

# REPORT CHURCHILL, FDR CONFER WITH INONU

## SHIP WISCONSIN IS CHRISTENED AT PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia—(P)—The \$90,000,000 super battleship Wisconsin, her bow towering higher than a five story building, was launched into the Delaware river at the Philadelphia navy yard today, hailed by Assistant Secretary of the Navy Ralph A. Bard, as "an answer" to Japan's Pearl Harbor attack on the second anniversary of the aggression.

**Wife Christens Vessel**  
Mrs. Walter S. Goodland, wife of the governor of Wisconsin, christened the vessel before a cheering crowd of workmen, navy officers, Wisconsin state officials and government executives.

The Wisconsin splashed into the water at 11:45 a. m. (eastern war time) after Rear Admiral M. F. Draemel, commandant of the Fourth naval district, said in a launching speech that "as the distance to a probable battle area increases, more ships like the Wisconsin will be needed."

**Requires 62 Operations**  
The task of launching the super ship required 62 distinct operations beginning more than 14 hours before Mrs. Goodland cracked the champagne bottle.

Workmen transferred the weight of the ship from timber shores and keel blocks to the ways on which she slid into the Delaware.

The Wisconsin rode down on four fixed ways, each serving as a track. Months ago, more than 100,000 of grease was applied to these ways to ease the ship down.

The Wisconsin was one of the few ships in history that required four ways for launching. The usual number is two. Others which require four include the Nazi Bismarck and Tirpitz, the British Rodney and Nelson and the Wisconsin's sister ships, the Iowa and the New Jersey.

**35,000 Spectators**  
Bard told the 35,000 spectators that the launching brought the enemy "one step nearer to their destruction by the allied nations" and See—WISCONSIN—Page 11

## Plover Man Pleads Innocent; Asks For a Jury Trial

Madison, Wis.—(P)—William Palmer, 46, former Beloit postoffice janitor who pleaded guilty to a charge of taking a letter containing \$4.50 from the mails, was fined \$200 by Federal Judge Patrick T. Stone today.

Judge Stone imposed a six months term in a federal prison but suspended it and placed Palmer on probation for two years on condition that he pay the fine within six months.

Because he appeared for arraignment without an attorney, Alva Williams of Monroe, rural mail carrier charged on three counts of taking money from the mails, was ordered to return to court with his counsel tomorrow.

David Mansavage of Plover, charged with failing to appear at Stevens Point May 17, 1943, for induction into the army, pleaded innocent and asked for a jury trial. Judge Stone said the trial probably would be held within two weeks.

## Sentence Portage County Robbers

Stevens Point, Wis.—(P)—Three men were sentenced to terms in the state penitentiary at Waupun and another was sentenced to the state reformatory at Green Bay yesterday by Circuit Judge Herman J. Severson for participation in robbery, of creameries, taverns, and a high school in Portage county.

Steve Bemowski, 27, Stevens Point, was sentenced to 1 to 6 years in Waupun; Chester Oswoski, 24, and Edward Matkey, 29, both of Milwaukee, received 1 to 4 year terms in Waupun; and Louis Oswoski, 22, Milwaukee was sentenced to 1 to 4 years in Green Bay.



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ENS. CARL MITTELSTADT

## Ensign Mittelsteadt and Gunner Gordon Firth Are Missing In Pacific

Two families in this city were saddened today by the receipt of telegrams from the navy department informing them that their sons are missing in action. Ensign Carl Mittelsteadt, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mittelsteadt and Gordon Firth, 17, gunner's mate

second class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Firth, Route 1, are the missing men. Both of them are said by their parents to have been stationed aboard the escort aircraft carrier Liscome Bay, which the navy department reported sunk by a Japanese submarine off the Gilbert islands last Thursday.

Ensign Mittelsteadt enlisted in the navy in October, 1942 and was commissioned in February of this year.

**TWO RIVERS TAR MISSING**  
Two Rivers, Wis.—(P)—Mr. and Mrs. David Gauthier, Two Rivers, received word from the navy department today that their son, Russell, 18, seaman second class, is missing in action in the southwest Pacific area. The parents said the youth was a member of the crew of the escort aircraft carrier Liscome Bay, which the navy reported sunk by a Japanese submarine last Thursday.

year, after his graduation from the New York midshipmen's school. He was a graduate of Central State teachers' college, where he had taken a B. S. degree.

