twisters brought to at least 181 the number that has swept across the Southwest this week. More than 50 persons were reported killed in an earlier siege on Monday and Tuesday.

**Planes In Jeopardy** Friday's injured included several airborne persons. Pilot James Ruscoe and stewardess Diane Durham, of Flushing, N. Y., received head and rib injuries when thrown about the cabin of a chartered C46 plane buffeted by a twister between Amarillo, Tex., and Tucuman, N. M. The plane, carrying 39 soldiers, had just skirted one tornado when it ran into the edge of another. None of the soldiers were injured.

Thirty homes were destroyed at Olton, in the South Plains country of Texas, below the Panhandle. Fifteen homes suffered major damage and 10 others minor damage. Ten persons were hurt at Olton.

## NOON EDITION

## Greater Decatur Fund Is Still Short Of Goal

"Is Berne's industrialization program going ahead fast enough to push Decatur into the background?" is a question bothering Decatur merchants today.

While local merchants bicker over store hours here, Berne's active Chamber of Commerce, under the able guidance of its new president, Fred Von Gunten, has quietly taken up options on the four major industrial land sites bordering that city.

The options, running from a minimum of 6 months, are made over to officers of the Berne Chamber, as the Chamber itself cannot take an option. This enables the Chamber to tell any industry just how much a given piece of land would cost. It keeps down the chances of a land owner driving an industry from the city by asking too much of a prospective buyer. Berne's options run upward from \$500 an acre for the least likely location for industrial sites.

An industry hiring 50 persons has agreed to lease a building in Berne for three years, if some group in that city will build it. At present the Berne Chamber is having trouble raising the money for the land and building.

Decatur plans to avert that trouble by having the land already purchased for such an industry. At present, however, a note is outstanding on the land, and the "Greater Decatur" group will not own it until the note is paid.

Meanwhile, Decatur citizens have apparently lost interest in the "Greater Decatur" fund. No money has been donated since pledges were taken last fall for the purchase of part of the Scheimann property as an industrial site.

## One Of Road Scandal Indictments Junked

### Judge Refuses To Quash Other Counts

**INDIANAPOLIS (UP)**—Ten indictments against four key figures in Indiana's highway scandal remained in force today, but an 11th was junked because of a typographical error.

The one charge thrown out by Criminal Court Judge Scott McDonald accused Milan Attorney Robert Peak of false notarization. Prosecutor John Tindler indicated Peak would be indicted on the same charge again next Tuesday.

MDonald overruled Friday motions to quash other counts against Peak and the other three—former highway chairman Virgil (Red) Smith, former right-of-way director Nile Teverbaugh, and Teverbaugh's ex-assistant, Harry Doggett.

A Marion County grand jury indicted them May 2 on charges of conspiracy to steal and embezzle in connection with land-buying deals along the Madison Ave. expressway route here.

Smith and Teverbaugh also were charged with embezzlement. McDonald set June 5 as the date of the next court appearance.

Meanwhile, Governor Handley told a newsman he would not send a "primer" to Lake County Prosecutor Metro Holovachka on how to get evidence, from the Highway Department on scandals in the Calumet area.

Handley and Highway Chairman John Peters have promised full cooperation to Holovachka, a Democrat. In any criminal investigation, But Holovachka complained Peters failed to send him any information.

Handley said Holovachka has been told he could send investigators to the Highway Department just as Marion County Prosecutor John Tindler did. But he added, "I'm not going to send him a primer" on how to get it done.

"If he's interested, as he should be, he will be down here," Handley said.

## Brother Of Decatur Ladies Dies Friday

Jay N. Markel, of Centerville, O., died at noon Friday at the Miami Valley hospital at Dayton, O. Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. J. Ward Calland and Mrs. Frank Alton, both of Decatur. Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p. m. Monday at the Routsong funeral home at Dayton.

## Catholic High, Eighth Grade Grads Listed

### Annual Graduation Exercises Will Be Held Here June 7

Commencement for 22 seniors and 42 eighth graders of the Decatur Catholic schools will be held in the school auditorium Friday evening, June 7, at 8 o'clock. It was announced today by Sister M. Rosemary, C.S.A., principal.

