

WASHINGTON Calling

A Weekly Sizeup by the Washington Staff of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers

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right, left or middle. But as in Argentina, Bolivia and elsewhere, it will not be friendly with friends of axis.

Burma Action Must Await End of Monsoon

DON'T LOOK for any sizable action in Burma for eight months or so—that is, until after next monsoon season. Additional delay from fact that tactics have been changed in that theater again, congressional sources say.

Recent conversations here, said to have centered about displeasure at Lord Mountbatten's failure to open an all-out campaign, aren't expected to speed action there to any great extent. Congressional sources say that the Burma campaign may even await a decision in Europe.

THOUSANDS OF TONS of miscellaneous scrap rubber which government planned to burn as useless for reclaiming will be offered first to dealers. Stories that from 10 to 20 per cent of scrap remaining from 1942 salvage drive would be destroyed brought offers from dealers to buy it "as is."

BUT THE GOVERNMENT, which paid over-generous price of \$25 a ton for it, won't get much over \$1 a ton on resale.

GOVERNOR BRICKER of Ohio may be first to establish presidential headquarters in voteless Washington. His aids have discussed it with Ohio G. O. P. congressional delegation, which is already doing missionary work among members from other states.

Meanwhile other politicians here think they see signs of a Dewey-Bricker deal in the making. It's figured that Bricker strength may be thrown to Dewey early in the balloting, in return for second place on ticket.

McNutt Peeved Over Hines' Job?

REFUSAL OF Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg, New York City regional WMC director, to work with Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines in his capacity as restraining and re-employment administrator for veterans, is taken here as indicating that her boss, Manpower Commission Chairman Paul V. McNutt, is still dissatisfied at his failure to draw the Hines job. McNutt thought it had been promised him by F. D. R. considers that since he controls the employment service, his agency and Hines' will be working at cross purposes. McNutt may still win out, as he did some time ago over Gen. Hershey of selective service.

REP. WESLEY DISNEY of Oklahoma, who's thinking seriously of running for senate against Senator Elmer Thomas, has been rapping senate delay over his bill to up the price of oil. Thomas has been unable, so far, to induce Chairman Wagner of banking and currency to schedule hearings on the bill. There's some hope the senate's new super-committee to study domestic and foreign oil policy will take hold of the price question, but even if it does, it won't be empowered to report.

MEANWHILE the petroleum administration for war is making no more public clamor about the necessity for raising prices, figuring that it did its best with Economic Stabilization Director Vinson and lost. Vinson refused the general increase of 35 cents a barrel PAW asked.

Recent PAW survey shows there are approximately 1368 rotary drilling rigs now in operation and about 150 idle. Guess is that within a couple of months 1450 rigs will be at work. Independent oil men insist that if the price were increased, all would be in operation. Even so, searchers for oil would still bump up against shortages of manpower and materials, as well as shortages of geophysical equipment.

New York Reports Willkie Boner

NEW YORK reports a Willkie boner in Tuesday's straw-in-the-wind election in New York City. Willkie is said to have been asked to make a speech in the 21st congressional district for William S. Bennett, the Republican candidate, and to have turned it down. Republicans came within 1600 votes of winning, and some believe Willkie might have made the difference.

BUT: Republicans are cheered anyway, and Democrats find small comfort in election of Democrat Torrens. More Republican votes were cast than Democratic. Labor party vote defeated Bennett.

TRUMAN COMMITTEE has buttoned up investigation into OPA's new ration token program, but has decided against issuing a public report. Committee found grounds for complaints by coin-machine users that tokens will operate some devices, jam others. But committee members didn't want to advertise misuse of ersatz money, so they made their report privately to OPA.

ADMINISTRATION is again reaching into state Democratic primaries. President Roosevelt, himself—with prompting by Democratic National Chairman Hannegan—had a hand in persuading Mayor Frank J. Lausche of Cleveland to enter Ohio governor race. Administration discouraged Lausche from seeking senate seat, believing Senator Taft a sure winner.

