

The Gallup Poll Shows—

# U.S. FEARS ATTACK IF GERMANY WINS

Two of Three Voters Believe Assault Would Follow Allied Loss; Feeling Has Increased With Current European Events.

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PRINCETON, N. J., June 4.—America's reaction to the war in Europe—as revealed in a nation-wide survey by the American Institute of Public Opinion—continues to be influenced by the belief that if Germany should defeat England and France she will sooner or later attack the United States. Whether this fear of a German attempt to dominate the United States is justified or not is a matter about which military and civilian experts disagree. But the fact remains that the fear is shared by approximately two Americans in every three, and is undoubtedly a factor in the desire for swift enlargement of the country's national defense, as well as a factor in the American desire to give every help "short of war" to the Allies.

"If Germany should defeat England and France in the present war," the Institute asked voters throughout the United States, "do you think Germany would start a war against the United States sooner or later?"

The answers were:

Believe Germany Would Attack U. S. . . . . 65%  
Believe Germany Would Not Attack U. S. . . . . 35%

Only one person in 10, on the average, said he had no opinion on the question.

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The trend of opinion on the question, as revealed in successive Institute tests, has been:

Germany Attack U. S.?	Believe Yes	Believe No
February, 1939 (before war)	62%	38%
Sept., 1939	63	37
Today	65	35

Interestingly enough the present survey shows far greater apprehension of Germany's intentions among Southerners, 82 per cent of those interviewed saying they would anticipate a German attack, sooner or later, if the Allies are defeated.

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Both teacher and pupil seemed very happy as K. V. Ammerman, Broad Ripple principal, congratulated Malcolm Dick Minnick, Broad Ripple graduate, for winning a four-year Rector Scholarship at De Pauw University. He received the award at Broad Ripple commencement exercises last night.

## 'Cling to Self-Reliance,' Frank Tells I. U. Grads

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., June 4.—The graduating class of Indiana University was urged yesterday by Glenn Frank, former Wisconsin University president, "to cultivate and cling to the ancient virtue of self-reliance."

He spoke at commencement exercises for 1470 students. "The temptation will be strong in your generation," Dr. Frank said, "to lean on the Government, to look to others to pull your weight, to nurse your grievances, and to wait for some magical leadership to put bonbons in your mouth."

"Free from that temptation as from a plague. There is a growing articulate thought which insists that the America we have known—the America of private enterprise and political liberty—is a dying America."

"These prophets of decay insist that the masters of our economic life are ignorant, incompetent and callous and show no signs of bringing social intelligence to bear on their problems and that, in consequence, the political medicine men flock about these problems with their quick and quack remedies."

"The ranks of businessmen, industrialists and financiers are not devoid of intelligence, competence and social sensitiveness. The political genius of the nation is not bankrupt. There is a vast fund of leadership in the nation that suffers neither from the rigor mortis of reaction nor from the St. Vitus Dance of irresponsible utopianism."

"It is for you to find the standards around which the stable intelligence, effective competence and sound social sense of Americans who believe in Democracy and an intelligently modernized economy of private enterprise can rally."

Oswald Ryan, Civil Aeronautics Authority member, presented certificates to 29 students who have

## TEXAS GETS CUSTODY OF ELWOOD GUN GIRL

TIPTON, Ind., June 4 (U.P.).—Sheriff Reeder Webb of Clay County, Tex., arrived here today to take custody of Isabelle Messmer, Elwood, Ind., gun-bridle who escaped from the Odessa, Tex., jail after being sentenced to a three-year prison term for murder.

Miss Messmer was captured last week as she left an Elmore theater. She had been free since March. Yesterday she ran amuck in the jail, beating her mother, Mrs. Frank Decker of Elwood, who was visiting her, partially disrobing herself and cutting herself with a razor blade in an attempt to attack Sheriff C. D. Hobbs. She was placed in solitary confinement.

