

ACTIVITY INCREASES ON ITALIAN FRONT

Adams County Sends Largest Group To Exams

Best Contingent Start Of War To Indianapolis

The largest single contingent of Adams county men called for pre-physical examinations at the outbreak of war, left for Indianapolis to take tests for the army or navy.

Of the 95 men listed, some were transferred here from other cities and likewise several local residents transferred to other places, where they will be inducted.

Also were men who were industrial, agricultural or commercial, several high school and college students and prominent in local business.

Ed Smith, sales representative for the Smith Bros. Furniture Co. of Berne, and son of the Smiths of that place, who is a member of the county selectee board, was leader of the contingent.

Leland Smith, in charge of this city, and Ira Linn, of Linn Grove, were also leaders.

Left in three buses and a car, the contingent of Adams county men.

Among the Decatur men were E. Vogelewe, a former attorney and manager of the Security Carriage Co.; Walter, well known barber; R. Tricker, Loren B. Trout, Paul Briede, Robert E. the latter two students at Indiana universities.

Complete list follows:
George Fuhrman, Ronald Allison, Joseph Earl Grant, Elred Smith, Ray Strickler, Donald Robert, Earl Foreman, Kenneth Hirschy, Roy Frank, Jr., Richard Hamilton, Charles Evans Kile, Karl Chester, Earl Augsburger, Henry Lechty, Paul Hind, Clyde Ernest Drake, Virgil Henry Cook, Wendell J. Sprenger, Ira Claude, Wendell Jay Seaman, Calvin McKean, Reginald Shaffer.

Eugene Shaffer, Clarence Loop, Robert Eugene Pon, Deloy Baxter, Edward Lobsley, Arthur Edward, Talmadge Wayne Witt, Louis Miller, Marcus Emerson Milton Denton, Homer Hann, Richard Branstetter, Henry Forrest, Ernest Eugene Ghord, Lloyd Eley, Edward Collier, Franklin Bixler, Albert Le, Earl DeWayne Smith, Virgil Irwin, Loren Burtrout, Jerome Benjamin Paul Lawrence Harden.

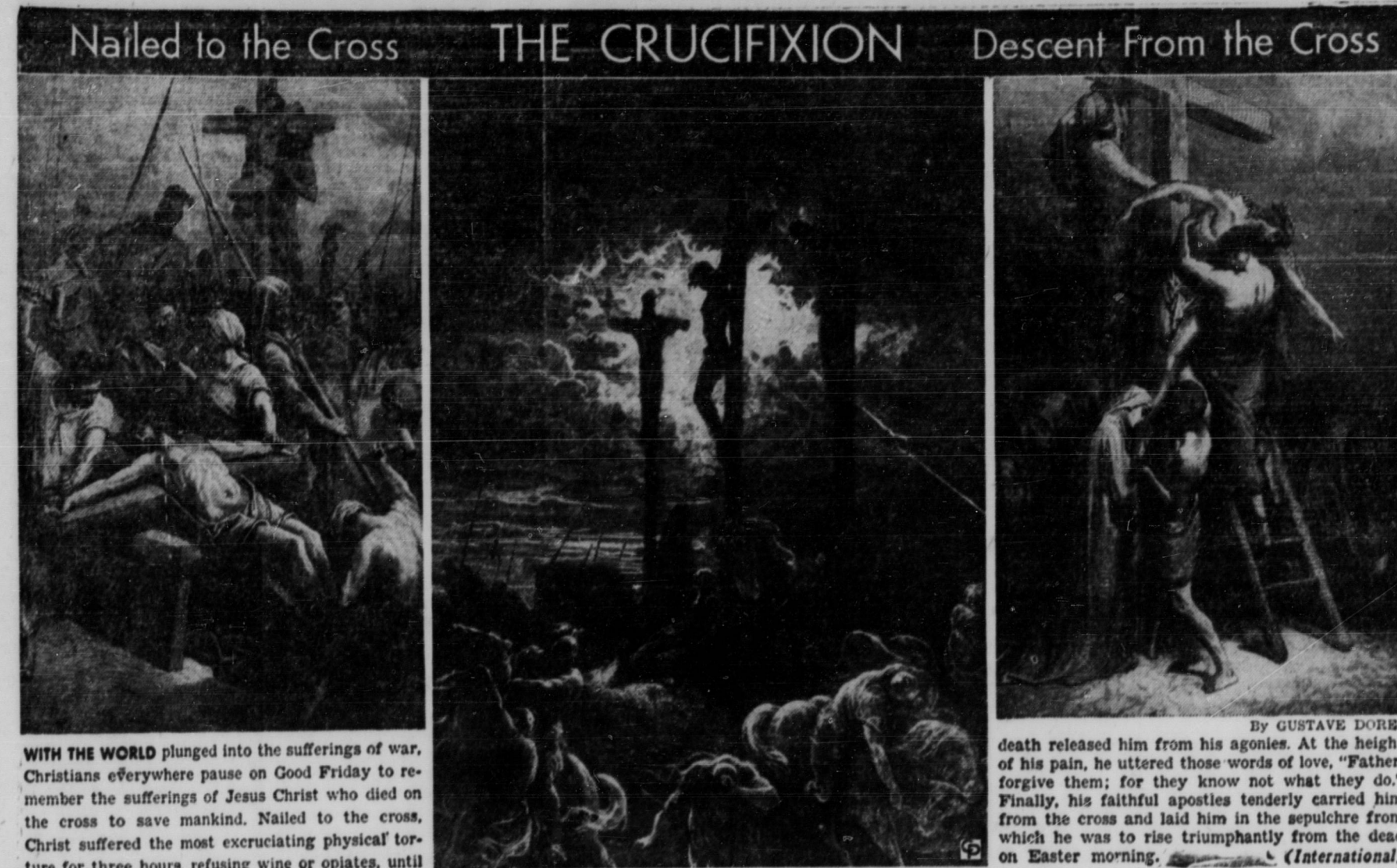
Dale Myers, Arnold Christ, Fredrick Thiem, Charles Van Der Smisen, Cruz Vela, Russell Jauregul, Junior Smiley, Harold Charman, Rufus Paul Sommer, Anthony Uman, Harry Ar, Hirschy, Walter Mathias, Russell LeRoy Williams, Frederick Spencer, Robert Schmitz, Jay Curtis Osborn, Emanuel Bertsch, Gene J, Gerald Vernon Peller, Ralph Smiley, Robert Paul Briede, Edwin Williamson, Max Ed, Johnson, Estaban Pena Mar.

