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### THIS WEEK IN DEFENSE

Dr. Will Alexander of the OPM speaking in Atlantic City said defense industries will need 4,000,000 more workers by January. He said as examples, the San Diego, San Francisco and Vallejo areas of California will need 31,000; Detroit 66,000 to 88,000; Philadelphia 70,000; northern New Jersey 30,000; Dallas and Fort Worth 17,200; and Wichita 7,000. He asked employers not to discriminate against persons with necessary skills because of race, religion or color.

Labor secretary Perkins reported 324,000 workers will be needed in the shipbuilding industry, 408,000 in aircraft, 291,000 in machine tools and ordnance, and 384,000 in other defense industries. She said the greatest single need is for 156,000 skilled machinists and 139,000 semi skilled assemblers.

War secretary Stimson announced that skilled workers in the army will be released if required in key civilian jobs upon the request of former employers. Sidney Hillman, OPM associate director general again appealed to all unemployed, all persons not in defense industries, all persons who can do more highly skilled work than required by their present job to register at local public employment offices so they may be trained and placed in defense work.

Bureau of labor statistics reported that food prices increased for the sixth consecutive month and are now about 6.5 percent above last November. Prices on all foods moved upward but the latest increase resulted from advances in dairy products, fresh fruits, vegetables, pork and lamb the bureau said.

The department of justice announced that federal grand juries in San Francisco, New York, Philadelphia, Hartford, Denver, Dubuque and Washington have indicted 300 firms

and individuals in a nation-wide drive to prevent unwarranted increase in food costs.

### Agriculture

Agriculture secretary Wickard asked for a one-third increase in cheddar cheese production and a one-fourth increase in evaporated milk. He said an increase in total milk production asked several weeks ago has been made but the milk supply must increase in areas surrounding cheese and evaporated milk plants. He said prices would be supported by government purchases for lease-lend activities.

### Priorities

The OPM added copper, cork and steel to vital defense materials under priority control to give defense needs and essential civilian needs first call on the material.

L. Edward Scriven, assistant priorities director speaking in Chicago said, "you can walk thru any large retail store today and see all around you commonplace objects, stoves, toasters, vacuum cleaners, typewriters, cameras, tools and lots of other things, which cannot escape being hit by the demands of the defense program."

### Consumers

The office of price administration and civilian supply suggested that local consumer groups aid the defense program by establishing local market radio news service, analyzing price rises and establishing consumer information centers to advise on buying problems and check quality, grading and labeling consumer goods.

### Prospective Oil and Power Shortage

Secretary of the Interior Ickes, defense petroleum coordinator said, a temporary restriction on the use of gasoline and oil on the east coast may become necessary because of the shortage of tanker transportation. He said a proposed \$70,000,000 pipeline from Texas to ease the situation would require 12 to 15 months to build.

The federal power commission began a series of conferences with electric utilities officials regarding rapidly expanding defense needs for power aggravated by a drought in the mid-Atlantic and southern areas. President Roosevelt asked Congress for \$285,000,000 to complete the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence seaway and power project to permit ocean going vessels to reach the Great Lakes and make available 2,200,000 horse power of electric energy.

### Home Defense

New York's Mayor LaGuardia director of the office of civilian defense reported it will take at least a year to obtain equipment to protect the nations cities during bombing raids. He said it would cost about \$43,000 each to equip the permanent fire companies in the country and in many places auxiliary fire companies would be needed.

### Foreign Affairs

Secretary of state Hull said that French-German collaboration threatens seriously to alter French relations with the United States. The President told his press conference rumors of German-English peace discussion were Nazi-inspired and not true.

### Ships

President Roosevelt authorized the U. S. maritime commission to take over foreign ships in U. S. ports. The commission announced it has arranged with Britain for American ships to take over for service from Canada and the U. S. to Australia and New Zealand to relieve English vessels or war work. The commission also announced purchases of 28 merchant ships for use as army and navy auxiliaries to make available 50 percent of their tonnage, between 60 and 70 vessels, totaling 375,000 tons, for the 2,000,000 emergency shipping pool for lease-lend operations.

