

## Eight Chicago Police Officers Arrested In Roundup Of Theft Gang

### Karl F. Johnson Is Surveyor Candidate



Karl F. Johnson

Karl F. Johnson, of route 3, announced today that he is a candidate for the Republican nomination for surveyor of Adams county, subject to the May 3 primary election.

Johnson is the first Republican to announce for office this year. A registered professional engineer, No. 7580, Johnson is married and the father of four children. A 1944 graduate of Decatur high school, which he attended for two years following 10 years at Monmouth, Johnson is 33 years old. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson. Mrs. Johnson is the former Kathleen Noll, of Pleasant Mills.

Following high school graduation in 1944, Johnson entered the U.S. Navy, and served until 1946. After service, he entered Purdue University, and was graduated with a bachelor of science degree in 1950.

From 1950 until 1955 he served as a mine engineer with the Ken Coal Company, Beaver Dam, Ky., and from 1955 until 1957 he was an engineer with Yost Construction company in Decatur.

In 1958 Johnson was appointed county surveyor in Huntington county by the county commissioners of that county to fill the unexpired term of the deceased surveyor.

In 1959 he served as project engineer of bridge construction with the Indiana state highway department. Johnson is a member of the American Legion, Elks, and is a Mason, Royal Arch, Commandery, and Shriner.

### Severe Storm Sweeps Across Great Lakes

By United Press International  
A crippling snow storm, dropping up to 11 inches on northern plains states, swept eastward across the Great Lakes today.

Schools and roads were closed wholesale in Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska and Iowa as one of the season's worst storms piled up high drifts under the lashing of winds up to 50 miles an hour.

Four tornadoes, spawned by the clash between northern cold and southern warmth, caused damage in Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

New snows in Wisconsin threatened to send the Rock River rising again at Rockford, in northern Illinois, where 50 residents of a low-lying island were forced from their homes by flood waters.

The storm was expected to drop four more inches of snow in central Wisconsin today before driving into northern lower Michigan.

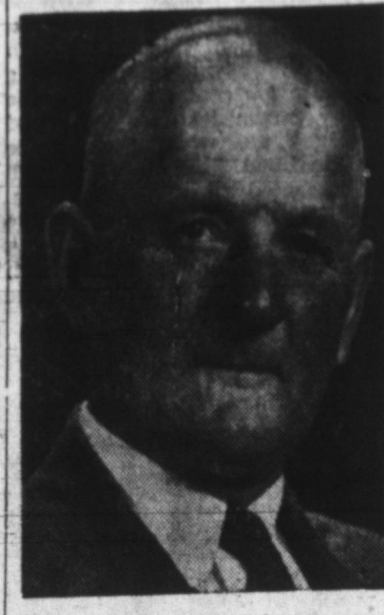
The Northeast, still recovering from a nine-inch snowfall, was pelted by freezing rain which produced hazardous driving from southwestern New England to Western Pennsylvania.

Thursday's snow storm dropped 10 inches in Kansas, six to 11 inches from northern Colorado through Nebraska and two to 11 inches across Iowa before moving into Wisconsin.

The floods, ice and snow were blamed for seven deaths — one each in Iowa, Illinois, New York and Texas and three near Harrow, Ont.

Heavy winds piled the snow into drifts and drove a Canadian cold air mass southward, dropping temperatures 20 degrees through the plains states.

### Herman Moellering Asks Renomination



Herman Moellering

Herman Moellering, well-known Preble township farmer and Adams county surveyor, today announced his intention of being a candidate for re-nomination to that office, subject to the decision of voters at the Democratic primary election next May 3.

Moellering, a native of Adams county, has owned and operated his own farm in Preble township for many years. Prior to becoming county surveyor, the candidate was a member of the county highway department and has had many years' experience in road construction and maintenance, and in ditch construction and maintenance.

The Moellering family are members of the Lutheran church and Moellering has been active in civic and agricultural projects in Adams county for many years. A member of the Jefferson club, Moellering stated that he would make an active campaign for the position he seeks.

Moellering is the second Democrat to announce candidacy for office this spring. Miss Rosemary Spangler announced a week ago that she is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for recorder.

### Home Nursing Class Will Open Monday

The national threat of another outbreak of the Asian flu epidemic that sent millions of Americans to bed for at least one day four years ago coincides with the local Red Cross plans for classes in home care of the sick and injured.