**Brothers In Service**  
He was married on February 19 this year, and his wife Betty lives at LaCrosse, Wis. His two brothers, both in service, are Avalt F., seaman second class, stationed at San Francisco, and Pfc. Otto, stationed at A & M college, College Station, Texas. He has two sisters, Charlotte and Adeline.

Gordon Firth joined the navy in March, 1943, and was stationed at Farragut, Ida., Puget Sound and Bremerton, Wash. at gunnery schools before leaving for combat duty.

Gordon's parents had heard from him about November 1, while Ensign Mittelsteadt's last letter was dated November 9.

The navy department telegrams state, in part, that the men are reported "missing following action in the performance of duty and in the service of (their) country. The department appreciates your great anxiety but details not now available and delay in receipt thereof must necessarily be expected."

The Liscome Bay carrier was the only American vessel lost during the costly Gilbert island operations, according to the navy department's recent announcement, and is the first American aircraft carrier to be lost for more than a year, the last having been the Hornet, which went down in the battle of Santa Cruz on October 24-25, 1942.

## Pro-Nazi Groups in France May Now Arm

Madrid—(P)—German authorities in Paris have given oral approval for five pro-Nazi organizations there to arm their members, it was learned today.

No written or public authorization has been issued, nor have the Germans themselves distributed arms to the groups, apparently preferring to give the permission secretly because of the possibility of civil strife if the order were announced officially.

The heavily censored Paris press has been carrying references in the past week to the fact that "collaborationists replied with fire to terrorists when attacked."

## Rehabilitation Topic at Rotary Wednesday

W. H. Siemering, veterans' employment representative for Wisconsin, a war manpower commission official located in Madison, will discuss rehabilitation of World War No. 2 veterans in a talk to be given before Wisconsin Rapids Rotarians in the Witter hotel here Wednesday noon.

## DAY OF INFAMY BRINGS CAUSE FOR U. S. PRIDE

Washington—(P)—December 7, two years ago, is a day that is remembered in this country as one of infamy on the part of a treacherous enemy. The day itself requires no reminder.

With those words President Roosevelt vetoed last week a resolution to commemorate that day. The president has set his face against any celebration of the day, against proclaiming observance of the surprise blow struck by Japanese airmen while their diplomats were talking peace in Washington, against recalling the unreadiness of America's Pacific bastion. They are not the occasion for a holiday, but the day does not lack cause for pride—pride for what has happened since.

**Tremendous Growth**  
The army has grown from 1,500,000 to five times that size, with 2,300,000 men in the mightiest air force in the world. The navy, marine corps and coast guard have reached a strength of nearly 3,000,000. The fleet is twice the size it was just before Pearl Harbor. In every part of the world, American fighting men have proved the absurdity of axis claims that the men of democracies were decadent.

No nation in history ever raised such a military force in so short a time. And to arm and equip its forces, the nation's industries, clerks and workers and management, have performed industrial miracles. The stupendous output of arms has not only equipped American forces, but it has supplied vast quantities to the allied countries around the world.

**Gathers Momentum**  
All this began to happen immediately after the blow at Pearl Harbor, and it gathered momentum during the interval provided by the desperate resistance of men, too few in numbers and with too little equipment, who fought until they dropped, and delayed the aggressor, upset his timing, ruined his chance for a quick victory, and therefore his hope for any victory at all.

They fought for time—the marines held Wake island until December 24; Manila fell January 2, but See—INFAMY—Page 11

## Lincoln High Over Top In 3-Jeep Drive

Lincoln high school students celebrated Pearl Harbor day fittingly today by going "over the top" in the "triple-threat jeep" campaign, having sold \$7,400 worth of war bonds and stamps since November 2, in the drive which ended today. The quota which had been set for the school in the treasury-sponsored campaign was \$6,225, the sum required to buy one of the famous "jeeps," one amphibian jeep and one flying jeep.