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**Russell White
Seriously Ill**
Russell White is seriously ill in Adams county memorial hospital. Her husband, Pvt. Russell White, is in the U. S. marines, and is from San Diego, Cal., where he resides.

**TEMPERATURE READING
DECATUR THERMOMETER**
a. m. 40
p. m. 42
a. m. 46
p. m. 48

WEATHER
Clear in extreme east portion early tonight, becoming cloudy and colder tonight; tomorrow fair, slightly colder in south portion.



WITH THE WORLD plunged into the sufferings of war, Christians everywhere pause on Good Friday to remember the sufferings of Jesus Christ who died on the cross to save mankind. Nailed to the cross, Christ suffered the most excruciating physical torture for three hours, refusing wine or opiates, until death released him from his agonies. At the height of his pain, he uttered those words of love, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Finally, his faithful apostles tenderly carried him from the cross and laid him in the sepulchre from which he was to rise triumphantly from the dead on Easter morning. (International)

Plan Printing Of Election Ballots

Only Five Contests On County Tickets

Election commissioners Matt Brenner, of Decatur, and Amos Burkhalter, of Berne, have completed the work of setting up the names on the ballots and they were turned over to the printer today.

Because of the lack of many contests, the actual work of printing will be easier this year than in any recent history. A state law requires that each name be placed at the top of the list an equal number of times where there are contests.

Most contests will be on the Democratic ticket. Robert W. Bushee, of Wells county, is opposing Howard B. Miller, of Fort Wayne, in the Democratic campaign for congress. In the Democratic race for judge the incumbent, J. Fred Fruchte is running against Nathan C. Nelson. Christian H. Muselman and G. Remy Blierly are the Democratic candidates for prosecutor.

The most candidates for any office are battling for the Democratic nomination as recorder. They are William F. Hebble, Rose Nesswald and Gerhard C. Reinking. John W. Tyndall is opposing the incumbent, William Ehrsam, in the Democratic race for surveyor.

There are no Democratic contests for precinct committeemen. Only Republican contest on the county ticket is that for congress where the incumbent, George Gilie, is opposed by state senator Charles A. Phelps.

Urges Support Of Youth Center Here

A plea for civic and financial support of a Teen Canteen Youth Center was made by Deane Dorwin, high school history instructor and chairman of the men's service club committee, that is cooperating with the Woman's club committee, in the establishment of a center here for the entertainment of Decatur youth, speaking at the weekly Rotary club meeting last night.