Scheduled for an organizational meeting Jan. 18 at the Decatur fire house at 7:30 p.m., Mrs. Wanda Oelberg, said this morning that all interested women should attend. After a convenient time is set, the classes will be conducted by Mrs. Arthur Miller, a registered nurse.

**Mother and Daughter Teams**  
The only requirement to enroll in this course is the will to learn the rudiments of home nursing. Mother and daughter teams have often worked out quite well, and are requested to attend the organizational meeting. Anyone 14 years or older can qualify for the course.

Professional nurses will handle the training of all such courses all over the country. Efforts have recently been doubled to train lay persons who could assist doctors and nurses in hospitals during such outbreaks. The main aim, however, of the local Red Cross training is for home nursing.

The U. S. public health service recently reported that the greater amount of persons trained in home nursing the less the hospitals will have to burden themselves. Many of these cases, they point out, can easily be handled at home if a competent person will care for the stricken.

**Starting At 78**  
Starting the 51st year of Red Cross nursing services, the spirit of the Red Cross nurse can be typified by a North Manchester woman. The 78-year-old Mrs. Sutton is the newest member of the mobile

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CHICAGO (UPI)—Flying squads of police rounded up eight fellow officers in swift, pre-dawn raids today and booked them on burglary charges in what authorities said may develop into a major police force scandal.

Police officials said the raids, staged in secrecy reminiscent of the quickie roundups of Chicago's gang war years, turned up four patrol wagon loads of stolen goods — enough to fill two rooms at the state's attorney's office.

The roundup was launched on the tip of a burglary suspect who charged that the eight policemen acted as fences for a gang of thieves.

First Asst. State's Atty. Frank Ferlic said a "goodly" number of other policemen were believed involved. Some reports said the number might go as high as 40. But only eight had been seized.

Police Commissioner Timothy J. O'Connor immediately suspended the arrested policemen from the force and they were booked on burglary charges by Deputy Chief of Detectives Howard Pierson.

Pierson said the policemen probably would be brought into court Saturday. They were subpoenaed to appear Monday before a Cook County grand jury.

Eight flying squads of raiders — each consisting of a captain, a lieutenant, a sergeant and a patrolman — conducted the roundup.

They assembled at the Conrad Hilton Hotel after Criminal Court Judges David Canel and Alfred Cilella issued search warrants.

The squads spread swiftly over the city and seized all but one of the policemen at their homes.

The suspects were taken to the swank Union League Club, which once served as headquarters for the "Secret Six" anti-crime committee that functioned in the prohibition era, and questioned there by Ferlic and his chief investigator, Paul Newey.

Authorities said the Loop club was picked for the assembly point so news of the raids wouldn't sweep immediately through district police stations.

The investigation, one of the biggest scandals to hit the Chicago police force in recent years, started with a burglar awaiting trial on charges of theft in Cook County Jail.

The suspect, whose name was not revealed, threatened with a 10-year to life sentence, told police he would cooperate for a lighter sentence by "breaking the town wide open."

He accompanied teams of policemen early today as they seized the officer suspects at their home and hauled off goods identified as stolen loot to the state's Attorney's offices.

The loot filled two rooms. It included television sets, radios, draperies, tires, six guns, an outboard motor, gasoline tanks, cigarette lighters, furniture, batteries and anti-freeze.

### Complete Evacuation From Ice Station

WASHINGTON (UPI) —The Air Force announced today it has successfully completed the evacuation of 29 men and all equipment from an ice floe experimental station that started breaking up a week ago 450 miles north of Point Barrow, Alaska.

A spokesman said the last evacuation flight left the ice floe this morning. Air Force Capt. Arthur H. Schroeder, Pasadena, Tex., commander of the drift station, was among those aboard. The C130 Hercules evacuation plane was due at Ladd Air Force Base, Fairbanks, Alaska, about noon.

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## Intense Probe Of Air Crash

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Government agents conducted a mammoth investigation today to determine whether a bomb caused last week's National Airliner crash which killed all 34 persons aboard.

Part of the inquiry centered on a passenger who was covered by about a million dollars worth of recently-acquired insurance.

Board investigators were trying to discover whether a man-made explosion blew the New York-to-Miami flight from the sky near Bolivia, N.C., Jan. 6.

After hearing testimony from the CAB's safety director, Chairman A. S. Mike Monroney (D-Okla.) of the Senate aviation subcommittee said Thursday "every bit of evidence so far" indicated a bomb exploded in the plane's washroom. Monroney said "it seems clear" to him that a bomb caused the crash.

