

ECONOMY LAG NOTED BY ROSS

System Needs to Be Brought Up to Date, He Tells Class.

America has been pouring the wine of new industries into "the old bottles of 19th century political economy," Dr. Maurice O. Ross, acting president of Butler university told the graduating class of a course in accident and health insurance last night at the Indianapolis Athletic club.

"The question," said Dr. Ross, "is whether economies are to be coordinated by brute force or by a united effort for the benefit of all."

The course was offered by the National Association of Accident and Health Underwriters, of which Barney B. Ochs, Loyal Protective Life, is president of the local unit. Clyde E. Dalrymple of Milwaukee, president of the national association, attended and praised the educational program of the Indianapolis organization.

Graduates are: E. Earl Albritton, Continental Casualty; M. R. Davis, Continental Casualty; O. H. Goodrich, Kentucky Home; Fanchon E. Griffey, Business Men's Assurance; William H. Gruver, Business Men's Assurance; Harry J. Gulon, Business Men's Assurance; Russell C. Holler, Massachusetts Protective; Mary Hostetter, Hoosier Casualty; James R. Johnston, American Income; Walter J. Koons, Mutual Benefit Health & Accident; H. B. Messick Sr., Business Men's Assurance; Josephine Duke Motley, Business Men's Assurance; George A. Schuettler, American Income, and Gail J. Spangler, Loyal Protective.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS HALVED
JOHNSTOWN, Pa. (U. P.)—State police, in a four-county survey, found that the rationing had cut automobile accidents 50 per cent.



Today's War Moves

By LOUIS F. KEEMLE
Editor of War Analyst

National maritime day and the launching of 37 ships in American yards directs attention to the battle of the Atlantic, which in the third year of the war is threatening to become almost as critical as it was in 1917.

The fact is that replacements have not yet caught up with the rate of sinkings. Not only will it be necessary to change that balance, but it must turn heavily in the other direction. There is a serious shortage of shipping to carry the needed men and materials to the far-flung battlefields and to maintain the necessary flow of food and necessities.

Merely maintaining the present level of shipping will not be enough. It needs to be at least doubled and kept that way. The grand strategy of the united nations is going to be governed in the critical days ahead by the amount of shipping available, and it will be the potent factor in shaping plans for the great offensive against the axis.

Compacency Disturbed
The rationing of gasoline and sugar has served to disturb the complacency of many Americans and make them begin to realize the seriousness of the U-boat menace off our coasts.

Vessels have been going down in American waters at the rate of approximately 1 1/2 a day. Losses in other waters cannot be estimated, but if sinkings in the north and south Atlantic, the Pacific, the Arctic, the Indian ocean, the Red sea and the Mediterranean no more than equal the losses in home waters, it would mean three ships a day. It may be more.

American shipyards, being geared to top speed, have passed the mark of 1 1/2 a day and are approaching two a day. Before the end of the year it is expected to be three a day and even better than that next year.

This year's goal is 8,000,000 tons and next year's 12,000,000 to 15,000,000. British and American planners hoped to overcome the undersea menace by Hercules efforts in the shipyards and by intensified surface and aerial activity against submarines. The steady construction of destroyers and the probable building of a large fleet of smaller pur-

suit boats should increase the navy's ability to combat the submarines.

The high rate of sinkings in American waters may be due partly to the fact that available destroyers are needed for the vital task of conveying troops and material across the Atlantic and guarding the supplying line to Russia.

According to a cable from London, production in British shipyards has been stepped up greatly, both in warships and merchant vessels. It reports that 1942 has marked the greatest advance in ship construction that Britain ever has seen.

During 1941, building in British merchant yards exceeded 1,250,000 tons, and the 1942 rate is much greater. New methods of production and fabrication have been developed. British yards are building vessels of more than 10,000 tons in 100 days from keel to test. Britain also has mobilized women labor and women are doing jobs such as rivet heating, bolt screwing, painting, plumbing and bench and drill work.

ONE STATE MISSING IN BUTTON COLLECTION

LAWRENCE, Mass. (U. P.)—Mrs. Dana W. Scott of Lawrence, a button collector specializing in uniform buttons, says the prize in her collection is a gold-plated copy of buttons made in Waterbury, Conn., in 1776 for Gen. Lafayette's uniform. Included in the collection are 47 metal buttons stamped with state seals. Only state missing is Minnesota.

A. V. G. URGES 2000 PLANES

They Could Wipe Out Japanese Air Fleet, American Commander Thinks.

