

ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

May, 1940 was an important month in the history of the modern world. Early that month the German blitzkrieg was turned loose in full force on the Low Countries. An army and air force which had been the principal topic of conversation in European countries for years but which

had never been tested came into action at last. The much-vaunted defenses of Belgium and Holland crumpled like so much paper before the greatest war machine the world had had known. The war was on in earnest and Hitler's Third Reich was away to a commanding lead.

May 16, 1940 was a tremendously important day in the history of this country. President Roosevelt in speaking to the Congress called for an arms production program which would make American defenses invulnerable and our security absolute. He then asked that slightly more than \$1,000,000,000 be appropriated as a starter.

So, the rearmament drive is a little more than one year old. It was a drive which began in an atmosphere of intense enthusiasm, tremendous confidence. It was a drive which shortly after bogged down to the point where many almost succumbed to hopeless despair. It was a drive which when picked as industry man- aged to gear itself to war production after decades of peace. What are its fruits today?

Judged by World War No. 1 standards we are doing well. We have spent or committed ourselves to spend \$50,000,000,000, our entire expense in the previous war was \$22,000,000,000. We are producing far more planes, tanks, and field pieces, than we produced then. Our training program for men has gone ahead much faster. But, and this is important indeed the world has earned that World War II is a very different matter than World War I. Hitler has changed the rules and the standards.

Judged by what experts think, we should be doing we are moving far too slowly, too inefficiently, too wastefully. Prime need is for air, craft, which is given priority by government over all other arms. Yet the fact is that every official estimate of what we would produce has had to be revised and revised downward. Only recently was it recognized that we had not planned for nearly enough big bombers, and an attempt is being made now to remedy that lack. At the same time it is also true that plane production has been doubled since November.

We are woefully short on ordnance and it is taking much time to effect progress. The army has been criticized in this respect for lacking punch for being bound with red tape, etc. In reply the army answers that during the 20's and 30's it was given an average of only \$12,000,000 a year to spend for ordnance. Whatever the cause, wherever the fault may lie, we won't have enough guns and ammunition to really equip our fast-expanding army for at least a year and perhaps longer.

In personnel the army's record looks good. There were 27 complete divisions in May 1941, there were five in May, 1940. Some progress has been made toward developing mechanized and armored divisions, none of which existed a year ago. But again equipment shortages are making it necessary to revise the previous estimates downward.

The navy is probably in better shape than ever before in its history. One reason is that it was given much money during peacetime when the army was given barely enough for subsistence. But it will be 1945 or 1946 before we have a powerful two-ocean fleet with men and officers trained to handle it. No one has yet been able to find a way to materially shorten the time it takes to build a fighting craft.

Summing up we are going ahead, but we are not going ahead as fast as the experts thing is both necessary and possible. There is criticism of the President for being indecisive and for refusing to fire incompetent assistants. There is criticism of industry for not adapting itself readily to a war basis. There is criticism

of labor for striking in the face of national emergency. There is criticism of the public at large for not realizing how deadly serious our position is in a world largely dominated by the Axis and producing for the Axis. Almost all who have been watching the course of the defense drive seem convinced that there must be severe shake-ups, and that this country must swiftly turn its ambitious plans into the actual machines of warfare if it is to be secure. In the light of history there is no excuse for failure. And Hitler has shown us what happens to nations which do too little and do it too late.

France has succumbed almost 100 percent to Axis demands. That came as a shock but not as a surprise, to London and Washington. The democracies did everything possible to stiffen the back of the Vichy government but it wasn't enough. Hitler has his hands around France's neck and the squeeze is on.

War between British and French troops and fighting ships may now be expected France is giving German troops aid and supplies in Africa. England can't stand for that.

ARMY EQUIPMENT ROLLS OFF FORD ASSEMBLY LINE

Already seen in the Pacific north west army posts are the tough little command reconnaissance trucks the most spectacular of the varied motorized equipment now rolling off the production assembly lines of the Ford Motor company's Rouge plant.

This revolutionary type of military vehicle expected to play a major role in the national defense picture and army drivers are rapidly familiarizing themselves with the performance of the "blitz buggies."

The U. S. army has placed an initial \$1,387,500 order with Ford for 1,500 of the highly maneuverable and versatile reconnaissance trucks. Powered by a 45-h.p. four cylinder engine adapted from the Ford tractor the lightweight vehicles travel extremely rough or soft ground with ease. Smooth terrain means a speed of nearly a mile a minute. They are small enough to be readily concealed in the field.

Among the pygmy truck's outstanding features are its four wheel drive and its transmissions, regular and auxiliary, which give it six speeds forward and two in reverse. In tests the truck attained a speed of nearly 60 miles per hour and climbed grades at steep as 68 percent fully loaded and better than 80 percent with the driver only.

In ordinary reconnaissance the small trucks crew is three men, however in an emergency the vehicle could accommodate five or more men in addition to the driver. A pintle hook has been built into the rear of the truck to make it useful also for towing anti-tank guns and other light artillery pieces.

The pygmy truck is only 80 inches from hub to hub, only 38 inches high at the cowl and weighs only 2100 pounds. Special equipment includes blackout lamps, headlights that can be swung to throw light on the engine should it be necessary to make field repairs at night and a brush guard across the front of the radiator.

All alien gun licenses issued prior to December 31, 1940 must be renewed according to an announcement made by Frank B. Wire, state game supervisor.

Heretofore this type of license was considered to have no expiration date but under a ruling of the attorney general the alien gun licenses come under the general law requiring renewal of all licenses at the end of each calendar year.

The alien gun license fee is \$25 and is in addition to the regular hunting or trapping license.

Notice of Annual School Meeting

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of School District No. 06 of Clackamas County, State of Oregon, that the ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING of said district will be held at Estacada, Oregon; to begin at the hour of 2:00 to 7:00 o'clock P. M., on the Fourth Monday of June, being the 23rd day of June, A.D. 1941.

This meeting is called for the purpose of electing One Director, for a Five year term and to vote to increase the Tax Levy over amount limited by Sec. 11, Article XI, State Constitution, and the transaction of business usual at such meeting.

In districts of the second and third classes the ballots shall not be counted until one hour after the time set for the meeting to begin. Until the count begins, any legal voters of the district shall be entitled to vote upon any business before the meeting.

Dated this 14th day of May, 1941.
LLOYD H. EWALT,
Chairman, Board of Directors.
Attest: F. W. Bates,
District Clerk.
First pub., May 23, 1941.
Last pub., June 20, 1941.

Bids on Cord Wood Wanted

Union High School District No. 6 asks for bids on 120 cords of old growth cord wood; delivery to be made to the High School on or before August 15th, 1941; should be in the hands of contractor on or before 8:00 P. M. 1941, and the bidder has the right to reject any bid.

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In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, Probate Department.
In the matter of the Estate of Peter William Ledine, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as Administrator of the Estate of Peter William Ledine, deceased, has filed his Final Account in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Clackamas County, and that Monday, the 26th day of May 1941, at the hour of 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon of said day and the court room of said court has been appointed by said court as the time and place for the hearing of objections thereto and the settlement thereof.

Dated and first published April 25, 1941.
Date of last publication May 23, 1941.

DORA KIMMEL, Administrator.
Kimmel, Deceased.
Address, Estacada, Oregon.

John W. Loder, Attorney for Administrator.
Room 4, Anderson Building, Oregon City, Oregon.

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STANLEY T. LEDINE, Administrator.
Cooper & McAllister, Attorneys.
Gresham, Oregon.

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