

# Men Registered Before Last Monday To Get First Call

## ARMY PREFERS YOUNGER GROUP

Older Eligibles May Never Be Inducted Under Revised Plans.

The War Department, it was learned today, is working on plans to call up new military quotas by age groups. Thus it is possible that the older men among those who registered Monday may never be inducted.

Such a procedure would be a departure from the method of the first 18 months of the selective service system.

Men of 20 and of 36 to 44, who registered Monday, are expected to be placed on a separate master list from that of the millions registered previously. This master list would be made up from order numbers to be drawn in March.

### Use Existing Lists First

Until the new men get their order numbers and are classified, draft quotas will be filled from the existing registers. The new classification is expected to be completed about June 1, which means that no one who registered Monday, even the 20-year-olds, is likely to be called before that date.

It is well known that the Army prefers younger men.

Monday's registration boosted Indiana's pool of manpower under selective service jurisdiction to 662,000, Col. Robinson Hitchcock, State selective service head, reported today.

Approximately 226,000 men of 20-44 reported in the State during the third draft registration, he said. Approximately 35,000 were in Marion County.

**226,000 Already Signed**  
A total of 414,000 registered in the first registration in October, 1940, and 22,000 registered last July.

Meanwhile, concern over the growing list of occupations subject to deferment was expressed by some members of the House Military Affairs Committee in Washington.

Brig. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, draft director, was questioned by the committee about occupational deferments, particularly the deferment of movie-industry men and of labor leaders.

Chairman Andrew May (D. Ky.) said the committee planned a further inquiry as soon as requested information was supplied by General Hershey. But, Mr. May said, General Hershey had explained recent rulings to the committee's satisfaction, and as a result it would not at present consider drafting legislation to fix rigid deferment categories.

**May Pare 'Essentials'**  
Other members, however, said they felt that the number of persons subject to deferment on the ground that they are necessary to an essential industry or enterprise was growing so rapidly that eventually such industries and enterprises would have to be defined by law. Some 30 occupations are now on the "essential" list.

These members felt that blanket deferments should not be granted, as was done in World War I, but that only key men in certain essential industries should be subject to deferment.

Mr. May said he believed the draft system had worked well so far.

"But we've got to be very careful about deferments or we'll destroy the faith of the country in the draft," he said. "We must be very careful not to injure public confidence in the system."

The committee questioned Gen. Hershey privately but he is reliably reported to have testified that his ruling that the movie industry was to be considered essential meant only that certain skilled employees engaged in the mechanical or technical production of pictures should be deferred.

### Reports on Labor Policy

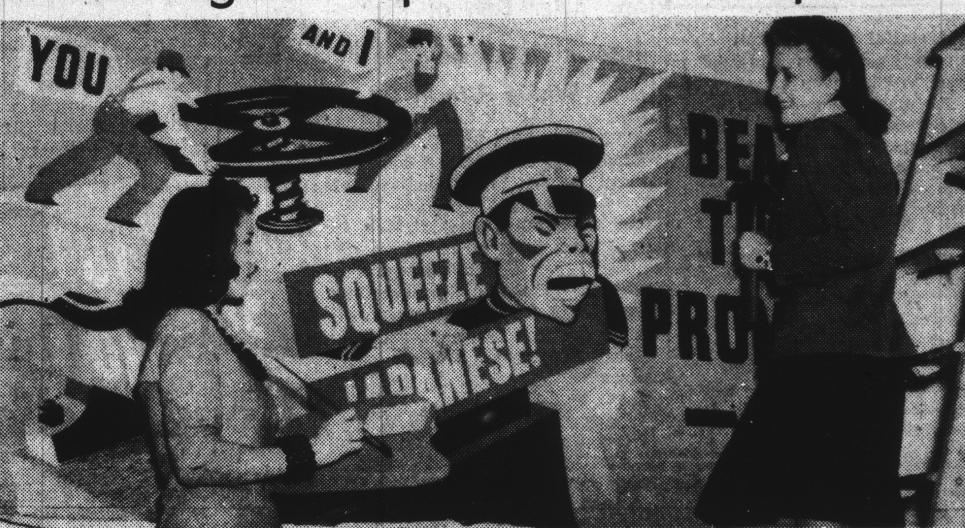
He read to the committee a memorandum to state draft directors concerning the occupational deferment of men engaged in labor relations. It said:

"It is considered in the national interest and essential to the war production program that a harmonious relationship be maintained between labor and industry. To accomplish this purpose it is desirable that there continue to be duly authorized and competent representatives of Government, labor, and industry who will, in considering and disposing of questions of mutual interest, expedite the successful prosecution of the war."

