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appointment with Attorney Moroosse. A short time later Attorney Moroosse came in and went into the private office.

In a few minutes Mr. Yost came to the office. Mrs. Yost appeared to be surprised to see him and Mrs. Corley did not think that Mr. Yost was expected. Mr. and Mrs. Yost talked together and while Mrs. Corley did not pay much attention to their conversation she gathered they were discussing the disposition of furniture and were in disagreement. Then Mrs. Yost walked into the private office and was followed by Mr. Yost who pulled the door to. The glass in the door is opaque, and while Mrs. Corley could not see what was going on in the office, she could see shadows on the door and she did not think Mrs. Yost sat down.

Mrs. Corley could hear the sound of voices, but could not distinguish what was being said, until Attorney Moroosse raised his voice and said, "You are a damned liar, and if you don't leave this office I'll call the police," or words to that effect. She thought this remark was directed to Mr. Yost. It was then she heard two shots fired quickly, then two more, and then she ran from the office seeking aid.

The theory of the police is that Yost, angered by what had transpired, and with his plans already made, first fired a bullet at his wife. This bullet is believed to have struck her in the neck, and she fell to the floor. There were slight powder burns, indicating the shot was fired from close up.

Then it is thought Attorney Moroosse sprang from his chair behind his desk and grappled with Yost, attempting to disarm him. But the shooting continued. One bullet, probably the second one fired, struck a finger of Moroosse's hand, almost severing the finger. Moroosse was shot five times, and was wounded in the shoulder, the chest and the head. Moroosse fell to the floor at the end of his desk.

His gun empty, Yost is believed to have released the weapon with the three remaining shells. Six exploded, empty shells were found by the police, lying on the office floor.

After loading his gun with three shells, two placed side by side in the cylinder, one spaced one chamber apart, Yost is believed to have placed the muzzle of the gun against his wife's forehead and fired a bullet into her brain. This wound was badly powder burned.

Then Yost is thought to have sat down in an office chair, placed the gun against the right side of his head and fired a bullet into his brain. The third shell was not discharged.

It became known yesterday that Attorney Moroosse and Mrs. Yost on Tuesday afternoon visited the office of County Clerk Maria H. Clark. It is believed the purpose of their visit may have been to place on record a certified copy of the court order, restraining Yost from disposing of any of his property. Had this been done this would serve as a lien against any property he might attempt to sell.

That Yost had disposed of some of his property, consisting of furnishings from his home was stated

of spectators offered their services. A booster line was carried from the pumper truck into the building and the fire extinguished.

Among those volunteering were volunteer firemen from Grant Town who carried the water hose into the house with the officers, helped removed the wires to the time bomb in the basement. Fire Chief Morgan praised the volunteers for their action in the face of danger.

The body of Attorney Tucker Moroosse was removed to the Ross Funeral home to be prepared for burial. At 5 p. m. today the body will be taken to the home of his mother, Mrs. Margaret Moroosse, 511 Dewey street, where funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon with Rev. M. C. Johns, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. Burial will be made in Woodlawn cemetery.

The deceased is survived by his widow, Genevieve Morris Moroosse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Morris of Maple avenue, and three daughters, Sharon, 6, and Sheila and Shirley, five-year-old twins.

Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Benny Astrino of 1102 Virginia avenue, and Miss Rose Moroosse, at home.

Attorney Moroosse was born in Italy, but came to this city when three years of age. He attended Fairmont State college and was graduated from West Virginia university. He was a member of the First Baptist church.

Mrs. Yost was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wright of Monongah, and was well known in that community. She was a graduate of the Monongah High school and was a member of the First Methodist church of Monongah. She was married to Yost in October 1942, and the couple had no children. She is survived by her parents and one brother, Rutherford Wright of Fairmont and three sisters, Mrs. Kathryn Pitzer of Fairmont, Mrs. Hazel Stephens of Parkersburg, and Mrs. Irene McCoy of Fairmont, Route 1. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Parents of Yost are deceased. Prior to his last marriage he was divorced from a first wife, who resides in Mannington. He has two married daughters. He was employed at the Shaft mines of the Consolidation Coal company.

KEY ITALIAN POLITICIANS DESERT REDS

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seek membership in Premier Alcide De Gasperi's Christian Democrats.

In the far south, Luigi Galene, a member of the council of Ginosola, near Taranto, said he was quitting the Communist party, saying he felt "excruciating pangs of conscience" every time he handed out Communist campaign literature.

In Frangagnano, in the Taranto region, 60 Communists were said to have joined the rightist national bloc after taking to heart a campaign speech by minister of Justice Giuseppe Grassi, an independent.

picture dealing with the military forces of the United States, will be shown at the regular meeting of the Fairmont Lions club Friday at 7 p. m., in the Fairmont hotel.

Russians May Seal Off Air Route To Allies in Berlin

BERLIN, Thursday, April 8 (U.P.)—Soviet Marshal Vassily D. Sokolovsky charged the British today with "provocative aims" in attempting to blame Russia for the collision between a British air transport and a Soviet fighter plane.

The Soviet commander, in his blistering reply to the British protest, hinted that he might seal air corridors over the Soviet zone.

"I hope you will issue the necessary orders to British planes for the strict following of air safety directives outlined by the Allied Control authority," he said.

"This would forestall me from the necessity of taking measures for the protection and security of traffic over the Soviet occupation zone of Germany and especially over Soviet airports and air in the Berlin district."

Closing of the air corridor into Berlin would cut off the last unrestricted means of access to the German capital by the Western powers. Their land transport is now subject to new Soviet control orders which were issued last week and which caused a heightening of tension among the four powers.

Sokolovsky's note was a reversal of his statement to Gen. Sir Brian Robertson, British commander-in-chief, shortly after the crash Monday. At that time Sokolovsky expressed regrets and assured the British chief that the Soviet pilot's action was not intentional.

AF HEADS JOIN PANEL IN FIGHT FOR AIR FLEET

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program until it threshes out the issue of a bigger air force. In addition to Symington, it today quizzed Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, retiring Air Force chief of staff, and his successor, Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg.

Gurney said the Air Force men asked that their manpower be raised from 364,000 to an average of 420,000 during fiscal 1949. Under their proposals, Gurney said, the number would rise to 453,000 by July 1, 1949, and 502,000 by July 1, 1950.

Forrestal has asked for an added \$587,000,000 to strengthen the present 55-group air force as part of his requested extra \$3,000,000,000 for defense measures.

Gurney said it would require another \$1,801,000,000 in contract authority for planes to equip a 70-group force. He did not say what the extra manpower would cost. The House committee's figure of \$2,388,000,000 more for a 70-group force presumably covers the added personnel.