

## Condolences Pour Into White House

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Tens of thousands of letters and telegrams of condolence are still pouring into the White House from all over the world.

Mrs. John F. Kennedy expressed her "great appreciation" Monday to those who have written to her and her two children.

The former First Lady conveyed her thanks through White House Secretary Pierre Salinger. At last count, 293,000 letters and 26,000 telegrams had been received, all addressed personally to the young widow or the children.

Salinger said that "bags and bags and bags" of mail are still to be opened and counted.

Another estimated 300,000 letters and telegrams have been sent to Hyannis Port, Mass., home of the Kennedy family. These are being forwarded to the White House.

Salinger said the messages have not only been a source of comfort to her but have renewed her strength with a knowledge of how many Americans and people abroad share her pride in the President and all that he stood for."



**BEGINNER'S LUCK** — Junior archeologist Harold Kocher hit the jackpot in Indian relics with a find on his family's farm near Vincennes, Ind. He found a hammer stone, two grooved axes and a cel, or grooveless ax, from an old Indian camp. It's the kind of discovery many Indian relic collectors spend a lifetime hunting for.

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## Protestant Church Heads Honor JFK

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — Protestant church leaders will pay a unique tribute tonight to America's first Catholic President.

In Philadelphia's massive Convention Hall, more than 5,000 representatives of 31 major denominations will join in thanking God for the "inspired leadership, unwavering vision and courageous dedication" of John F. Kennedy.

The interdenominational memorial service for the assassinated President will be held in connection with the triennial General Assembly of the National Council of Churches. It marks the first time in its history that the National Council has devoted an entire assembly session to honoring the memory of one man.

Some of the Protestant leaders who will take part in tonight's tribute were among those who publicly expressed fear, during the 1960 presidential campaign, that a Catholic President might jeopardize religious liberties.

**Refused Fears**

During his brief presidency, Kennedy refuted those fears and won the confidence and re-

0 20 Years Ago Today 0

Dec. 3, 1943 — Complying with orders from the war production board, no colored Christmas lights will be strung in Decatur this holiday season for the second straight year.

Final figures show the Adams county war bond quota was over-subscribed nearly 50 per cent, with sales totaling \$158,212.50 as compared to the quota of \$107,371.

Ferd Klenk, of Arnold & Klenk, has announced the opening of the firm's new store on Madison street.

The So Cha Rex club held its annual Christmas party at the American Legion home.

The annual banquet of the Adams county fish and game conservation league will be held at the Knights of Pythias home Dec. 13, with rabbit, ducks, and wild Canadian geese on the menu.

The Decatur Commodores were edged out by the Willsire, O. Bearcats, 22-21.

spect of Protestant leaders as have few presidents in modern times.

Kennedy had accepted an invitation to address the General Assembly tonight. Instead of scheduling a substitute speaker, council leaders arranged for the memorial service, conducted by the Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, stated clerk of the United Presbyterian Church and former president of the National Council.

Dr. Blake said the service would pay tribute especially to Kennedy's "championship of liberty and equality" and to his "leadership on behalf of civil rights and racial justice."

The struggle for racial justice has emerged as the dominant concern of the General Assembly.

The council's retiring president, industrialist J. Irwin Miller of Columbus, Ind., declared Monday that "race relations is our No. 1 challenge."

"Unless churches take a convincing, effective, courageous stand on this overriding moral issue, nothing else they do is going to count for very much," Miller warned.

### Engaged in Fight

The Rev. Dr. Robert W. Spike, executive director of the Commission on Religion and Race which the council established last June, reported at a dinner meeting Monday night that an ever-growing number of white church members are "deeply engaged" in the fight for Negro rights.

"This is the fundamental challenge to Christian laymen in this country," he said. "Are they willing to change the habitual ways of doing things which perpetuate white supremacy? Deeper than that, are they willing to take a good hard look at their communities, their businesses, their churches, their carefully guarded social enclaves, and try to see them through the eyes of a Negro?"

The Rev. Dr. W.A. Wissner of Hoot, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, called in another address for "internationalization" of missionary activities.

"There is much evidence that international teams can break through walls of suspicion and misunderstanding in a way that national missionary teams cannot," said the world council leader.



