

Two Teachers Slain At Hartford City, School Principal Is Sought

Expects Senate To Outlaw Poll Taxes

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.), leader of the southern bloc in Congress, conceded today that the Senate probably would approve a constitutional amendment to outlaw the poll tax.

Senate leaders hoped for a vote by the end of the day on the controversial proposal which has tied up the chamber since early last week. Russell and other southerners have made lengthy speeches opposing the poll tax ban.

The amendment was offered by Sen. Spessard L. Holland (D-Fla.) as a rider to a proposed constitutional provision to let governors temporarily fill vacancies in the House if a sudden disaster wiped out more than half the members.

As a proposal to amend the Constitution, Holland's measure requires approval by two-thirds of the Senate and House and ratification by three-fourths of the states. Only five states retain the poll tax.

Other congressional news:
ARMY — The Senate Defense

Appropriations subcommittee planned to ask top army officials if their share of the military budget contained extra funds for "a rainy day." Subcommittee Chairman Dennis A. Chavez (D-N.M.) said Americans wanted the armed services to have a "little safety factor," especially in light of Russia's missile advantage.

TAXES — The House was ready to begin debate on the first tax-cutting bill of the session. It would repeal the tax on tires and tubes supplied with new U.S.-made bicycles. Backers said the measure would reduce the cost of making a bike by 25 cents or a total of \$500,000 for the annual U.S. output.

FORESTRY — Sen. John Stennis (D-Miss.) asked Congress to put up six million dollars for forestry research next year instead of the \$1,786,000 asked by President Eisenhower. Stennis urged a prepared speech that \$2,500,000 be spent for construction and \$3,500,000 for beefing up forestry research.

Veteran Members Of Lions Club Honored

A total of 17 Lions members were honored for from 10 to 30 years service, and two new members were officially welcomed into the Decatur Lions club by Eric Purchase, state secretary, at the Lions club meeting Monday at the Decatur Youth and Community center.

Lions meetings for February will include: Feb. 8, Boy Scout week speaker; Feb. 15, social meeting at Rube restaurant; Feb. 22, L. E. Ashbold speaking on voting habits; Feb. 29, Charles D. Ehinger speaking on changes in telephone operations. Dick Mies and Dick Heller are speaker chairmen for the month.

State Convention
Purchase, who has been state secretary for five years, and was formerly a special representative for Lions International, asked that as many local Lions as possible attend the state convention May 20-22. Also, March 22, the Lafayette Lions club will celebrate its 40th anniversary, as the oldest club in the state.

Members Honored
Clyde Butler and Robert Zwick were honored for 30 years of consecutive membership in the Decatur club; others awarded special pins were: 20 years, W. M. Bumgardner, Deane T. Dorwin, Ed Highland, Roy L. Price, D. Burdette Custer, Dr. Harold Zwick, and Robert Holthouse; 15 years,

Francis A. Ellsworth, Ronald J. Parrish, and Glen Muller; 10 years, Alva Lawson, Frank Lybarger, J. Clark Mayclin, Clark W. Smith, and Robert Worthman. James Beery and Fred Houtzel were formally initiated into Lionship by secretary Purchase, who explained to them the meaning of the word Lion, and the club motto. Purchase was introduced by international counselor Roy L. Price, former district governor.

18,300 Members
Purchase told the club that Indiana is eighth in the number of clubs, and ninth in the 242 world districts in number of members, while highest in the average number of members per club, 49.7.

There are now 18,300 members in the 377 Hoosier clubs at the present time, he continued. Indiana is also the only state which maintains three state projects, the leader dog program for the blind; the state cancer foundation, and the eye bank.

Mount Vernon Paper Publisher Is Dead

MOUNT VERNON, Ind. (UPI) — Edward F. Alles, 69, publisher of the Mount Vernon Democrat since 1918 and a former Indiana legislator, died Monday in his home.

Alles was publisher of Posey County's only daily newspaper for 42 years. He served as a joint state senator from Posey, Vanderburgh and Warrick counties in the 1929 and 1931 sessions of the Indiana Legislature.

HARTFORD CITY, Ind. (UPI) —

Two middle-aged women grade school teachers were shot to death in their schoolrooms today before their horrified children.

The 44-year-old male principal of the school, identified by police as Leonard Redden, vanished after the slayings and was sought as the slayer on the strength of eyewitness stories by the children.

Police, fearful that the missing slayer was still armed and stalking this community of 8,500 population, summoned buses and furnished armed guards to take the pupils home.

