

## Roosevelt Warns Against Optimism

### Warning On Enthusiasm Early Victory

Decatur, May 22 — (UP) — President Roosevelt, declaring that the country still faces the task of an awfully long war, today against unwarranted optimism and enthusiastic optimism progress of the conflict.

Recent evidences in the progress of optimism over the progress of the conflict, Roosevelt told his press that public opinion had been up and down according to the progress of the conflict, but that actually have no bearing on the final outcome of the war.

Roosevelt said there was no over-optimistic one and over-optimistic one because this is going to be a long war, he reiterated his confidence, however, that ultimate victory will be ours.

A tendency of the people to make over-optimistic, this is a mistake, he said, the press can help by not attaching too much importance to developments of a minor nature.

President discussed the possibility of a long war shortly after George D. G. a former member of the senate foreign relations committee, cautioned in a similar vein.

Roosevelt said he agreed with Secretary Cordell Hull that the United States should not expect a quick end to the war, but that the outlook still was bright.

Roosevelt gave his views to reporters after a high government official, holding one of the most important posts, warned that the war will be a long struggle. That official, who declined to permit use of his name, said Japan and Germany had been defeated sooner than we thought.

He added: "Just now are on the upswing, a wave of optimism. It is dangerous to play this up and I get the impression that the country is being misled."

Allen County irregularities  
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## Last Of Infirmary Inmates Returned

Thirteen men and two women—the last of the inmates of the Adams county infirmary who were moved to the Allen county institution after fire destroyed the local infirmary last August were returned today.

Commissioners Frank Liniger and Dale Moses, Auditor Victor H. Elcher and Sam Reinhardt, infirmary superintendent, brought all but three back in private cars. These three were moved in ambulances. All of the 37 inmates are now being cared for in the temporary quarters at the country club building until the new infirmary is completed.

All of those returned today expressed their pleasure at "being home again" and a few even shed tears of joy, it was reported.

## Democratic Rally Opens Fall Campaign

Democrats of Adams county opened their fall campaign Thursday night with a victory rally held in Democrat headquarters in Decatur and attended by most of the participating candidates for county, township and city offices in the recent primary election.

The meeting was headlined by a talk given by Sam Cleland, of Fort Wayne, Democratic candidate for congress who demanded that the present congressman, George Gillette, Republican, stand on his record. He charged him with "letting down the boys in the fox holes at Bataan by refusing to vote for the fortification of Guam against the possibility of Jap aggression."

At the conclusion of the meeting Hib High, runner-up as Democratic candidate for sheriff in the recent campaign, called for a vote of confidence in the county chairman, G. Remy Brierly, who was adopted unanimously. "Mr. Brierly," he said, "was absolutely impartial and fair to every candidate."

Mr. Brierly responded by stating, "I am willing to abide by the judgment of the voters in the last primary. I have every confidence that one of the strongest tickets in years has been chosen by the voters. I also believe we are building timber for future successful campaigns in the strong contenders who did not quite make it this election. With them I can sympathize as one who has not always made it myself. However, I know the party will remember them in the future because of the gracious attitude they are taking."

Among the candidates who spoke at the meeting were: Dr. Earl Higgins, of Wells county, runner-up for state senator; Thurman Drew, runner-up for county auditor; Hibbard High, runner-up for county sheriff; Freeman Schnepf, runner-up for county treasurer; Clement Gottschalk, runner-up for trustee of Monroe township; and Walter Thiemer, runner-up for trustee of Union township.

John Schuger, who managed the campaign for his brother, Severin Schuger, candidate for prosecuting attorney, represented Severin at the meeting. Severin Schuger was called to the army before the primary. George Strickler, candidate for sheriff, wrote a letter stating he was out of town and that he is endorsing the winning candidate for sheriff. Telephone communications were received from other candidates, giving their regrets at being unable to attend because of conflict of school activities and other duties.

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When the United States became involved in conflict, the first scarcity encountered was that of manpower. Mr. Hang stated. Critical materials also became scarce, and all efforts of the nation must be bent toward making the best use of manpower and materials for war production.

