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THIS WEEK IN DEFENSE

President Roosevelt stating the European war is "coming very close to home" proclaimed an unlimited national emergency. The President called upon "all loyal citizens to place the nation's need first in mind and in action," and said "the nation will expect all individuals and all groups to play their full parts without stint and without selfishness."

Speaking over the radio the President said it is the U. S. policy to give "every possible assistance" to Britain and her allies by whatever measures are necessary. He also said U. S. will not accept a Nazi-dominated world and will resist any German attempt to gain control of the seas or bases which could be used for an attack on the Western Hemisphere.

Production
OPM director of purchases Nelson speaking at Baltimore said Germany is producing war materials at a rate of \$50,000,000,000 a year, British production at the rate of \$15,000,000,000 a year, "and the least we can do it to see to it that British and American production together is \$50,000,000,000"

Mr. Nelson said "by throwing himself and his business into the defense program a business man risks everything; by staying out he risks nothing, not merely his business but the framework in which it is conducted, the set of economic and political arrangements which make the very existence of his business possible."

Labor Disputes
Labor secretary Perkins appointed a three man committee including chairman of the mediation board and the chief of the U. S. conciliation service to select disputes to be referred to the board. The U. S. conciliation service reported settlement of 23 additional strikes.

Selective Service
President Roosevelt proclaimed July 1 as Selective Service registration day for all men who have been

come 21 since the first registration on October 16, 1940. Selective service deputy director Hershey asked local boards to give serious consideration to individual claims for deferment of men engaged in agriculture. Gen. Hershey notified local board, that agriculture secretary Wickard reported the defense program has drawn heavily upon the supply of farm labor and an adequate supply is becoming a serious problem particularly along the Atlantic seaboard in Ohio, and Michigan and parts of Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Arizona.

Army
Army chief of staff Marshall announced that training maneuvers this summer and fall are designed to create an "all purpose" force capable of operating in the Arctic, the tropics in desert or mountains. He said every man must be given basic infantry training before he can "pull his weight" as a specialist.

Under secretary of war Patterson speaking in New York denied charges the army is devoting too much time to basic training. He said "ours is no mass army, staking its success on sheer weight of men and machines." He said the ratio of infantry to air service, nine to one in 1917-18 is now almost one to one and "our plans call for a higher proportion of armored and motorized units than Germany has today."

Navy
President Roosevelt approved legislation authorizing the purchase or construction of 58 additional naval auxiliary ships. The Maritime Commission began immediate acquisition of vessels including the 27,000 ton "America" largest liner ever built in the United States. The navy asked Congress to grant navel commander authority to "take whatever steps they may deem necessary for proper protection of the naval forces" in the U. S. territorial waters.

Navy secretary Knox announced the navy will open 23 schools for training regular and reserve enlisted men as petty officers. Mr. Knox estimated 114,500 of the navy's 256,000 enlisted men will be petty officers by July 1. The navy also announced a three months course at Harvard to train 400 college graduates as supply officers.

Air
The President asked Congress for an additional \$2,790,000,000 for planes for the army and \$520,000,000 for planes for the navy. The war department announced that construction of new air corps schools "proceeding much faster than expected." with eight of 100 stations already completed and 50 partially occupied. Some of the fields the department said were completed in three months. The air corps announced that examinations of applicants for flying cadet appointments who have not had two years of college have been changed to include seven instead of nine subjects, with two of the subjects elective.

Pilots for Britain
War secretary Stimson announced arrangements to train 8000 RAF pilots, bombardiers and navigators in U. S. civilian and army schools. The U. S. will defray some of the cost from lease-lend funds. Mr. Stimson said the program would not interfere with U. S. pilot training.

Ships
The maritime commission awarded contracts for 123 additional merchant vessels. To date the commission said 850 ships have been ordered, 312 emergency vessels, 85 cargo ships for private concerns, 72 tankers and 60 ships on British contracts. The commission said the first of the emergency ships will be completed by November, a month ahead of the schedule.

Congress voted the President authority to requisition foreign ships in U. S. ports.

Materials
A sample campaign to test effectiveness of scrap material collections by the public is being conducted in Richmond, Va., and Madison, Wis., under the direction of local defense councils. If the campaign is successful the OPM said it may become nation wide. In the meantime citizens in other areas were asked to refrain from similar campaigns.

Nutrition
Agriculture secretary Wickard told the National nutrition conference for defense "at least three-fourths of us"

do not have satisfactory diets. He said "we need to consume twice as much green vegetables and fruit, 70 percent more tomatoes and citrus fruits, 35 percent more eggs, 15 percent more butter 20 percent more milk."

Surgeon general Parran of the public health service recommended the following minimum daily diet: one pint of milk for an adult and more for a child, at least one serving of meat, one egg or substitute, two green vegetables, two fruits rich in vitamin C, bread and cereal, butter or oleomargarine and "other foods to satisfy the appetite."

Prices
Leon Henderson, price control administrator reported that although industrial production is now almost 25 percent higher than in 1929 the cost of living has risen only about three percent and wholesale prices only about seven percent in the past year considerably less than during the comparable period of the World War.

He said leading oil companies in New England and middle Atlantic areas have agreed not to increase gasoline prices "substantially" unless basic cost conditions change. He announced a ceiling will soon be placed on cowhide prices. He requested producers of ammonium sulphate used as fertilizer to continue prices at the present level because there is no justification for an increase.

Defense Housing
President Roosevelt approved construction of 9,900 additional dwelling units for civilian industrial worker families and army and navy enlisted personnel in 32 localities and use of 274 trailers, renting for from \$6 to \$8 a week as temporary housing in defense areas. Defense housing coordinator Palmer reported total allocations for family dwelling units to be 87,260 as of May 24. During the week ending May 24, 1,600 homes were finished making the total complete 12,261 Mr. Palmer reported.

Labor secretary Perkins reported more dwelling units were provided in non-farm areas during the first quarter of 1941 than during any corresponding period since 1929.

How to Freeze Fruits, and Vegetables Explained
Advance preparation of fruits and vegetables for freezing is one of the chief factors of success or failure in the use of storage lockers says E. H. Weigand head of the food industries department at Oregon state college in the latest revised circular on "Freezing Fruits and Vegetables". This circular available from any county extension office contains general information for handling foods in cold storage and includes a tabulated list of fruits and vegetables with brief directions for handling.

In general fruits require no preliminary treatment except washing and sorting. The exceptions are apples, peaches and apricots which require either pitting or peeling and even blanching to prevent browning of the

surface. Apples and peaches are also sliced for ease in handling and better absorption of sugar. In handling vegetables scalding or blanching is an essential step in the freezing process. Unless treated in this manner the vegetables will spoil or change so as to be undesirable.

Various kinds of containers are recommended by Professor Weigand including glass jars which are used in ordinary home canning operations. Lacquered tin cans with slip tops may be obtained and these are usable year after year. Waxed paper containers are suitable for use once but are not safe to use a second time with liquids.

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