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# 'WE ARE SERIOUS,' MINERS SAY OF ROYALTY DEMANDS

## WARN OWNERS 'NOT TO LAUGH'

Committee Is Chosen to Weigh Coal Pact in Closed Hearings.

WASHINGTON, March 3 (U. P.).—The United Mine Workers served notice today that "we are serious" in the demand for a royalty on soft coal to raise a \$60,000,000-year "rainy day" fund.

Thomas Kennedy, secretary-treasurer of the miners, replied to operators' criticism of royalty and wage demands in the third day of their collective bargaining conference.

Some operators had expressed belief the demand for a royalty of 10 cents a ton was a mere smoke-screen.

Kennedy said all the union demands, including the royalty, would add only 28 cents a ton to the production cost of coal. The operators had put the figure at 85 cents.

"You cannot laugh this royalty proposition out of the conference," Kennedy said. "It's sound, it has merit and we are serious about it."

Two Statisticians Used

Kennedy recalled that Charles O'Neill, president of the Pennsylvania central coal operators, had said that two statisticians, "working in two different hotels," had arrived at the 65-cent figure.

Kennedy said he hoped that the arithmetic had not been done in cocktail lounges.

The statisticians, he said, "certainly were in great spirits when they worked out these figures."

"When the operators quote ridiculous figures like these," Kennedy added, "they kid themselves."

The royalty demand of the union, Kennedy said, is not new to the coal industry. It was used 30 years ago in Pennsylvania and for many years most southern mines and some northern ones paid royalties of five to 10 cents a ton "to keep the United Mine Workers of America out of the field," he told the conference.

Says Demands Conciliatory

All of the union's demands, Kennedy continued, were "tempered, conciliatory, in fact, conservative."

"We believe in them, they are sincere, they sprang from the hearts of the miners," he said. "Consideration must be given to them if we are to increase coal production."

Kennedy's speech concluded the initial public part of the bargaining and a committee of eight was chosen to get down to work in closed sessions.

The producers said that if Lewis were allowed to collect the 10-cent-a-ton "private tax" labor unions soon would be taxing all the necessities of life.

Spokesmen for the producers said that by Lewis' own admission the 10-cent-a-ton demand would have taken \$36,000,000 out of the federal treasury in 1944 had they been in effect. Lewis said the producers could recover that amount in tax refunds if the royalties netted his union \$60,000,000.

The operators made their charge as Lewis prepared to dispute their estimate that his total demands would cost the industry \$400,000,000 a year and boost each miner's pay \$3.50 a day.

In-Fighting Ahead

After today's public sparring the negotiations are scheduled to go into the smoke-filled room stage Monday, where the real in-fighting is expected to take place.

Results of those discussions will probably determine whether there is a coal strike April 1 when the miners' present contract runs out.

The producers' spokesman who claimed Lewis' "private tax" was an opening wedge for similar demands by other unions did not, however, regard the miners' boss James C. Petrie's royalties in the same light.

Petrie now gets royalties ranging from one-half cent to five cents per record from recording companies. The spokesman said Petrie's collections were on a luxury, whereas every American was dependent on coal.

YUGOSLAVIA KING ORGANIZES REGENCY

LONDON, March 3 (U. P.).—King Peter of Yugoslavia announced last night the formation of a three-man regency council to operate in Yugoslavia until the people can vote on a government.

The members were Srdjan Budisavljevic, Serbian leader of the independent democratic party; Anton Mandic, 70-year-old Croatian lawyer; and Dusan Serbec, former governor of Slovenia and finance minister in Marshal Tito's government.

