

Haynsworth Receives Nod From Senate Committee

The Greeley Daily Tribune
 Written by Horace Greeley in 1871
 AND THE GREELEY REPUBLICAN

VOL. 41—NUMBER 293 GREELEY, COLORADO THURSDAY, OCT. 9, 1969 WEEKLY TRIBUNE ESTABLISHED 1870

U. S. War Deaths at Low

By GEORGE ESPER
 Associated Press Writer

SAIGON (AP) — The total of American battlefield deaths in Vietnam dropped last week to 64, the lowest weekly toll since December 1966, the U.S. Command announced today.

The reduction in American casualties continued a generally downward trend that began three months ago. Official sources said if this trend continues, it could prompt President Nixon to speed up American troop withdrawals.

However, the sources cautioned that although significant enemy activity is at its lowest level for this year, captured enemy documents and prisoner reports indicate a winter campaign beginning in November. Therefore, American forces have not curtailed their offensive operations to keep the enemy from getting set in position.

Casualty totals for South Vietnamese government forces and for the enemy also were down considerably last week, and the government's military headquarters said in a communique: "The level of enemy activities during last week was the lowest since the beginning of the year and it decreased six per cent compared to that of the previous week."

The U.S. Command reported 900 Americans wounded in action last week, the lowest total since 599 were wounded during the first week of the year, Dec. 29-Jan. 4.

The weekly report raised to 38,887 the total number of American troops reported killed in action in Vietnam since Jan. 1, 1961. The total number of American battlefield wounded reported rose to 254,274.

The U.S. Command said enemy battlefield deaths now total

558,552 since the beginning of 1961.

Yank Air Loss
 U.S. headquarters also reported two American aircraft shot down Wednesday. An Air Force F4 Phantom fighter-bomber was downed 10 miles southeast of Da Nang, but the two crewmen escaped unhurt. A small army observation helicopter was shot down 22 miles southeast of Saigon, wounding two crewmen.

The South Vietnamese military command reported that battlefield deaths among its forces last week dropped to the lowest level in five months while the number of enemy troops killed was the lowest in almost a year.

A weekly casualty summary said 209 government soldiers were killed, the lowest weekly toll since 182 were killed May 4-10.

The summary said 1,599 North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops were killed by allied forces last week, the lowest toll since the week of Nov. 3-9, 1968, when 1,601 were reported killed.

The total of South Vietnamese battlefield deaths has surpassed that of the Americans each week for the past five months. American officials said this indicates that the South Vietnamese are being more aggressive and taking on a larger share of the fighting.

"The South Vietnamese have been taking an unusually high number of casualties from booby traps and mines," said one source. "They have been very aggressive and are out there looking for the enemy."

The lull in the ground war continued across most of the country, but hard fighting was reported six miles south of the demilitarized zone.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Judiciary Committee today approved the nomination of Judge Clement F. Haynsworth to the Supreme Court.

Approval came on a vote of 10 to 6. Maryland Republican Charles McC. Mathias abstained.

A Judiciary Committee spokesman said Mathias wanted still more time to look into Haynsworth's record as a federal judge and into the financial dealings that have sparked major criticism of him.

Mathias took that position although Chairman James O. Eastland, D-Miss., said most of today's two-hour committee meeting was spent discussing Haynsworth's financial holdings, particularly his interest in a vending machine company.

More Time Needed
 Eastland said there was no discussion about when the nomination would come up on the Senate floor. Before the nomination can be officially reported to the Senate, minority and majority reports must be compiled within the committee and this could take several days.

The nomination still faces an uncertain future in the Senate. President Nixon, in the face of defections by two Republican Senate leaders, is continuing to stand by his nomination of Haynsworth.

The latest reaffirmation that Haynsworth was still the President's man came Wednesday as the Senate Judiciary Committee for the second time in a week — delayed meeting to act on the appointment, postponing its session until today.

Wednesday's announcement by GOP Whip Robert F. Griffin and Sen. Margaret Chase Smith, chairman of the Senate Republican Conference, that they would vote against the nomination sent shock waves through the Senate.

Some opponents, a few of whom were claiming as many as 52 votes against the appointment, predicted Haynsworth would now bow out on his own initiative.

"It's the administration's only way out," said a Republican critic of the nomination.

