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## 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 \$1,766,000 asked by President Eisenhower. Stennis urged in a prepared speech that \$2,500,000 be spent for construction and \$3,500,000 for beefing up forestry research.

Francis A. Ellsworth, Ronald J. Parrish, and Glen Mauler; 10 years, Alva Lawson, Frank Lybarger, J. Clark Mayclin, Clark W. Smith, and Robert Worthman.

James Beery and Fred Houtzel

were formally initiated into Lionsism 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.

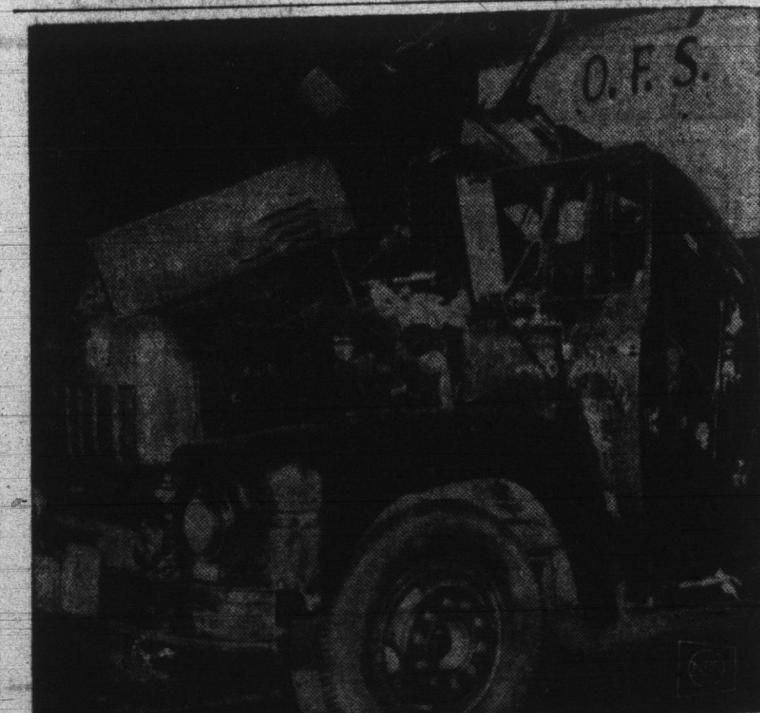
There are now 18,300 members in the 377 Hoosier clubs at the present time, he continued. Indiana is also the only state which maintains three state projects; the leader dog program for the blind; the state cancer foundation, and the eye bank.

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. Bumford, Deane T. Dorwin, Ed Highland, Roy L. Price, D. Burdette Custer, Dr. Harold Zwick, and Robert Holthouse; 15 years,



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.

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 lurking 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 second floor, the other on the second. Witnesses said Redden calmly walked away from the school, still carrying the gun.

Authorities said Redden walked into Miss Robson's room while she was teaching a group of pupils. He fired into the teacher's chest. Then he walked up a ramp to 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 most of her life, 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 Mengovan & Sons chapel in Fort Wayne, and at 9:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic church, 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 St. Mary's is 4.69 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 aid 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 co-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 bulletin board-directory the grand jury insisted the courthouse have. Thomas said that he can construct one at relatively small cost. No commitment was made by the commissioners.

County Farm Report

The county farm report from superintendent Frank Kitson 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 miles 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.

## 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 cracked 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.

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telephone contact with Abdel Hafiz Amer, his vice president and military commander in chief in the northern (Syrian) region of the United Arab Republic. Egypt is separated from the Syrian region by Jordan.

The Cairo newspaper Al Ahram said Egyptian forces had been moving up to Israel's southeastern borders for the past three days.

The trouble on the Syrian border combined with the Egyptian troop movements threatened to plunge the Middle East into war.

The semi-official Middle East News Agency reported Egyptian troops were placed under a state of emergency Sunday and Monday were dispatched toward the Israeli border.

In Jerusalem, Israeli Premier David Ben-Gurion told the Knesset (parliament) that "if there is no other way of safeguarding the lives of our citizens, we will use force as we did last night."

Ben-Gurion referred to a four-hour battle Sunday night which was the most serious of the border clashes that began last Wednesday.

### Soviet Russia Is Aiming For Shot At Mars

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Statements 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. W. 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, 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.

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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.

### 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 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

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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 16 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 return Monday, insurgent chief Pierre Laguillaud was flown to Paris and clapped in Sante 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 (FLN) which is spearheading the Moslem revolt in Algeria, also was held for a time in Sante 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 "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.

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## 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 demolished 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. Federer, 27, Sheboygan, Wis.; 1st Lt. Kent W. Slaughter, 25, New York