Included in the list of candidates for high school graduation diplomas are Lawrence Ehinger, Thomas Ehler, Ronald Ford, Anthony Gillig, David Heimann, Marjorie Kohne, Edward Laurent, Ruth Lengerich, Stephen Litchfield, Gerald Loshe, Ronald Meyer.

Nancy Mies, Ann Miller, Elizabeth Miller, Michael Murphy, Patrick Teeple, Janice Titus, Margaret Ulman, David Voglewede, Eleanor Wernhoff, Rosalie Wilder, and Alan Wiseman.

Eighth grade graduates will be Patricia Alberding, James Baker, Judy Baker, Sue Ann Baker, Rosemary Baker, Russel Bowers, Gary Coffee, Nancy Colchin, Patricia Cook, Patrick Ellenberger, Joan Gage, Nancy Gase, Kenneth Geimer, Kathleen Hain.

Marilyn Hake, Susanne Hess, Mary Lou Holthous, Nancy Holt, Carol Kable, Susan Keller, Donald Kison, Carolyn Kohne, Ann Fontaine, Edward Lengerich, Joan Lengerich, Philip Lose, Joanne Loshe, James McDonald.

John Meyer, Rita Miller, Lawrence Mills, George Mulligan, Ann Omior, David Omior, Raymond Reed, Carlos de la Riveria, Catherine Schnepf, Mary Schwallier, Lupe Serna, Robert Tricker, Gloria Voglewede and Mary Ellen Walter. The Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Seimet, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church and superintendent of the schools, will distribute the diplomas and awards to both graduating classes.

## Mental Health Fund Campaign Underway

### Funds Badly Needed For Mentally Ill

Announcement was made by Eli Stucky, Geneva, Adams county mental health chapter chairman, that funds are being solicited in the campaign to help those who are mentally ill.

Funds are needed badly and officers of the Adams county mental health association hope that the people of the county will contribute freely. Checks or cash may be left at any of the three banks in the county, the First Bank of Berne, the Bank of Geneva or the First State Bank of Decatur. In addition, the Adams county home demonstration clubs are helping with this worthy project and contributions may be given to any officer of any of these clubs.

Mental illness is the nation's No. 1 health problem because more people are afflicted and because it breaks up more homes for longer periods of time than any other sickness. Great strides have been made in the treatment and cure of mental illness. New drugs are being developed and new treatment prescribed and all this costs money. That is why funds are urgently needed.

The Indiana mental health association and its affiliated county chapters have launched an eight-point program to give more efficient help to the mentally ill. This program is as follows:

- 1—Helping discharged patients make a new start.
- 2—Remembering 2700 forgotten patients.
- 3—Christmas gifts for patients.
- 4—Recruiting hospital volunteers.
- 5—Getting sick people out of jail.
- 6—Educating the public.
- 7—Encouraging and financing research and the training of psychiatric nurses.

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## Fear Formosa Riots Will Hurt Aid Bill

### Fear Expressed By Some Congressmen

**WASHINGTON (UP)**—Some congressmen feared today that the sacking of the U. S. embassy in Nationalist China may hurt President Eisenhower's foreign aid bill.

Rep. John Vorys (R-Ohio), a key member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said he expects opponents of foreign aid to cite the Formosa developments during House floor debate on the aid bill.

Vorys spoke out sharply in criticism of Chinese mobs which stormed the embassy Friday in protest against the acquittal of a U. S. soldier in the death of a Chinese laborer.

"It makes me pretty hot," Vorys said. "I think they'd better get their shirts on and show a little understanding."

The incident raised other congressional temperatures and brought demands affecting other aspects of American foreign policy. Sen. A. Willis Robertson (D-Va.) insisted the Army consider bringing home some of its troops stationed in 72 countries around the world.

Robertson said the Formosa incident squared with other reports that friction is developing steadily in foreign countries where "we would ordinarily look for friendship" because of U. S. aid.

Rep. Frank Bow (R-Ohio) said he will try to attach a rider to the foreign aid bill to do away with the status of forces agreement with other nations. Under such agreements U. S. troops can be tried in foreign courts for off-duty offenses committed away from the base.

Bow said he has written to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles asking if the United States is conducting negotiations for a status of forces agreement with Nationalist China, as reported in press dispatches. If so, he said, he would demand the negotiations be broken off.

Sen. Bourke B. Hickenlooper (Iowa), a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, said it was too early to tell whether the Chinese riots will have any effect on U. S. aid to Formosa. However, he said, "we will act in our own defense."