Navy secretary Knox announced competitions would be worked out to speed building of ships by awards to the fastest workers and the fastest shipyards.

### Navy

Navy secretary Knox announced the launching of the 35,000 ton battleship South Dakota five months ahead of schedule. He said he hoped the warship would be ready for service by January although this takes normally a year after launching. Mr. Knox said the navy's 35,000 ton ships far exceed in power, guns and armor

the sunken German warship Bismarck. The navy announced that all Atlantic lanes acquired from Great Britain are now available for limited operations and will be completely finished within a year.

### Army Air

The war department announced high school graduates without sufficient education to become officers may enlist in the air corps for training as pilots. Applicants between 19 and 22 will receive preference. The army said eventually 20 percent of its pilots may be enlisted men trained to fly and given the rating of flight sergeant with pay of \$108 to \$207 per month depending on length of service.

The war department also announced army air corps aviation cadets now receive the same pay and allowances as navy and marine flyers and receive a \$500 bonus for each year or fraction of a year of active duty and \$10,000 in insurance.

### Selective Service

Selective service deputy director Hershey asked Congress to approve legislation authorizing deferment of all men 27 or more years old last October 16. SS headquarters amended regulations to permit review of classifications at any time prior to induction.

### Defense Financing

The budget bureau estimated the federal deficit for the current year would be \$747,000,000 less than previously estimated because of the higher tax collections and cuts in non-defense expenditures.

### RESPECT YOUR PRESIDENT AND YOUR COUNTRY

Respect for your President is not only the requisite of a gentleman but also your duty to your country. If the head of your government, the best nation on God's green earth does things of which you do not approve, and there may be a reason for that as he is in touch with conditions of which you are entirely ignorant, some things it is impossible for the people to know in detail for military reasons, or for diplomacy's sake not to be made public.

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We may criticize our president, that is one of the privileges of free press and free speech, but to make derogatory remarks about them with abuse thrown in makes a real American's red corpuscles frizzle.

It is up to you and up to me to stand behind our president and the present administration or we will be in the same fix as many other nations of Europe are, where the common citizen dares not call his soul his own. Unity for once, no matter to which party you may belong is your duty to your country as well as to your actual existence.

At the present time there is no room for the abusive mongrel in the good old U. S. A., so you just as well make up your mind to look the situation squarely in the face and get in line with your administration, and your president.—Oswego Review.

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### Bird in Hand

Otis Clark was pitching to batting practice in a pregame warmup at Norman, Okla. He stuck his glove in the air to catch a high return. The ball bounced out of his glove but he caught a bird that was flying after the ball, apparently chasing it.

### Long Way to Tipperary

William Bolster, who has more miles to his credit than any other postal worker in the Irish Free State, has retired on a pension. As he made his rounds in Roscrea, he often sang the famous war song, "It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary," where he has walked a long way without leaving home. In his 52 years of service he has traveled a distance equal to 12 times around the globe, and has delivered about 12,000,000 letters.

This government beneath the surface now regards France as being virtually an Axis ally. There is good reason for that. The real head of France today is Admiral Darlan, who likes the Germans, hates the English and has always had a reputation for playing whatever political angle seems most profitable at the moment.

Even Marshal Petain suspected of anti-democratic sympathies long ago and he is so old and so ailing now that he is head of the new French total state in name only.

Well substantiated reports come from Vichy to the effect that France will conclude a permanent peace with Germany and give to the Reich certain important French possessions. One of these possessions is Dakar which

this government regards as being a definite threat to America security if held by an unfriendly power.

Best chance of our actively entering the European war therefore would be for France to make this transfer. No one believes we would sit quietly by and let the Germans occupy Dakar. And no one believes Hitler could be stopped from doing so without a scrap.

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