# URGE UNIFORM DIVORCE LAWS

## Supreme Court Decision Spurs Backers.

WASHINGTON, May 22 (U. P.).—The supreme court's newest divorce ruling today spurred congressional supporters of a uniform federal divorce law.

The high court, by a vote of 6 to 3 yesterday, gave all states the right to invalidate divorces of its residents obtained in other states.

The black-robed justices differed among themselves as to the effect of the decision.

Justice Hugo L. Black, in a lengthy dissenting opinion, declared the decision would subject the nation's entire 5,000,000 divorced persons to "the danger of criminal prosecution."

**Wants Uniform Procedure**

However, Justice Frank Murphy, concurring with the majority, asserted all uncontested divorces were as secure as ever.

Justice Felix Frankfurter, who wrote the majority opinion, called for enactment of uniform legal procedures regarding divorce.

Immediately Senator Arthur Capper (R. Kan.) announced he would resume his fight for a federal law covering divorces in all 48 states "in the very near future."

A constitutional amendment would be required, since the constitution gives to the states all rights and powers not specifically granted to congress. Congress was not authorized to rule on marriage and divorce.

Capper's proposed amendment to federalize divorce laws has been dormant in the senate judiciary committee for several years.

The Kansan said the supreme court's decision was "absolutely sound."

"We should have had uniform divorce laws years ago," he declared. "The confusion of state laws has been tremendous and it is hard for me to understand how we've stood for them as long as we have."

In the house, Rep. Homer A. Ramey (R. O.) was less optimistic about the chance for early action on his proposed amendment to allow congress to make uniform marriage and divorce laws.

**Committee Delays Action**

He noted that the senate judiciary committee had put off consideration of constitutional amendments until after the war. Consequently, he said, the house judiciary committee to which his proposal had been referred had decided it "would be foolish to take any action one way or the other."

Yesterday's high court ruling specifically held that states do not have to honor divorces obtained in Nevada after six-weeks residence.

Under it any state presumably can challenge another state's divorce statute in a case involving the first state's residents.

The ruling affirmed the "bigamy" conviction of O. B. Williams and Lillie Shaver Hendrix Williams of Pineola, N. C., who were married at Las Vegas, Nev., after obtaining divorces there from former spouses in 1940.

**REDS SPLIT WITH BONOMI**

ROME, May 22 (U. P.).—Italian Communist leaders are breaking with the Bonomi government and trying to merge with the Socialists to form a united workers party, the Rome newspaper Unita reported today.

# Local WAVE Wins

Specialist 3-c Dorothy Breeden of Indianapolis was named navigator of a mythical plane, "Miss Air Wave," in a contest recently at the U. S. naval air station, Floyd Bennett field, N. Y. One of the five WAVES honored last week by the air station personnel through the "Miss Air Wave" contest, Specialist Breeden lives at 1221 Park ave. and is stationed at Floyd Bennett field.

# 74 HONORED BY TECH HIGH SCHOOL

Seventy-four seniors of Technical high school who have maintained averages of A or above throughout high school have been named to the commencement honor roll. They are:

L. Yvonne Akers, Alice Jane Andrews, Jeanne Arney, Donald Bauermeister, Charles Branson, Evelyn Bruck, Mary Bryant, Bonnie Carlstedt, Robert Casse, Robert Childs, Wilma Clark, Borden Crews, Darrelljean Curran, Joyce M. Dearing, Phyllis DeHart, James Dine, Bobbe Earle, Shirley Esmon, Edgar Featheringill, Gloria Fischer, Robert Forbes, Betty Jo Frank, Dorothy Gamboe.

Marcia Geckler, Eloise Gillespie, Martha Ginger, Barbara Hacker, Helen Hantzis, P. LaVonne Helm, Frank T. Hiatt, Mildred Higgins, Jean Hollansworth, Jo Ann Hynes, Barbara L. Jones, Louella M. Jones, James Kempe, Donald Keyt, Bette Kimmell, Joanne Lendormi, Elaine Lowery, Anthony McAndrews, M. Jean McCoy, Janet A. McDonnell, Harry Mann, Mary Louise Masters, Rosina Menonna, Ted Metzger, Wanda Milner, Patricia Palmer, Ruth Payne, Donald Peoples, Henry Plaschkes, Robert Potts, Charles Retherford, Robert Robinson, Virginia Rodman.

Curtis Romack, Henry Russe, Betty Schiefelbein, Marilyn Seel, Charles Short, Carolyn Singleton, Victoria Solomie, Robert Supp, Norma Sutton, Dennis Taylor, Aileen Thompson, Walter Tynan, Betty Vehling, Wayne Waggoner, Adolph Weiss, Richard Wetzel, Robert L. White and John D. Young.

# Brothers Reunited

Leonard Spencer William Spencer

TWO INDIANAPOLIS brothers who had been separated for two and one-half years were reunited in the Philippines May 14.

Leonard W. Spencer, machinist's mate 3-c, is stationed in the Philippines with the Seabees and T. Sgt. William L. Spencer is based there with the army signal corps. They met accidentally and spent a night together.

