

# WASHINGTON Calling

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

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## G. I. Bill of Rights

NO SOLDIER BONUS bill at this session of congress, political experts say. If congress passes a bill next year, it will be fresh in the minds of veteran-voters on election day.

Rep. Rankin still favors his plan to give all vets \$1040. But veterans organization prefer bill of Rep. Lesinski (D. Mich.) basing the bonus on length of service with extra credit for overseas duty.

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# WIDE AREA OF JAPAN BURNING

Homeland Seen 'Softened' For Invasion.

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ing air power to beat Japan—it's time to take invasion."

"We must meet them personally and kill them . . . on their home ground," said Stilwell.

He stuck to his opinion that the war would go on for a long time, however, and indicated that the crack Japanese Kwangtung army in Manchuria might have to be beaten even after the enemy homeland falls.

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# THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

## Hoosier Vagabond Remains 'Up Front' With Immortals

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had the effect of showing Hollywood that Indiana would flock to pay its respects to the memory of its famed fellow-Hoosier, regardless of whether movie celebrities were added attraction.

It was like Ernie's Aunt Mary Bales, choking back her sobs, said: "The people have shown their loyalty to Ernest."

She and Will Pyle, Ernie's father, were given a standing ovation.

Pyle's influence continued on its constructive course. Proceeds from the premiere will lay the keystone of the Ernie Pyle Memorial Fund at Indiana university. The fund will provide scholarships for students.

President Herman B. Wells of I. U., Ernie's alma mater, summed it up: "These perpetual scholarships will be Ernie's living monument . . . erected to serve other generations as humanely as Ernie served."

The "world's most valuable manuscript," an original of one of Pyle's last columns, was presented by Times Editor Walter Leckrone to the American United Life Insurance Co., for that firm's high bid of \$10,255,000 worth of war bonds.

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On the basis of tonight's transaction, its worth \$17,500 a word." The manuscript will become a permanent feature of the Pyle Memorial exhibit at I. U.

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