

SENATE WATCHES TRUMAN VERDICT ON TVA OFFICE

BY JACK BELL

Washington—(AP)—The senate is getting ready to gauge the trend of President Truman's political thinking by what he does about the reappointment of TVA Chairman David Lilienthal.

Lilienthal's term expires soon and Mr. Truman then will be on the hot seat of personal and political spots. If the president renominates Lilienthal he will please the senate's so-called left wingers. They will feel that he is safely started on the "little left of center" course which Mr. Truman mapped in his campaign for the vice presidency.

But if he renominates Lilienthal, the president probably will lose the support of Senator McKellar (D-Tenn), the president pro-tempore and acting chairman of the powerful appropriations committee.

He also would disappoint some of the conservative southern wing of Democrats who hope he recalls the support they gave him at the Democratic National convention last year when the CIO was trying desperately to renominate Henry A. Wallace.

Mr. Truman personally is involved in the Lilienthal matter as a member of the senate appropriations committee. He voted consistently with McKellar, Lilienthal's arch foe, on measures restricting the TVA board's authority.

Would Not Be Returned Beyond that, McKellar told a reporter that President Roosevelt had assured him before Mr. Roosevelt died that Lilienthal would not be re-named.

Mr. Truman's appointment of John W. Snyder, St. Louis banker and old friend, to be federal loan administrator was received in the senate as without political significance in the battle between the divergent Democratic elements.

Although the choice of Snyder was applauded by Jesse Jones, whom President Roosevelt ousted as commerce secretary in favor of Wallace, senate left wingers dismissed it as a reward to a tried and trusted friend.

"We'll wait and see what he does about Lilienthal," one of them told a reporter, adding: "that will be the test."

Nazi Cruiser, Escort Arrive at Copenhagen

Stockholm—(AP)—The 10,000-ton German cruiser Prinz Eugen, with an escort of six destroyers and a number of submarines, arrived at the Danish port of Copenhagen early yesterday.

At least 26 other units of the German fleet followed her in two hours later.

Informants said it seemed certain the Germans intended to make Copenhagen the base for what was left of their fleet.

NAMED TO BOARD

Washington—(AP)—W. Irving Osborne, Jr., of Chicago, president of the National Paperboard Association, Hummel and Dornier company, Milwaukee, and Cornell Wood Products company, Chicago, was appointed yesterday deputy director of the war production board's paperboard division.

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Letter Reveals Lt. Mathews Killed Returning from Mission

Second Lieut. George M. Mathews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mathews, 331 Twelfth street south, was killed along with all members of his crew when his plane crashed while returning from a reconnaissance flight over northern France, it was learned here recently by his parents when Mrs. Mathews received a letter from Capt. Joseph G. Chatham, Catholic chaplain of the 397th Bomb group.

Lieutenant Mathews had previously been reported as missing in action on February 14 and on March 24 the war department advised the family that he had been killed in action.

The letter, in part, follows: "In the name of Col. Richard T. Colner, Jr., our commanding officer, and of all the officers and men of the 397th Bomb group, I extend to you, from my heart, my prayerful sympathy.

"On January 20th, George's ship was on a reconnaissance flight in northern France. When he returned, a snowstorm had developed over the field where he was to land. It was under bad weather conditions of poor visibility that George's ship crashed and all the members of the crew were killed instantly.

"George was an outstanding officer and was loved and admired by all the men of his organization.

Rapids Corporal Walks Upon Jap Road Block and Escapes

It isn't every day a man can walk upon a Japanese road block and walk away again. In fact, Cpl. Donald E. Rieman, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Rieman, 431 Seventh street, figures the whole experience was "too close for comfort."

The Corporal has been overseas for nearly three full years with this veteran Wisconsin-Michigan (Red Arrow) division and has had his share of close calls, but this tops them all.

He's a ration corporal, and it's his job to know where quartermaster ration dumps are located. One day when his field artillery battery was digging in on the steep side of a Luzon mountain Rieman started out in search of said dumps.

