

Defense Pace Quickened But Goal Far Off

Production of War Material Lags Behind Joint Needs Of U. S., Britain; Boost in Plane Output Noticeable.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(AP)—A year end stock-taking occasioned by the holiday lull provided ground today for grim satisfaction, but not complacency, over the progress made in a twelve-month period toward putting the nation in arms.

In the midst of a world situation of "terrible urgency" with its plea to speed up quickly the production of warplanes and other munitions, officials were able to summarize these definite advances realized within a year toward the goal of a "defensive" program.

The army has more than doubled its manpower and is on the eve of a second doubling. Some 600,000 officers and men already are in uniform, contrasted with 215,488—all regulars—in service at the end of 1939.

New tanks, rifles, motor vehicles and other arms and supplies are actually being received now at a rate suggestive of the volume to come, even though, like warplanes, they lag far behind the combined requirements of the United States and Great Britain.

More Ships, Planes The navy in a year has expanded its personnel in uniform from 158,814 last January 1 to a present total of nearly 250,000 officers and men, including the marines and reservists called to active duty.

The fleet was being reinforced by 21 new warships and several score auxiliaries. Its commanders rate it the world's strongest, although the transfer of 50 aging destroyers to Britain reduced the number of combat vessels to 321, and not for four years is the projected two-ocean navy expected to be ready.

In air strength, several hundred new warplanes have been put into service within the year, as a prelude to the delivery of thousands "on order."

The army counts some 500 as first line combat planes, aside from several times as many training craft and outmoded fighters and bombers. Exact numbers are confidential. A year ago, virtually none was rated officially as a match for new war-tested Nazi and British craft, because of lack of such equipment as leak-proof fuel tanks and armor.

The navy plane and marine corps numbered 2,145 planes in service a year ago. Eleven months later the total was up exactly 390.

Full twice as many youths are in training as army and navy pilots as were a year ago.

Production Spurred Production of planes has been almost doubled, although lagging behind schedules proved to have been too optimistic for the overburdened industry. The output will be about 700 per month, by the estimate of William S. Kauden, arms production chief, compared with 351 in January, 1940. A year earlier the total was just 157.

Light tanks for the army's new armored divisions are rolling off assembly lines now at the rate of four or more a day. Less than a year ago the war department acknowledged possession of just ten of late design, aside from obsolescent models. Mass production of 25-ton medium tanks and heavy monsters of 55 tons or more is only in the make-ready stage.

New camps and cantonments for an army of 1,400,000, hardly thought of a year ago as a peacetime possibility, are three-quarters or more completed.

New facilities for warship and merchant shipping have been added at almost every port. Actual work is well along on the first of a billion-dollar string of government munitions plants.

Eight new Atlantic offshore bases acquired from Britain have been surveyed, some are under construction, and troops have been ordered to the base in Newfoundland.

With the selective service system in actual operation, a basis has been laid to meet with a minimum of delay any demands for manpower.

Only in wartime 1917-18 could the armed forces report such swift progress in bolstering defenses to meet any threat to American security in a distant world.

Japan's Choice



Wang Ching Wei, Japanese appointed ruler of the Nanking (China) Government, poses informally after his inauguration in Nanking.

652,227,000, a major portion became available only in September.

This evidence of the country's reluctance to undertake the vast spending is the primary reason, in the official view, why the defense picture is not less somber now.

At the year's end, approximately 85 per cent of the orders had been placed to carry out a program designed to make this country the world's mightiest on sea and in the air and a force to be reckoned with on land.

Months must elapse, by official schedules, before their full impact is felt with the conversion of contracts into munitions, and of raw recruits into trained soldiers, sailors and fliers.

Regardless of the volume of aid that may be spared in the meantime to help decide the outcome of the battle of Britain, relatively little further bolstering of American defenses may be expected before late summer.

Former U. of O. Teacher Held On Assault Charge

EL MONTE, Calif., Jan. 1.—(AP)—Dr. Ralph C. Bennett of Pasadena, former faculty member at the University of Oregon, was held for trial after his preliminary hearing today on charges of assaulting a process server and a woman sanitation proprietor.

