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THIS WEEK IN DEFENSE

President Roosevelt told his press conference he still hopes the U. S. can stay out of the world conflict. His statement was made in answer to a reporter's question if changing situations had caused the President to alter his belief stated in 1937 that the U. S. could and would stay out of the world war.

Navy secretary Knox told his press conference reports that navy vessels were engaged in convoy duty were "absolutely untrue" and said reports that the navy had lost lives, material and equipment or had been involved in any encounter with belligerent craft were "most decidedly" not true.

OPM director Knudson issued a statement urging greater defense efforts and said "nothing could be further from the truth" that Russia's entry into the war had averted danger to this country. Mr. Knudson said "we are in somewhat better shape than we were last summer but we need the spark of enthusiasm, yes of patriotism, to carry the program forward faster".

Aid to Russia, France, China
Acting secretary of state Welles announced Russian requests to buy strategic materials had been received and brot to the attention of the proper government officials. Mr. Welles also said the U. S. has under consideration a plan to relax export restrictions on Russian commerce to permit the flow of war materials to that country. He also announced U. S. and North African French officials have arranged a plan calling for continuous movement of two ships carrying tea, sugar and other food to Africa and two carrying strategic materials to the U. S.

President Roosevelt suspended duties on British Burma vessels reaching the U. S. to aid the flow of supplies to China over the Burma road. Treasury secretary Morgenthau extended China's \$50,000,000 credit here for another year. Assistant secretary of commerce Hinckley asked commercial airlines for 12 transport planes to meet "emergency defense requirements of the democracies."

Army
In his bi-ennial report to the secretary of war, army chief of staff Marshall urged that Congress pass legislation permitting use of armed forces outside the western hemisphere and holding selectees, national guardsmen and reserve officers in the service for more than one year. Gen. Marshall said that conditions have changed to such an extent that a "grave national emergency" exists of a more severe character than the public realizes.

The war department announced it will promote its officers on the basis of merit instead of seniority and permit reenlistment for regular army men only if they are qualified for promotion in order to weed out those not able to take advantage of further training.

Air
The war department awarded contracts totalling more than \$478,000 for planes, engines and parts. The OPM announced its aircraft specialist Merrill Meigs will go to England to confer on production methods.

Gen. Arnold chief of the army air forces lowered requirements for pilots of heavy bombers so that fliers with 750 hours military air experience could man the ships to be built at the rate of 500 a month. The air forces also announced experimentation with glider training for its personnel.

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Our national anthem once again proved its power to inspire our love of country, to make us fairly tingle with patriotism and to make all of our petty problems seem to melt away in the face of our major task of safeguarding everything that America stands.

When our patriotism can be aroused to such a pitch as it was in millions of homes on the Fourth of July it is evident that most of us harbor a hidden longing for more opportunity.

Pending final action by congress on legislation deferring men who were 28 on July 1 or before selective service director Hershey ordered temporary deferment of this age group. He also advised local boards to defer registrants with one or more dependents to whose support they make "any substantial contribution." The only exception to this he said would be men who married in the hope of evading service.

Army Recreation
The war department announced a program of stage shows at army camps thruout the country and said "civilian contributions to soldiers' welfare will be coordinated by the Citizens committee for the army and navy Inc. Outstanding theatre men have made arrangements for five road shows to visit camps using equipment built on trucks the department said.

Congress passed legislation to prevent prostitution "reasonable" distance and naval reservations

Defense Area Public
Congress voted construction of sewers, hospitals, public works in areas with defense administrator Cameron regional office plan and select the communities

Defense House
OPM annot projects will be sure availability ing materials. Dinatos Palmer planning how de are met.

Materials
OPM recommend new aluminum plant the Bonneville-Grand upper New York state, California and North Carolina to produce 600,000,000 additional pounds annually.

Price administrator Henderson announced a series of conferences beginning the week of July 7 with representatives of makers of automobiles, refrigerators, washing machines, oil burners and steel furniture to get information on their needs for materials. He said allocations of essential raw materials to take care of public services essential to civilian welfare, such as transportation companies, telephone companies, farm equipment manufacturers, fire and police services hospitals and schools, will be made as soon as amount of scarce materials needed are ascertained.

Labor Supply
The U. S. employment service reported serious shortages of workers in 13 shipbuilding, 16 aircraft and 26 machine shop occupations such as ship fitter, template maker, boatbuilder, aeronautical engineer, aircraft riveter, tool and die maker and lathe operator.

Labor Training
The national youth administrator announced allocation of \$4,040,000 to finance July operations of a new program to train 368,000 out-of-school youths for defense jobs in the next year. The program is operated in cooperation with U. S. employment service and the U. S. office of education and local public educational officials.

The office of education reported that 1,500,000 persons were trained for defense work by existing educational facilities in the past year.

Pan American Relations
The assistant coordinator of commercial and cultural relations between the American republics speaking in Pennsylvania said that in April Latin America sold \$101,000,000 worth of goods to the U. S. a rate of trade sufficient to absorb the wartime loss to the other Americas of the continental European markets.

Food Conservation
Agriculture secretary Wickard, associate price administrator Elliott and Paul McNutt outlined a plan for community action to save for immediate or future use quantities of food ordinarily wasted. The officials urged community leaders to check local fruit and vegetable surpluses, plan for distribution thru school lunch and play ground programs to meet nutritional needs of small income families and make arrangements for preserving products not used in fresh form.

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try have been confined largely to school rooms. In the schools the singing of our national anthem and pledging allegiance to the flag are common practice but for the rest of us the chance to do this have been far too few.

From now on with the Fourth of July celebration as an example of what can be done we hope that at every public gathering Americans will be given an opportunity to give vent to their pent-up patriotism.

PLANS TO REPLACE WPA HELP ARE MADE

Steps will be taken to outline a financial setup to replace WPA-employed library assistants in the county in event the WPA suspends its aid of that type of work at the end of the year the Clackamas county library decided at its regular meeting at Sandy Tuesday afternoon.

Principal speaker was Dean Collins of Portland who stressed the value of books in maintaining a proper perspective toward the present world war and urged wise reading toward

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