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## Putting the Squeeze on the Japanese



Miss Rita Grissle (left) and Miss Sue Winchell, RCA employees, "put the squeeze on the Japanese" in preparation for the plant's rally tomorrow.

Two rallies tomorrow will launch the 1942 "Beat the Promise" production campaign of local RCA Manufacturing Co. employees.

The campaign will be 11 weeks long and its purpose will be to beat the company's promises on Government war orders, much of

which are in sound and radio equipment for the Army and Navy. The rallies will be in the Murat Theater at 11 a. m. for the night shift and 8 p. m. for the day shift. Each employee will be permitted to bring a guest.

Henry C. Bonfig of Camden, N. J., company vice president, will be the honored guest at both rallies. J. M. Smith, local plant manager, will be honorary chairman.

"Put the Squeeze on the Japanese" is the slogan for the current campaign and gaily-colored banners, posters and placards have been distributed through the factory.

## BLAST ENEMY SHIPS OFF JAVA

Dutch and U. S. Planes Sink Big Transports, Probably 2 Others.

By JOHN R. MORRIS

**BATAVIA, Feb. 18.**—American and Dutch air squadrons, and anti-aircraft batteries hammered Japanese invasion forces surging toward Java today, shot down five of 21 enemy bombers over the big Soerabaja naval base, sank a big enemy transport, and destroyed many troop-laden barges.

A total of 11 enemy planes were destroyed in all and two other Japanese transports were hit by bombs.

(At Washington, the War Department announced that American army flying fortress bombers attacked Japanese ships off Banka Island, near Sumatra, probably sinking two transports and destroying two enemy landing barges. No American planes were lost.)

"Direct hits were scored on a large enemy transport and on a small transport," the Washington communique said.)

### Fierce Counter Blows

The allied counter-blows against the imminent threat of an invasion of Java were described by communiques of the united nations' supreme command and the Dutch high command, which previously had reported bomb attacks on nine enemy transports and two cruisers in Sumatra waters.

(Today's communiques did not make clear whether there were duplications in the Dutch and united nations reports of bombing attacks or whether the total of successful attacks on Japanese warships had been increased to 14.)

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**Americans Evacuated**  
(The heavy Japanese air losses in the third big attack on Soerabaja indicated a concentration of strong allied strength for the defense of Java, where Australian troops and American air personnel previously had been reported in considerable strength. A Batavia broadcast heard in San Francisco said that Dutch anti-aircraft guns had shot down five enemy planes over Soerabaja.)

The communique also disclosed that a squadron of American fighting planes, attacking an enemy-occupied airfield, had shot down four enemy fighters without loss and that a Dutch bomber downed two enemy fighters.

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## BEST SAILOR OF ALL WAS ONLY 5

Freddie's Courage Buoyed Elders in Lifeboat After Ship Sunk.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 18 (U. P.).—It was pitch dark, the wind was icy and the choppy sea tossed the small lifeboat about like a match.

But five-year-old Freddie Ferreria of New York didn't cry. He never even whimpered. When another passenger climbed into the lifeboat, Freddie asked:

"Mr. Dunn, did you bring your victrola?"

A hardened sailor became panicky and tried to jump overboard. Men shivered and snuggled together and turned their heads to keep the cold wind from blowing into their face.

**Sick but Courageous**  
The rough sea made Freddie sick, but still he didn't complain. He raised his head occasionally and asked:

"How are things going?"

Freddie and his mother, Mrs. Baleria Ferreria, were two of eight passengers and 77 crewmen aboard the 5152-ton non-belligerent Brazilian steamer Buarque when it was torpedoed without warning and sent to the bottom off the North Carolina coast early Sunday. There were 83 survivors. One body was brought ashore and one was missing.

**Emblems Spotlights**  
Brazil has severed diplomatic and commercial relations with Germany but has not declared war. Being a vessel of a non-belligerent, the Buarque was sailing with all her lights ablaze. Spotlights played on the painted emblems of Brazil on the ship's sides.