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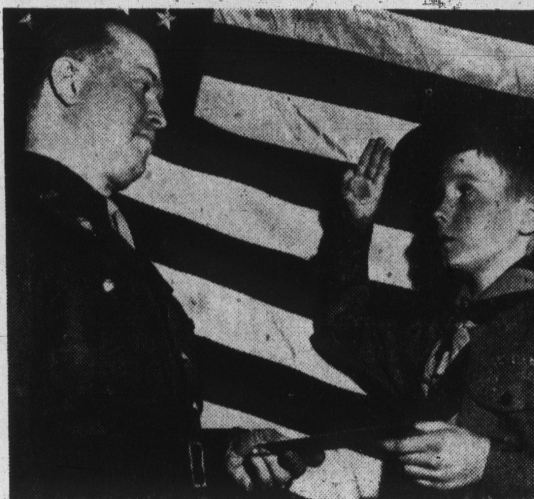
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## Scouts Accept Ike's Challenge



Brig. Gen. Elmer W. Sherwood, Indiana adjutant general, passes on Gen. Eisenhower's waste paper drive instructions to Boy Scout Ken W. Taylor of troop 21.

APPROXIMATELY 8800 Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts in the Central Indiana council will be busy this month and next to fill a request of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Gen. Eisenhower has challenged Boy Scouts throughout the nation to collect 150,000 tons of waste paper during March and April.

Each Scout who collects 1000 pounds of paper will be cited by the general and awarded a medal.

Each unit of Boy Scouts which averages a 1000-pound-per-member collection will receive a large shell case inscribed with a citation.

The paper drive resulted from a request by J. A. Krug, war production board chairman, who asked that Gen. Eisenhower sponsor such a drive.

ment commission for Indianapolis, empowered to buy property in blighted areas with money raised by a 10-cent tax and resell the property to private home builders.

The bill exempts the redevelopment commission's money from being reviewed by the tax adjustment board for two years.

Opponents fought the bill chiefly on this provision, contending that it would, in effect, give the commission a blank check to spend as it chooses without regular budget controls.

Sponsors of the bill, including the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce and the Indianapolis Real Estate Board, claimed regular budget-fixing procedure on the slum clearance money would defeat the purpose of the program because the expenditures could not be determined in advance.

Also labor groups objected to the bill because it failed to guarantee adequate shelter for families evicted from slum areas during redevelopment.

He did not say how near the government had come to meeting its most urgent manpower needs during that period, but stressed that increased military requirements "overshadowed" the employment gains.

Recalling previous WMO statements that 600,000 workers would be needed by July 15 to turn out the increased production planned for the ordnance, aircraft, ship repairing, electronics and other industries, McNutt said as of Feb. 9, nearly 167,000 workers were needed immediately for "must" plants.

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## GARRETT KIRBY DIES MONDAY

Resident Here 50 Years Was Senior Partner In Mortuary.

Rites for Garrett F. Kirby, senior partner in the Kirby mortuary who died yesterday at his home, 655 N. Rural st., will be held at 9:30 a. m. Monday at Kirby mortuary and at 10 a. m. at St. Philip Neri Catholic church. Burial will be in Calvary.

A resident of Indianapolis 50 years, Mr. Kirby had been a funeral director since 1913, establishing the Kirby & Dinn mortuary with Robert E. Dinn. After Mr. Dinn's death in 1929, Mr. Kirby's two sons, Robert E. and James T. Kirby, entered the firm.

Mr. Kirby, who was 69, was active in church and civic work and was a member of St. Philip Neri church, past president of the Men's club of the church, a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Indiana Funeral Directors association and the Indianapolis War Dads' club.

Came Here When 20

He attended grade and high school in Clayton, Hendricks county and the old Indianapolis Business college. After coming to Indianapolis at the age of 20 he took a job with Hibben-Hollweg & Co. and later with Kingan & Co. Prior to entering the undertaking profession, he was a buyer with the old Wilson Clothing store for 16 years.

He was the brother of the late Thomas J. Kirby, who lived here many years and who was a professor of education at Carnegie Technical Institute and the University of Iowa.

