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THIS WEEK IN DEFENSE

Federal loan administrator Jones announced the allocation of \$650,000,000 for use in enlarging and speeding the bomber program by building government owned plants and increasing the supply of essential materials.

The war department announced the award of contracts totaling \$322,500,000 for 22-ton bombers to be produced at new government-owned plants at Fort Worth, Tex., and Tulsa, Oklahoma. The department described the award of the contract as a major step toward the 500 bombers a month goal set by the President when he said the democracies must achieve superiority in the air. OPM director Knudson asked airplane manufacturers to prepare to make an undisclosed number of heavy bombers.

The navy reported its air program "slightly ahead of schedule" with 3,500 planes on hand May 1 as compared with 2,172 ten months before. The department said by January, 1942 its training program will supply sufficient pilots for 15,000 planes, its goal.

The Maritime commission announced the delivery of seven new ships an addition of 59,200 tons to the American merchant fleet. The Senate and House enacted legislation authorizing the President to requisition foreign shipping immobilized in the U. S. ports. Maritime Commission Chairman Land asked newspaper editors, radio stations and other sources of public information to withhold news of merchant ships used to aid Britain and other democracies.

Aid to Europe

President Roosevelt authorized the dispatch of two merchant ships to Ireland with \$500,000 worth of food for distribution to civilians under supervision of the Red Cross. The ships will sail under Irish registry with Irish crews.

Civilian Defense

President Roosevelt established an Office of Civilian Defense and appointed New York's Mayor LaGuardia as director to carry out programs for the protection of life and property in an emergency with the volunteer help of men, women and children throughout the nation. Director LaGuardia said volunteers would be organized to protect vital utilities in

the event of an attack, carry on first aid and deal with problems of welfare, evacuation, housing and food.

FBI Director Hoover announced that 150,000 local law enforcement officers are being enlisted in a voluntary plan to rout fifth columnists.

Cost of Living

Labor Secretary Perkins announced a 2.2 percent rise in the cost of living in larger cities above the 1935 1939 average and 3-7 percent above August 1939 just prior to the European war. She said food prices were up 5 percent over last autumn, rents up 0.3 percent in the last month and clothing up 2.2 percent. The Labor department reported however, the earnings of workers in the manufacturing industries advanced to new high levels, 5.4 percent more than March, 1940 with average hourly earnings at 69.7 cents or \$29.11 a week.

Selective Service

Congress amended the Selective Service act to exempt from service under the act former regulars and reservists of the navy, marine corps and coast guard. Deputy director Hershey announced that although the army has sufficient dental and veterinary officers, dentists and veterinarians and students in these professions should be deferred to avoid a civilian shortage.

The OPM informed selective service headquarters there will soon be a shortage in the metal working trade and urged deferments to avoid this. OPM pointed out that when a skilled worker is inducted the plant loses not only the individual but also the time of a skilled man to train a replacement.

Labor Disputes

OPM associate director Hillman speaking in New York said "there are no insoluble problems in management-labor relations, only some prejudices, that must be 'eliminated' to create the 'mutual trust which must animate any sound labor policy'. Co-operation will result in a new era of labor disputes are treated not as a 'nuisance' but 'worthy of serious study and consideration'."

Public Attitude

William Batt, deputy defense director speaking in Washington said, "OPM war and navy officials are not satisfied with defense production."

"I do not want a single man or woman to feel we are right on the verge of becoming the arsenal of democracy," said Mr. Batt. "We cannot produce, and preserve our standard of living in terms of electric conveniences and leisure hours. A radical change of attitude must take part if we are to make good our promises to the defenders of freedom."

Mr. Batt said business must be willing to expand without immediate regard for individual futures, labor must forget its differences in deference to more work and government must not allow policies or bureaucracy to interfere with defense.

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Foreign Affairs

Agriculture Secretary Wickard in speaking at Hutchinson, Kansas said "in Latin America many countries are watching to see whether we will make good our promise or, simply talk and gesture. Millions of Britons are watching us who can't go on unless our help is made effective. The Nazis and Fascists are watching us and every sign of indecision and division fills them with joy. If we simply talk, they'll rule the world."

War secretary Stimson and navy secretary Knox told their press conferences the Neutrality act which prohibits Americans in combat zones should be repealed and the U. S. should return to the former policy of freedom of the seas. Addressing the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers Mr. Knox said the U. S. must be prepared to make sacrifices "that will match any sacrifices made by any generation of Americans before us."

Secretary of state Hull speaking in Washington said control of the seas is a prime objective of the Axis and its program for world domination. Should the Axis succeed Mr. Hull said all countries will face economic enslavement and control of international business by military and political forces.

Foreign Trade

President Roosevelt opening Foreign Trade Week said "the dictator nations already have achieved serious economic encirclement of the U. S." He said all Americans should fight against the economic slavery to which Germany and her allies would subject the world.

Raymond Geist, state department chief of commercial affairs speaking in New York said the international situation poses the question whether the peril confronting the nation "lies more in the struggle itself or in the cancerous post-war economic processes of an unfair peace." He said it would be fatal if Germany won because the U. S. would be compelled to adopt economic methods, "which would slowly undermine our prosperity and our democratic way of life. Secretary of state Hull said that after the war all nations should cooperate in international trade free from discrimination.

Other Activities

Congress increased the pay of parachute officers by \$100 a month and the pay of enlisted parachutists by \$50 a month and authorized the training of enlisted men as pilots. The army announced testing of secret methods of combatting blitz warfare. The Treasury sold \$257,650,000 of Defense Bonds in the first 17 days, "better than was expected." The President reduced his request for relief funds for 1942 by \$109,000,000. The commerce department reported exported exports to Japan running 48 percent less than last year.

OREGON GOOD DRIVERS FINALS AT PORTLAND JULY 1

Oregon state finals for contestants in the 1941 Ford Good Drivers league will be held July 1 at Portland it was announced from Dearborn, Mich, national headquarters of the league.

Selection of sites for state finals was revealed as thousands of boys and girls enrolled in the League throughout the nation hurried to complete the written tests and road tests on automobile safety.

In a last minute warning to enrollees league officials said that these tests must be completed and results mailed to the League national headquarters at Dearborn before midnight, June 2nd. Entries postmarked later than midnight June 2, will be eligible for the state.

Boys and girls compete good driving contests at high stakes. Winners national contest will be awarded university scholarships amounting to a total of \$28,000 by the president of the league.

From the results of tests by each league member will select 12 leading girl contestants state and the District of Columbia compete in state finals. Separate tests are held for boys and girls.

The boy and girl champion each of the 48 states and the District of Columbia together with winners of their own choice will receive free trips to Dearborn in August the national finals.

A \$5,000 university scholarship will be awarded in national competition to the best girl driver and a \$5,000 scholarship to the 1 boy driver. Ninety-six other scholarships will go to finalists. Runners-in both boy and girl divisions each receive \$2000 scholarships.

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Defense Training Work IS
Planned for OSC Shops

A 12-week training course for machinists, aviation sheet metal workers and foundrymen will probably be given on the campus this summer if enough men are available to take the work, offered as part of the defense training program. The work would be

on the vocational level the same as that being given throughout the state in high school shops and other centers.

The need for more trained men in these fields and the availability of college facilities during the summer prompted the plan for establishing a unit at Corvallis according to Geo. B. Cox head of the industrial arts department.

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