Dr. Bennett advised the court he had once been an assistant state's attorney in Cook county, Illinois, and conducted his own defense after dispensing with the services of his attorney.

He is charged with attacking Mrs. Helen Chivers and Walter T. Gleason with a hammer last December 12 at the conclusion of a hearing in which Mrs. Chivers obtained a \$150 judgment against him for the care of his 93-year-old mother, Mrs. Clara Bennett. The alleged assault occurred while Gleason sought to serve a judgment for \$50 obtained against him by Mrs. Chivers in another action.

Mrs. Chivers collapsed after her direct testimony and again after Dr. Bennett questioned her on cross examination.

Dr. Bennett was released on \$2,500 bond pending his arraignment in superior court January 16.

Revaluation Authority Repeal Urged by Board

The country will have reached its "full utilization of its economic capacity, with appropriate considerations of both employment and production."

Needed Power Lacking. The statement complained that the federal reserve system has the possibility of credit control, but has insufficient powers to "effectively discharge" these duties.

Eccles submitted the report to Secretary Morgenthau before making it public, saying: "It is vital to the success of these measures that there be unity of policy and full coordination of action by the various government bodies."

No one at federal reserve headquarters would say whether the proposal had administration approval. However, Lauchlin Currie, President Roosevelt's personal economic adviser, attended a Thursday meeting with Eccles and Morgenthau on the subject.

Defense Alters Conditions. In the summer of 1939, the administration mustered all its congressional strength to win a bitter fight to renew the president's dollar devaluation powers, which the federal reserve crown now urges abandoned. Under the 1939 act, this power will lapse on June 30, 1941, if not renewed again.

Federal reserve spokesmen, however, said the business boom created by the defense program had radically altered conditions so that, regardless of their former merit, this and the greenback and silver money powers were no longer either necessary or desirable.

R. H. S. Hoopsters Battle Medford Here January 10

The Roseburg high school Indians returned home last night following a successful holiday barnstorming trip in which they won basketball games from high school teams at Crescent City, 35 to 18, and Chico, 20 to 18. The Roseburg team, believed to be the tallest prep school basketball team in the nation, will play its next game of the season here Jan. 10 against Medford. Roseburg's starting team averages six feet and three inches in height, the players ranging from an even six feet for Jim Finlay, veteran guard, to six feet and seven inches for Royal Denton, 200-pound center. Other starters are Earl Wiers, forward, 6', 2"; Bill Goodlow, forward, 6', 2"; and Ed Huges, 6', 2". Neil Schrimpf, sophomore reserve forward, who has been one of the high scorers for the early part of the season, is five feet, 11 inches in height.

The game to be played here against Medford will be the first conference match of the season, the Indians having been transferred this season from the coast district, which embraces Coos and Curry counties, to the southern Oregon district, including Josephine and Jackson counties.

One of the highlights of the season's schedule will be the meetings in the official high school. Both the Roseburg and Ashland teams have the same history of having started together in junior high school days, and a rivalry which started then and in which honors are even will be renewed by the identical players this year.

Vichy, Nazis Break Off Negotiations, Report

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Informed quarters in Vichy said the reply was not expected until Jan. 3 or later.

France Still Has Trump Technically. Germany and France are not yet at peace but merely in a state of truce, their relations governed by the armistice signed in the forest of Compiegne June 22. Germany can depose this if she holds France has not fulfilled her obligations. Threats of independent action should German pressure on France include the occupation of the entire country. France holds a card in the position of the still powerful army in northern Africa, commanded by General Maxime Weygand, who some observers believe might take independent action should German pressure on the Vichy regime become too severe.

New Douglas Officers Begin Duties January 6

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of Mrs. Slattery, Ned Dixon, deputy tax collector, will continue in his present position.

A new job, that of county jailer, has been created and will be filled by appointment of Wilson Hartsborn of Sutherlin, who already has moved into the jailer's apartment in the courthouse.