But Haynsworth, through his Greenville, S.C., office, said he still did not intend to withdraw.

And Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., a major Haynsworth supporter, said Wednesday there definitely would be no request to the President for withdrawal.

"We've got the votes—barely—to get him confirmed, and that's all that counts," Hollings said through a spokesman.

Nixon Convinced
 White House Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler told newsmen Griffin's action did not dampen President Nixon's conviction Haynsworth would be confirmed.

Ziegler said Nixon was basing his faith in Haynsworth on the judge's integrity and his background as a lawyer and member since 1957 of the 4th U.S. Court of Appeals—not on Senate headcounts.



"KATE'S" MAILBOX — An old pump was converted into a mailbox holder at the home of Mrs. Kate Slaughterback, known as "Rattlesnake Kate." Mrs. Slaughterback died Monday at the age of 75 in Weld County General Hospital. (Tribune photo by Jim Briggs)

Legend of Rattlesnake Kate; She Earned Title the Hard Way

By JIM BRIGGS
 Tribune Staff Writer

She was known as "Rattlesnake Kate" and she earned the title the hard way.

Yes, Mrs. Katherine Slaughterback was buried Thursday afternoon but the legend she leaves behind was not buried with her.

The saga of "Rattlesnake Kate" was recalled Wednesday by Mrs. Leta Woolridge of La Salle, a close friend of Mrs. Slaughterback who died Monday at Weld County General Hospital at the age of 75.

This is what happened in 1925 on the 28th day of October near a pond in the Four Way area east of Ione, where Mrs. Slaughterback lived with her three-year-old son, Ernie.

Early that morning hunters had been banging away before daylight at the ducks that stopped overnight at the pond. Kate Slaughterback knew from experience that there would be some wounded ducks so she saddled up her horse, got down her .22 Remington, lifted Ernie into the saddle and off they went to the pond to search for ducks for supper.

She hopped off the horse to open a gate and there at the gate post, coiled up and ready to fight anything that came along was a huge rattlesnake.

This didn't bother her much. She took the rifle out of the saddle and blew the head off the reptile. But he had his gang with him, and Kate heard the dreadful warnings from three directions. Three, glistening, thick-bellied rattlers slithered into the open toward her.

The rifle cracked three times and three sets of rattles beat.



"SNAKE DRESS" IN MUSEUM — Mrs. Florence Clark, curator at the Greeley Municipal Museum, displays the famed "Rattlesnake Skin Dress" made and worn by Mrs. Kate Slaughterback, who died Monday at the age of 75. About three weeks ago, after she became ill, Mrs. Slaughterback gave the dress, a pair of rattlesnake shoes, a head-dress and a necklace of rattlers to the Museum. (Tribune photo by Jim Briggs)

The highest temperature ever recorded here on Oct. 9 was 86 degrees in 1942. The lowest on record for the same date was 25 degrees in 1930.

The sun rises Friday at 7:05 a.m. and sets at 6:29 p.m. (MDT).

NORTHEAST COLORADO — Considerable cloudiness tonight and Friday. Chance of showers tonight. Colder tonight. Low in 30s. High Friday 55-65. Fort Collins, Greeley, Fort Morgan, Sterling 65-35-58. Precipitation probability 30 per cent tonight, 20 per cent Friday.

COLORADO — Considerable cloudiness tonight and Friday. Occasional snow likely mountains and chance of showers lower elevations mostly north portion. Colder tonight; lows 40s southeast to 30s west and north; 15-25 mountains; high Friday 55-75 southeast to 50s north-west and 40s mountains.

WYOMING — Considerable cloudiness tonight and Friday; occasional snow likely mountains and chance of showers lower elevations. Colder tonight; lows, 30s and upper 20s lower elevations, 15-25 mountains; high Friday mostly 50s lower elevations, 40s mountains.

Apollo Top Aide Quits Program

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Dr. Eugene Shoemaker, the Apollo program's chief geological investigator, says he is quitting because U.S. planning focuses on "space spectaculars," instead of exploring the solar system.

"We really need to learn to use man in space, to make the man more efficient," Shoemaker said Wednesday. "If we can't make man's mission to the moon worthwhile, we have no business sending him to Mars."

Shoemaker, 41, made his remarks in a speech at the California Institute of Technology, where he is a professor. He said he would leave the team after the flight of Apollo 13, probably next spring.