Mr. Dorwin reiterated that local effort toward the canteen was stymied at present due to the inability to obtain a suitable location. Several places are under consideration, but as yet quarters have not been made available. Compliance with state fire marshal laws restrict locations, Mr. Dorwin said.

The speaker said there was a need for the supervised play and hobby center, including not only a gathering place, but quarters

Baals Not Candidate For Governorship But Would Accept Draft

Fort Wayne, Ind., April 7—(UP)—Mayor Harry Baals of Fort Wayne declines to enter the race for the Republican gubernatorial nomination.

But he's not against a draft movement in his behalf at the G. O. P. state convention. For he adds that he would give the matter thought if the convention expressed a wish for him to run.

Baals frequently has been mentioned as a candidate for governor. He says he appreciates the compliment, but thinks that his business as Fort Wayne mayor will not allow him time to campaign for the nomination.

Two Calls Received For Active Service

Seven Leave Today
For Army Service

Two calls for immediate induction of 20 Adams county men into the army or navy have been received by the Adams county selective service board, following the induction of seven men into the army today and seven scheduled to be inducted into the navy April 20.

One call is for 14 men for the army on April 20. The other is for six men for the navy on April 25. They previously passed their induction physical tests at Indianapolis.

The induction of Marvin Paul Lehman of Berne was postponed today to April 20, because he objected to induction on Good Friday. A directive was issued by the state selective service board permitting such a postponement if the individual filed an objection.

Those who left this morning were: Elmer Dale Johnson, Herman Edward Klefer, Arthur James Elzey, Ross McKinley Gunder, Gilbert William Koeneman, Alva Adrian Myers, Edgar Paul Sprunger. The last named was transferred to Chicago for induction.

The April 20th Call
The call for the army on April 20, includes: Marvin Paul Lehman, Norman Lee Noack, Ignacio Puente Alvarado, Robert Burnett Hann, James Emmert Hurst, Lester Delbert Lloyd, William Daniel Drummond, Robert Joseph Rumschlag, Ray Albert Schott, Thomas Dale Biery, Joseph Guy McBride, Wilbert Gustav Steele, Charles Chalmers Hendricks, Avery Roy Sprunger, who has already been inducted as an aviation cadet, is credited to this call.

The April 25th Call
The six men scheduled for navy induction on April 25 are: Sylvester Costancio Dela Cruz, Jr., Fred Albert Scheiman, Herbert Martin Hugo Goetz, John Doyt Spahr, Herman Joseph Miller, and Edward John Heilmann, transferred from

Rumania Says Soviet Troops Forced Back

Russian Battle For
Odessa Opens; Early
Liberation Foreseen

By United Press
The Rumanians claim German and Rumanian troops have pushed back the Russians in Rumania.

The report has not been confirmed by Moscow. But the Russians have made no mention of their progress across the Rumanian plains for four straight days.

The Rumanian high command says the Russians were thrown back several miles after driving 12 miles into Rumania above Jassy.

The report adds that one Soviet force is encircled and now "is being cut down."

The Russians began their battle for Odessa today. The Red army is reported driving through the last German defenses at a pace which promises early liberation of the great Black Sea port.

Soviet tanks and infantry are converging on the city from three directions while Russian planes are ranging the Black Sea approaches in an effort to forestall

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**Citizens Pause To
Observe Good Friday**
Business Suspended
During Three Hours

Decatur citizens paused today to pay reverence to Jesus Christ as the community observed Good Friday.

Many hundreds of persons thronged to church services during the Three Hours from 12 noon until 3 o'clock.

A union service of the Protestant churches of the city was held at the First Methodist church, with the pastors and musicians of the various churches participating in the services.

Devout worshippers knelt in prayer or assisted in making the Way of the Cross at St. Mary's Catholic church during the Three Hours this afternoon.

At 12:45 the Way of the Cross, the fourteen stations listed in Christ's journey to His crucifixion on Mt. Calvary was made by the congregation and again at 1:45 o'clock.

Private devotions were held before the crucifix during the time commemorating the death of Jesus on the cross and at 2:30 o'clock a

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Two Young Children Are Burned To Death

Washington, Apr. 7 — (UP) — Two children, aged two and five, died yesterday in their bedroom when flames engulfed their suburban home. Nearby their mother, Mrs. Ruth Lusby, fought desperately to break away from restraining neighbors and go to their rescue.