Mr. Thornton reports that he has not yet completed his list of deputies in the various communities of the county, but so far has offered commissions to Goldie Ivor, Myrtle Crook; William Manning, Oakland; George Edes, Yoncalla; and H. C. McCabe, Roseburg.

Others Name Deputies. Oliver L. Johnson will succeed to the office of county treasurer, which will be vacated by D. H. Lenox. Mr. Johnson has announced the appointment of R. L. Livingstone of Dixonville to serve as his deputy.

Mrs. Lala Gorrell of Oakland will succeed Stella Quine in the office of county school superintendent. She has appointed Kenneth Harneburg, former principal of the Willburn school, as her deputy.

No other changes are anticipated in county offices. In the county court J. Ross Hutchinson will switch chairs with Commissioner H. B. Roadman, who was re-elected last November. Two new representatives will go to the legislature from Douglas county, Carl C. Hill and Robert Gile having been elected to join Senator C. W. Clark in making up the county's delegation.

All of the re-elected city officers, together with the two new councilmen, will be required to renew their oaths of office as they meet next Monday for the beginning of a new term.

Lull in Air Warfare Noted in Debut of 1941

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the future will bring.

President Roosevelt replying to a greeting yesterday from King Vit-



We're saying it for you—"Welcome, 1941," and may this New Year bring you only the best of things.

More Private Capital Builds Roseburg Homes

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Included in the residence category was the annex to the nurses' home at Mercy hospital.

Business Expenditures Major expenditures on business property included the remodeling of the Rose theatre, construction of the cheese factory in south Roseburg, remodeling of the Hansen Chevrolet company plant following

a fire and construction of an addition to that plant, Shell Oil company service station at Mosher and Stephens streets, purchase and remodeling of the Salzman building by the Roseburg Electric, construction of the L. R. Chambers garage and service station at N. Jackson St. and Second Avenue, south Standard Oil station at Oak and Stephens streets, remodeling of the front at Fisher's store and construction of a dry kiln by the Roseburg Lumber company.

Comparative figures tabulated from the 1940 building records are as follows:

The spokesman characterized as "entirely incorrect" British press statements that the American craft had proven inferior to British planes.

"I prefer to take reports of the minister of aircraft production based on official reports of test pilots, which say American planes are very satisfactory and of the utmost value," he said.

American aircraft will prove a decisive factor in the air war in 1941, the RAF official also told United States correspondents.

CAIRO, Egypt, Jan. 1.—(AP)—An RAF spokesman reported today that British planes bombed Italian warships at Taranto Monday night.

The communique, which also announced a raid on Naples the same night, said 11 bombs were seen to burst around Italian warships at Taranto.

It was at Taranto that the British reported their torpedo-planes crippled half of Italy's six battle-ships and four other warships in a raid November 11.

In raids on the Bardia area yesterday, the British reported troops and motor transports concentrating military stores in the besieged Libyan port were heavily blasted.

Four U. S. Marines Hurt In Clash With Japanese

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PEIPING, China, Jan. 1.—(AP)—United States officials asserted today that four American marines had been injured by Japanese guerrillas who held them 17 hours after a cabaret fracas.

American officials indicated that they considered the incident serious.

The American version is that five marines were arrested by the guerrillas shortly before midnight New Year's eve at the International

cabaret, near the embassy quarter, after an altercation with Japanese civilians. The marines said they were threatened and insulted by the Japanese.

More than 380,000 oil wells, the greatest number in the history of the petroleum industry, were producing in the United States at the end of 1939.

The annual service costs of school bus transportation for 42,500 consolidated schools in the United States averages \$19.50 per pupil.

Sheds, Garages, Alterations and Repairs

Table with columns: Month, Business and Public, Real-estate, Sheds, Garages, Alterations and Repairs, Total. Rows for Jan-Dec and Totals.

COMPARISON BY MONTHS

Table with columns: Month, 1940, 1939, 1938, 1937, 1936, 1935. Rows for Jan-Dec and Totals.

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