**Center On Passenger**  
CAB Safety Director Oscar Bakke told the subcommittee that a preliminary investigation brought out some "unusual circumstances" which caused the agency to look into the possibility of an explosion. He said he was not prepared to state that a bomb caused the crash.

Bakke said the CAB inquiry centered on heavily-insured Julian Andrew Frank, 32, a Westport, Conn., lawyer who boarded the plane with a 20-pound blue cloth flight bag. Frank's body was found some 18 to 21 miles from the scene of the main wreckage.

The flight bag was nearby, its bottom torn out.

Bakke said Frank's body was more severely mutilated than those of other passengers and was impregnated with small bits of steel, wire, wood and paint. He said both legs were blown off.

An official said government investigators were seeking every scrap of evidence concerning the DC-6B plane, the passengers and their luggage. He said the agents would try to reconstruct the plane from the wreckage.

**Takes Out Policies**  
The official said investigators would explore thoroughly the background of each passenger and would question relatives and neighbors.

Bakke said Frank took out accident or life insurance policies from April to December totaling about \$889,000 plus two policies totaling \$125,000 just before boarding the plane. All were made out to his wife, Janet, a former fashion model.

Newsman saw the widow dash from the Franks' \$45,000 Westport home Thursday night and speed away in a car. The wife of her attorney described her as "absolutely hysterical" over developments in the crash inquiry.

Frank's grandfather, Philip Frank of New York City, said he knew "absolutely nothing" about any big insurance policies. He said his grandson was "in high spirits, not at all depressed" when he saw him last at a Christmas dinner.

### Rent Micro-Filming Equipment For Use

The first part of next week the rented micro-filming equipment will be installed in the office of the Adams county recorder, Mrs. Mabel Striker said this morning.

Mrs. Striker and her deputy, Miss Rose Nesswald, will be instructed in the use of the micro-filming machines by representatives of Recordak Corp. of New York, also early next week.

The equipment has been rented for a period of three months at the relatively inexpensive cost of \$90 a month. Primarily, the task is being undertaken to insure better fire protection for the recorded instruments. Once the filming is complete, the reproductions will be housed at the local bank in a vault.

The film will be on a 16mm roll, and can be shown with relative ease. Many counties in the state have already completely turned to micro-filming as court house space becomes less available.

The best feature of the micro-film project is the economy of it. For \$270, the recorder will permanently record all the records in her office. One recorder's book, and she must use about 2,300 costs (Continued on page three)

## Fresh Outbreaks Of Asian Flu In U. S.

By United Press International

Fresh outbreaks of Asian flu swelled across the nation today, causing high absenteeism from schools, jobs and in the entertainment industry.

The Asian bug, which as a wide-eyed foreigner to U.S. shores two years ago caused scores of deaths and laid millions on their backs for a few days, was not nearly as widespread as in 1957. But it had caused a "low grade epidemic" in Southern California and threatened serious outbreaks in the Detroit area, where anti-flu vaccines were running low.

Some states reported a higher than normal incidence of influenza-type cases, and across the country the damp, cold season was taking a heavy toll of school children, teachers and civic officials.

**Hits Hollywood**  
An estimated half-million Los Angeles residents were stricken with Asian flu and other viruses. Dr. Malcolm Merrill, state health officer, identified the disease as Asian influenza, but county health officer Roy O. Gil-

bert said half a dozen viruses probably were involved.

Actors, actresses, crew members and even producer-director Alfred Hitchcock were laid low with bloodshot eyes and fevers. Work on more than five TV shows and Hitchcock's movie, "Psycho," was delayed or postponed by flu attacks.

In the Detroit area, Albert Pisis, president of the Detroit Board of Health, said doctors were ordering about five times as much vaccine as a short time ago and supplies were running low.

**High Absenteeism**  
Detroit's city-county health director, Dr. Joseph Milner, said teachers have been absent from school at double the normal rate. A spot check indicated that factory absenteeism was 2 per cent above normal. Milner said 40,000 persons in the Detroit area were stricken with some type of flu.

The first two cases of Asian flu were reported in Iowa Thursday. State officials said large numbers of people were suffering from an unidentified virus in the Davenport area and believed the flu was spreading in Iowa.

Thousands were ill in a Texas flu outbreak, but state health department official Dr. Howard E. Smith said the illness was at "status quo."

