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## Nazi Reserves Halt Red Drive

### Young Men 18 To 20 Years Old Register June 30 For Draft

New Registrants Will Not be Subject to Military Draft Until They Reach Age of 20; Registration Is Fifth Under Existing Law.

Washington, May 22.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today set June 30 as registration day for young men between 18 and 20 years of age.

They will complete for the present the registration of the nation's manpower for both fighting and non-combatant war duty and will be the fifth registration under existing law.

### Demos Meet Under Shadow Of War

#### Eight-Point Platform Is Adopted

Major McLendon, Convention Keynote, Says Nation Has Underestimated War Task; Orderly Government Processes Pledged.

Raleigh, May 22.—(AP)—Meeting in the midst of "the crucial test of our long history," the state Democratic convention today adopted an eight-point platform which pledged the continuation "even in war" of "the open and orderly processes of self government."

The shadow of war lay across the biennial gathering of North Carolina's Democratic party from the time it convened at noon until it adjourned its deliberations. In keeping with this mood, the platform and the keynote address, delivered by Major L. P. McLendon, were concerned chiefly with the war.

McLendon, a veteran of the first World War, told the delegates that the American people had underestimated the nation's war task.

"We might as well here and now realize that the lives of a few thousand American soldiers and sailors, the expenditure of a hundred billion dollars and the production of thousands of tanks, airplanes and guns will not win this war."

It is going to take that and many times all of that. The casualty list will grow until nearly every home will mourn the loss of their blood kin."

The platform gave these "assurances" to the people of the state:

- 1. Their State government will be operated in accord with the soundest fiscal practices. The budget will be kept balanced.
- 2. Present State taxes will not

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#### U. S. Vessel Sunk By Sub

New Orleans, May 22.—(AP)—Ninety seconds after two torpedoes crashed amidships a medium sized United States cargo ship plunged to the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico Saturday, May 16, carrying to death at least 21 members of the crew and gun crew, the Navy disclosed today.

The attack and sinking came with almost unprecedented speed which contributed to the heavy loss of life. There was no time to use the radio to summon help and the 19 survivors rode life rafts for about 30 hours before being picked up. Five were hospitalized in Galveston, Tex., when brought ashore.

The submarine was not sighted. Two torpedoes struck 30 seconds apart, many of the crew dying in the engine room which was directly hit.

Henry R. Gore, of Wilmington, N. C., suffered injuries and is in the hospital at Galveston.



Here's the Liquid Prize Hitler Seeks in Russia

On a hill at Baku a Russian worker points out part of the derelict-tudded fields that oil-hungry Germany is trying to reach in her current drive on the Kerch Peninsula. The field shown above, and many others in the Caucasus, keep the Russian war machines going at full speed. Capture of such a prize would insure Hitler's planes and tanks an indefinite supply of sorely-needed fuel. (Central Press)

### Nazis Claim Initiative At Kharkov

Hitler Throws Enough Flesh and Blood Into Defense of Ukraine Steel City to Check Russian Offensive.

(By The Associated Press)

Masses of German reserves, flung into action after nazi tank assaults failed, appeared to have checked Russia's offensive in the eleven-day old battle of Kharkov today although the Red armies reported that in one sector they had smashed a counter attack and "on the fields of the enemy, broke into a populated place."

The German high command asserted that Soviet attacks against Kharkov had been thrown back and that Hitler's armies had seized the initiative.

For the first time, today's Soviet communique omitted mention of any general advance.

"During the night of May 21-22, we carried out offensive operations on Kharkov," the Russian command said tersely.

This indicated that Marshal Timoshenko's troops still held the initiative, at least, but it seems clear that Adolf Hitler had now brought up enough flesh and blood reserves to hold the Russians where steel panzers were blasted into retreat.

Front line dispatches said yesterday the Germans were rushing heavy reinforcements into the 120-mile battle line, with nazi infantry units supported by only 10 to 15 tanks instead of mass mechanized forces.

"Battles continue on the eastern part of Kerch peninsula," a Soviet mid-day communique said, again countering official Berlin claims that German troops had completely overrun the eastern Crimea.

British military quarters said German counter blows on the Lzium-Burvenkova sector, 80 miles below Kharkov, had bitten a chunk out of the southern flank of the Soviet drive, but declared there were no indications that the bite was being increased.

As the Soviet campaign raged into its twelfth month, thousands of American troops training in northern Ireland were told by General Sir Alan Brooke, Britain's imperial general staff chief, that their chance to fight "no doubt will come soon."

"We shall expect great things from the Americans when an opportunity is given them," Sir Alan said, after a tour inspecting United States soldiers who have been toughening up in maneuvers since January.

He told correspondents he had a "high opinion" of the tanks and guns the Americans brought with them overseas.

### Normandie Probe Brings Senate Charge

Washington, May 22.—(AP)—The Senate naval committee has prepared a tentative report holding confusion of command partly responsible for the Normandie fire and recommending creation of an office of inspector general of the Navy to prevent any future mixups.

Carelessness, poor supervision and lack of precautions also contributed to the fire and capsizing of the Normandie, said the report which is now in printed form and awaiting final committee approval. It declared that while sabotage played no part in the incident, there was a lack of adequate safeguards against subversive activity.

The Navy disclosed last night that preliminary salvage work had been started on the Normandie, which was being converted into the troopship Lafayette when it burned and turned over February 9. It will be at least a year before the vessel is ready.