Shoemaker said Apollo 11 engineers were so concerned about "getting man flying around up there" that they neglected scientific experiments.

Neil A. Armstrong and Edwin E. Aldrin Jr. had insufficient equipment for exploration, Shoemaker said, because "science was patched onto this system many years after it was designed."

Zoning Proposal on Ballot Draws Opposition of Chamber

Directors of the Greeley Chamber of Commerce have unanimously gone on record as being opposed to the proposal to take zoning out of the hands of elected city councilmen and place it in the hands of contiguous property owners.

"Greeley is on the threshold of one of the greatest eras of growth and expansion," a statement by the directors declared.

"To accept a disorderly, legally questionable zoning procedure at this time in our history would be tantamount to taking a gigantic leap backward. Orderly planning and responsible legal procedures must be our pattern now and through Century II."

The directors responded affirmatively to a recommendation of the Chamber's Municipal Affairs Committee that the zoning proposal be opposed by the Chamber.

Listed as some of the reasons for their recommendation and the subsequent action by the board were:

1. Greeley always has and should continue to follow a course of orderly procedure for planning and zoning.

2. The board recognizes that zoning decisions by the City Council will result in emotional actions and reactions of involved citizens. However, orderly and responsible legal procedures protected by courts of competent jurisdiction must never be replaced by a vigilante-type action represented by the proposed ordinance.

3. No action, either by petition for ordinance amendment or by direct action of the elected City Council, should abrogate the property rights of another Greeley property owner without due process of law. The proposed petition to change Greeley's zoning procedures, in our opinion, would have this effect.

of one of the greatest eras of growth and expansion," a statement by the directors declared.

"To accept a disorderly, legally questionable zoning procedure at this time in our history would be tantamount to taking a gigantic leap backward. Orderly planning and responsible legal procedures must be our pattern now and through Century II."

The directors responded affirmatively to a recommendation of the Chamber's Municipal Affairs Committee that the zoning proposal be opposed by the Chamber.

Listed as some of the reasons for their recommendation and the subsequent action by the board were:

1. Greeley always has and should continue to follow a course of orderly procedure for planning and zoning.

2. The board recognizes that zoning decisions by the City Council will result in emotional actions and reactions of involved citizens. However, orderly and responsible legal procedures protected by courts of competent jurisdiction must never be replaced by a vigilante-type action represented by the proposed ordinance.

3. No action, either by petition for ordinance amendment or by direct action of the elected City Council, should abrogate the property rights of another Greeley property owner without due process of law. The proposed petition to change Greeley's zoning procedures, in our opinion, would have this effect.

Colorado War Foes To Join Moratorium

Colorado opponents of the Vietnam war are making plans to participate in a one-day moratorium protest next Wednesday.

In Colorado Springs, a group calling itself "The Vietnam Moratorium Committee" announced plans to hold a rally, hoping to attract hundreds of students from the area. A special convocation is planned at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

There periodically should be a moratorium on "business as usual" so concerned persons could "devote time and energy

to... taking the issue of peace in Vietnam to the larger community," the Colorado Springs announcement said.

The announcement said at the same time, the Colorado Women's International League for Peace and Freedom is asking residents to refrain from buying on Oct. 15.

"The object of the moratorium is not to boycott the stores, colleges or high schools in order to hurt these institutions, but rather to affirm the hypocrisy and impossibility of conducting business as usual day after day in this country while hundreds die or are maimed each day in Vietnam."

In Boulder, President Frederick P. Thieme of the University of Colorado announced there will be a convocation on "The Role of Colleges and Universities as Agencies of Social Change" as CU's observance of the moratorium.

Classes will not be formally dismissed, he said, but professors may elect to dismiss or reschedule classes if they choose. Thieme also suggested that instructors lead discussions in classes that day on social action, particularly the Vietnam war.

Wake of Chicago Rioting

CHICAGO (AP) — Police tightened security today at schools and public buildings threatened by young radical groups whose rally in Lincoln Park flared into hit-and-run battles with police.

Three persons were wounded Wednesday night by gunshots and 85 were arrested in the two hours of window-smashing, stoning and clubbing by an estimated 500 youths who poured out of the park in helmets after a bonfire and rally marking the anniversary of the death of Che Guevara, Latin American revolutionary.