The speaker warned that what industry is doing now for war production will have a direct bearing on manufacturers after the war is ended.

## Mexico Nears Declaration Of War On Axis

### Nation Indignant Over Sinking Of Mexican Tanker

Mexico City, May 22 — (UP) — President Manuel Avila Camacho today was reported preparing to declare a nation wide state of emergency as the first step towards an expected declaration of war on Germany, Italy and Japan.

The newspaper La Prensa, in an extra edition, said that seizure of Axis property and internment of Axis nationals would be ordered.

La Prensa said that a second Mexican steamer has been sunk, but no official confirmation of this report was immediately available, although earlier reports said the foreign office was investigating the reports of the sinking.

Indignation still was mounting over the refusal of the three Axis governments to accept a Mexican protest over the sinking of a Mexican ship by an Axis submarine last week.

A high government source said last night that Camacho would issue a proclamation today urging the nation to prepare for war.

The government had set last night as a deadline for an Axis reply to Mexico's ultimatum demanding an explanation for the sinking of a Mexican tanker off the Florida coast with the loss of 14 lives. The Mexican foreign office said the German government has refused to receive the Mexican note.

Vincennes Child Killed By Truck  
Vincennes, Ind., May 22 — (UP) — William Alton Smith, 3-year-old son of Mrs. Walter Hatten, was killed yesterday when he darted into the path of a truck driven by Roy Lambert, Robinson, Ill. The fatality was Vincennes' first since last October.

## 'Producing For War' Theme Of Meeting

Approximately 100 men of Decatur and Adams county heard E. A. Hang, Fort Wayne, of the Research Institute of America, Inc., speak on "Producing for war" at a meeting held at the Masonic hall Thursday evening.

The meeting was a joint session of the Decatur Rotary and Lions clubs, with additional guests from the Berne Chamber of Commerce, the Geneva Boosters club, and AAA committeemen of the county.

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## Douglas Is War Cargo Chief



Lewis M. Douglas, Rear Admiral Vickery and Emory S. Land, Chief adviser to War Shipping Administrator Emory S. Land, seen right, above, Lewis M. Douglas, left, now takes over the job of deputy war shipping administrator with the task of making the available supply of cargo ships do the biggest possible job of hauling war supplies overseas. Rear Admiral Howard L. Vickery, seen center, has been named deputy administrator for new ships. Douglas was President Roosevelt's first director of the bureau.

## Commencement Held Thursday Evening

### Urges Graduates To Aid Own Community

"An individual human being, detached from his fellows, has but little value, has no earning power and is usually a most unhappy being," thus spoke C. W. Otto, of Lansing, Michigan, in his address to the 59 graduates of the Decatur junior-senior high school last night at the 61st annual commencement.

"Not good if detached" was the speaker's subject, and through this theme he endeavored to impress upon the graduates that as individuals they are helpless, or "not good if detached" from their fellow citizens.

"From the beginning most schools have emphasized the natural resources angle in explaining the greatness of cities like Chicago, Minneapolis and others. This theory fails dismally when one attempts to explain the greatness of New York, Battle Creek, Flint and others. These cities were the direct result of outstanding citizens who realized that the most important asset a community or institution can possess is a large group of forward looking citizens."

"No high school graduate should allow himself to become 'detached' from the homely principles of honesty, integrity and dependability. He should not become detached from a religious faith nor from the advice of his parents and teachers. Without these he may become like a ship detached from its anchor — a useless drifter. Our responsibility is the responsibility of every American who shares American blessings — the realization that each one of us has a job to make our community the best possible place in which to live."

Mr. Otto was introduced by Walter J. Krick, city school superintendent.

## Jury Dismissed After Deadlock

### Damage Suit Jury Unable To Agree

The damage suit of Mrs. Anna Massillo against Al. D. Schmitt and Elton Archer of this city was brought to a surprise ending in Wells circuit court at Bluffton this morning when the jury which had heard the case was dismissed by Judge John Decker after it was unable to reach a verdict.