Surviving are his wife, Catherine; three sons, James and Robert, Indianapolis, and Cpl. John F. Kirby, with the air forces in Italy; a daughter, Mrs. Fred L. Mahaffey; three sisters, Miss Elizabeth Kirby, former principal of public schools Nos. 33 and 44; Mrs. John Morris and Mrs. Wayne Perrell; a brother, James, all of Indianapolis, and 13 grandchildren.

HARRY J. KITCHELL

Services will be held at 2:30 p. m. Monday at Shirley Brothers' Irving hill chapel for Harry J. Kittell, 1420 N. Olney st., who died Thursday at his home. Burial will be in Crown Hill.

A resident of Indianapolis most of his life, he was a baggageman for the Pennsylvania railroad until his retirement seven years ago. He was a member of East Park Methodist church, Centre Masonic lodge and Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

He is survived by his wife, Emma; a daughter, Mrs. Roy E. Brown, Indianapolis; a grandson, Cpl. Robert E. Brown, serving in France, and a sister, Mrs. P. H. Craig, Indianapolis.

MRS. BELLE BROWN

Rites for Mrs. Belle Brown, who died Thursday, will be held at 11 a. m. Monday at Cumberland Baptist church. Burial will be in Memorial Park.

A resident of Indianapolis 25 years, Mrs. Brown moved to Cumberland several years ago. She was 70 and was a member of the Cumberland church.

Surviving are two sons, Ernest R. and Roy E. Brown, Indianapolis; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

REV. DENNIS HONN

Services and burial will be conducted tomorrow at Ft. Recovery, O., for the Rev. Dennis R. Honn, pastor of the St. Vincent's Evangelical Lutheran church here, who died Thursday at Ft. Recovery.

The Rev. Mr. Honn founded the local church in 1908 and was its first pastor. He left here in 1916 to go to Ironton, O., and several years later became minister of the Ft. Recovery church, a post which he held until 1938.

He is survived by his wife, Maude; a son, Paul; two daughters, Mrs. Esther Stanton and Mrs. Katherine Stanton, Ft. Recovery; and two sisters, Mrs. Edith Craig, Bedford and Mrs. Lila Etchison, Shelbyville.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

Amos, Laura Bishop, at 945 S. Senate; Harold, Helen Corcoran, at 335 1/2 W. South.

Boys: Harvey, Mildred Colpe, at St. Francis; Robert, John Rydell, at St. Vincent's; Charles, Edith Pence, at St. Francis; Martin, Martha Vohler, at St. Francis; George, Beale Brown, at Coleman; Edward, Adeline Jones, at Methodist; Lydia, Martha Byrnes, at St. Vincent's; Rufus, Lena Carroll, at St. Vincent's; Paul, Velda Kester, at St. Vincent's; Charles, Virginia Rust, at St. Vincent's; Harold, Mary Smith, at St. Vincent's; James, Ruby Uhl, at St. Vincent's; Ralph, Frances Lambert, at Emhardt; Chester, Naomi Lawrence, at Emhardt.

DEATHS

Eva A. Holland, 67, at Marott hotel, coronary embolism, 67, at 707 N. Alabama; Sarah Feldman, 67, at Long, uremia; Katherine Marosky, 67, at Methodist, diabetes mellitus; Elizabeth McKenzie, 71, at 2854 McPherson, chronic myocardiitis; Dale D. Wilson, 51, at City, arteriosclerosis; Daisly Hardy, 65, at City, arteriosclerosis; Bernice, Lena Corbett, 41, at 143 S. McPherson, chronic myocardiitis; George H. Leonard, 55, at Long, hypothyroidism; William L. Johnson, 51, at Veterans, carcinoma; Mary Lita Rathfon, 73, at St. Vincent's, bronchopneumonia; Mary Hamilton, 65, at 1326 N. New Jersey, coronary occlusion; Francis W. Barlet, 65, at 2327 Evergreen, cardiac dilatation; Mary O. Benson, 67, at 805 Middle dr., Woodruff place, apoplexy; Mary Hamilton, 70, at 5214 Grandview dr., coronary occlusion; Georgia Taylor Pifer, 74, at 2315 Winthrop, chronic myocardiitis; Ethel Robinson, 56, at 1716 Boulevard pl., carcinoma; Hubbard Johnson, 68, at City, arteriosclerosis; Michael Howard Galtney, 11 months, at St. Vincent's, hydrocephalus; Katherine Webb, 87, at 610 Warren, chronic myocardiitis; Howard Hazel Wilcox, at Methodist, tuberculosis; Robert, Anna Wimmerman, at Methodist, pneumonia; Mary Gray, at Emhardt, pneumonia; James, Josephine Miller, at Emhardt, pneumonia; Louis, Josephine Miller, at Emhardt, pneumonia.