SAUERKRAUT, promoted to delicacy class by shortage, will soon reappear as a companion to that extra pork. Some 80,000 tons of winter cabbage is being diverted to kraut makers because of all-time high in southern crop.

GRUMBLING in Congress about the fighting in Italy may break into the open on house floor shortly, with open criticism of British leadership, both naval and military. Back of it will be the usual flavor of politics.

Believe Weakened Rabaul Will Fall to Yanks Soon

They are now using Kavieng as the chief shipping center for the Southwest Pacific.

Navy circles here are making no secret of the fact that once Rabaul is in American hands it will be quickly converted into an advance naval base. Such a base would be of great importance in supporting any northward push by our forces into the heart of Japan's stolen empire.

Plan U. S. Base

Rabaul was once considered one of the most heavily defended bases in the Southwest Pacific. It was estimated to have had a garrison of 40,000 men. At times as many as sixty ships were anchored in its harbor. But American success in establishing airfields on nearby islands and on New Britain itself, eventually resulted in denying the use of the base to the Japanese. The recent allied landings on the Admiralty Islands virtually complete its isolation.

There has been almost negligible anti-aircraft fire from Rabaul in recent weeks and Japanese air interception has been almost non-existent.

The U. S. planes bombed and strafed enemy positions on Los Negros and carried out a heavy attack on Lorengau, eight miles across the straits on the principal Admiralty Island of Manus.

Sharp Fighting

They said the ground troops, which were aided by heavy reinforcements Thursday, engaged the enemy in "sharp fighting" and "advanced their positions in all directions." It did not disclose, however, any details of the engagements.

Five tons of bombs were dropped on the Kurile Islands Thursday. The Japanese failed to throw up any aerial opposition.

L.T. ROSEN LOST IN REICH RAID

PFC. Ronald Howard Dies From Wounds Received In Italy.

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band of Mrs. Kathryn Rosen, 1940 College ave.

PFC. HOWARD, Indianapolis soldier wounded in action in Italy, died Jan. 30 in that area.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. William Howard, 1414 N. King ave., Pfc. Howard attended Washington high school and was employed at Prest-O-Lite Co. before entering service March 20, 1943.

The Rev. Edward E. Russell, pastor of the Eighth Christian church, will conduct memorial services for Pfc. Howard at 10:30 a. m. March 12.

Besides the parents, other survivors are two brothers, S. Sgt. Kenneth Howard, stationed in Hawaii, and Pvt. Charles Howard, Camp Phillips, Kas., and two sisters, Mrs. Evelyn Boyer and Miss Shirley Ann Howard, Indianapolis.

L.T. ROSEN, Brooklyn, N. Y., was listed as missing in the Brunswick and Hanover, Germany, raids Jan. 30, according to a telegram received Feb. 12 by his wife. He was on his ninth mission as gunner and bombardier of Flying Fortress.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Rosen, Brooklyn. His wife, whom he married in Texas last July, lives at 1949 College ave. and is employed at the Commonwealth Loan Co.

Lt. Rosen entered the service on Jan. 26, 1942, and received bombardier training at Big Spring, Tex. He was the only man of a class of 150 at the Harlingen, Tex., gunnery school to receive the expert award. He has been overseas since Nov. 1, 1943.

HONORED

FIRST LT. WILLIAM R. HUTCHENS, has been awarded the oak leaf-cluster to the air medal for meritorious service in combat over France.

A bombardier in the army air forces, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hutchens, 1424 E. 10th st.

Lt. Hutchens st. He has been in the army two years and is now based in England.

MISSING

The navy and war departments today confirmed the previous reports that three Indianapolis men are missing. They are:

Motor Machinist's Mate 2-c Edward Ricketts, son of Mrs. Beulah Shingleton, 759 Olin ave., missing since Jan. 14 on a submarine in the South Pacific.

Lt. James Settle, son of Mrs. Flossie Settle, 2634 E. 34th st., co-pilot of a B-17, missing since Jan. 30 in a raid over Germany.

S. Sgt. John Huffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Huffman, 4024 Winthrop ave., gunner on a Flying Fortress, missing since Jan. 23 over Germany.