Crew members had seen the submarine half an hour before but felt that the submarine commander would respect their country's non-belligerency.

Most of those aboard were asleep when the first torpedo struck without warning. Walter F. Shivers of New York, one of the survivors, said the ship immediately became the scene of great confusion with passengers and crew members running and fro, yelling and screaming.

**Knocked From Bank**  
The first torpedo, striking aft, knocked Mr. Shivers out of his bunk.

"I reached for the light on recovering myself, but it was out," he said.

Mr. Shivers and his companion, John P. Dunn, an engineer for Pan American Airways, made for the lifeboats. They found that Mrs. Ferreria and Freddie, who were already in a lifeboat, did not have their lifebelts.

"We ran back to her stateroom, got the lifebelts, then returned to our stateroom for additional clothes and cigarettes," Mr. Shivers said.

**Become Fast Friends**  
When they got back the lifeboat had been lowered. Down the ladder they went.

Mr. Dunn and Freddie had become fast friends while the Buarque was en route from the Venezuelan port of La Guaira, which it left Feb. 7 to ports in the United States. Freddie often visited Mr. Dunn in his stateroom to listen to a phonograph.

The lifeboat banged against the ship several times before the men at the oars were able to get it out into the heavy seas. When all four lifeboats had cleared, the submarine sent a second torpedo into the Buarque, this time amidships. She sank immediately.

**Help Finally Arrives**  
Six hours later—at 7 a. m.—Navy planes appeared. Mr. Shivers' attempts to signal the planes that a woman and child were aboard the lifeboat brought no immediate results.

"Finally, around 5 o'clock in the afternoon, after it looked as if we were to remain adrift another night, a Navy cutter came into sight," he said.

Survivors from two of the boats were brought here Monday, and the other two last night.

Freddie, propped up in bed, was asked if he remembered the trip. "Sort of," he said. "It was cold."

Mr. Dunn was full of praise for both mother and son, but particularly for the son.

"He was the best sailor of the lot of us," he said. "He never grumbled. If the rest of us were courageous, we got the courage from him."

## Metropolitan Star Upholds Opera in German, Italian

By LESTER POSVAR

Lotte Lehmann, who renounced her Austrian citizenship when Hitler brought the Anschluss, said today that Americans should be willing to take their opera in German and Italy, despite Hitler and Mussolini.

The Metropolitan Opera soprano came to Indianapolis for an appearance with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Friday and Saturday.

"It is a pity," she declared, "to try to translate opera into English for American audiences. Something of the spirit is lost in the translation."

**Likes to Sing German**  
Mme. Lehmann said she prefers to sing in German because it is her mother's tongue.

"But I enjoy singing in English and French, too," she added. "In fact, I prefer singing in English or French to Italian."

The singer devoted herself to her other art—painting—as soon as her bags were unpacked in a Columbia Club suite overlooking Monument Circle. She got out pencil and paper and sketched a view of the Circle, with the monument in the foreground.

**Will Go to Movie**  
"The snow is so wonderful," she remarked. "I hope to be out in it this afternoon. Of course, I am going to a movie, and I am going to visit the art museum."

She was enthusiastic when told about the John Herron Art Museum's exhibition of "The Horse in Art." Horseback riding is one of her favorite sports. The other is swimming.

Mme. Lehmann said she misses her pet pomeranian, Mousy, but she left the dog in New York because it disapproves of her singing.

**Barks Criticism**  
"It is my most severe critic," she said. "When I sing the dog howls."

Mme. Lehmann will sing four songs by Richard Strauss to the symphony's accompaniment Friday and Saturday. These are "All Souls' Day," "Tomorrow," "Devotion" and "Serenade." She also will sing two Wagnerian arias—"Elsa's Dream" from "Lohengrin" and "Love Death" from "Tristan and Isolde."

The famous soprano wore black, with a large white collar. She added just one touch of color—the red ribbon of the French Legion of Honor, worn over her heart.

## VERDICT UPHELD IN HOOSIER'S DEATH

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 18 (U. P.).—A death verdict against Orrin M. Brown for the hammer murder of Leota Murphy, Indiana poetess, was affirmed today by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Brown met Miss Murphy through a Denver "get acquainted" correspondence club. He used the name of Robert E. Lawrence.

The poetess' body was found in a ditch beside a highway in a sparsely populated section of the Texas Panhandle. Her skull had been fractured. Brown was arrested in Chicago and brought to Texas for trial.