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## Elizabeth Doehrmann Outstanding Student

### Named Outstanding At Purdue Center

Miss Elizabeth Mae Doehrmann, of route 1, Decatur, was named Fort Wayne Purdue Center's outstanding student for the current year at the center's annual recognition night Friday evening.

Miss Doehrmann, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Doehrmann, is a sophomore at the center. She is a graduate of Hoagland high school.

Center director Dr. R. M. Bateman, master of ceremonies for the program given each year to pay tribute to those who have been outstanding academically and in extra-curricular activities, noted that Miss Doehrmann was not only a top-notch student, but also found time to take part in a number of center extra-curricular programs.

She is listed, with seven other students, in the distinguished student category for the year, and has been a member of the student senate for the past two years. She was vice-president of the senate during last semester.

Miss Doehrmann also belongs to the math club, Harlequin club, and several social activity committees. She was chairman of the student record sessions, and was student librarian last year.

The distinguished student rating, the highest academic citation, also went to Miss Doehrmann's sister, Evelyn Jane Doehrmann.

Richard Rice, of route 1, Decatur, a technical student graduate of Purdue center this year, attended the recognition night program, and a banquet earlier last night honoring him, and the 20 other graduates of the institute.

## United States Makes Strong Riot Protest

### Nationalist Leader Returns To Taipei To Take Command

**TAIPEI, Formosa (UP)**—President Chiang Kai-shek returned to Taipei today from his retreat in southern Formosa to take personal command in the tense situation arising from the anti-American riots, it was officially announced.

Foreign Minister George Yeh conferred by phone with the generalissimo at his vacation home on Sun Moon Lake during the height of the demonstrations which erupted in Taipei Friday.

The United States made a strong protest against the riots in which at least 12 Americans were injured and the U. S. embassy and other American property wrecked.

Nationalist Chinese officials held almost continuous meetings today to consider the situation and discuss how the breach with the United States could be repaired.

**Rankin Drives In City** Premier O. K. Yui's cabinet met in emergency session amid growing rumors it would resign as a gesture of apology to the American government. However, the prospect of such action appeared less likely by the hour.

U. S. Ambassador Karl Rankin rode through the city in his American-made automobile with an American flag flying from a front fender. One White Nationalist Chinese military police jeep provided an escort.

Rankin, who was stoned Friday, drove to the Foreign Ministry where he conferred with officials for about 30 minutes.

Chinese officials said Rankin's protest was a verbal one. They decided to say whether a formal written protest had been received from the U. S. government.

The rampaging Chinese mobs sacked the U. S. embassy and other American buildings before troops and police swarmed through the city to disperse them.

Taipei was under martial law. Lt. Gen. Huang Tsen Wu, Taipei garrison commander, issued an edict making 10 specific crimes punishable by death.

**Troops Patrol Streets** Thousands of Nationalist troops patrolled the city on foot and in vehicles to crush any attempted new outbreak.

The orgy of violence was touched off by the acquittal by a U. S. Army court-martial of an American sergeant on charges of shooting a Chinese peeping tom.

The soldier M. Sgt. Robert G. Reynolds, of Coloma, Md., was flown out of Formosa with his wife Friday. A mob tried to attack the car carrying them to the airport.

At least 10,000 Chinese participated in the rioting. They left the U. S. Embassy, the U. S. Information Agency headquarters and other American buildings in shambles. They smashed and burned American automobiles, attacked Americans and stoned U. S. Ambassador Karl Rankin.

Rankin flew back hurriedly from Hong Kong Friday. He visited the wrecked embassy compound with Chinese Nationalist Foreign Minister George Yeh. A Chinese hurled a brick at his car.

**Secret Papers Rifled** The compound was littered with office equipment and documents hurled from the windows by the inflamed mob. Unable to gain entry into the embassy code room because of the iron door, a number of rioters smashed through a wall and scattered top secret papers, including the American code, to the winds.

Automobiles and trucks in the compound were set afire. The United States flag was torn down and a Nationalist banner run up in its stead.

Many Americans were man-handled in the streets. Crowds menaced Americans in automobiles. Before the riots were quelled, the mob also vented its fury on the Taipei police headquarters. Rioters stormed the police station (Continued on Page Five)