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DEFENSE MATERIALS ARE VITAL

This is a story of shortages, shortages of raw materials, raw materials vitally necessary for the defense of the Nation and its people. To make guns and tanks and planes and ships. To make the United States an actual arsenal of democracy for embattled free nations throughout the world, vast quantities of these raw materials are needed.

We are just beginning to realize how big these quantities really are. When this country started its great defense production program, no serious shortage of raw materials existed. Production experts know that we faced a tremendous problem in stepping up machine tool output, in retaining personnel and reorganizing factories but our material supply did not appear too bad. At least an increase in demand such as had occurred was not expected.

But modern warfare is a war of machines; machines demand metal. Thus even America's vast productive capacity in steel, copper, aluminum and their alloys has proved insufficient to meet both military and civilian demands.

This problem has been met in the embattled nations by virtually stopping non-essential materials and the civilian population gets along as best it may. England for example now is down to about 400 new civilian automobiles per month. We too, are going to have to get along without some of the luxuries to which we are accus-

tomed if we are going to produce as we need to produce.

Defense materials are sometimes classified in two general categories, "critical" and "strategic."

Critical materials in the technical sense are those which are produced in this country and in which supply problems exist. The method to be followed with these is to increase our output, build new mines and new sources. At the same time we must reduce non-essential production using these materials, reduce waste and conserve articles made with them which can be reclaimed for future use. In this category fall steel, aluminum, magnesium and other chemicals.

Strategic materials are those which must be imported entirely or in part, from other countries and in which serious supply problems exist. Our supplies depend upon shipping facilities and free shipping lanes. The most obvious examples are tin, and rubber from China, Malaya and the Netherlands Indies, but many other vital materials come from the far places of the earth.

Our attack on this problem is two-fold; first to increase domestic production if that is possible, to its limits and second to build up a reserve supply in the United States, sufficient to tide over and probable stoppage of imports. Here again limitations on civilian consumption are necessary and conservation of reclaimable material important.

The only real limits to the productive capacity of the United States translated into military equipment are limits of materials. We can and we are turning out machine tools; we can and we are training workers in defense skills; we can and are bringing industry large and small into defense production. All of these methods however, call for vast and increasing quantities of materials.

"All Out" for Production

The office of production management, the defense plants corporation of the RFC, other governmental agencies and private industry are now engaged in a world wide program designed to increase the flow of raw materials into American industry.

The one great question confronting the people of the United States to day is how rapidly we want to get the job done. If we want to tighten our belts, go "all out" for military production it is virtually certain we can halt aggression in a comparatively short time. We have productive capacity unmatched in the world. It is up to the American people whether or not we use all of it for defense production. If we do we can return to normal living; far sooner than if we demand our customary luxuries.

The following articles tell of our present shortages and what is being done to overcome them; what the public is going to have to do without and why we have to be thrifty with critical materials to keep democracy for the people.

THIS WEEK IN DEFENSE

Congress passed and sent to the White House legislation to repeal three key sections of the Neutrality act, Section 2, banning merchant ships entry into belligerent ports; Section 3, barring combatant zone travel; and Section 6 prohibiting arming of ships.

Navy secretary Knox issued a statement that removal of the Neutrality act shipping restrictions makes it "possible to get the defense aid materials authorized by Congress for use in the war against the Axis powers transported to those positions where they can be usefully employed. It also insures that the war ef-

Notice of Filing Final Account

Notice is Hereby Given that the undersigned administratrix having filed her Final Account of the estate of Beach R. Kimmel, deceased, with the clerk, in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Clackamas county, In Probate; said court has set December 8, 1941 at 9 o'clock A. M., in circuit court room, court house, Oregon City, Oregon as time and place for hearing objections thereto and settlement thereof. This notice first published November 7, 1941.

DORA KIMMEL, Administratrix of said estate, Estacada, Oregon.
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forts of the British Commonwealth, of China and Russia hold out greatly increased promise of ultimate victory"

In an Armistice day address President Roosevelt said the United States took up arms in 1917 "to make the world habitable for decent self-respecting men." He said the men who died then did so to "prevent the very thing that now has happened from one end of Europe to the other." The President said the people of America believe liberty is worth fighting for, "and if they are obliged to fight eternally to hold it. This duty we owe to the many who died to gain our freedom for us, to make the world a place where freedom can live and grow into the ages."

Captive Coal Mine Dispute

The Defense mediation board voted against a union shop agreement in the steel industry's captive coal mines and stated the United Mine Workers could "greatly strengthen their position before the people of the United States "by refraining from further strike action."

President Roosevelt asked leaders of the steel industry and the United Mine Workers to make "a final effort to insure continued production of coal for the manufacture of steel." The UMW acceded to the President's request that work in the captive coal mines continue pending further negotiations.

Lend-Lease Aid

President Roosevelt authorized Lend-Lease administrator Stettinius "to take immediate action to transfer defense supplies" to Russia. The OPM Priorities division issued a special allocation order designed to promote a steady flow of from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 of American made machine tools to the Soviet Union. The navy announced two more British warships have entered U. S. ports for repairs.

Relations With China and Japan

The President told his press conference the United States has decided to withdraw American marines from China. He said the marines had offered protection to comparatively few Americans. Navy secretary Knox speaking in Providence, R. I., said efforts of the United States to maintain friendly relations with Japan have been "patient to a point almost unmatched in the history of international relations," but now "the hour of decision is here." He said this country is "actuated in the Pacific no less than in the Atlantic solely by considerations of self-defense."

President Asks Support for Red Cross

President Roosevelt asked for support of the Red Cross in its roll call for membership which closes November 30 to "prove that we have the heart as well as the sinews to keep ourselves strong and free." The Red Cross announced it is seeking a membership matching its greatest World War figure of 18,000,000. Last year's adult membership was 9,200,000.

Civilian Defense

The office of civilian defense issued specifications of dimensions, colors and materials for 16 insignia to be worn by trained volunteer workers. OCD assistant director Davison estimated volunteer women workers needed in defense fields include 1,000,000 in first aid, 500,000 home gardeners, 100,000 each in life-saving, home nursing, school lunches and for staffs of local volunteer offices, 700,000 in the protection program, 600,000 rural leaders and 200,000 in the aircraft warning service. The ACD also issued a 60-page pamphlet on blackouts stating areas within 200 to 600 miles of seacoasts must be prepared to blackout on a "night to night" basis.

Production and Subcontracting

Vice President Wallace speaking in New York City said "by putting one-half our effort into national defense instead of less than one-fifth we shall match what the British and Germans are doing." Priorities director Nelson told the New England council defense expenditures at present are averaging \$1,175,000,000 a month "but to win this struggle with reasonable speed and certainty," the country must spend approximately \$3,500,000,000 a month on defense. OPM associate director Hillman announced some plants are working 160 hours a week with four 40-hour shifts but "this operation can and should be expanded." Three special troops sponsored by OPM contract distribution division have left Washington on a 40-day tour of 79 cities. The trains are carrying samples of needed defense parts to show manufacturers and facilitate the contract distribution program.

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