**FROM BANKERS TO NEWSBOYS** — Personnel from the First State Bank will assume the roll of newsboys on the 4 p.m. Santa Claus train Saturday. Weldon Bumgardner, Erie Lackawanna station agent, is shown above officially tagging Herman Krueckenberg, William Lose, Robert Boch and Jud Bleeke, left to right. The four will distribute the "Train Ride News," and "The Wheel of Progress," to each person on the train. Other Decatur merchants will be newsboys on the other two trains. The "Train Ride News" contains information about the makeup of the train and the sights to be seen on the trip to Ohio City and back, while "The Wheel of Progress" is a colorful, 16-page booklet supplied by the Association of American Railroads, giving general railroad information in comic book form which will prove interesting to everyone. (Photo by MacLean)

## Await Final Evidence On Coliseum Blast

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Marion County authorities investigating the Coliseum explosion which took 72 lives for possible crimes of omission or commission today expected the last piece of evidence.

Prosecutor Noble Pearcey said he expected to receive a copy of exhaustive tests run on five liquid petroleum tanks believed responsible for the holocaust which injured nearly 400 persons Halloween night.

The Marion County grand jury investigation is one of two that have been under-way since two gas explosions ripped up through a tier of grandstand seats, hurling victims and chunks of concrete onto the ice at the Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum just as an ice revue wound up.

The other probe is being conducted by a blue-ribbon team of city, county, and state fire and police officials. Both teams needed the Purdue test results before a final analysis could be made.

Pearcey said he and his chief trial deputy, Leroy K. New, would study the results and the grand jury would convene Thursday for what was expected to be the final session on the blast.

Pearcey said the jury should return a report Dec. 9. The jurors are slated to hear Dr. Harry Solberg, Purdue University professor, explain the technical portions of the report when they meet Thursday, Pearcey said. He said the earliest a report could be made would be Monday.

Earlier, Pearcey had said he thought the report might be ready this week.

At least four persons remained in critical condition from injuries suffered in the tragedy, the worst disaster ever to hit the Hoosier Capital.

### New \$1 Bills Are Received By Bank

Don't worry if your new \$1 bills don't look exactly like the old—a new issue is now in town, it was learned today.

About a week ago the First State Bank received its first shipment of \$1 bills, which are Federal Reserve certificates rather than silver certificates. The bill resemble the \$5 and \$10 bills, and no longer have a statement that they are redeemable in silver.

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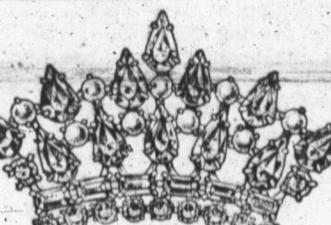
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## Parley Dec. 7 On Status Of Women

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — The first conference sponsored by the Governor's Commission on the status of women is expected to set a pattern for future work by a group whose members freely admit they do not know which way to go.

Although the main talks at the day-long conference Dec. 7 will be given by Mrs. Esther Peterson, assistant secretary of labor, and Governor Welsh, eight other men and women are to speak during two panel-type programs.

From the response invoked by the topics discussed by the eight panelists, the commission hopes to determine where its efforts most are needed.

The eight topics cover all the areas which are under consideration for priority of attention. The topics and speakers are:

"Laws Affecting the Civil and Employment Status of Women," Municipal Judge Joseph Myers, Indianapolis.

"State Employment and Civil Service," director Lewis F. Nolin of the Indiana Employment Security Division.

"Women in Business and Industry," Paul Slaninka, personal director, Radio Corporation of America, Indianapolis.

"Participation of Women in Public Life," State Sen. Martha Burnett, R-Indianapolis.

"Special Services for Employed Women," Doris E. White, executive director, Y. W. C. A., Indianapolis.

"Women in the Professions," Dr. Evelyn Perloff, Purdue University.

"Women in the Public Schools," William E. Wilson, Indiana superintendent of public instruction.

"Women in Post-High School Education," Dr. Raymond S. Butler, Indiana University.

Several hundred men and women from throughout the state already have made reservations for the conference. Following the speeches by Mrs. Peterson, Welsh, and Indiana labor commissioner Robert P. Butler, and the panel discussions, the listeners will become talkers after being divided into small groups.

A summary of the discussions generated in each of the groups will end the conference.

Dr. Eunice C. Roberts, Bloomington, chairman of the commission, said she believes the discussions will help identify areas which should have priority for attention by the commission.



## New Control Tower At Bunker Hill AFB

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Navy Bureau of Yards and Docks announced through the office of Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., Monday it will call for bids for a new aircraft control tower at Bunker Hill Air Force Base, Ind.

An aide to the senator explained that although no funds had been appropriated for the tower, the bureau was completing preliminary steps in order to expedite award of a contract when the money does become available.

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