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try, eggs, tomatoes and some other
foods are concerned" this is not true.
After the war he said the rest
of the world will be looking to the
U. S. for food "whether we can give
it to them may decide how much
weight the U. S. will have at the
peace councils."

Price and civilian supply admin-
istrator Henderson said that since
steel prices have been frozen it would
not be necessary for manufacturers
to increase the prices of farm mach-
inery.

Production Progress

The army received delivery on the
first tank produced at the new Chrys-
ler plant at Detroit a building a quar-
ter of a mile long in 70 working days.
The Charlestown (Ind.) Ordnance
Works the world's largest powder
plant able to supply the needs of an
army of more than one million, was
opened one month ahead of schedule.

Commerce secretary Jones speak-
ing in New York said the progress of
the nation's defense effort is "better
than good, but no matter how fast
defense production climbs it will not
be fast enough to meet the need."
William Batt of the Defense Produc-
tion office also speaking in New York
called on industry "to do much more
than it has, without looking to see
whether the other fellow is doing
his (share)."

Labor Supply

Wage-hour administrator Fleming
speaking in New York said there are
still more than six million unemploy-
ed not now being used in the defense
effort. Gen. Fleming said these un-
employed can not be put to work by
the addition of an extra shift in the
nation's factories. He said a recent
study showed industries could add
a shift and still make larger profits
even after paying extra for over-
time.

The office of production manage-
ment labor division said women have
been found satisfactory in virtually
every kind of job ordinarily filled
by men and said a state employment
service list of women includes hun-
dreds of occupations in metal works,
electrical and automotive manufactur-
ing, aircraft construction and
shipbuilding. The labor division also
said "we are informed that there are
good workers available who are not
hired solely because of their race."

Labor Disputes

OPM associate director Hillman
speaking in Washington said that most
industrial disputes are settled with-
out any stoppage "every week hun-
dreds of labor contracts expire and
are renewed without evoking even a
ripple." He said "at the present mo-
ment the industrial relations pic-
ture is far more favorable than at
any other time of equal industrial
activity."

The bureau of mines reported that
because of the labor dispute in the
soft coal industry only a two weeks
supply was on hand. The President
called upon coal labor and manage-
ment to settle their difference prompt-
ly and Labor Secretary Perkins cor-
tified the dispute to the defense me-
diation board. The board announced
the settlement of two other disputes.

The U. S. Conciliation Service an-
nounced the settlement of 27 addi-
tional labor disputes.

Defense Financing

The treasury department announ-
ced unsolicited donations of from
10c to \$150 have come from individ-
uals thruout the country, from "scrub
women in Brooklyn, cowpunchers in
Texas, aging janitors, youngsters
from 10 to 12 years, anxious to keep
America safe." The treasury pro-
gram to sell defense savings bonds
begins May 1 when bonds and de-
fense stamps are placed on sale in
16,000 postoffices, banks and savings
institutions thruout the country

Selective Service

Selective service headquarters has
ended its regulations to provide that
volunteers can only apply thru their
local board and will be classified in
the same manner as selective service
registrants. Selective service head-
quarters also amended regulations so
that no registrant will be inducted
while an appeal is pending or during
the period when an appeal may be
made.

Air Raid Protection

The war department requested ci-
vilians wishing to enroll as volunteer
observers in the air warning service
to apply to nearest branch of their
state defense council and not to air
corps stations. Between 500,000 and
600,000 volunteers are to be enrolled
before August.

Men who enlist in the regular
army of the United States will have
the opportunity to attend officers
training schools it was announced to-
day by Lieut. Col. B. H. Hensley,
commanding officer of Oregon's re-
cruiting district. Colonel Hensley said
that soldiers who had been in the
army for six months and had proven

themselves worthy and who possess
leadership, personality and aptitude
and merit the recommendation of
commanding officers may be sent for
a three months course at an officers
training school.

Upon the satisfactory completion
of this course they will be commis-
sioned as second lieutenants in the
army of the United States. No parti-

cular educational accomplishments
are required. Natural ability, leader-
ship qualities and aptitude are the
determining factors.

Col. Hensley states that this is the
opportunity for real red-blooded men
who have not been so fortunate as to
get a college education to qualify
for a commission in the United States
army.



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