**SIX PERISH IN FIRE**  
DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 18 (U. P.).—A mother and her five children, aged one to 10, burned to death today when an oil heater exploded in their upstairs apartment.

A banquet and floor show tomorrow night will close the meeting.

**OPPOSES PAY BOOSTS**  
CHICAGO, Feb. 18 (U. P.).—Assistant Price Administrator J. K. Galbraith today told labor, agriculture and management that prevention of inflation requires that there be no further increases in incomes.

**RENEW BLASTS AT CHURCHILL**  
London Press Makes Plain Intensified Demand for Cabinet Changes.

LONDON, Feb. 18 (U. P.).—A fresh blast of critical newspaper editorials made it plain today that Prime Minister Winston Churchill's defense of his government in Parliament had intensified instead of diminished the demand for a radical change in the direction of the war and a merciless purge of the Cabinet.

Mr. Churchill's statement that the successful flight of three German warships from Brest to German ports had improved the naval situation was called weak and unsatisfactory.

"From this account we ought to have arranged with the German government 10 months ago to convey them under an escort of 'air umbrellas' to Heligoland," said the Independent Daily Mirror.

**Faces Rough Going**  
The conservative Times said that what troubled the public was the contrast between a German harbor and the bottom of the English Channel as a refuge for the ships.

It was indicated that when Mr. Churchill faces the House of Commons, probably early next week, for a full dress war debate, he would have rough going and might be compelled to make concessions, such as a major cabinet reorganization which he has long refused.

Newspapers took the view that if anything were needed to show the necessity for a cabinet shift, it was Mr. Churchill's speech yesterday. "When he is confronted with the mildest inquiries into his generalship, Mr. Churchill becomes as sensitive as a prima donna charged by a music critic with singing a false note," said the Independent Daily Sketch.

**Changes Are Demanded**  
The Independent-conservative Daily Mail said "public anger and disquiet had been particularly roused over the British failure to destroy the German ships."

The conservative Daily Express, owned by Lord Beaverbrook, production minister, alone defended the prime minister.

Diplomatic quarters watched Vichy for news of French "imperial economic conference" which met there today, ostensibly to consider "problems of supply in French Africa and the mother country," as the German radio put it.

Military and civil leaders of Vichy-controlled French colonies all over northern Africa were at Vichy for the conference.



Lotte Lehmann... She sketches Monument Circle.

## ICE DEALERS OF INDIANA MEET

200 Members Hear U. S. Leaders at the 48th Annual Session.

Two hundred members of the Indiana Association of Ice Industries assembled in the Severin Hotel roof garden today for the opening of their 48th annual convention.

Speakers at this morning's session included A. C. Lemons of South Bend, association president, and Harry B. Imes, president of the National Ice Refrigerator & Manufacturers Association. Mr. Imes was to speak on "What to Expect in 1942."

Barton Rees Pogue, poet, philosopher and commentator, was to be the principle speaker this afternoon.

Addresses by Frank L. Duggan of Pittsburgh and Mount Taylor of Washington, and election of officers, feature the activity on tomorrow's program. Mr. Duggan is president of the Consolidated Ice Co. and Mr. Taylor is executive secretary of the National Association of Ice Industries.

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FATALITIES	County	City	Total
1941	8	9	17
1942	6	15	21

Accidents	Arrests	Deaths
15	386	4

TUESDAY TRAFFIC COURT	Cases Convicted	Fines
Violations	2	2
Speeding	4	\$30
Reckless driving	7	30
Failure to stop at through street	2	2
Disobeying traffic signals	1	1
Drunk driving	1	20
All Others	20	22
Totals	35	\$108

## MEETINGS TODAY

Associated General Contractors of America, convention, Claypool Hotel, all day.

Indiana Building Contractors, conference, Claypool Hotel, all day.

Private Truck Owners of Indiana, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon.

Central States Petroleum Union, meeting, Hotel Washington, 7:30 p. m.

Lambda Alpha Lambda, initiation meeting, Hotel Washington, 7:30 p. m.

Indiana Women's Forum, L. S. Ayres & Co. auditorium, 10 a. m.

Butler University Women's Faculty Club, meeting, Jordan Hall, 3 p. m.

Kiwanis Club, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

Lions Club, luncheon, Claypool Hotel, noon.</