The final sale, which occurred today, brought in \$2,301.65, more than twice the \$1,100 which was needed to complete the quota. Ninety-six per cent of the students in the school made purchases of war bonds or stamps during the campaign.

As reward for their efforts in the drive, Lincoln students will celebrate with a get-together and dance in the field house on December 16. A citation from the treasury department will also be awarded within the next few days, according to Miss Christine Pedersen, school librarian, who heads the Victory corps which managed the sale.

## INJURIES PROVE FATAL

Nellsville, Wis.—(P)—Paul Reich, 30, of Chili, in Clark county, died in a hospital today of injuries suffered yesterday when his motorcycle overturned.

## U. S. Senate Revises Resolution Dealing With Kimmel, Short

Washington—(P)—The senate approved unanimously today a resolution extending for six months the statute of limitations under which Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel and Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short can be brought to courts-martial in connection with the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

**Revised Resolution**  
The action came after the house-approved resolution was revised to meet objections from Senator Clark (D-Mo.) who accused Secretary of War Stimson and Secretary of Navy Knox of a "disgraceful dereliction of duty" in postponing court-martial of the military leaders in charge of American forces at Pearl Harbor at the time of the attack.

## Ahdawagam, Maker of Paper Products for War Use, Winner of Coveted Ordnance Banner

The Army Ordnance banner, highest production award available to sub-contractors engaged in the manufacture of war materials, has been received by the Ahdawagam Paper Products company of this city, according to the announcement made today by Frank R. Walsh, general manager of the local company.

The award was made by the Chicago post of the association late in November.

The banner carries the khaki colored insignia of the Army Ordnance association on a red, white and blue background. Across the top is the inscription "Chicago Ordnance District," while at the bottom are the words "United States Army." It will be displayed inside the company's plant.

**Overcame Problems**  
In his acceptance of the banner on behalf of the employees and management Mr. Walsh said "we are pleased to know that the men and girls in our organization have been awarded the Army Ordnance banner for meritorious production and outstanding performance. This is gratifying to all of the people who have helped to earn this award because many problems were involved before we were able to make some of the products satisfactorily."

"I am sure that this recognition and encouragement from the men in the Army Ordnance department will be an inspiration to continue the good work they have accomplished and to make further improvement whenever possible," he continued.

The banner was received on behalf of the employees by Earl Hollstrom, president Local No. 195 of See—AHDAWAGAM—Page 11



AHDAWAGAM RECEIVES COVETED AWARD—Earl Hollstrom, president of Local No. 195 of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill workers union, left, and Frank R. Walsh, general manager of Ahdawagam Paper Products company, right, are shown here with the Army Ordnance banner which was awarded Ahdawagam employees and management for "meritorious production" of war packaging materials. The award is the highest production recognition that can be given to sub-contractors. The banner will be displayed in the company's plant here.

## U. S. Aircraft Carrier Forces Smash Nippon Bases In Marshalls

Pearl Harbor—(P)—Two years after Japanese planes touched off the Pacific war at Pearl Harbor, America's expanding airforce is raining heavy offensive blows which hint at early invasion of the Marshalls and New Britain, two vital links in the enemy's chain of outpost defenses for Japan and the Philippines.

Ternsey, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced that strong aircraft carrier task forces smashed hard Saturday at the Marshalls—the same type of attack which immediately preceded the successful, albeit bitterly-waged, conquest of the Gilberts only two weeks ago.

**More Direct Route**  
Enemy air and shipping bases in the Marshalls 2,000 miles southwest of Hawaii and about 300 miles northeast of the Gilberts, form stepping stones on what Navy Secretary Frank Knox has termed "the more direct route to Japan."

Nearly 2,000 miles to the southwest of this action, New Britain island, whose capture would burst open the sea lanes to the Philippines, was blasted Saturday night and Sunday from the fortress of Rabaul on the east to the air base of Cape Gloucester on the west, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported today.

**Pound New Britain**  
Within two weeks, his planes have exploded 1,000 tons of bombs on New Britain, a position to which Japan has hinged her Solomons and New Guinea defenses. The bulk of that tonnage has fallen on supplies and installations at the western end which is separated at the closest point by only 70 miles of water from MacArthur's ground forces on New Guinea's Huon peninsula.

