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## EIGHT PROBERS TO FIX CAUSE OF DAM BREAK

City, County Officials to Sift  
Reports of Flood  
Disaster.

ESTIMATE TOLL AT 275

Tractors, Dynamite Being  
Used in Hunt for Bodies  
Believed Buried.

*By United Press*  
LOS ANGELES, March 15.—Eight separate official investigations started inquiry today to determine the cause and fix responsibility for the St. Francis dam disaster.

Coroner O. L. Reardon of Ventura County, called inquests at Oxnard, Moor Park, Fillmore and Santa Paula.

These will precede a major inquest Friday by Coroner Frank E. Nance of Los Angeles County.

These inquiries and investigations undertaken by Jess Stevens, Los Angeles city attorney, and Asa Keyes, Los Angeles County district attorney, will determine the legal aspects of the case.

Stevens' chief interest as head of the city's legal staff lies in the liability in which the city may be involved. He interpreted the situation as binding the city for damages only in case there is established negligence or carelessness in building or operating the dam.

*By United Press*

SANTA PAULA, Cal., March 15.—The hunt for bodies of victims of the St. Francis dam disaster was resumed today in the Santa Clara River basin with dynamite, tractors and all kinds of farming implements.

Additional hundreds of searchers slowly cut their way through debris and piles of mud and sand left by the flood that swept the valley after the dam broke.

The unofficial list of dead and missing stood at between 250 and 275, with 300 or more still missing and many of them believed buried under debris or swept out to sea.

Efforts of searchers were centered today at a point near Saticoy, where the river bed widened and the flood spent itself. Eleven bodies were found there. Many other bodies are believed buried in this "death cache" where tons of clay and sand were deposited.

**Find Eleven Mutilated Bodies**  
The eleven bodies recovered were badly mutilated and lay huddled in a basin-like grave. It is believed that many of the 300 to 400 reported missing will be found in this sector.

The parade of grief-stricken mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters continued today along the sixty-mile stretch of river basin. From morgue to morgue they went, seeking missing loved ones.

While the search for the dead went on, reconstruction efforts gained new headway as telephone, railway and highway workers sought to re-establish broken communications.

**Pestilence—the inevitable visitor of flood-swept cities—brought new fear to the stricken Santa Clara river valley.**

**Move to Stop Disease**

While searchers continued their disconsolate hunt in crevices, debris and mud for more bodies, health authorities moved swiftly to avert the spread of disease over the wasted region.

Weather conditions were such that pestilence, once started, soon would gain tremendous headway, health authorities said.

Water in the region was tested by authorities, and preparations were made to inoculate all flood survivors for typhoid.

The damage toll mounted as further checks were made. Conservative estimates today placed the damage at about \$15,000,000, and it may run much higher.

The loss to farmers and fruit growers in the region alone will be at least \$5,000,000. A. H. Call, county horticultural commissioner said. The top soil of the fertile valley was entirely washed away, and in most cases retillage will be necessary, he said.

A report that a leak had been discovered in the dam several weeks ago was denied by officials. They also denied that the dam was of faulty construction.

**Says Dam Solid**

The dam probably will not be reconstructed.

Stanley Dunham, construction engineer, said that the structure was anchored on bedrock and was one of the best engineering feats of its kind ever accomplished.

A company of 200 militiamen was expected to be transferred to active duty at the flood area today.

The guard was ordered to assist peace officers in the enforcement of law and to keep morbid sightseers away. Hundreds who flocked to the scene hampered the work of relief workers.

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## Goes to Trial



## MOORE GOES TO TRIAL ON BRIBE CHARGE

Little Progress Is Made at  
Opening Session in  
Jury Selection.

### DEFENSE LOSES POINT

Councilman Fails to Get  
Hearing on Municipal  
Officer Statute.

City Councilman Boynton J. Moore, who went on trial on bribery charge in Criminal Court today, is first of six councilmen to face trial on indictments of the alleged attempt of John L. Duvall to stave off impeachment by buying council votes last fall.

The case is being heard before Special Judge Paul G. Davis in Criminal Court.

When it first got under way this morning, an attempt was made by Defense Attorney Ira M. Holmes to have the matter prosecuted under the statute governing municipal officers, rather than the general bribery charge.