**Censor Cuts In**  
(Some of Spiridonov's remarks were deleted by Soviet censors who also cut in on the Moscow-London telephone line when reference was made to the "fantastic, formidable" weapons mentioned Thursday by Khrushchev.)

Spiridonov said he regretted that millions of persons in the world were still working on "sterile" jobs producing arms or in military service.

Nikita Zilavkin, deputy head of the department of labor and wages of the U.S.S.R. state planning committee, wrote today in the newspaper *Leninskoye Znamya* that demobilized sailors and soldiers would be found jobs in the national economy.

**Workers In Demand**  
He said industrial and clerical workers were in demand everywhere, especially in Siberia, the Urals, the Far East, Kazakhstan and the north country in ore mining, coal, timber and construction work. He also said the savings in cutting the armed forces would construct 10,000 buildings.

All Moscow newspapers printed the full text of Khrushchev's speech, with *Komsomolskaya Pravda*, the young Communist organization paper heading: "reason Dictates: Disarmament! Peace!"

The Soviet Tass news agency said meanwhile the U. S. State Department statement on Khrushchev's disarmament resolution "attempts to cover up a reluctance to take reciprocal disarmament steps."

Gromyko denied the troop cut was brought about by "economic difficulties."

Ivan Spiridonov, secretary of the Communist party in the Leningrad area and the first speaker, called on the United States to fol-

### Fannie Hitchcock Dies Unexpectedly

Mrs. Fannie E. Hitchcock, 76, highly active all her life in church work here, died suddenly Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Flossie M. Hower, 716 West Marshall street, where she made her home. She was preparing to attend church services when she became ill and died a short time later.

She was born in Dixon, O., Feb. 28, 1883, a daughter of Eden and Arabelle Fletcher-Green, and was reared in the home of her foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Woods in Harrison township, Van Wert county, O. She was married May 31, 1901, to Charles W. Hitchcock, and he preceded her in death July 11, 1935.

Mrs. Hitchcock, who had resided in Decatur since 1928, was a member of the Trinity Evangelical United Brethren church, and had been a Sunday school teacher for more than 50 years.

Surviving in addition to Mrs. Hower are two other daughters, Mrs. Earl (Lola) Rabbitt of Fort Wayne, and Mrs. Bert (Vivian) Wilhoit of Greenville, S. C.; one son, Herald Hitchcock of Decatur; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Two daughters, one son, two brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Trinity Evangelical United Brethren church, the Rev. J. O. Penrod officiating. Burial will be in Clark's Chapel cemetery. Friends may call at the Zwick funeral home after 7 o'clock this evening. The body will lie in state at the church from 12 noon Sunday until time of the services.

## Unemployment In Drop In December

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Unemployment declined by 93,000 in December to 3,577,000, the government reported today and the total number of jobs climbed by 59,000 to 65,899,000 — a December record.

The monthly report also showed that average weekly earnings of factory workers rose to a new all-time peak — \$91.53 — as the nation's economy bounced back because steel production resumed.

The Labor Department said the changes in employment and unemployment ran counter to seasonal trends. December employment usually falls by 700,000 because of cutbacks in outdoor work but last month was the first post-war December there was no decline.

Joblessness usually increased by 100,000 in December, the department said.

The changes mainly reflected the recall of about 150,000 auto workers to their jobs after steel production got going after a 116-day strike.

Overall, the job picture showed a "marked improvement" last month, the department said.

The seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment fell to 5.2 per cent of the labor force — lowest level in five months and nearly back to the pre-strike level of 4.9 per cent last spring.

Seymour L. Wolfbein, deputy as-

sistant secretary of labor, also said he expected further increases in factory employment in the wake of the steel settlement announced early last week.

But if only seasonal effects are felt, unemployment will surpass four million in January and February and then drop to 3,500,000 in the spring, he said.

Unemployment last month was a half million lower than a year ago.

The job picture had been described in advance by Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell as showing a "good improvement" over the previous month.

The unemployed numbered 3,670,000 and employment reached 65,640,000 in November.

Mitchell said settlement of the steel dispute cleared the last major cloud from the economic horizon. He predicted 1960 would be "extraordinarily good" economically. He made the forecast at a news conference Thursday before leaving for a rest in Florida.

He predicted employment would continue to climb to new record levels in 1960 because of more than a million newcomers seeking jobs.

The level of joblessness in the coming year will be "satisfactorily low" and eventually may fall below three million he said.