

# National

## Rain didn't deter mourners

# Bradley buried in Virginia

WASHINGTON — America said farewell Tuesday to Omar N. Bradley, the "G.I.'s general" who commanded U.S. troops on D-Day, with a hero's funeral and burial on a rain-swept hillside at Arlington National Cemetery.

and general of the army who died last Wednesday at 88. The half-hour military funeral, attended by Vice President George Bush, Secretary of State Alexander Haig, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and a host of high-ranking military and political officials, combined some of the best-loved Christian songs and most comforting texts. The congregation sang Martin Luther's martial hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," and heard this reading from Isaiah: "The Lord has annointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted."

A chill spring drizzle left a glistening sheen on the black hearse standing outside the cathedral to carry Bradley's casket to a caisson drawn by six gray horses for the procession to the Arlington cemetery. A riderless Morgan horse — symbol of a fallen leader — walked alongside the caisson during the hour-long trip across the Potomac to the Virginia hillside gravesite, surrounded by the rows of white stones marking the graves of many of the men who fought beside him.

The last of the nation's five-star generals, Bradley was born in a small Missouri town in 1893. He was a classmate of Dwight Eisenhower at the U.S. Military Academy, graduating in 1915 — "the class the stars fell on" because so many of its members earned general's stars. During the funeral, the Army Chorus sang the West Point Hymn. Such a solemn military ceremony for Bradley was last seen in Washington at Eisenhower's funeral in 1969, with one difference: As former president, Ike had a 21-gun salute.

# Budget office letter asks for ZIP code cost figures

WASHINGTON — The Office of Management and Budget wants the Postal Service to justify the proposed nine-digit ZIP code with a cost-benefit analysis, an OMB official said Tuesday. The official said a two-paragraph letter sent to Postmaster General William Bolger Friday "simply requests the service to provide a regulatory analysis" of the proposed addition of four more numbers to current mail-routing codes. A Postal Service spokesman said Tuesday he could not confirm whether Bolger received the letter, sent by James C. Miller, executive director of a cabinet-level task force on regulatory relief. The OMB official, who asked not to be identified, said the budget office is "not suggesting we know more than they do," but the Postal Service "should be conscious" of the economic impact of the added digits. Although Miller's request set no deadline for the cost-benefit report, the official added, "I

think it's safe to say that since the post office believes this should go into effect, it is in their interest to do so as fast as they possibly can." The independent Postal Service is not directly answerable to the executive branch, but the OMB official said, "I think the Supreme Court may have something to say about that." "We don't anticipate they (the Postal Service) will make a federal case out of it," he added. He said the OMB has "no intention to force their move if their analysis shows it is worth doing." He added that "the real truth of the matter will be resolved in Congress," which is considering legislation that would prevent the nine-digit code from taking effect. The Postal Service plans to implement the longer ZIP code in June on a voluntary basis. The service estimates it could save \$600 million by the time the expanded ZIP code is fully operating by 1987.

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# Connection found in 12-16 killings

ATLANTA — One killer may be responsible for as many as 16 of Atlanta's 23 black child murders and authorities know the identities of up to four of the copycat slayers, the FBI says. FBI Director William Webster,

said Monday 12 to 16 of the slayings appeared to be connected — a far higher figure than most investigators have used. Ed Gooderham, an FBI spokesman, said "we feel one individual" is responsible for those killings and indicated neither he nor

Webster would use the word man — although "I'm not trying to lead you to believe it's a woman." Investigators have said they feared copycat killers had become involved in the series of unsolved killings and that no more than 16 might be the work of the same person. Besides the 23 black children killed, two are missing. Webster, in an interview reported in the Atlanta Constitution and the Washington Post, repeated a statement he made earlier this year — authorities are certain they know the killers in three or four isolated murders. The Constitution reported he would not discuss why no arrests were made, but Gooderham said it was because "there's not enough evidence to indict." "I really think we are getting to a point where we should have a break coming," said Webster. Fulton County District Attorney Lewis Slaton denied reports

his office wanted to hold off on seeking indictments in isolated killings until the mass murderers had been arrested. "If it's an isolated case and we have sufficient evidence, we'd go ahead with it," he said, but he said he has "not been made aware of sufficient evidence to secure indictments in any of the cases." In another development, sources said a computer had produced a list of 600 1966 Chevrolet station wagons answering the description and partial license tag of that in which the latest victim, Larry Rogers, was last seen. The last person known to have seen Rogers when he disappeared March 30 said he was riding in an old green station wagon, driven by a black man with a heavy mustache. Police have issued a composite drawing of the man and sources said investigators and a special police task force handling the killings are checking out the cars on the computer list. Investigators have found fingerprints in the abandoned apartment building where the body was found last Thursday. They pointed out the prints, which have been left there by other people who entered the building before Rogers' body was dumped. Gooderham said the FBI, which has 30 agents assigned to the special task force and apparently doing considerable investigation on its own — felt "a good suspect" in the 12-year-old man. "I believe we've given a good suspect a good name," he said. Police reported Monday they had found Dexter Lee Jackson, 15, a black youth missing since April 1, safe at his grandmother's house. Jackson's case had not been turned over to the task force because missing persons investigators felt certain he was a runaway.

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# NAACP criticizes budget

PITTSBURGH — The NAACP plans to urge congressmen to oppose President Reagan's proposed budget cuts, which it says are potentially devastating to the poor. "We reject as economic simplicity the theory that cutting the budget can reduce inflation and

unemployment," NAACP Executive Director Benjamin Hooks told a news conference Monday. "It's a reverse of Robin Hood — taking from the poor to give to the rich," he said. Hooks said the NAACP will lobby congressmen in their home districts over the Easter recess in an effort to "start the nation toward sanity." Appearing at the NAACP quarterly meeting, Hooks denounced the Reagan administration's general economic policy and unveiled his group's alternative economic program. "The drastic cuts in federal dollars in the area of social programs, human services — the simultaneous boon to the budget — represent a shocking and unacceptable statement of public policy."

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