John Van Veenendaal, 22, of Seattle was shot in the neck by a policeman who said Van Veenendaal and another youth clubbed him. Marshall Berzon, 22, of Hartford, Conn., and a woman who identified herself as Elizabeth Gardier, 26, of Seattle were wounded by shotgun pellets.

They were found two blocks from the nearest police-demonstrator confrontation. Miss Gardner, who also had identification in the name of Niemi Gumas, 26, Seattle, said she didn't know where the shooting took place. "I'm not talking," she said in reply to other questions about her involvement and injury.

Van Veenendaal will be charged with aggravated battery and mob action, police said.

The rally, sponsored by Weatherman, a splintered, militant faction of Students for a Democratic Society, began in the park at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday.

About three hours later, almost without warning, the

youths stormed out of the park with makeshift clubs ripped from park benches and followed a bearded speaker's urging to march toward the Drake Hotel "where the rich people live."

Judge Julius J. Hoffman of U.S. District Court, presiding in the trial of eight antiwar leaders stemming from the violence of the 1968 Democratic National Convention, lives in an apartment complex near the Drake.

There were three major confrontations between youths and police at the beginning of a proposed four-day national action program espoused by Weatherman.

About 100 demonstrators fought police near the Drake Hotel and many of the 46 men and 19 women arrested were seized there.

At State and Division streets, five blocks away, police, using clubs and an antiriot gas, dispersed about 100 demonstrators who had marched down Clark Street smashing windshields and store windows.

The demonstrators pounded on two squad cars with bricks, shattering the windshields and denting the bodies.

As police waded into make arrests most of the protesters fled into a crowd of onlookers or fled into side streets.

In a clash in the nearby Old Town district west of Lincoln Park, four men and a woman were placed in a police van after a brief skirmish with police.

Many demonstrators wore helmets and carried clubs. Some carried chains. Some wore hippie regalia but many wore blue denim jackets with Viet Cong flags sewn on the backs.

Wear Con Flags
 Many demonstrators wore helmets and carried clubs. Some carried chains. Some wore hippie regalia but many wore blue denim jackets with Viet Cong flags sewn on the backs.

Police Tighten Security

CHICAGO (AP) — Police tightened security today at schools and public buildings threatened by young radical groups whose rally in Lincoln Park flared into hit-and-run battles with police.

Three persons were wounded Wednesday night by gunshots and 85 were arrested in the two hours of window-smashing, stoning and clubbing by an estimated 500 youths who poured out of the park in helmets after a bonfire and rally marking the anniversary of the death of Che Guevara, Latin American revolutionary.

John Van Veenendaal, 22, of Seattle was shot in the neck by a policeman who said Van Veenendaal and another youth clubbed him. Marshall Berzon, 22, of Hartford, Conn., and a woman who identified herself as Elizabeth Gardier, 26, of Seattle were wounded by shotgun pellets.

Wayne Sodman a Candidate For Ward One Council Seat

Wayne A. Sodman, Monfort Packing Co. employee who lives at 3414 11th St., announced Thursday that he is a candidate for the Ward One councilman's post to be filled at the Nov. 4 city election.

Sodman, 35, a Korean War combat veteran who has resided in Greeley for the past 10 years, is employed in the beef processing department at Monfort's. As the chief union steward at the plant, he is the elected representative of the nearly 700 members of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen, AFL-CIO, employed at the plant.

He also serves on the executive board of Local 641 of the union, which has members in Sterling, Brush and Denver, as well as in Greeley, and was a delegate to the Northern Colorado State Central Body and to the Colorado Labor Council from 1967 to this past summer.

Sodman, in a statement announcing his candidacy, cited his experience in the field of labor-management relations as making him "uniquely qualified to serve on the City Council."

"I have learned that—even in (Continued on Page 6)



Wayne A. Sodman

Winds Cause Power Outages

Wind Thursday morning was causing some interruptions in electric service and John Pfeiderer, city forester, warned local residents they should be careful about broken limbs falling from trees.

Pfeiderer said there are a lot of loose limbs that were broken by the snow storm last week that are hanging in the trees and said the wind could cause many of these to fall.

A Home Light & Power Co. official said some electric service here had been interrupted Thursday morning, due to limbs falling on power lines as a result of the wind. However, service in nearly all instances was quickly restored, he said.