BIRTHS

Robert, Dorothy Courtwright, at St. Francis; Harry, Willie Sturdivant, at St. Francis; Margaret, Tucker, at St. Francis; James, Betty Jean Jones, at City; Edward, Charles Parks, at City; Kenner, Mary Watts, at City; Edward, Juanita Acinto, at Coleman; James, Charles Burch, at Methodist; Duane, Dorothy Ewer, at Methodist; Paul, Hilda Koepe, at Methodist; Richard, Marjorie Palmer, at Methodist; Robert, Lois Gunt, at Methodist; Howard, Hazel Wilcox, at Methodist; Robert, Anna Wimmerman, at Methodist; Mary Gray, at Emhardt; James, Josephine Miller, at Emhardt; Louis, Josephine Miller, at Emhardt.

On to Berlin

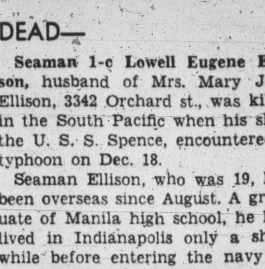
The nearest distances to Berlin from allied lines today:

EASTERN FRONT—31 miles (from Zaercker);

WESTERN FRONT—292 miles (from Neuss);

ITALY—530 miles (from north of Ravenna).

# Hoosier Heroes: Tokyo Raider From Here And Sailor Killed; 2 Wounded, 1 Captured



Seaman 1-L Lowell Eugene Ellison, husband of Mrs. Mary Jane Ellison, 3342 Orchard st., was killed in the South Pacific when his ship, the U. S. S. Spence, encountered a typhoon on Dec. 18.

Seaman Ellison, who was 19, had been overseas since August. A graduate of Manila high school, he had lived in Indianapolis only a short while before entering the navy on Feb. 8, 1944.

Surviving him besides the wife, are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Carr, Homer.

First Lt. Wassil Katchmir, who piloted a B-29 bomber in the raid over Tokyo last Thanksgiving day and had participated in practically all major raids from the Marianas since that time, was killed Monday during a raid in the Pacific area.

Lt. Katchmir went overseas with the first group of Superfortresses and has been stationed on Saipan since last September. His last letter was dated Feb. 22 and came from his base on Saipan.

The lieutenant was 29 and had been in service about five years. He was pilot of the B-29, "Dragon Lady."

He is the husband of Mrs. Frank Lucille Katchmir, who resides with her parents; Mr. and Mrs. Troy Rudick Sr., 465 W. 31st st. Other survivors include a brother, Cpl. Johnny Katchmir, stationed at Denver, Colo., a sister, Michael Katchmir, Fottville, Pa., and an uncle, W. S. Kootz, 934 E. 57th st. A brother-in-law, Pfc. Troy B. Rudick Jr., is an aerial gunner.

WOUNDED—

Exactly one month from the day S. Sgt. Richard R. Rudy was wounded in Germany, his brother, Pvt. Walter G. Rudy, was wounded in Belgium. Richard received his wounds Dec. 16 and Walter was wounded Jan. 16.

Richard is now back on duty as a mess sergeant with the 1st army and his wounded brother is in a hospital in England.