Sgt. Robert Chapman, son of Mrs. Lassie Owen, Lafayette; Jack Robinson, son of Mrs. Helen Lane, Wabash; Loren Sanford, husband of Mrs. Joan Sanford, Greenfield, and William Williams, husband of Mrs. Flossie Williams, Fortville; T. Sgt. Lassie Chapman, son of Mrs. George Kessel, son of John Kessel, New Castle; Clifford Owen, son of Mrs. Lassie Owen, Lafayette; Jack Klotwyk, Hammond.

Other soldiers missing are S. Sgt. Lee Radke, son of Mrs. Anna Radke, South Bend, in Asia; S. Sgt. Charles Bucsan, son of Michael Bucsan, Whiting, in the Central Pacific; Pvt. William Selin, son of Mrs. Jessie Selin, Kokomo, in the Mediterranean area, and S. Sgt. Ralph Samuelson, husband of Mrs. Mary Samuelson, E. Chicago, in the Southwest Pacific.

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BALL WILL SUPPORT STASSEN CAMPAIGN

WASHINGTON, March 4 (U. P.)—Senator Joseph H. Ball (R. Minn.) said today he will engage in the Wisconsin Republican presidential primary in support of Lt. Cmdr. Harold E. Stassen, former Minnesota governor.

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DROWNS IN BATHTUB

NEW YORK, March 4 (U. P.)—Polly Dunham Miller, 19, granddaughter of a former president of the Hercules Powder Co., drowned in a bathtub yesterday.

TOWNSENDITES TO MEET

Arthur E. Baker, former manager of the Townsend National Recovery Plan for Indiana, will speak at a mass meeting of the Southside club tomorrow, afternoon at the Fountain Square Townsend club.

ASTRONOMERS TO MEET

The Indiana Astronomical society will meet at 2:15 p. m. tomorrow in the School of Music building, Pennsylvania and North sts.

COURT REFUSES LEPKE APPEAL

Judges Unanimous in Denial Of Last Ditch Action.

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save him from the chair:

"Denied."

The attache, Nelson Potter, thus disclosed the action taken by the justices on the petition for review at their usual Saturday conference.

Even when the action is entered formally in the court records, no reasons will be stated for the decision. It will merely be noted that the petition for a writ of certiorari was denied, leaving in effect the decisions of lower federal courts. These courts had refused to interfere with the execution.

The appeal was filed at 11:30 a. m. by Albert E. Klapper, special appeal attorney from New York, and the decision was announced at 12:54 p. m.

"I have nothing to add to what the court has said," Klapper commented on learning the decision.

He said he had notified J. Bertram Wegman, Lepke's general counsel, of the decision by long-distance telephone. He said any further legal efforts in Lepke's behalf would be announced from Wegman's office at 60 Wall Street, New York.

Judges Frank Murphy and Robert H. Jackson, who did not participate in a hearing last spring when the court upheld the state court murder convictions of the New York racketeer, did not participate in today's action. They withdrew from the case both times because, as U. S. attorneys general, they had some previous connection with the case.

Klepper said he had stayed up most of the night preparing the petition, which did not include an appeal for Lepke's condemned confederates, Louis Capone and Emanuel Weiss.

Services for Harry Burton Jacobs, 4955 Washington Blvd., owner of Jacobs' Outdoor shop, 9 E. Ohio St., will be at 2 p. m. tomorrow in the Aaron-Ruben funeral home, with burial in Indianapolis Hebrew congregation cemetery.

Mr. Jacobs, an Indianapolis resident 20 years, died yesterday in St. Vincent's hospital after an illness of two months. He was 61. He was a member of the Indianapolis Hebrew congregation, Broadmoor country club and B'nai B'rith.

Survivors are his wife, Betty; three sons, T. Sgt. Arthur and Pfc. Jerome, overseas with the army, and Gordon, a St. Louis, Mo., social worker; a brother, Max, and a sister, Mrs. Isidor Rosenberg, both of Cincinnati, where Mr. Jacobs formerly operated a drug store.