The dead women were identified as Mrs. Minnie McFerren, 62, and Miss Harriett Robson, 52, both veteran teachers in the Hartford City schools since the 1920s.

Police said each woman was shot in her own grade room with one charge from a 12-gauge pump shotgun. One room was on the first floor, the other on the second floor of the building and shot Mrs. McFerren.

The teachers were among six in the school.

Janitor Silas McCaffrey told authorities that he saw Redden calmly walk from the building, carrying the shotgun with him.

Teacher records on file at the Indiana Statehouse in the office of the state superintendent of public instruction said Redden was a veteran of 19 years teaching experience.

Mrs. McFerren had 41 years of teaching experience, 35 of them in Hartford City, and Miss Robson had 32 years teaching, all of it in Hartford City.

Both the women and Redden received master of arts degrees at Ball State Teachers College in Muncie, Ind., the records showed. Redden previously had received a bachelor of science degree at Central Normal College, Danville, Ind., a school which no longer exists.

State police threw up a guard around the school building, fearing Redden might return armed to the scene of the crime. They also dismissed classes for the rest of the day and police supervised the return home of each child.

Native Of Decatur Dies At Fort Wayne

Mrs. Mary E. Marks, 77, a native of Decatur, and a resident of Huntington, died Monday at St. Joseph hospital, Fort Wayne after a six-week illness. Her husband, James P. Marks, died 12 years ago. Surviving are six daughters, a son, and a sister, Mrs. Colette Folk of Huntington. Services will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday at the Mungovan & Sons chapel in Fort Wayne, and at 9:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic church. Burial will be in Mt. Hope cemetery, Huntington. Friends may call at the funeral home after 7 p.m. today.

Groundhog Spies Shadow, Six More Weeks Of Winter?

While no groundhogs could be found, the rays of sunshine falling on Decatur indicate that we will be in for six more weeks of winter weather—if you believe the old almanac axiom about the groundhog seeing his shadow on Feb. 2.

The United Press International wire story on the weather showed that only South Bend had sunshine this morning throughout Indiana. But Decatur weather observer Louis Landrum, who, with his wife, recently returned from two weeks in Florida, verified the sunshine here after giving the depth of the river this morning.

Currently, the river depth of the St. Mary's is 4.65 feet and indications are that it will continue to recede. Friday, it was 6.38 and steadily dropped over the weekend to today's mark.

Retired Educator Seriously Stabbed

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Robert E. Eckert, 75, a retired school administrator, was reported in serious condition today from stab wounds inflicted by two thugs as he walked along a northside street.

Eckert formerly taught school in Dubois and other counties and had worked briefly for the Marion County Welfare department after he and his wife moved to Indianapolis.

Senator Kennedy In Indiana Thursday

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — A close aide to Sen. John Kennedy revealed today that the Massachusetts Democrat probably will announce his entry in the Indiana presidential preference primary during a previously unscheduled visit to Indianapolis Thursday afternoon.

State Sen. Marshall Kizer (D-Plymouth), Kennedy's Indiana campaign manager, said he advised Kennedy to make his entry announcement here because of better publicity impact.

Another Kennedy aide said the presidential aspirant would leave Washington at 12:30 p.m. and arrive at Indianapolis at about 2 p.m. Thursday. Kennedy would then spend several hours in the capital city, part of which would be devoted to a news conference.

It appears at the moment that Kennedy is almost forced to run in the Indiana primary to prevent the state's 34 Democratic national convention votes from falling to Lar (America First) Daly, the perennial candidate from Chicago who has announced his intention to enter the Hoosier Democratic presidential preference primary.

Aside from Kennedy and Daly, no other serious Democratic presidential hopefuls were expected to run in Indiana. Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) was advised by his Indiana manager, former National Democratic Chairman Frank McKinney, not to run the Indiana gauntlet. Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) indicated in Indianapolis Saturday that lack of funds would bar his entry.

And it was not likely that Sen. Lyndon Johnson (D-Tex.) would enter, although Johnson is to speak at a Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner in Indianapolis Saturday night.

Egypt Masses Strong Forces

JERUSALEM, Israel (UPI) — Egyptian armed forces in great strength were reported today to have streamed across the Sinai Peninsula and taken up positions along the entire length of the Israel-Egypt truce demarcation line.

The report from Cairo came hours after machinegun fire crackled across the demilitarized zone on Israel's northeastern border with Syria. The Syrian gun-fire early today, the latest incident of its kind in the past six days, was not returned by the Israelis.

