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FAITHFUL PRAY FOR STRICKEN PONTIFF—Roman Catholics kneel in St. Peter's Square in prayer for the recovery of Pope Pius XII who suffered a cerebral stroke affecting his sight, movement and speech at his summer home, Castle Gandolfo in the Alban Hills. Vatican authorities here indicated the 82-year-old Pontiff has rallied to "urgent treatment," but grave fears are held for his survival and last rites have been administered.

Pope Regains Powers Over Mind, Speech

Official Caution 82-Year-Old Pope Still Gravely Ill

CASTEL GONDOLFO, Italy (UPI)—Pope Pius XII regained his full mental powers and his power of speech today in another surprising comeback from the brink of death but a high Vatican official cautioned that the frail 82-year-old Pontiff remained "gravely ill."

A medical bulletin this morning said the Pope passed a generally good night, despite a brief recurrence of hiccups, regained use of his senses, took some food and continued to improve. It added there were no signs of paralysis.

But it still was an unpredictable battle between life and death for the spiritual leader of the world's 450 million Roman Catholics. He suffered a stroke and a "kidney crisis" Monday morning.

Four doctors who have attended him at the papal summer villa in the Alban Hills south of Rome since Monday appeared to be waiting cautiously to see if the Pope's remarkable recovery was a genuine improvement or the result of the Pontiff's own formidable stamina and will power.

Continues to Improve
Prof. Antonio Gasbarrini, one of the doctors attending the Pope, said no prognosis (forecast of the course of a disease and the outlook afforded by this) could be made for another two or three days. Medical experts feared a second stroke might be fatal.

Millions of persons around the world, praying for the Pope's recovery, drew encouragement from the wording of this morning's medical bulletin.

It said that his condition "on the whole continues to improve," that he was lucid following periods of unconsciousness Monday, and that his temperature, pulse and respiration were normal.

The communiqué added that there were no signs of paralysis, the hiccups had disappeared again this morning, and the Pontiff was able to take some food.

Church sources added that the Pope received Holy Communion this morning following a Mass said in the chapel adjoining his second floor bedroom.

Mid-afternoon announcements said the Pontiff's condition remained "unchanged" during the day.

A further consultation of the doctors was expected later tonight, possibly to be followed by a bulletin.

Should there be no change, the bulletin may be deferred until Wednesday morning.

INDIANA WEATHER

Mostly cloudy, scattered showers and a few thunderstorms likely north, partly cloudy, chance of a few scattered showers or thunderstorms south tonight. Wednesday partly cloudy, chance of a few widely scattered showers. Not much change in temperature. Low tonight 56 to 62. High Wednesday 78 to 84. Sunset today 5:18 p.m. c.s.t., 6:18 p.m. c.d.t. Sunrise Wednesday 5:47 a.m. c.s.t., 6:47 a.m. c.d.t. Outlook for Thursday: Partly cloudy and continued warm with scattered showers. Low Wednesday night low 60s. High Thursday mostly in 80s.

Indianapolis Poll Shows Hartke Lead

Republican Voting Switch Is Reported

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—Returns from a Marion County election poll of The Indianapolis News today showed Democrat Vance Hartke in front of Republican Governor Handley in their Senate race.

Hartke had 49.2 per cent and Handley 40 per cent.

The News said:

"Of those persons polled who said they voted for President Eisenhower in 1956, 27.8 per cent, or better than one voter in four, said they would vote for Hartke. Of those who voted for Stevenson in 1956, 6.2 per cent said they were shifting and would vote for Handley this year."

Hartke's greatest strength was among voters from 21 to 50 years old while those over 50 preferred the Governor, according to the poll, which is based on interviews.

The last postcard poll of The Indianapolis Times in Marion County gave Hartke a much larger margin, the percentages being Hartke 61.8 and Handley 38.2.

Brownson Leads Barr

However, the News poll showed Republican 11th District Rep. Charles B. Brownson had 54.9 per cent and his Democratic rival, Joseph W. Barr, only 45.1 per cent.

On the other hand, The Evansville Press poll reported Hartke trailing the governor in Hartke's home bailiwick, Vanderburgh County. The governor had 50.3 per cent and Hartke 49.7 per cent there.

Republican state leaders, in the face of Democratic power in the cities have begun a spirited drive to retain the traditional farm vote.

Indications are that this campaign is needed, for one of the leading Republicans in the state told this writer that his private poll of farm areas gives Hartke 58 per cent and Handley 42 per cent of the rural vote polled.