The servicemen are the sons of the Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Spencer, 859 Fletcher ave. Machinist's Mate Spencer is the husband of Mrs. Joy Spencer, of the Fletcher ave. address, and Sgt. Spencer's wife, Rebecca, also lives in Indianapolis.

# SIX ROTC CADETS TO RECEIVE MEDALS

Recognition medals annually awarded R. O. T. C. cadets by the American War Mothers will be presented at special services in the five local high schools during annual inspection this week.

The medal, which was designed by Mrs. E. May Kahn, president of the War Mothers, will be given to S. Sgt. Richard Bogan, Shortridge; S. Sgt. Devon L. Personett, Washington; M. Sgt. John Bell, Crispus Attucks; 1st Sgt. Bill R. Schmidt, Manual, and S. Sgt. Jack E. Dickey and S. Sgt. Donald E. Newman, Washington high school.

Donors of the medals to the various schools are Hilton U. Brown, in memory of Hilton U. Brown Jr., to Manual high school; Mrs. Martin E. Costin to Technical high school, and James Barker, a gold star father, to Technical high school.

The medal to Washington school is donated by Marion county chapter of War Mothers; the U. S. A. chapter of War Mothers to Shortridge, and the woman's auxiliary of St. Paul's Episcopal church to Crispus Attucks.

# V. F. W. Group Gains Right To Name: 'Ernie Pyle Post'

Founding of the Ernie Pyle post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars was announced today by Ancil Morton, chief of staff of the department of Indiana.

The charter for the post will be opened at an organization meeting at 2 p. m. Sunday at the Claypool hotel. The charter will remain open to world war II veterans for 90 days after the post is instituted.

The V. F. W. obtained permission from the late war correspondent's wife for use of his name and the local post will be the only unit in the nation so designated.

Men now in active service or discharged after service in this war are eligible to attend the meeting and become charter members of the post. Relatives of men still overseas may attend the meeting in place of the serviceman and pledge his membership.

# SPRINGER ASKS WHO LET NAZIS PARADE

Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Rep. Raymond S. Springer (R. Ind.) has asked the war department for an explanation from U. S. military authorities at Bolanzo, Italy, as to why the German army there was left free to parade the streets and sing Nazi songs after the surrender May 2.

According to delayed dispatches, the German soldiers at Bolanzo acted "as though they had won the war."

# TWO PICNICS SET FOR WORKERS HERE

Two industrial picnics for workers on the graveyard and swing shifts of local war plants will be sponsored by the city recreation departments in co-operation with 20 plants.

The picnics are scheduled at 7 a. m. tomorrow at Grafield park and at 7 a. m. Thursday at Northwestern park.

# RIPPLE ROUND-UP SET FOR TOMORROW

The Ripple Round-up, the annual award ceremony for the graduating class of Broad Ripple high school, will be held tomorrow morning in the school auditorium, with more than 150 honors to be presented.

Students will be in charge of the program, given annually in commemoration of the transfer of Broad Ripple from a township school to the city system May 22, 1923.

Another annual event at Broad Ripple, the art salon, is being held today in the auditorium. Entries in five separate divisions will be judged by a committee of faculty members and school officials.

A model airplane contest will be held Thursday at the school, with prizes to be awarded for the best model plane and best plane flight.

**MATRONS TO CONVENE**

The 1944 worthy matrons of the 11th district, O. E. S., will meet at the home of Mrs. Lottie Rahe, 1423 Woodlawn ave., for a carry-in dinner at 6 p. m. Thursday.

# DEBATE TRADE BILL IN HOUSE

## Measure Is Expected to Draw Close Vote.

WASHINGTON, May 22 (U. P.).—The administration's hotly disputed reciprocal trade bill goes before the house today. There are indications that it will be approved within a week by a close vote.

Chairman Robert L. Doughton (D. N. C.), of the house ways and means committee was scheduled to open the debate against Rep. Harold Knutson (R. Minn.), ranking minority member of the committee and leader of the Republican opposition. The committee approved the bill by a vote of 14 to 11.

The house vote will decide the outcome of President Truman's first big legislative test. Although he inherited the legislation from President Roosevelt's administration Mr. Truman made it clear the bill had his complete support.

**Allows Tariff Cutting**

Passage of the measure would extend the reciprocal trade law for three years and authorize the administration to negotiate agreements lowering tariff rates as much as 50 per cent below existing levels. The present law allows reductions 50 per cent below rates fixed in 1930.

It was the provision to grant more liberal tariff-cutting powers that assured a heated dispute. Few Republicans have raised any objection to a simple extension of the present law.

House Democratic leaders were optimistic about prospects for passage although they expected a close vote. Without conceding defeat, Republicans were pessimistic in the face of the present house lineup of 242 Democrats and 189 Republicans.

# Ben Davis High to Hold Commencement Exercises

Commencement exercises for the Ben Davis high school graduates will be held at 8 p. m. Friday in the school gymnasium.

John Soucie, Ernest Grosdidier and Patricia Bauder, seniors, will give the graduation addresses.

Baccalaureate services were held Sunday with the Rev. C. Raymond Earle, pastor of the Winamac Methodist church, the principal speaker.

