

# More Poisoned Eagles Found in Wyoming

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(AIPA)—As yet more bald and golden eagles were found dead of an outlawed pest control poison named thallium in Wyoming, the Interior Department here pledged to seek arrests and convictions of those using the chemical illegally.

Interior Secretary Rogers C.B. Morton told newsmen that a "Herculean effort of investigation is being used at this time to determine those persons unknown outside federal authority" who are using the poison which his agency had determined to be the cause of death for the eagles.

Nearly 50 bald and golden eagles have been found dead in the past month in Wyoming. Interior Special Assistant Nathaniel Reed told newsmen there are only 800 nesting pairs of the two eagles still living in the nation, and that they are on Interior's endangered species" list.

In Wyoming, meanwhile, a spokesman for the management and enforcement division of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries said he had questioned four men who admitted using thallium to kill coyotes and foxes in the area.

He indicated only one of the four men knew how to adminis-

ter the poison, banned from federal use since 1967.

Later, three antelope carcasses heavily baited with thallium were found near Jackson Canyon, Wyo., not far from the area in which the dead eagles were discovered over the past month.