Shot Whines Past Head He passed a lasso party and continued on up the road around a bend. He saw equipment and logs on the road and presumed the engineers were repairing that particular stretch. He turned around and started back.

A shot whined past his head simultaneously with the crack of a rifle, unmistakably Japanese. He pivoted in time to see a Jap drawing a bead on him for a second shot. He turned his pivot into a dive for the roadside ditch. He lay there for a half hour. The Japs couldn't hit him, but they kept him pinned down.

All at once an otherwise unidentified infantryman came tumbling into the ditch from somewhere nearby. He apparently considered it a "better hole."

Luck Is Bad Rieman and his new companion then experimented with shooting at the Japs for a change, but their luck was bad. Finally, the infantryman



DONALD E. RIEMAN

lifted himself for a better shot and got wounded in the thigh for his pains.

"It is time," thought Rieman, "for us to get the hell out of here."

Crawling, crouching, half-dragging, half-carrying his wounded companion, Rieman moved back down the ditch and finally out of range. Wiling GIs were soon encountered who rushed the injured man to an aid station.

"Yes, indeed," said Rieman, wiping his brow, "yes indeed. I imagine those ration dumps must be the other way."

OUR MEN IN SERVICE

Home on leave or furlough as announced by the war price and ration board:

Lt. Wayne Triggs, 410 Oak street; Howard C. Thorstenson, Star Route, Nekoska; Melvin Van Ert, Route 2, Stevens Point; Maurice N. Perry, Port Edwards; Arthur G. Krey, 420 Cleveland street; Raymond A. Stake, Vesper; Howard F. Hazell, 441 Oak street.

Barney Goggins, son of Hugh W. Goggins, with the Eighth airforce in England, has been promoted from the rank of private first class to that of corporal. Cpl. Jack Goggins, his brother, is now stationed at Lincoln, Neb., as a radio gunner assigned to a B-24 bomber.

Cpl. R. S. Goggins, who formerly practiced law here, is now stationed with the air force in Manila as a cryptographer.

Donald W. Palay, 22, was promoted to sergeant from the rank of private first class on March 29. He is a communications sergeant for machine guns and mortars and is with the 44th division in the Seventh army in Germany.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Palay, 520 Eighth avenue, he entered service January 20, 1943 and went overseas last October.

Sgt. Lyle J. Ketchum, 29, whose wife, Dorothy, resides at 1210 High street, has been promoted to the rank of staff sergeant. He is stationed with the 94th General Hospital in England. Sergeant Ketchum entered service in September, 1942, and went overseas in February, 1944.

With First Army Pfc. Frank Flick, whose wife, Arlene, lives in Wisconsin Rapids, is with the 23rd infantry in the First army in Europe. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Flick, who live near Rudolph.

T/Sgt. Chester Prusynski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Prusynski, Bir- on, is now serving in the south Pacific.

Mrs. Regina Cooper, 410 Eleventh

Survivors of Epic Picture Call Upon President Truman

Washington—(AP)—The only three survivors of the famous little flag of marines who raised the flag on Mount Suribachi went to see President Truman Friday.

They handed him the first copy off the press of the 7th War Loan poster from P. Photographer Joe Rosenthal's epic photo of the flag raising.

Then, in their first news conference, the three men told how they hoisted the Stars and Stripes into place on a "very heavy" piece of Japanese pipe they found on top of the mountain. Although there were six men in the picture, only five are shown clearly. The three survivors:

Pfc. Ira H. Hayes, 22, of Bay-

chule, Ariz., a member of the Pima tribe of Indians.

Pfc. Rene A. Gagnon, 20, of Manchester, N. H.

Pharmacist Mate 2/c John H. Bradley, 22, of Appleton, Wis. He still is on crutches as a result of shrapnel wounds through both legs a few days after the flag raising.

The other three in the group, all dead now, were Sgt. Michael Strank, of Conemaugh, Pa.; Sgt. Henry O. Hansen, of Somerville, Mass.; and Pfc. Franklin R. Sousley, of Ewing, Ky.