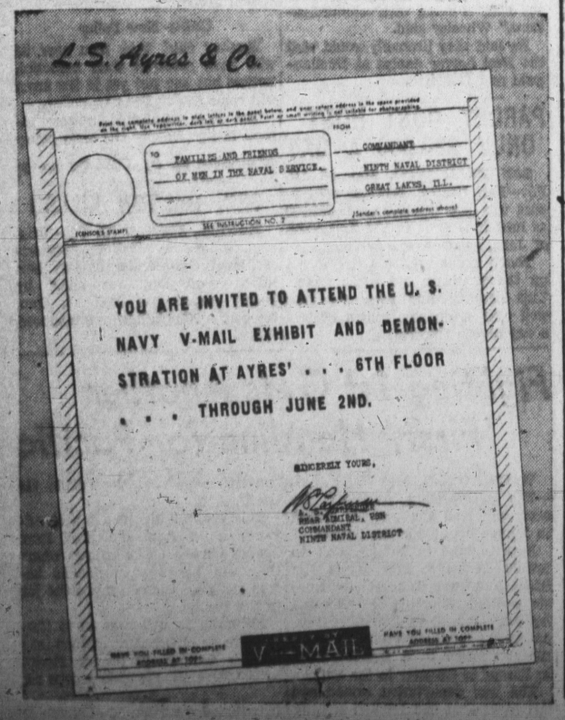
Graduates are:

Julia Adkins, Elizabeth Armstrong, Norma Ashley, Phyllis Bailey, Patricia Bauder, Juanita Becker, Mary Bright, Shirley Brizendine, Irene Buttrum, Rosemary Cafouras, June Casmire, Barbara Conner, Bernadine Cook, Marilyn Cox, Elnora Craig, Peggy Craig, Jean Davis, Evelyn Doan, Hilda Dudziak, Mildred Earles, Dorothy Eason, Dorothy Eastridge, Norma Eastridge, Helen Ervin, Thora Feltis, Laura France, Phyllis Frye, Doris Galbreath, Vera Jean Gastino, Lillian Gibson, Patricia Glass, Bonita Glidewell, Frances Hager, Norma Jean Hall, Charlotte Hanson, Maxine Hodson, Mary Ann Imhausen, Vivian Jones, Wilma Ione Jones, Willowdean Kean.

Wanda Kersey, Phyllis Kiefer, Ruth Lawrence, Jean Lawson, Gertrude Lentz, Joyce Lewis, Dorothy Lovell, Donna Lunt, Janet McKeand, Donna Madden, Velma Mattingly, Betty Means, Alice Mellinger, Jeanne Mitchell, Clara Mae Mohr, Donna Mae Morgan, Marjorie Morgan, Lucille Morris, Margaret Morris, Lila Anu Muzzy, Betty Penrose, Lucille Price, Mary Rose Reeves, Marjorie Rose, Barbara Ruhl, Joan Sanders, Virginia Saters, Marjorie Saxe, Margaret Schuh, Betty Jane Scott, Donna Schaffer, Dorothy Skaggs, Alta Smith, Martha Jean Smith, Anna Springer, Edna Mae Sterret, Phyllis Stiles, Evelyn Stockhoff, Fern Stout, Norma Mae Stucki, Gurna Swalls, Catherine Timberman, Leilah Treater, Mary Jo Voelker, Joan Watson, Grace White, Ruby Woehlecke, Eileen Weddle.

Harley Adams, Bill Baber, Carl Basore, William Bauke, Robert Beuke, Harold Blunk, Theodore Bohne, Glenn Brisson, Warren Brown, Ronald Bula, Denton Carlton, John Ciororanu, Ernest Cook, Don Cooper, James Cox, Hugh Craig, William Davis, Arvin Dawson, Richard Day, Robert Dickerson, Richard Diefenderfer, George Ebert, William Frieje Jr., George Freund, Earl Fultz, George Gaddie Jr., Donald Gentry, Jack Gilbert, Joseph Gillaspy.

Earl Goddard, Harvey Greene, Ernest Grosdidier Jr., Dale Haley, Albert Hilg, Robert Jenkins, Kenneth Johnson, James Jones, John Kafoure, Robert Kellems, James Kelly, Robert Kimmel, William Kinser, Claude Knoy Jr., Robert Kreider, Keith Kurtz, Charles Lewis, James McCormack, William Martin, William Merrick, George Miller, Paul Mongon, Max Moore, William Nelson, Robert Newlin, Leroy Ott, Jack Pearcy, Joseph Price, Donald Proffitt, Jack Receveur, Buford Reeves, Robert Ringlespaugh, Robert Ritley, Bernard Short, Elmer Smith Jr., Ewell Smith Jr., Robert Smith, Walter Smith Jr., Wendell Smith, John Soucie, Raymond Spurlock, Edward Stegemoller, Donald Stone, James Switzer, Marion Thomas, Darwin Wagner, James Walters, Wayne Williams, Delbert Wolfe, Donald Woodson, Alexander Yeftich.

It's easy (and inexpensive) to look as cool as a cucumber on a hot Summer-day! Just try one of these dresses in Koolmist the rayon with the linen look . . . the light porous weave. 10.95

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