Dismissal came at 9 o'clock this morning—17 hours after it had received the case, in which Mrs. Massillo asked \$3,000 damages for injuries allegedly sustained in an auto wreck in Randolph county on August 11, 1939.

Mrs. Massillo was riding in a vehicle driven by her husband Michael, when the collision occurred. Mr. Archer was driving the other car involved.

## Five Of Contingent Reported Rejected

At least five of the men who left with the draft contingent Thursday morning were rejected by army examiners at Toledo, it was unofficially reported today.

Although the local draft board had not been officially notified, it was reported that the following had been returned by late today: Robert Yake, Willard Sprunger, Richard Raudebush, Orville Fitcha, and Felix Yoder.

## 27 Ships Launched By Shipyards Today

### Mass Ship Launching On Maritime Day

Washington, May 22 — (UP) — American shipyards in a nationwide celebration of maritime day give their answer to submarine sinkings today by launching 27 ships, the largest mass launching since World War I.

A Pacific coast shipyard opened the celebration by launching a ship one minute after last midnight. Other launches were scheduled to follow throughout the day. One yard was to have three launchings. Six yards planned to launch two ships each, and one launching each was scheduled for 12 yards.

The maritime commission originally announced maritime day would be marked by 30 launchings, but speed-ups in production sent three of the vessels down the ways earlier this week. The need for ships is so great that the three could not be held up for today's celebration.

Maritime day—which is the anniversary of the departure of the Savannah from Savannah, Ga., on the first crossing of the Atlantic by a steamship—this year finds the United States facing probably the most critical shipping danger in its history.

The demands of a global war and the submarine raids off the American coast make the need for shipping even more urgent than in 1917-18.

Four ships were delivered into service today, and the maritime commission said American shipyards now are averaging delivery of two ships a day—the best production record for 25 years but only half the rate that must be reached to turn out the 2,300 vessels projected for 1942-43.

## Russian Advices Claim Nazis Cracking Under Heavy Losses On Bloody Kharkov War Front

### Allied Naval Forces Blast Anew At Japs

#### Jap Cruiser, Two Supply Ships Are Victims Of Subs

Melbourne, May 22 — (UP) — Allied naval forces, in their first action since the battle of the Coral Sea, have sunk a 7,100 ton 8-inch gun Japanese cruiser and two supply ships totaling 15,000 tons, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

Indicating that American submarines did the job, MacArthur said the enemy ships, a cruiser of the Koko class, with 604 officers and men, a 9,000 ton cargo vessel, and a 6,000 ton cargo vessel, were sunk "in an underwater action."

MacArthur announced also that United States and Australian planes, flying through almost impossible weather, had destroyed or damaged eight Japanese planes in one of their most ferocious raids on the Japanese invasion base at Lae, New Guinea.

He revealed, too, that in their raid Wednesday on Koepang, in Timor island, the Allied planes had destroyed three enemy planes and damaged three.

Though no details were given of the Allied naval success, it was understood that a submarine had returned to base after sinking the three enemy ships.

A headquarters spokesman refused to say whether the action had any connection with the Coral Sea battle of two weeks ago or with a new enemy concentration of war and supply ships for a major invasion offensive in the Australian area.

However, all the extensive Allied reconnaissance flights in the last two weeks, made despite unfavorable weather, have concentrated on finding whether the Japanese, after their Coral Sea defeat, were reassembling ships at their southwest Pacific bases for a new rendezvous at Sioux.

Navy quarters reported that the "underwater action" could have taken place any time within the last few weeks, while the attacking Allied craft were in a danger zone and hence keeping their radios silent.

The new action brought to 23 the total of enemy ships sunk or damaged since the battle of the Coral Sea started May 4. Included were an aircraft carrier, two heavy cruisers, a light cruiser, two destroyers, four gunboats, a transport and three supply ships sunk and an aircraft carrier, a heavy cruiser, a light cruiser, two seaplane tenders, two submarines, a transport, a tanker and a cargo ship damaged.