This was overruled by the court, who pointed out that it was up to the State to decide under what statute the case should be prosecuted. The state chose the general bribery charge.

### Big Difference in Penalties

Under the municipal officer law, the maximum penalty would have been a \$1,000 fine, while under the general statute a two to fourteen years prison sentence is possible, should the defendant be found guilty.

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## 500 TO DISCUSS MANAGER PLAN

State Parley Is Scheduled  
in City Friday.

Five hundred persons from Indianapolis and twenty-six State towns will attend a city manager conference at the Claypool, Friday.

The conference is sponsored by the Indianapolis City Manager League to answer questions asked regarding the manager plan, since it was adopted by Indianapolis.

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## LINDY TO BE HOST

Invites 531 Congressmen  
Fly With Him.

*By United Press*

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh is to invite the 435 members of the House and ninety-six members of the Senate to take flights with him.

Lindbergh will address a letter to Vice President Dawes and Speaker Longworth of the House this afternoon asking that his invitation be formally presented to both Houses.

Lindbergh went to the Capitol unexpectedly today and held a long conference in Dawes' private room.

He also conferred with Longworth in the latter's office, Commerce Air Secretary MacCracken and Naval Air Secretary Warner accompanied him.

## 'SPANK IF YOU WISH'

Girl Returns Home After Mother Is  
Find for Whipping.

*By United Press*

KANSAS CITY, Kan., March 15.—There's no place like home to Lorene Jones, a penitent.

Lorene, 16, a week ago swore out a warrant for the arrest of her mother, Mrs. Charles Woodside, because the latter whipped her with a coat hanger. Lorene left home after the whipping. The mother was fined \$100 in police court.

Lorene returned home last night, ready to take, she said, what punishment her mother saw fit to give her.

Mother and daughter embraced.

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## Tune in

Oil up the old radio dials and tune in on WFBM Friday and Saturday and get the play-by-play account of the State basketball tournament from Butler University's new field house.

Again this year for the fourth time, The Indianapolis Times will broadcast the tourney. Your old friends of radio land, Blythe and Tommy Hendricks, will do the talking.

Here's how! They will give a detailed description of every game from the first whistle Friday morning until the final gun booms Saturday night. Blythe and Tommy won't miss a thing.

Don't forget—The Indianapolis Times will broadcast the entire State basketball tournament Friday and Saturday over WFBM, Indianapolis Light and Power Company station.

The hearing was continued to April 17.

**Cadle Voluntary Action  
Heard by Wilde.**

Hearing on the voluntary bank-ruptcy petition of E. Howard Cadle, 5207 N. Meridian St., one of the organizers of the Cadle Tabernacle, was begun before Carle Wilde, Federal referee in bankruptcy, today.

Cadle listed unsecured claims of \$118,134, including losses in Florida, and assets of \$400.

He testified that of the \$85,000 he and Mrs. Cadle invested in the Tabernacle, they realized only \$30,000.

Cadle testified his \$250,000 interest in the eighteen American Shoe Re-builders' Association stores has dwindled to a \$50 share, and Mrs. Cadle's stock to \$50.

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**BANKRUPTCY SUIT UP**

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## STEWART ARRAIGNED

'Not Guilty,' Oil Man Pleads  
in Contempt Case.

*By United Press*

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Robert W. Stewart pleaded not guilty today of charges of contempt of the Senate.

Stewart, chairman of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, appeared before Chief Justice Walter L. McCoy of the District of Columbia Supreme Court to answer to the four counts of an indictment voted three weeks ago.

The indictment charged violation of the law empowering the Senate to obtain testimony under oath in connection with legislation.

It was voted on request of the Senate as a result of Stewart's refusal to tell the Teapot Dome committee all he knew about the disposal of Liberty bond profits of the Continental Trading Company.

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## WILD FUND GROWS

10 Per Cent Dividend Soon  
Seen for Depositors.

*By United Press*

Payment of another 10 per cent dividend to depositors in the defunct J. F. Wild & Co. Bank may be possible by the middle of May, Probate Judge Mahlon E. Bashid said.

It is likely, however, that the payment will be held up until June or late May so that a larger payment may be made. The expense of mailing out 15,000 and 18,000 checks, clerk hire and other overhead makes it more economical to wait until a