Silence Baffles All

The unusual silence of farm voters has baffled the politicos of both parties this year. Although farm prices are high, as of today, some grumbling has been noted from farmers because of the high

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Fire Prevention Is Stressed To Lions

Prevention Chief Speaks Last Night

"Fires don't just happen, they are caused," Capt. Theodore E. Peters, fire prevention chief for the Delco-Remy division of General Motors, Anderson, told the Decatur Lions club Monday night.

The club included the fire chief Cedric Fisher; the Decatur fire department, led by Art Burris; and the GE fire department, represented by Ray Schackley.

Capt. Peters showed how volatile gases are responsible for many fires, and how the combination of air and gas must be just right to touch off a bad fire. Conditions which will lead to high fire danger were explained.

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Berne Child Is Fatally Injured In Fall From Car In Front Of Home

United States Halts Escorts Of China Ships

No Escorts Unless China Reds Resume Firing On Islands

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The United States was resolved today to do or say nothing that would provoke the Chinese Communists to resume their bombardment of Quemoy.

American officials said the United States—without formally announcing it—was complying already with the cease-fire terms laid down by Red China.

The Chinese Communists stopped firing at Quemoy Sunday. They said their cease-fire would continue for one week if the United States stopped escorting Nationalist Chinese convoys from Formosa to its beleaguered out-

"You can bet there'll be no more U.S. escorts until or unless the bombardment resumes," one American official said.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was due back later today from a five-day vacation at his Duck Island retreat in Lake Ontario. He has issued no statements on the Chinese cease-fire and may be wary of saying much at present in view of the delicate situation.

Sen. Joseph S. Clark (D-Pa.) said Monday night the latest developments "justify the hope that the American people are winning their fight for peace in the Far East." In a speech at Lansdowne, Pa., he credited Democratic protests and said it was "important for all citizens to continue these protests in order to hold President Eisenhower to the conciliatory approach" he took last week.

Adm. Arleigh Burke, chief of naval operations, said however that withdrawal of U.S. support from the Chinese Nationalists defending Quemoy Island would be "objection to the Communists use of force."

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Mental Health Aided By Community Fund

One Of Agencies In Campaign On Here

The Adams county mental health association is the eighth organization which is included in the contributions given to the Decatur Community Fund drive which started Monday.

The association will receive \$600 of the \$18,485 to be raised during the community fund drive. This money is used for different programs set up during the year. A part of it stays within the county, and a certain percentage goes to the state association.

A temporary restraining order presently forbids such leases Monday the U.S. Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals postponed until Oct. 15 its ruling on whether the restraint should be made permanent.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People went ahead with legal efforts to have nine Virginia schools reopened on an integrated basis. Hearings are scheduled later this week on petitions concerning schools in Norfolk, Charlottesville and Warren County.

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Burton Will Retire From Supreme Court

Harold H. Burton To Retire Oct. 13

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The retirement of Supreme Court Justice Harold H. Burton, will give President Eisenhower a majority of his own appointees on the court for the first time.

His other four appointees have all backed public school desegregation.

Burton, a one-time Republican senator from Ohio when he was named to the high tribunal by President Truman in 1945, notified the President he would leave the bench "with regret but in accordance with competent medical advice and with the best interests of all concerned." He was 70 years old June 22.

The President late Monday announced the retirement, effective Oct. 13.

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Reports China Reds Moving Up New Giant Guns

Nationalists Claim Giant Siege Guns Delivered To Reds

TAIPEI (UPI)—The Communists silenced their blockade batteries only to give them time to move giant 12-inch guns into place opposite the Quemoy and Matsu islands, intelligence reports indicated today.

The Communists have so far kept their promise to suspend the bombardment of the Quemoy for a week despite the refusal of the Chinese Nationalists to meet their terms.

The Defense Ministry announced, however, that observation posts in the outpost islands saw "large Communist troop and vehicular movements" around the silenced shore guns Monday.

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Russia Delivers Guns

Sources on Quemoy told UPI Correspondent Robert C. Miller, the only foreign newsmen on the scene, that Russia has delivered highly-accurate, long-range 12-inch guns to the Red-held coast.

Such guns, half again as large as the 8-inchers that had furnished the Communist "Sunday punch," could pound the Quemoy at what amounts to point-blank range. They also could blanket the Matsu, only lightly bombarded in the past because they were mostly out of range.