(Kept to these offensive thrusts was the disclosure in Washington that 20,000 U. S. firms have been given the go sign to turn out more invasion craft, such as self-propelled barges, tank-landing vessels and amphibious "ducks.")

**More Sub Successes**  
(At the same time, Japan's ability to supply and reinforce invasion-menaced areas has been further impaired by new American submarine successes. The navy reported in Washington that 11 more enemy cargo ships have been sunk, bringing to 516 the grand total of Japanese vessels destroyed in two years of war.)

(Words of American leaders carried a tone of confidence for the future operations.)

(Admiral William F. Halsey, commander of south Pacific allied forces, reviewing the progress in his sector in the past year, declared we now have the springboards "from which our future offensives can be launched," and added: "This I can promise: we SHALL have offensives. Taking back what was ours originally is just the start. Each of us has an appointment in Tokyo.")

## TURKEY MIGHT CAST LOT WITH ALLIED NATIONS

London—(P)—A conference between President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and President Ismet Inonu of Turkey has been in progress in North Africa, it was learned today, and the results will concern Turkey's future position in relation to the allies' war against the axis.

The participation of Inonu in conferences with Roosevelt and Churchill apparently was based on the never-implemented British-Turkish pact of 1939 which pledged Turkey to aid Britain in the event of aggression leading to war in the Mediterranean.

The diplomatic correspondent of the British Press association wrote, "Churchill and Roosevelt are in conference with President Ismet Inonu of Turkey and their deliberations may in due course have almost as important an effect upon the course and conduct of the war as the great inter-allied talks which already have taken place in Cairo and Teheran."

**Berlin's Version**  
The Berlin radio said that the conference had been completed in Cairo and that Inonu had returned to Ankara, where the Turkish cabinet would meet in special session.

German spokesmen meanwhile told Swedish correspondents that "the allies are exerting heavy pressure to force Turkey to join the war."

(A Budapest broadcast heard by U. S. government monitors said Bulgarian Premier Dobri Bojilov had conferred with the Turkish minister to Sofia after a meeting of the Bulgarian cabinet last night. It declared that "well-informed political circles in Sofia connect this cabinet meeting with the Turkish-Anglo-Saxon-Soviet conference.")

Franz Von Papen, the German ambassador, talked for nearly an hour yesterday with Turkish Premier Sukru Saracoglu, Reuters reported today in a dispatch from Ankara.

**FDR's Whereabouts Unknown**  
There has been no American confirmation of such a conference. Cairo dispatches yesterday stated that the whereabouts of President Roosevelt had not been disclosed since he attended the three-power parley in Iran, although it was revealed that Churchill had attended combined British-American military parleys in Cairo subsequent to the Teheran meeting.

Reports reaching Budapest from Sofia, however, indicated that the Nazis, preparing to meet any change in Turkey's status, were moving troops through Bulgaria in the direction of the Turkish border. See—TURKEY—Page 9

## Reno Plenge Replaces Brother on Co. Board

Reno Plenge, Nekoosa Edwards Paper company employee, was nominated Monday night by Mayor Joseph Peltier of Nekoosa as third ward supervisor, representing his ward on the Wood county board. The appointment was immediately confirmed by the Nekoosa city council.

Reno Plenge succeeds his brother, Romeo Plenge, who served on the county board for more than 12 years, resigning effective December 1 because he is moving to Chicago. Romeo Plenge has sold his insurance business in Nekoosa and has taken a sales position with a large insurance firm in Chicago.

## R.A.M. ELECTION

Wisconsin Rapids chapter No. 89, R. A. M., held its election following a venison steak fry in the Masonic temple Monday night. Officers elected were Earl Van Ornum, H. P.; William Seidel, K.; George Sawyer, S.; A. D. Hill, treasurer; John L. Timm, secretary and George W. Baker, trustee. The election was followed by work in the R. A. M. degree.

## THE WEATHER

For Wisconsin: Fair and warmer tonight. Wednesday increasing cloudiness and warmer.

Today's Weather Facts—Maximum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 38; minimum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 16; temperature at 7 p. m., 18.

15 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT  
Records for the kids  
Buy Christmas