(The British government in London said it was informed officially that a cease-fire was established early today on the border where fighting has been taking place. The Foreign Office said it got the information from the United Nations.)

The crisis over farming rights in the disputed demilitarized zone worsened with reports the United Arab Republic had sent troops rushing to points along the border far to the south of current trouble area.

U.A.R. President Gamal Abdel Nasser in Cairo kept in constant

New Sheriff's Auto Purchased By County

The Adams county commissioners chose the low bidder for a 1960 sheriff's department car, selecting a Buick Wildcat, Riesen and Schug Motors at Monday's all-day meeting.

The commissioners also discussed the confusion that often results from monthly claims being entered a day before the publication date. With county attorney David Macklin, they discussed the possibility of alerting the date for payment of claims, giving themselves more time to thoroughly investigate many of the claims.

The Bids and Bidders
The bidders for the new sheriff's car and their bids were: Schwartz Motors of Decatur, \$1,280; Moser Motors of Berne, \$1,149.25; Quality Motors of Decatur, \$1,560.90, and Riesen & Schug Motors of Berne, \$1,019.43, including a large engine and oversize tires.

The winning bid is for a Plymouth automobile. A 1958 Ford is also considered in the deal as a two-tone brown car currently used by the department. No date was given for delivery of the vehicle.

In order to receive compensation for the gasoline tax, the commissioners certified the number of miles of county roads. They will receive a share for the 728.21 miles within the county.

Ray Thomas, of Hartford township, approached the commissioners with a proposition concerning the bulletin board-directory the grand jury insisted the courthouse have. Thomas said that he can construct one at a relatively small cost. No commitment was made by the commissioners.

County Farm Report
The county farm report from superintendent Frank Kisson showed that 28 persons are residents and that last month's receipts were \$1,280.75.

Lawrence Noll's county highway report showed the trucks traveled 22,264 miles in January, with 623 miles being graded. A total of 626.95 tons of stone were used in new construction. A total of 1,652 hours were spent with equipment operation, amongst many items listed on the monthly report.

County clerk Richard D. Lewton and his two deputies were covered by bonds, according to statute. Lewton's bond is for \$15,000 while his deputies are covered for \$2,500 each.

Soviet Russia Is Aiming For Shot At Mars

WASHINGTON (UPI) — State-ments by U.S. and Soviet space experts suggest the Russians may beat America to Mars by two years.

The Russians are putting a lot of chips on the big rockets used in their now-concluded Pacific Ocean tests.

Soviet academician A.A. Blagonravov said in advance that success of the Pacific program could make a shot at Mars possible this year.

Another Russian scientist, Prof. V. Dobronravov, has been quoted as saying that big boosters like those used in the Pacific firings could launch recoverable satellites and send scientific instruments to the planets and back.

The U.S. timetable, as disclosed last week by Associate Director Richard E. Horner of the National Aeronautics & Space Administration, has no provision for a planetary probe before 1962.

The United States does not hope to send really big payloads to Mars or Venus until its Saturn rocket is perfected as a three-stage space vehicle some time in late 1963 or 1964.

President Eisenhower said Monday he would ask Congress to increase Saturn appropriations for fiscal 1961 by \$8 million dollars. This will speed up Saturn's development by perhaps a year, but its first three-stage flight test is still four or more years away.

The Saturn booster will develop 1,500,000 pounds of thrust. The booster used by the Russians in the Pacific tests may be of comparable power, according to some American estimates.

Whatever it is, they have it now. It is flight-tested and ready for space missions. Russia's Tass news agency said it worked so well that the Soviet were able to complete their Pacific tests 15 days ahead of time.

The next favorable date for launching a probe to Mars is Oct. 1, 1960.

Seven Crewmen Die As Bomber Crashes

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (UPI) — A U.S. Air Force B-52 bomber practicing "touch and go" landings crashed and burned Monday night at Ramey Field, killing all seven crewmen aboard.

The crash and the fire which followed remolded the huge plane.

The victims were identified as Col. Samuel G. Porterfield, 52, Shreveport, La., vice commander of the 72nd Bombardment Wing; Lt. Col. Keith M. Garrison, 37, San Francisco, Calif.; 1st Lt. George G. Fedter, 27, Sheboygan, Wis.; 1st Lt. Kent W. Slaughter, 25, New York City; Capt. Robert E. Howell, 28, Yellville, Ark.; Capt. Nabor Mendez Perebrina, 31, San-turce, P. R.; and Sgt. William R. Hill, 44, Gunemah, Pa.