Richard, who is 27, has been in service three years and overseas 14 months. He was wounded in the leg by shrapnel and has been awarded the purple heart. He attended Cathedral high school and

RAIL CROSSING FIGHT WON BY HAMMOND

The city of Hammond has won its 30-year-old fight to get through the legislature an act enabling it to eliminate 43 dangerous railroad crossings.

A bill authorizing Hammond to proceed with the program as a post-war project was passed by the legislature yesterday and signed by Governor Gates.

Chief sponsor of the campaign to eliminate the crossings was the Hammond Times, two of whose publishers were killed at railroad crossings.

Publisher Richard McHie, one of the pioneers of the grade crossing elimination campaign, was killed at a crossing in Hammond in 1929. His brother, Sidmon McHie, then took over as publisher and carried on the grade elevation program where his brother left off. Last September Sidmon McHie was killed at a grade crossing in Hammond.

One of the sponsors of the grade crossing bill in the legislature was James S. DeLaunier, new publisher of the Hammond Times.

HAMMOND, March 3 (U. P.).—Charles J. Thomas, 50, and Lucena Mae Deyle, 27, Hammond, were killed instantly yesterday when their automobile was struck by a west-bound New York Central passenger train. Police said their car started across the track as an east-bound freight train passed.

RADIO LISTENER EXECUTED

LONDON, March 3 (U. P.).—A Berlin D. N. B. news dispatch said today that Paul Johansen had been sentenced to death and executed in Wiesbaden for listening to British broadcasts for years and "systematically spreading enemy lies."



Chaplain George A. Curtis, prisoner of Germany.

formerly was employed by the Irvington Pastry shop.

Walter has been in service a year and overseas since last October. He is 18 and attended Technical high school before entering the service. He is a paratrooper with the 17th airborne division.

The brothers are the sons of Mrs. Lottie Stogsdill, 3453 E. 29th st. Another brother, Cpl. Harry F. Rudy, is with the 16th medical depot company in England and their stepfather, Cpl. Everett Stogsdill, 44, is serving at a general hospital in England. He is a veteran of 21 years with the army and has been overseas since last June.

HONORED—

Pvt. George B. Bushong, who was killed Nov. 17 while serving with the 3d tank division has been awarded the bronze star posthumously.

Pvt. Bushong was killed by enemy shrapnel. He was advancing with an assault gun platoon against the enemy in the vicinity of Kerling, France, when it was suddenly subjected to heavy enemy anti-tank fire, the citation read. "Abandoning all thought of caution, he rose in the face of continuous hostile fire and manned the machine gun mounted on the vehicle in which he was riding."

"With utter disregard for his personal safety, Pvt. Bushong continued firing on enemy gun positions until he was killed."

His heroic sacrifice was instrumental in silencing the enemy guns and thereby saved many armored vehicles from almost certain destruction."

Pvt. Bushong is the brother of Donald Bushong, 3657 N. Illinois st.

PRISONERS—

Chaplain George A. Curtis, who was reported missing in Germany after action Dec. 21 with the



Chaplain George A. Curtis, prisoner of Germany.

Camp Atterbury-trained 106th division, has written his wife, Mrs. Evelyn Curtis, 1802 N. Talbot st., a letter from a German prison camp. The letter was written Jan. 18 and was received by Mrs. Curtis this morning.

A former pastor for the Darlington and Youngs chapels, Chaplain Curtis entered the service last June and trained at Harvard university before joining the 106th at Atterbury last August.

The chaplain is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Curtis, 2435 Evanson ave. A graduate of Technical high school and Butler university, he is 28 and did graduate work at Butler and at Washburn college. He formerly taught at Linden high school.