Miss Messmer was sentenced to the three-year prison term for the slaying of Buford Armstrong, a former House of David baseball player. Previously she had escaped from a New Jersey jail.

## BROAD RIPPLE GRADUATES 96

Manual, Tech, St. John's, Warren Central to Hold Ceremonies Tonight.

Broad Ripple High School started a busy commencement week for Indianapolis last night and tonight there will be four graduation ceremonies.

A class of 96 seniors were given diplomas at the Broad Ripple school auditorium last night by Schools Superintendent DeWitt S. Morgan.

The addresses were made by four pupils of the school. Miss Jeanne Alice Gass of 6112 Broadway spoke on "And Not to Yield." George H. Cornelius Jr., R. R. 16, Box 281, asked "Where Do We Go From Here?" The subject of George H. Christena, 1942 E. 62d St., was "As We Live." Malcolm Dick Minnick, 6008 Michigan Road, spoke on "Life Stream."

K. V. Ammerman, principal, presented the James Whitcomb Riley medal to David Charles Hyde, 5960 Ewing St. The Alumni Award went to Miss Martha Ann Cravens and the James Dungan Citizenship Award was given to Howard S. Scott, 6519 Ferguson St.

Manual High School's commencement will be held in Cadle Tabernacle tonight and Tech High School's in the Butler Fieldhouse. St. John's Academy will hold its commencement at the school tonight and the Warren Central High School auditorium will be the scene of its commencement tonight.

Tomorrow night St. Agnes Academy and Shortridge High School will hold their commencement exercises today.

On Friday night at 8 o'clock eighth grade pupils of Holy Angels School will be graduated following the presentation of a play "Tarcisus" by fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade pupils in the school hall, 28th St. and Northwestern Ave.

Members of the Broad Ripple graduating class were:

Elizabeth A. Alexander, Robert Wayne Allen, Howard C. Anderson

Helen Armstrong, Helena Armstrong, Charles K. Baker, Donald Baker, Virginia Baker, Raymond W. Bishop, Katherine E. Champlain, Alex Christ, George H. Christena, Arthur W. Christy, Louise Clark, Dorothy L. Danforth, Howard Walls Davis, Joseph Dawson, Marjorie J. Elliott, Ernest J. Fisher Jr., Jeannette Alice Gass, John F. Gauchat, Betty Jeanne Kountz, William E. Laycock, James W. McClure, Margaret Menasha, James A. Michelson, Malcolm D. Minnick, Margaret L. Miller, Harry B. Noon, Barbara J. Osterheid, Eva Jean Palmer, Robert O. Pennington, Robert W. Ravey, Virginia K. Reese, Betty Mae Reeve, Harold G. Riley Jr., Marjorie Scheweinsberger, Howard S. Scott, Herbert L. Talbot, Myron Unversaw, Joseph C. VanMeter, Russell H. Ware, Betty Wendling, Harrison D. Wilcutt, Frederick L. Ashby, Helen Marie Bowen, Merton H. Brooks, Elizabeth J. Evans, Wilfred H. Burrows, Ruth Barbara Buse, John Emerson Cline, Barbara Irene Cline, George H. Cornelius Jr., Edward E. Covert, Martha Ann Cravens, Mahala Dickson, Mary E. Dineff, Rosemary Elliott, Ralph H. Gentry, James Robert Rigley, Clare Reese Roark, Herman Earl Rugenstein, Jean Ryan, Thomas Smith, Jack W. Spender, Margaret Stadler, George C. Taylor, Robert Wire, Sarah Nell Founs

## U. S. WITNESS IN FRAUD TRIAL DIES

MARION, Ind., June 4 (U.P.).—Mrs. Ed M. Lambert, victim of an alleged race track swindle some time ago in which she and her husband lost \$17,000, died at her home here yesterday of a heart attack.

She was expected to be one of the principal Government witnesses in the Federal trial of five men held in Detroit in connection with the alleged fraud. Her husband and a brother survive her.

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