But firemen found the children Beverly and James, clutched tightly in each other's arms. They were pronounced dead of suffocation and burns.

An exploding oil stove started the fire.

Republicans Have Precinct Contests

No Opposition On
Democratic Ticket

Democrats will have a complete ticket of unopposed candidates for precinct committeemen in the May primary, while Republicans have several contests, indicating a fight for control of the county Republican committee.

The Democratic candidates for committeemen are: East Union, Walter Thiem; West Union, Victor Beeke; East Root, Hugo Boeger; West Root, Rudolph Fuelling; North Preble, Theodore Ostermeyer; South Preble, Rudolph Linne-mier; North Kirkland, Rudolph H. Kolter; South Kirkland, James G. Brown, Jr.; North Washington, Frank P. Heilmann; South Washington, Dwight Schnepf.

Decatur
Decatur 1-A, Lawrence Green; Decatur 1-B, Mildred Hebble; Decatur 2-A, Clarence C. Heilmann; Decatur 2-B, David Adams; Decatur 3-A, Leo E. Ehinger; Decatur 3-B, Harold R. Daniels; North St. Mary's, Samuel Bentz; South St. Mary's, E. E. Winans; French, Alonzo Smith; North Monroe, Homer Winterregg; Middle Monroe, Elmer C. Beer.

Berne A, Leo C. Haug; Berne B, Elmer Winterregg; Berne C, Leonard Baumgartner; North Blue Creek, Claude M. Foreman; South Blue Creek, Earl Sipe; North Hartford, Walter H. Meyer; South Hartford, Reuben R. Romey; North Wabash, Theron Fenstermaker; Ceylon, Ben Lechty.

Geneva A, R. C. Dickerson; Geneva B, Fred E. Lindsey; East Jefferson, Ralph H. Bollenbacher;

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**Escaped Inmate Is
Taken Into Custody**
An insane patient from Adams county, who left the state hospital at Easthaven Wednesday and hitch hiked back to this community, has been apprehended by Sheriff Leo Gillig and will be returned to the institution. The man is harmless but needs professional care, Sheriff Gillig said.

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Decatur Graduation Exercises May 18

Graduates To Hear
DePauw President

Approximately 70 graduates of the Decatur high school will receive diplomas at commencement exercises to be held in the school auditorium, May 18, Walter J. Krick, superintendent of the public schools, announced today.

The complete list of graduates will be ready in a few days. The school is just completing the second six week period. School will close May 19.

Dr. Clyde E. Wildman, president of DePauw University, one of the best known educators in the middle west, is to be the commencement speaker.

The baccalaureate services will be held in the school auditorium Sunday evening, May 14, with Rev. George O. Walton, pastor of the Presbyterian church, delivering the sermon.

Mr. Krick said some diplomas will be awarded to young men now in the service, who left during the senior year. All but one of these young men completed their school year by taking a special summer school course last year and gaining a semester.

It is not certain how these boys will be recognized, but it is thought probable the diplomas will be given to their parents for safe keeping until their return.

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**Democrat Editors
To Meet April 15**
Schricker, Jackson
Principal Speakers

Indianapolis, Apr. 7 — (UP) — Hoosier Democrats gather in Indianapolis a week from tomorrow for the annual spring meeting of the Indiana Democratic Editorial association.

Governor Schricker and Senator Samuel Jackson of Fort Wayne will share speaking honors at an evening banquet. They will be introduced by a former Indiana senator, Judge Sherman Minton of the United States circuit court of appeals in Chicago.

The meeting is expected to nominate unofficially several candidates for state offices. And the Hoosier Sentinel, state Democratic organ, suggests that Schricker and Jackson will reveal if they wish to be candidates for the office of senator and governor, respectively.

However, other observers hold that there is little possibility of either man announcing his candidacy at this time.

Indiana's best-known war hero, Lieutenant Gerry Kisters, will be

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Fierce Patrol, Artillery Duels Reported Today

Reports Japs Closing In On Supply Center

Battle For Imphal
Joined As Japanese
Invaders Advance

(By United Press)
The first big battle of the Japanese invasion of India has been joined.

A New Delhi communique discloses that the Japs are now closing in on Imphal. Advance enemy columns already have engaged the British defenders of the city, which is the capital of Manipur province.

The communique says the initial Japanese thrusts have been repulsed. But there's little doubt that this is the beginning of a major enemy effort to take the city, their first important objective inside India.