The three survivors were brought from the Pacific at the request of the late President Roosevelt. They will make personal appearances in the Seventh War Loan drive which starts May 14.

The treasury is printing 3,700,000 copies of the poster. In addition it will appear on thousands of billboards and in newspaper ads during the bond drive.

Later the three men visited the senate.

The senate did them an unusual honor, recessing for five minutes at the suggestion of Senator Chandler (D-Ky.) so they could be brought on the floor.

When they walked in, the members arose and applauded, with spectators in the gallery joining in. Led by Senator Walsh (D-Mass.), the members filed by and shook hands individually with them.

Truman Picks Scribe As Press Secretary

Washington—(AP)—President Truman announced Friday the appointment of Charles G. Ross, 69 year old Washington correspondent, as his press secretary.

The appointment is effective May 15.

Mr. Truman called a news conference shortly before noon at which he said that J. Leonard Reish, who has been serving as his press and radio relations man, would return to his duties as managing director of the radio interests of former Governor James M. Cox of Ohio at the latter's request.

Civilian Casualties in Britain Total 147,000

London—(AP)—Britain's civilian casualties for the war are 60,585 dead or missing and 86,175 injured so severely as to require hospitalization, Home Secretary Herbert Morrison announced yesterday. These figures may be virtually final, since Britons have not heard or seen a German bomb in three weeks.

RESCUED IN GERMANY

Among the 2,400 American soldiers who were liberated from the largest prison camp in western Germany by the British Seventh armored division this week was Pvt. Ken Bentley, Stevens Point.

There are 860 different languages spoken in the world.

WESTERN FRONT TODAY

(By the Associated Press)

21st army group—British and Canadians continued drive on north German ports; British within mile of Hamburg; out Bremen-Hamburg superhighway.

12th army group—Ninth army massed at the Elbe; First army continued pressing beyond Dessau area; Russians reported 45 miles away; Third army captured Asch in Czechoslovakia.

Sixth army group—U. S. Seventh and French First Armies all but encircled Stuttgart; American tanks battled with Nazi armor 70 miles north of Munich; Americans advanced southeast of captured Nuernberg.

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U. S. Ninth—Massed in spreading Elbe bridgehead.

U. S. First—Pressed on in Dessau area toward Russian lines.

U. S. Third—Captured Asch in Czechoslovakia; units wheeled south toward Bavarian redoubt area.

U. S. Seventh—Tanks battled Nazis 70 miles north of Munich; advanced southeast of captured Nuernberg; menaced Stuttgart from the north.

French First—Wheeled around Stuttgart from the south.

Pacific Front

(By the Associated Press)

Philippines—Virtual destruction of Japanese garrison of 5,000 on Cebu completes conquest of central and major portion of southern Philippines.

Okinawa-Ryukyus—Advance of approximately 1,000 yards made by 24th corps infantry on southern Okinawa front. Marine patrols mop-up small pockets of Japanese on northern Okinawa.

Army and Marine Corps and Divisions:

7th division nears Yonabaru airfield, east coast of Okinawa.

27th division nears Machinato airstrip, western Okinawa.

96th division retarded by rugged terrain in center of southern Okinawa line.

77th division make ready for attack on Iegusugu pinnacle, Ie island.

1st and 6th marine division patrols cleaning up Japanese on northern Okinawa and Motobu peninsula.

American division secures Cebu island, kills 5,000 Japanese.

24th division moves ahead 16 miles toward Davao, Mindanao.

32nd division digs and burns out Japanese from rough mountain country on northern Luzon.

Central Wisconsin Soldiers Wounded

Four servicemen from this area were listed today by the war department as having been wounded in action, all in the European theater.

Pvt. Earl Petrie, Hancock; Sgt. Laverne W. Stillman, Plainfield; Pvt. Almerion W. Walker, New Lisbon; and Sgt. Harold C. York, Adams, were the casualties.

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