Blackford County To Use Voting Machines

Blackford county has cut its total number of precincts from 24 to 10 by installing voting machines. State law authorizes precincts to include up to 500 voters if ballots are used, and up to 1,000 if machines are used. There are 39 precincts in Adams county, and 12,000 voters.

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Emergency Powers Asked For de Gaulle

PARIS (UPI) — Premier Michel Debre asked the National Assembly today to grant emergency powers to the government of President Charles de Gaulle to "safeguard liberty and democracy in France" and to pacify Algeria.

He asked for an overwhelming vote for the program demanded by de Gaulle in order to solidify his victory over the Algerian rebels. The cabinet approved the request Monday and the assembly was recalled from recess into special session today to ratify the demand.

The rousing applause that greeted Debre's impassioned appeal indicated the special powers which will let the Gaullist government rule by decree would be given by a tremendous majority.

"We feared there might be civil war," Debre said.

This was averted, he added, and it was de Gaulle himself who saved the situation.

Nation's Unity Saved
But, he went on, special powers now were necessary to avoid a new tragedy for France in the wake of the Algerian settlers' rebellion which collapsed Monday after eight days of defiance of the Paris government.

Debre said French courts will crack down on the leaders of the insurrection and their helpers on both sides of the Mediterranean.

"The nation's unity has been preserved thanks to only one man, Gen. Charles de Gaulle," he said.

"The riots, the barricades, have been smashed. But we must make sure there will be no repetition of these events in the future."

The assembly frequently broke into applause as Debre paid tribute to de Gaulle.

The special powers, Debre said, will be needed to strengthen the authority of the state and to push the pacification effort in Algeria. "Pacification" means ending the Moslem nationalists' war in Algeria.

The powers involved are authorized under Article 38 of the Fifth Republic's constitution. When the article is invoked the government is given the authority to rule by decree for a limited period and on a set program.

Rebel Leader Jailed

De Gaulle was expected to seek emergency powers for a full year. He could have asked for the sweeping dictatorial powers available under article 36 when the security of the nation is in "grave danger."

Action against the leaders of the Algiers uprising already has begun. Within hours after his surrender Monday, insurgent chief-tain Pierre Lagallarde was flown to Paris and clapped in Santo Prison.

Early this morning, he was formally notified that he had been charged with "an attack against the security of the state." Maximum penalties for conviction on the charge are the guillotine or "confinement in a fortified place" for an unspecified length of time.

Ironically, Mohammed Ben Bella, a leader of the National Liberation Front (F.L.N.) which is spearheading the Moslem revolt in Algeria, also was held for a time in Santo Prison.

Two Still Sought
The insurrection by French Algerian extremists was triggered by de Gaulle's plan for self-determination for Algeria. There are about 10 million Moslems and one million French in the huge northwest African territory. Many of the latter opposed de Gaulle's program as a "sell-out."

Two other top leaders of the eight-day insurrection are still being sought. Joseph Ortiz, disappeared from his Algiers command post late Sunday. The whereabouts of Robert Martel also was unknown.

According to informed sources the problems confronting de Gaulle in the post-Algiers mopping up operation probably will force postponement of this scheduled visit to Algeria. Two days before the insurrection flared last week, he announced he would visit Algeria on Feb. 5.

There were reports that a major cabinet shakeup may be in the making. Chief targets for the reported reshuffle were cabinet members who wavered during the insurrection and urged de Gaulle to seek a compromise.

Grim Warning On Red Power

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Gen. Thomas S. Power, head of the Strategic Air Command, refused today to back away from his grim warning on Russian striking power despite the insistence of his civilian boss that he was "unrealistic."

Power also told senators investigating the nation's military posture that future defense plans are inadequate. He asked that Congress provide funds to keep "the highest possible percentage" of his bombers airborne at all times.

The SAC commander said he stands behind "every statement" of a recent speech in which he warned that Russia could knock out the U.S. striking force in 30 minutes with 300 ballistic missiles—only half of the minter-continental in range.

Defense Secretary Thomas S. Gates Jr. Monday disputed this as "unrealistic."

Power testified at a combined hearing of the Senate Space Committee and armed services preparedness subcommittee.

At the same time, Army Secretary Wilber M. Brucker, appearing before the Senate military appropriations subcommittee, said the United States should not give all its attention to the Soviet threat in the missile field but also should concentrate on ground strength.

Along that line, Brucker compared Communist China to "a crouched tiger ready to spring on any prey that is weak and wounded."

