Banker Claims 'Payoff' to Get

State Deposits
CHICAGO A—A former Chicage
banker, who claims he was forced
out of business by ex-State Auditor Orville E. Hodge, has named
the men he said he "pald monev"
to so he could get state funds deposited in his three banks.
Henry J. Beutel told the U.S.
Senate Banking Committee yesterday he "donated" a total of \$7,000
from 1945 to mid-1952. His banks
were closed in 1953 by Hodge, now
in prison for embezzling state
funds.

funds.

Beutel linked Gov. William G.
Stratton, then state treasurer, with
the "contributions," which Beutel
said he paid to two employes in
the treasurer's office and a Rock
Island, Ill., benker
Beutel identified the three men

as Jack A. Brown, coping illines state treasurer from 1975 1975 Lester Klick of Springfield; and Ray Osterman, president of the Rock Island Bank and Trust Co Osterman was treasurer for Strat

Osterman was treasurer for Stratton's 1952 gubernatorial campaign.
Stratton, a Republican, was
state treasurer until his election
as governor in 1952. Stratton's
name entered the hearinys yesterday when Beutel said he saw
Stratton, then treasurer, about getting deposits in one of his banks.
Beutel said he visited Straton
when he was treasurer in June
1951. "He (Stratton) agreed to
give me \$250,000 for the West Irving State Bank."

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Later, Beute' said, he was approached by Klick and Osterman
for contributions an subsequently sent Osterman \$1,500 for "campaign purposes." Beutel said he
received in reply a letter datel
Dec. 1, 1951, thanking him and
adding. "Bill has been advised."

"Bill" was identified by Beutel
as Stratton.

Mother and 4 Children Dead In Conn. Fire

STRATFORD, Conn. W-A 60

STRATFORD, Conn. (P)—A 60-year-old mother and four of her children perished early today when fire swept their six-room home in this Bridgeport suburb. The mother, a daughter and two sons were only 15 feet from the front door when they were felled by dense smoke. Another son was found in an upstairs bedroom, a short distance from the window. They were Mrs. Florence Talbot, whose husband died six months ago; her 13 year old daughter Patty, and three sons, Thomas, 21, Robert, 23, and Jack, 25, Jack's body was found upstairs.

All had been in bed when the blaze broke out, apparently in a kitchen oil burner, about 12:45 a.m., Fire Chief Theodore Lockwood said.

He said the four who came down the stairs almost made it to safety. But, he added:

"They apparently piled up coming down the stairs in the dense smoke, Fifteen feet more and they would have made it.

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"They must have been awakened by the smoke and started down the stairs. The first one down must have stopped and the others just piled up behind. We found them there pear the door."

A daughter and two other sons live away from home.

Save-Carrier Plea Sent Ike

SAN DIEGO, Calif. # — The USS Enterprise Assn. has petitioned President Eisenhower to save the historic aircraft carrier from the scrap heap and to preserve her as a national shrine.

Bill Rubin of San Diego, association president, said he sent a telegram to President Eisenhower bearing 1,200 signatures of associations. telegram to Frestein Salarias bearing 1,200 signatures of association members. Rubin said the carrier took part in every major World War II sea battle of the Pacific except that of the Coral Salarias S

Sea. The Navy announced Monday that the Enterprise, now at Bayonne, N.J., is unfit for further naval service and will be sold for

Court Rejects Convict's Plea For Execution

SAN FRANCISCO (n-The California Supreme Court has rejected, without comment, the plea of Gilbert F. Collie, 78, convicted "Gorilla Man" slayer, that he be executed to end "this living death" in prison.

The court turned down yesterday Collie's self-composed habeas corpus petition asking that he be hanged or set free after serving 24 years of a life term.

Collie, a muscular San Bernardino blacksmith, was convicted in 1932 of murdering two men. He was called "Gorilla Man" because of his great strength.

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"I am old, infirm, ready for death, and tired of this mockery of justice." Collie wrote in his plea. "I want freedom from this living death."

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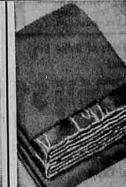
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