At least 80,000 Japanese were believed massed in Chekiang province and 30,000 more at the Kiangsi province capital of Nanchang for a supreme effort to knock out Allied air and supply bases in eastern China.

## Youths 18, 19 To Register June 30

### Not Eligible For Military Service

Washington, May 22 — (UP) — President Roosevelt today set June 30 as the date for registration of young men 18 and 19 years of age in order to complete the nation's wartime canvass of manpower.

This was the fifth registration ordered by the chief executive, and will complete the registration of all men from the ages of 18 to 65. The young men of 18 to 19 are not subject to military service under the selective act.

Also ordered to register on June 30 are men who reached their 20th birthday between December 31, 1941, and June 30, 1942. These men would be subject to military service.

Approximately 40,000,000 men have registered in the four previous registrations. The registration next month is expected to add between two million and three million persons to the list.

Seventeen million men were listed in the first registration of 21 to 35. The second registration turned slightly less than one million men who had become 21 since the first listing. About nine million signed up in the registration of men 20 years old and those from 35 to 44. An additional 13,000,000 men were given cards in the recent registration of men 45 to 64, inclusive.

## County Exceeds War Bond Sales Quota

### May Quota Exceeded In First 16 Days

Sale of war bonds up until May 16 in Adams county totaled \$11,553,70, exceeding the month's quota of \$35,000 by \$5,553,70. Earl Caston, chairman of the bond sale staff, reported to state headquarters.

Adams county is listed as one of the counties "over the top" in the sale of bonds.

Mr. Caston stated that there would not be any let-up in the effort to push the sale throughout the month, and that he expected the total to mount daily since so many individuals were purchasing investments on the payroll deduction plan.

There is no limit to an American's faith in his government and the cause for which it is fighting the war, the bond chairman stated. A quota is assigned each county as a minimum expected, based on payroll and bank clearings and there will be months when the goal is reached and many times exceeded.

## Soviet Communiqué Says German Tank Reserves Failing In Terrific Loss

Moscow, May 22 — (UP) — The Soviet army organ Red Star reported today that Russian forces, driving upon Kharkov against "seriously deteriorated" Nazi resistance, have crushed Adolf Hitler's hopes of any successful large scale offensive on the Russian battle fronts.

Moscow, May 22 — (UP) — The Red army has broken into a German-held town outside Kharkov after crushing a Nazi counter attack and now is nearing its "immediate goal" on the 11th day of Marshal Semyon Timoshenko's offensive, official advices said today.

Advices from the 100-mile front indicated that the Germans were beginning to crack as result of their enormous losses in men and materials. There also were indications that the Nazis were near the exhaustion point on tank reserves on the Kharkov front.

(The German high command in its communiqué today said that all Soviet attacks had been repulsed and that the German forces of Marshal Fedor Von Bock have "regained the initiative" around Kharkov—the first time that the Germans have claimed the initiative.)

A Red army communiqué at noon reported that Timoshenko's forces were steadily tightening their ring around Kharkov overwhelming one Nazi stronghold after another.

In one sector the Germans counter attacked but were halted and driven into retreat. Then the Russians took up pursuit and drove into a town which the enemy had held, the communiqué said.

Red army tanks, locked with the Germans in one of the greatest tank battles in history, are driving ahead with undiminished ferocity with tens of thousands of eager infantrymen close behind them, dispatches related.

They said the last German strongholds were being smashed one by one as the Russians approached their objective.

Red Star, the special army newspaper, reported in a front dispatch that there was evidence that the Germans were beginning to crack after suffering frightful casualties under the bombs and shells of Russian planes and field guns, the machine guns and bayonets of the Russian infantry, and the guns of the great masses of Russian tanks which Marshal Semyon Timoshenko had thrown into the battle.

The Russian tanks and infantrymen are driving mile by mile through terrain, woods and open fields, bristling with German defense points, dispatches said, and, fighting now in the enemy's inner

**County's Quota**  
**\$35,500**  
**Sale to May 16**  
**\$41,353.70**