STATE—

The war department today announced the names of the following Hoosiers who have been killed in action. In all cases next of kin have been notified and kept directly informed of any change in status:

Second Lt. Joseph G. Alles, Columbia City; Pfc. Dale K. Amm, North Liberty; Pfc. Fred F. Bab, Lafayette; Pfc. Robert C. Babel, East Chicago; Pfc. George A. Baldwin, Northville; Pfc. Marvin K. Bailey, Richmond; S. Sgt. William J. Boyle, Terre Haute; S. Sgt. Eugene W. Carney, Ft. Wayne; Sgt. David P. Cox, South Bend; Cpl. Aloysius A. Cwidak, South Bend; 1st Lt. Marvin J. DeWitt, Evansville; Pfc. Lloyd E. Fisher, Pekin; Pfc. Raymond Hanchler, Elwood; Pfc. Crawford E. Handley, Anderson; Pfc. Kenneth H. Howard, French Lick; Pfc. Luigi A. Iannucci, Evansville; Pfc. Lowell J. Ingerson, Anderson.

Pfc. Roy M. Inley, Hammond; Pfc. Edmund M. Jones, Hartford City; Sgt. Peter Kambis, Hammond; 2d Lt. Samuel J. Lowman, Warsaw; Pfc. Ervin E. Mathew, Mount Airy; Pfc. Norman E. McCollie, South Bend; Pfc. James L. Miller, Winchester; Pfc. Robert P. Mock, Elkhart; Pfc. Donald G. Mowery, Peru; Pfc. Byron H. Nicholson, Greensburg; Pfc. Lester E. Okeley, North Judson; Sgt. Clem Plarski, South Bend; Pfc. Robert L. Price, Charleston; Pfc. Roy C. Rackett, Highland; Pfc. Elmo W. Reese, New Cassin; Pfc. Harold D. Rudick, Wabash; Cpl. Eugene D. Shoultz, Anderson; Pfc. Jack A. Twichell, Elkhart; Pfc. Charles L. Vito, Garrett; Pfc. Arthur C. Ward, Elwood; Pfc. Joseph A. Wheeler, Hamilton; and Pfc. John M. Woodard, Ft. Wayne.

WORKER CRUSHED TO DEATH

ANDERSON, March 3 (U. P.).—A. Omer Grimes, 31, was injured fatally yesterday when he was crushed between a coal conveyor and a coal car while working in a local coal yard.

STRAUSS SAYS:  
**WHAT'S COOKIN'?**  
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Dear Fellows—

MARCH CAME in a little like a weary, old lion—that lion that had spent its strength seeing February out.

The last few days of the month produced a mixture of rain, sleet, snow, and freezing temperature that tied up traffic and curbed the day-dreaming of those who thought spring was about here.

Twenty-five hundred volunteer solicitors started out Thursday to raise \$1,145,000 for the Red Cross during March.

Besides cash, many citizens were volunteering to donate blood to the blood bank, too. An army of deputy assessors started out this week to make the annual assessment of personal property.

The Boy Scouts have opened the Gen. Eisenhower-Boy Scout waste paper campaign. The campaign will continue through April.

The city's night life was dimmed considerably this week when the new mid-night curfew went into effect.

The park board appears to have made some progress in its pigeon-trapping campaign. With the use of new traps being devised, the future looks bleak for the pesky birds.

Pretty soon, the department plans to start in on the starving hordes. The strike of city garbage and trash collectors appears to be at an end at last.

Most of the collectors are back on the job trying to get caught up with the debris that has accumulated in the last couple of weeks.

MONON SCHEDULE CUT

THE MONON has had to drop its mid-night trains to and from Chicago in keeping with a new government regulation.

The average occupancy of seats and space was too low. The road also was forced to drop one of its two round trips between Chicago and Louisville.

D. C. Stephenson, the former Klan grand dragon, has been removed from the state prison to the jail at Noblesville to await a hearing Monday on his motion for a new trial on the murder charge on which he was convicted nearly 20 years ago.

Spring vacation has been canceled at I. U. to reduce travel.

Draft Chairman Quits—

"WELL, HERE I come," said a burglar as