By KARL ESKELUND
United Press Staff Correspondent

KUNMING, China, May 22.—Brig. Gen. Claire L. Chennault, leader of the American volunteer group, said today that the United States could "wipe out" the Japanese air fleet if it would send 2,000 planes to the Far East.

He predicted that the United States probably would begin an air offensive against the Japanese within the next six months. He had no doubt that it would be successful.

"The Japanese will suffer a shortage of planes within six months, if they keep on losing as many planes as they have during the last six months," he said.

"Wasting Their Time?"

He thought the Japanese were wasting their time bombing and trying to capture Chinese bases from which American long range bombers can rain explosives and incendiaries on Japanese cities.

There were too many Chinese bases within striking distance of Japan for the Japanese to capture them all, he explained.

Commenting on recent attacks by the A. V. G. on Japanese troops and truck columns west of the Salween river in Burma, Gen. Chennault said he believed the surprise assaults on the Japanese had prevented an enemy "blitz" into the Yunnan province of Free China.

CHUNGKING, May 22 (U. P.)—

The Chinese central news agency said today that bloody battles were raging along a 200-mile front in eastern Chekiang province and in one battle west of Chungking the Chinese had killed 1,000 Japanese.

The Chinese heavily counter-attacked and drove back the Japanese who landed from warships Thursday at the mouth of the Min river. The Japanese shelled Foochow, 25 miles from the mouth of the river, but they did not land in Foochow.

STATE RESTS CASE AGAINST MADELINE

NEW YORK, May 22 (U. P.)—The state rested today after striking hard at the defense upon which Madeline Webb, the small town girl who went wrong in the big city, is banking heavily to save herself from the electric chair.

Dramatically, unexpectedly, it produced a witness who swore that she registered at a hotel with the best friend of her paramour and, presumably, spent the night with him.

This testimony produced hardly less reaction upon Eli Shonbrun, her lover, than it did upon her. His face became an ugly scowl. She made gestures of protest, patted his hand, whispered to him, but the scowl remained, even darkened. It was reported that she had a spat in an anteroom after yesterday's court session adjourned.

The state was striking at Miss Webb's presumed defense that she blindly and utterly loves Shonbrun and that her part was the irresponsible act of a woman in love.

Y. M. C. A. Is Host To Service Men

THE Y. M. C. A. has joined the group of organizations who are helping cheer up and entertain the service men who may be far from home.

A lounge has been arranged just off the lobby of the Y. M. C. A., 310 N. Illinois st., and it is open to service men from 5 to 11 p. m. on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

About 25 girls assist in the entertainment and there is a free juke box for dancing. In charge of the cadette unit is Mrs. Earl H. Schmidt.

BELGIAN PATRIOT WHO DEFIED NAZIS KILLED

LONDON, May 22 (U. P.)—Georges Decker, 61-year-old Belgian patriot who resisted the German invaders, finally has been put to death after having faced German firing squads 10 times, according to a copy of the Belgian underground newspaper, "L'Alibre Belgique," which has just been received here.

The paper told how for 18 months following his arrest for "endangering the security of the German army and spying," Deckers had lived with the threat of a firing squad over his head. Ten times during his imprisonment he was placed against a wall only to be marched back to his cell again after watching Nazi sharpshooters point their rifles at him.

The Belgian paper stated that after each such performance a German commander would visit Deckers' cell and urge him to reveal all he knew about the Belgian underground movement, but each time the prisoner would repeat: "I know nothing more."

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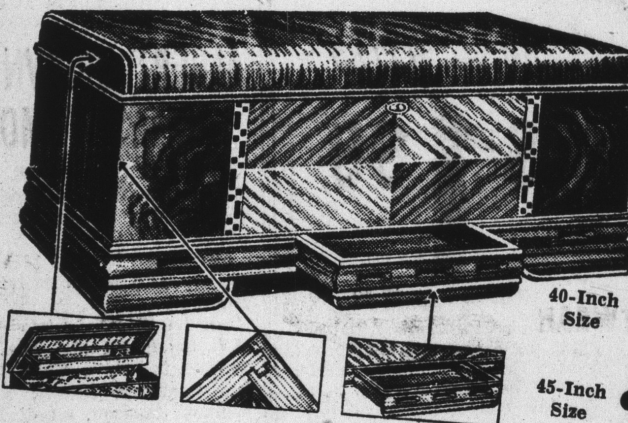
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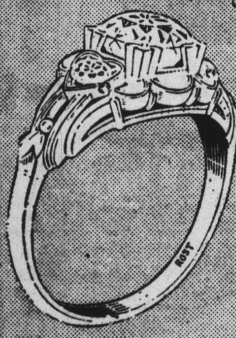
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