Power was the lead-off witness at the much-heralded launching of public hearings by the Senate groups on how long the Russians may hold their missile superiority over the United States.

Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson called Power and other top Air Force officers as witnesses at the hearing.

Democrats are demanding that the U.S. step up missile spending to close what they consider the "gap" between Soviet and American military strength. But Gates contends there is no "deterrent gap" and the U.S. has retaliatory power to more than offset any Soviet missile edge.

The Defense Secretary told the Senate Defense Appropriations subcommittee Monday that if he had all the money he wanted, he would not spend more for missiles "at this time."

House Committee Meets
Johnson said the new hearings would seek to find out if this course of action is right. "All the evidence indicates that the Soviets are plowing ahead with determination," he said.

The defense appropriations subcommittee, headed by Sen. Dennis Chavez (D-N.M.), planned to ask Army officials today if their share of the military budget contains a little extra "for a rainy day."

At another hearing, the House Space Committee called German-born rocket expert missile scientists being shifted by President Eisenhower to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

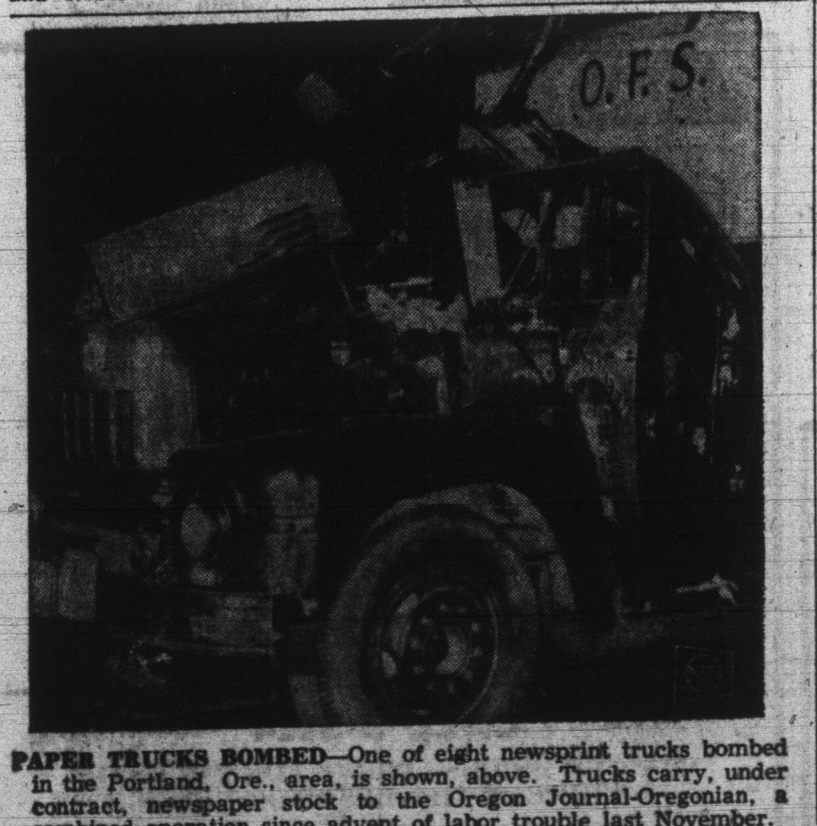
Local Man's Brother Dies At Fort Wayne

Earle W. Welter, 56, died Monday evening at his home in Fort Wayne following an extended illness. A former guard for the Pinkerton national detective agency, he was a member of the Bethany Presbyterian church.

Surviving are his wife, Hortense; two daughters, Mrs. Yvonne Crain of Fort Wayne, and Mrs. Donna Woods of Zanesville, and a brother, Elmer Welter of Decatur. Friends may call at the D. O. McComb & Sons funeral home after 7 p.m. today. Arrangements have not been completed.

INDIANA WEATHER

Partly cloudy north, mostly cloudy south tonight. Wednesday mostly cloudy and a little warmer. Low tonight 15 to 25 north, 25 to 32 south. High Wednesday 38 to 46. Sunset today 6:06 p.m. c.d.t. Sunrise Wednesday 7:51 a.m. c.d.t. Outlook for Thursday: Rain and a little warmer. Lows in the 30s. Highs in the 40s.



PAPER TRUCKS BOMBED—One of eight newsprint trucks bombed in the Portland, Ore., area, is shown, above. Trucks carry, under contract, newspaper stock to the Oregon Journal-Oregonian, a combined operation since advent of labor trouble last November.

Wednesday Is Decatur Dollar Day--Shop From 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.