Although the communique does not say from what direction the Japs are approaching Imphal, it appears that they are moving southward, down the highway from Kohima. The Japs already have gained control of a 15-mile segment of this road. And, in fact, they've pushed across it to the west, in the direction of the railroad from Assam province to Bengal, 50 miles away.

With the decisive battle for Imphal shaping up rapidly, the British defenders received reinforcements, and none too soon. It was disclosed only yesterday that the crack 17th Indian regiment had fought its way out of Japanese encirclement.

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Roosevelt Reports Living Cost Lower

Task Of Stopping
Rice Accomplished

Washington, Apr. 7 — (UP) — President Roosevelt's hold-the-line order of a year ago has been carried out.

A report made public by the president this morning at his regular news conference indicates that the cost of living actually is lower now than it was a year ago.

Mr. Roosevelt, through his deputies of the home front, says the task of stopping the rise in prices has been accomplished. And this record, one year of stable living costs, is unprecedented either in this war or the last war.

The report was made to the chief executive by the heads of the agencies concerned with halting inflation, stabilization director Vinson, price administrator Bowles, war food administrator Jones and war labor board chairman Davis. They say that before the hold-the-line order of April 8, 1943 the cost of living was rising three-fourths percent a month. But, they add, for a solid year it has been held without change of any consequence.

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**Bragged Too Soon
About Empty Jail**
Sheriff Leo Gillig believes he bragged a little too soon about the peaceful qualities of Adams county citizens when he reported a week ago today that the jail had been empty a month.

Since then there have been seven inmates of the county jail. Two were insane cases. Two were vagrants. The other three were minor charges, including traffic violations.

However, Sheriff Gillig believes his record of 30 days with an empty jail is the best in the history of the county. At least none of the records remaining show a corresponding period.

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Report Allied Fifth Army Reinforced At Beachhead At Anzio;

Allied Planes Active

(By United Press)
Another major test seems to be shaping up in Italy along the Anzio beachhead.

Today's communique reports increasingly fierce patrol and artillery duels, and both the Allied and German armies appear to be bracing for another beachhead showdown.

Fifth army artillery and mobile tank destroyers below Rome have knocked out a number of enemy field guns and machine-gun nests. But Nazi long-range cannon still are shelling the beachhead. No reports have come in about Allied casualties or damages.

Along with the stepped-up activity, the OWI passes along roundabout reports from Nazi-held northern Italy that the fifth army has been pouring material and picked troops into the beachhead for the past month. These enemy dispatches claim the long-awaited big push on Rome itself is expected to be started simultaneously with the Allied invasion of western Europe.

Allied airmen were out in full force yesterday, flying some 1,200 sorties against enemy positions in the Mediterranean theater. A relatively small formation of American Flying Fortresses and Liberators crossed into Yugoslavia to pound the vital enemy rail junction of Zagreb. That's one of the key points along the German line sending troops and supplies to the important northern Rumanian front.

The Nazis sent up some 120 fighters to protect Zagreb, but our bombers got through and shot down at least 16 of the enemy craft in the bargain. All in all, 28 German planes were downed during the raid on Zagreb and other targets in Yugoslavia and Italy.

Against this, 10 Allied planes are missing.

In western Europe, Axis reports tell us that so-called Allied nuisance raiders again are over Germany today. As yet, there's no official announcement of any daylight stab at the reich, but it may well be that Allied planes are either scouting the results of recent bombings or plotting some new attack.

Last night British Mosquito bombers filled in for RAF heavies in a raid on Hamburg, Hitler's biggest port. Other Mosquitoes hit industrial targets in the Ruhr and the Rhineland. The Nazis put up only token resistance against the

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**11 Million Men Now
In Nation's Service**
Induction Rates Not
To Drop Immediately

Washington, Apr. 7 — (UP) — Uncle Sam now has 11,000,000 men in uniform, an all-time high.

The army has reached its peak strength of 7,700,000 officers and men. The navy will reach its peak strength by September 1.

However, officials say this doesn't mean induction rates will drop immediately. The army must keep inducting replacements at the rate of about 75,000 men a month through 1944. And the navy, including the marines and coast guard, will need 300,000 new recruits by July 1.

The army says it intends to get most of its new fighting material from the group under 26 years old, despite the hardships this may work on industry.

Even when peace comes, it looks as if the draft machinery will keep grinding. Draft directors here came out bluntly last night with an appeal for post-war military conscription.

He said, "force is the ultimate court of appeals."

The draft chief told war veteran members of the United Automobile Workers at Washington that America must be prepared to fight to maintain peace.