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Indiana state police today lost its second "top-notch" officer to a new paper furniture industry.

Latest to resign is Lt. Robert H. Shields, ranked as one of the department's outstanding officers. He was in charge of its Indianapolis post.

Lt. Shield resigns a 12-year career in the department to join the new industry founded by a fellow state police lieutenant, Earl Dallas Smith, who also resigned to devote full time to the manufacture of his now nationally acclaimed furniture.

Maj. Robert A. O'Neal, state police executive officer, said the department regretted the departure of both officers — "very good men."

Lt. Shields will become manager of the manufacturing and sales office of Dallas Smith Corp., 118 S. Pennsylvania St., of which Lt. Smith is president.

## Patented Idea

Lt. Smith hit upon an idea for making inexpensive and sturdy "cardboard" furniture about two years ago and recently patented his idea to go into production of the fiber board, foam rubber chairs and couches. His idea was publicized in Life Magazine, and many of the nation's leading department stores and hotel chains have begun stocking the new furniture line.

Lt. Shields, 34, joined the state police in 1938 and became commanding officer of the Indianapolis post in 1949 after moving up through the ranks. He has figured in most of the department's important investigations, and was one of the men credited with helping solve the notorious Robert Austin Watts murder case.

The 32-year-old Lt. Smith also figured in the Watts investigation and both men turned in "praiseworthy jobs as policemen" in such outstanding cases as the Howard Pollard murder trial and the slaying of two Hammond policemen in 1947.

## 'Served 10 Years

Lt. Smith served on the police force 10 years, returning after three years in the Air Force to head the department's aviation division as the department's chief pilot.

Lt. Smith lives at 2110 E. 61st Pl. with his wife, a daughter and twin sons, and Lt. Shields resides at 1806 N. Auburn St., Speedway, with his wife, a son and daughter.

## Symington To Resign This Month

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (UPI) — President Truman announced yesterday that W. Stuart Symington, his number one handy-man, will resign this month as administrator of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

(The Indianapolis Times reported exclusively yesterday, before the President's announcement, that Mr. Symington would resign.)

The President told his news conference that Mr. Symington has wanted to leave government service for the last 18 months and that he will accept his resignation sometime this month.

Disclosure of Mr. Symington's plans to resign came as no surprise to official Washington. It has been known for some time that he wished to take an extended vacation after six straight years in high-pressure government jobs.

## No Successor Named

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## Offers \$400 Reward

## In Death of Teacher

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 4 (UPI) — Gov. Kerr Scott offered a \$400 reward yesterday to anyone furnishing evidence leading to arrest and conviction of the person who wired dynamite under the seat of a pickup truck to kill a GI farm training supervisor at Mt. Airy.

William Homer Cochrane Jr. of Surry County, was brutally murdered while he was attempting to start his truck in the performance of his duties as a vocational agriculture teacher, the governor said in a proclamation announcing the reward.

The 24-year-old teacher died 13 hours after the blast Dec. 31. Hurling parts of his truck atop the four-story apartment building where he lived.

## In Princeton It's 2 Guys For Each Job

By United Press

PRINCETON, Ind., Jan. 4—Democratic Republican and Democratic employees of this city's 27 obs raced each other to work today awaiting a court decision on who controls the post.

Both Democratic Mayor M. Vernon Woodruff and his GOP council appointed workers to each of the jobs. In most cases, the man who showed up for work earliest did the work and the muscular balance of the eyes returns.

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Both parties said the dispute centers on membership of a fifth class city's board of public works. Mayor Woodruff believed it should be composed of the mayor, his city attorney—a Democrat—and a councilman. But the council said it should be two councilmen and the mayor.

Mayor Woodruff's suit accused the council of trying to take over the executive as well as the legislative authority of the city.

It cannot come up in court until Jan. 14 when the next session starts, and even then, Judge A. Dale Eby is expected to disqualify himself.

## Will Visit Formosa

TAIPEH, Formosa, Jan. 4 (UPI) — Francis Cardinal Spellman will pay his first visit to Formosa Saturday. He is expected to meet Generalissimo and Mrs. Chiang Kai-shek.

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