

## Tornado Slashes State; 7 Killed

5 Die at Shelburn, 2 At Terre Haute

(Continued From Page One) crashing throughout the park. As the tornado proper centered upon the park, its accompanying windstorms swirled through the city, bringing thunder, lightning, rain and hail.

Roads are Blocked The road swept through Indiana that Terre Haute too had been leveled like Shelburn. Officials quickly called out the national guard, auxiliary police, Boy Scouts for emergency duty. Roads were blocked with slow-moving traffic.

Firemen and policemen were sent by Mayor Ralph E. Tucker to handle relief work in the sections where the storms struck hardest.

Nobody knows what happened to the tornado after it rolled out of Terre Haute. There were dozens of reports that it was tearing into Indianapolis, Kokomo, Crawfordsville, Lafayette, as far east as Richmond. Quick calls into these towns by newspapers proved these reports false.

The Weather Bureau in Indianapolis issued a storm warning but said the tornado would not hit here. It predicted half, winds of 30 to 50 miles an hour, thunderstorms last night. They failed to materialize except in some northern sections of the county. Some thunderstorms may hit today, the Bureau predicted.

Nathan Francis, 75, Bowling Green, was hurt when a chicken house blew away while he was gathering eggs inside.

Frank Simmons, 60, Terre Haute, sustained a crushed chest and head when his automobile blew off Ind. 59 into a field south of Clay City.

Both men were taken to Clay County Hospital at Brazil.

### Saw Storm Coming

Charles Kearney told attendants at St. Anthony's he was unloading timber from a truck when he saw the storm coming. Before he could flee to safety, the wind had blown him from the truck.

He is a veteran of the Battle of the Bulge which he went through without injury.

"Now this comes along and I wind up on my back," he said with a sigh.

Considerable property damage was reported at Coal Bluff in Parke County but there were no reports of dead or injured. Many buildings were destroyed in the community.

Several hours after the tornado struck Terre Haute there were reports that it had whipped around and had headed back into Terre Haute, traveling from whence it came. These reports were exaggerated. A high wind whipped that city about four hours later, but did no damage.

Throughout the evening up to midnight there were reports of miniature tornadoes whipping through the Hoosier countryside. Times Photographer Victor Peterson raced one as he sped to Terre Haute to take pictures.

Airplane pilots reported the

## Victims of Tornado Are Comforted in St. Anthony's Hospital



Mrs. Charles Krackenberger talks in a low voice with her husband who cried out in anguish when he learned his father, Burton Krackenberger, 50, was killed in the windblast in Deming Park, Terre Haute.

## Head of Indianapolis Firm Answers Query About ERP

Rep. Harvey Transmits Reply to Muncie Housewife; Statement Lauds Program

By DAN KIDNEY, Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, May 21—President I. Richards Wagner of the Electric Steel Castings Co., Indianapolis, today provided Rep. Ralph Harvey (R. Ind.) with an answer to the question,

"Can you tell me just what ERP is doing for us who are paying the bill?"

The question came from a Muncie housewife and Mr. Wagner's answer was in the same mail, having been published by the National Foundry Association. Here is what Mr. Wagner had to say:

"European recovery program dollars no longer go for relief alone. More than sixty cents out of every dollar provided for European aid will go (1) to purchase and install improved productive machinery and equipment, and (2) to promote more efficient productive techniques both aimed to help the western European nations become self-supporting.

"Now these nations have surplus of population, previously supported by the colonies, which must be supported by domestic production of goods and services far beyond pre-war levels.

"The ERP is certainly a laudable project. We are furnishing, however, the productive tools which will assist them in competing with American producers. . . .

"This is as it should be. . . . Productive competition, as we know it, has proven time and



Nurse Ann Moss comforts Charles Kearney in St. Anthony's Hospital. He suffered a broken wrist and injured back when the tornado caught him as he was loading mine timbers.

### N. J. Blond Chosen Middies Color Girl

ANNAPOLIS, Md., May 21—Traditional June Week ceremonies at the Naval Academy here.

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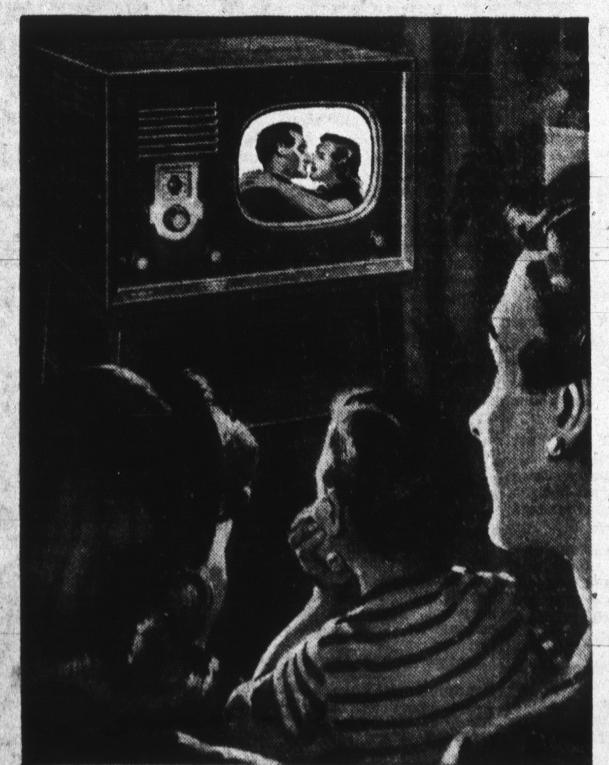
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## Tornadoes Rip Into 4 States

At Least 30 Killed, 250 Others Hurt

(Continued From Page One) Clarksville, about 80 miles north of St. Louis, highway patrolmen said, injuring a number of others and causing heavy damage.

The same storm damaged Ashley, Mo., Bowling Green, and Cyrene.

A third storm swept through Palestine, Ill., near the Indiana border, killing at least four persons and leaving the town without lights or water.

It was believed this was the same storm which later killed four persons at Shelburn, two at Terre Haute and one at Poland.

**Houses Flattened**  
Houses were flattened and trees were down.

Illinois patrolmen reported 20 hurt and 150 homes damaged in the Wood River area. Mayor William Stoneham said he knew of three persons dead in the town, and believed a fourth dead listed by the highway patrol was from the area of the city, but not in it.

Red Cross workers set up quarters for 100 homeless persons in the American Legion home.

There was so much confusion on the damage the tornado had wrought that the death toll in Shelburn jumped from one to 15 and finally back to four after demolished homes were searched. State Police at Putnamville reported 10 to 15 dead, but later revised their death toll downward when rescue efforts were organized.

A Red Cross disaster relief unit was en route to Shelburn from Terre Haute and Indianapolis. Red Cross officials were attempting to organize aid. Approximately 15 nurses from Terre Haute volunteered to go into Shelburn.

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