### Spies Reported Landed In Maine

#### Maine Director of Civilian Defense Warns Against Foreign Agents; New England Residents Told to be Vigilant.

Augusta, Me., May 22.—(AP)—Francis H. Farnum, state director of civilian defense, said today that "accurate information in the possession of police and Army authorities to show that foreign agents have recently been landed on the coast of Maine."

"Others have come into the state from the Canadian border or from other parts of the United States," Farnum said in a prepared statement. "They are here for no good purpose and they are in our midst now. They are to plot, to damage, to destroy."

Only yesterday civilians and members of the volunteer defense corps were warned by United States and state officials in Boston to exercise special watchfulness for enemy and fifth column action along the New England coast.

Sometimes a special agent is sent to the country to perform some single task," Farnum added. "He is the push hitter, or the hit and run worker. Once his assignment is completed he tries to make his way back to his native land or to join other spies in this country."

Farnum warned that it was "entirely possible that the enemy may attempt to land parachutists or other airborne troops in Maine" and added that an attempt may even be made to organize bands of fifth columnists.

### 27 U. S. Ships Are Launched In 24 Hours

Washington, May 22.—(AP)—Twenty-seven merchant ships are being launched today as the nation celebrates national Maritime day.

Described as America's greatest mass launching in 25 years, the ships started sliding into the water shortly after midnight with the last launching scheduled some 23 hours later. The hour, in most cases, is determined by tide conditions.

Launchings are being held in 19 yards on all coasts and the Great Lakes. Because of the maritime commission's policy of not announcing launchings in advance, no schedule was made public. It was announced, however, that one yard would launch three ships, six yards two each, and 12 yards one each.

Keel layings will immediately follow the launchings in some yards. Four completed ships go into service on Maritime day, the commission announced.

The original schedule called for the launching of 30 merchantmen, but three were put into the water earlier in the week to make the waters available for new keels.

Maritime day, the commission said, marks the inauguration of a two-

#### TEXAS YOUTH SENT TO REFORMATORY

Corpus Christi, Tex., May 22.—(AP)—George Clyde Hengy, Jr., who confessed he killed his mother "because she compelled me to take dancing lessons for about 12 years," was sentenced yesterday to remain in the state reformatory until his 21st birthday.

The 16-year-old Hengy, arrested at Roanoke Rapids, N. C., pleaded guilty to a charge of juvenile delinquency before county Judge Joe Browning. The charge was the only one that could be placed against him under Texas law.

### Nation May Take Autos

#### Rubber Coordinator Newhall Says Requisitioning Possible; Tire Situation 'Grim.'

Washington, May 22.—(AP)—Rubber Coordinator Arthur B. Newhall reported today that the government ultimately might have to requisition automobiles to haul workers to and from war plants in areas where other facilities were lacking, if the nation's tire resources were wasted.

Newhall assured a press conference, however, that he saw no need for requisitioning tires this year or in 1943, and that in any case they would not be taken to be ground up for reclaimed rubber, but only as a means of solving a transportation problem.

Simultaneously, Newhall and three top war agency officials issued a joint statement on what they called the "grim" rubber situation, indicating their belief that tires might have to be yielded up for war purposes.

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### Local Markets Being Sought For Goods Produced In State

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. By BOB THOMPSON

Raleigh, May 22.—The Department of Conservation and Development has worked out a plan which may keep a small North Carolina industry open during the war and add greatly to the state's production income thereafter.

The idea is to wage a selling campaign among the operators of chain stores in the state, urging them to stock North Carolina products in their North Carolina stores wherever possible. The purpose is to show

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### German Subs Claim 23 Ships

Berlin (From German Broadcasts) May 22.—(AP)—German submarines have sunk 20 enemy merchant ships totaling 111,600 tons in the Caribbean and the Gulf of Mexico and three others aggregating 14,000 tons in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the nazi high command announced today.

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### Allied Subs Sink Three Jap Vessels

#### Mexican Ship Sunk Off Cuba

Mexico City, May 22.—(AP)—The newspaper La Prensa reported today from Havana that the Mexican Tasker Faja de Oro had been torpedoed off Cuba, burst into flames, and that most of her crew were lost.

Word of the reported sinking came only a week after the Mexican tanker Patrocinio del Llano was sent to the bottom off the Florida coast, raising the immediate possibility of a Mexican declaration of war on Germany.

### Prinz Eugen Now At Kiel

#### German Cruiser Credited With Having Run Sea Blockade; Ship Is Damaged.

London, May 22.—(AP)—The damaged German cruiser Prinz Eugen has arrived at Kiel, it was learned today.

The air ministry announced four days ago that British planes had scored two definite torpedo hits and one probable hit on the 10,000-ton cruiser off southern Norway the night of May 17.

Arrival at Kiel, big German naval base, indicates that for the second time the cruiser has run a sea blockade to a German port. The vessel

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### Southern Solons Block Move To Divert Benefit Payments

Washington, May 22.—(AP)—Southern congressmen have won from the Agriculture department a promise to abandon plans to divert upward of \$125,000,000 in government benefit payments from cotton and tobacco to so-called "war crops" under next year's AAA farm program.

The promise was made, authoritative sources said today, in connection with the Senate approval Wednesday of a measure permitting the department to sell up to 125,000,000 bushels of government-owned wheat for livestock feed at below parity prices. The measure was opposed

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**WEATHER**  
FOR NORTH CAROLINA  
Scattered thunder showers this afternoon, slightly cooler east and partial galeous tonight.