The heaviest artillery the Nationalists could oppose to Red 12-inch batteries would be the 8-inch howitzers recently supplied by the United States—weapons which would be hopelessly outranged by the big guns.

The county doesn't have the financial ability to withstand the explosion and remain prepared for any such incidents that might occur in the future. Anderson County can't afford the price of

the county home total \$988.39 for the month of September for the total population of 26 people, 20 males and six females.

The county highway report for the month is as follows: total miles traveled by trucks, 21,839; total miles graded, 2,078; total tons of stone hauled on roads, 1,592,889; total tons of stone built on roads, 1,764,245; four miles of black top were sealed; three miles of black top were built; 436 miles of road were mowed; 20 new catch basins were built; 2 catch basins were repaired.

The report also shows that 34 foot of stone back wall in Root township was installed; 32' x 36' on county road 38 in French township installed; two new abutments on county road 27 in Blue Creek township installed; one abutment on road 28 in Union township installed; two new abutments on county road 31 installed in Root township; one corrugated pipe 30' x 10' long on road 23 1/2 in Wabash township; one 33' x 12' pipe on road 20 in Wabash township; one 30' x 12' pipe on road 14 in Washington township; one 30' x 8' pipe on road 26 1/2 in St. Mary's township; one 30' x 10' pipe on road 28 in Jefferson township; and one pipe 20' x 12' on road six in Root township. Miscellaneous includes: brush cut; weeds cut; built tile wells; repaired tile; fixed washouts; erected signs; mowed ditches; sealed black top; repaired mail box approaches; hauled dirt; cleaned side ditches and hauled stone.

A petition for cleaning, brushing and repairing of the W. D. Reinhardt ditch in Preble township consisting of 22 names, presented to the board by Severin Schuriger, was referred to Herman Moeller, county surveyor.

The board of commissioners reported that Yost construction company had started the excavation of Berne. One son and one sister are deceased.

Funeral services will be conducted at 3 p.m. Thursday at the Yost funeral home in Berne, the Rev. C. A. Schmid officiating. Burial will be in the MRE cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 1:30 p.m. Wednesday until time of the services.

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Valdez Arraigned On Murder Charge

Alleged Killer Is In Jail At Celina

GREGORY PRADO VALDEZ, 36, who was indicted by the September term of the Mercer county, O., grand jury for second degree murder of Jesse Gomez, Berne transient worker, was arraigned in Celina, O., this afternoon on the charge.

Prosecuting attorney Dean James interviewed Valdez, and found that he was born in San Antonio, Texas, there through the tenth grade, and that he had attended school for some time in Ohio. He speaks both English and Spanish and no interpreter will be necessary, Dean added.

Valdez went into delirium tremens last week after six weeks of drinking wine, and sought help from a priest in the Catholic Wayside Mission in Aurora, Ill.

Valdez gave a fictitious name, and the police went to the city police department for assistance in helping Valdez. While under treatment and having one of his bad spells, Valdez mentioned that he was wanted for murder in the presence of a policeman.

That statement set the officers to checking, and they found one of the notices posted by sheriff Bruce Barber, of Celina.

Sheriff Barber was notified Thursday evening, and left at once to identify Valdez. When this was done, two deputies joined him and brought the man back by auto.

Surviving are three sons, Herman C. Ryf, east of Berne, and Rolland and Dale Ryf, both of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two brothers, Otto Ryf of Los Angeles, Calif., and Walter Ryf of Decatur route 3; and five sisters, Mrs. O. R. Simon and Miss Martha L. Ryf of Ingewood, Calif., Mrs. E. R. Eckrote of Santa Ana, Calif., Mrs. Edna Rinaker of Fort Wayne, and Mrs. Emma Reusser of Berne. One son and one sister are deceased.

Funeral services will be conducted by Radio Peiping, declared that the Red Chinese were as determined as ever to "liberate" the offshore islands including Formosa.

"No foreign interference will be tolerated at all" in the pursuance of this aim, he said.

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Decatur Declares Cease-Fire No Sign Of Weakness

LONDON (UPI)—Chinese Vice Premier Chen Yi warned the United States today not to mistake the Reds' temporary Formosa cease-fire for "weakness."

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MIAMI (UPI)—Hurricane Janice built up to 90 m.p.h. fury today 365 miles east of Daytona Beach but continued to churn northeastward, away from the mainland.

Andrews Girl Fatally Hurt Late Monday