EDGAR HUFFORD

Services for Edgar Hufford, Brownsburg, a machinist for the Allison division, will be at 2 p. m. tomorrow in the Brownsburg Christian church, with burial in Green cemetery.

Mr. Hufford, lifelong resident of Hendricks county, died Thursday in his home at Brownsburg. He was 57. He was a member of the Christian church there.

Survivors are his wife, Eme; three sons, Marshall and Walter, both of Brownsburg, and Sgt. Charles, with the army air forces in New Guinea; two daughters, Mrs. Irene Beaver and Mrs. Louise Vido, Brownsburg; two brothers, Joe and John, Brownsburg; three sisters, Mrs. Ella Garner, Brownsburg; Mrs. Carrie Garner, Indianapolis, and Mrs. Julia Beaman, Pittsboro, and four grandchildren.

JOHN BEATTY DIES IN HOSPITAL HERE

John E. Beatty, sales manager for the Commercial Sales Co., died today in the Methodist hospital after a month's illness. He was 38.

A native of St. Louis, Mo., he had been a resident of Indianapolis since he was 9 years old. He lived at 1025 N. Emerson ave. and was a member of the Church of the Little Flower.

Survivors are his wife, Leovan; two daughters, Mary Sue and Jo Ellen; a son, Jack; his father, Edward Beatty; a brother, Michael J. Beatty, and a sister, Mrs. R. L. Neuling, all of Indianapolis.

Services will be at 8:30 a. m. Tuesday in the Kirby mortuary and at 9 a. m. at the Church of the Little Flower. Burial will be in Holy Cross cemetery.

ODOUS P. MONEY

Services for Odous P. Money, Brownsburg, employee of the Prest-O-Lite Battery Co., will be at 3:30 p. m. tomorrow in the Brownsburg Methodist church, with burial in Green Lanes cemetery.

Mr. Money, native of Hendricks county, died yesterday in a Martinsville hospital, after a brief illness. He was 64. He was a member of the Methodist church.

Survivors are a son, Harold W. stationed at Great Lakes, Ill., with the navy; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Ruth Scherer, Bloomington; two brothers, Barton, Danville, and Charles, Oakland; a sister, Mrs. Maryeller Muskegon, Mich., and two grandchildren.

MRS. GEORGE HOSMER ILL TWO YEARS, DIES

Mrs. DeLois L. Hosmer, wife of George H. Hosmer, president of Hosmer Stokol Corp., died today in her home, 3656 N. Delaware St., after an illness of two years.

Born at Berne, Mrs. Hosmer, was a resident of Indianapolis since 1935. She was a member of the North Methodist church, White Cross Guild, Ward-Belmont club, Women's Society for Christian Service, Lyceum club and past president of Home Economics club.

Survivors besides her husband are three daughters, Betty Louise, Marilyn Ruth and Doris Virginia Hosmer, and her mother, Mrs. Viola Longacher, all of Indianapolis.

Services will be conducted at 2 p. m. Tuesday by Dr. Dallas M. Browning and Dr. Logan Hall at the Flanner & Buchanan mortuary. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

MRS. MAUDÉ R. DAY

Services for Mrs. Maude R. Day, 656 E. 24th st., Indianapolis resident for 35 years, will be at 3 p. m. Monday in Flanner & Buchanan mortuary, with burial in Crown Hill.

Mrs. Day died last night at her home after an illness of a year.

She was 75. A native of Linton, Ind., she belonged to the Memorial Presbyterian church in Indianapolis and the O. E. S. in Washington, Ind., where she formerly lived.

Survivors are her husband, Charles H.; two daughters, Mrs. A. H. Hornall, San Mateo, Cal., and Mrs. Laura Mae Cooper, Indianapolis; three sons, Charles H. Jr. and Zed E., Indianapolis, and James W., Wilmette, Ill.; 14 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

VIRGINIA GAYLE UNDERWOOD

Miss Virginia Gayle Underwood, former Indianapolis resident who had planned to return here Monday, died yesterday in Long Beach, Cal., where she had