

Washington, D. C.

CAPACITY PROBLEMS Our greatest national problem is the apparent approaching shortages in producing capacity for steel, airplanes, possibly later for automobiles, certainly now for explosives, cannon and many lesser munitions. Nobody can expect "business as usual." Military and naval needs must have an absolute right-of-way.

But that principle must not be permitted to ride roughshod over civilian necessities or to avoidable shattering of our economic system unless these sacrifices are the only way-especially if they are a worse way-to attain our real end, which is the quickest and the greatest concentration of our men and metal at every threatened point.

There is another principle which is very apt to be forgotten among defense executives under constant fire of criticism and staggering responsibility for particular results, with none responsible for the combined result. It is that maintenance of civilian morale is of equal or greater importance as compared with the maintenance of military

Modern war is not merely a matter of battles between armed forces. It is, to an equal or even greater degree, a death struggle between economic systems-entire nations mobilized for war from the most remote farm or factory to the actual battle line. Employment must be maintained, prices stabilized, hardships minimized to the full extent that this is possible without reducing military and naval progress -and especially if this is possible with an effect of increasing that progress.

It is easy and spectacular to say that the way to increase available military and naval steel is to increase steel mill capacity, that the way to increase available military aircraft is to stop the production of civilian transport planes and the way to motorize infantry divisions is to take all automotive truck production to equip the army.

Civilian personnel and equipment for operating air, truck and bus transport is organized and trained to a degree of efficiency that the army can never hope to reach. Military transport is needed desperately when it is needed, but that is only part of the time. To duplicate the existing civilian plant and then to immobilize the duplication for long periods is folly from every angle, and unnecessary strain on production and a deprivation of civilian service. It is much less than the best service of military needs.

For example, it is agreed that, before we throttle down the facilities of our air transport industry, to provide army transport planes, we explore and test the possibility of using it for army transport when it is needed and leave it free to serve civilian uses when it is not.

We have reached a point from whence we simply cannot go forward with the present planless and hydra-headed organization of our defensive effort. We must have an intelligent and properly organized authority with both authority and responsibility to do the job. In spite of all recent Pollyanna reports of progress "on order," the job is not being done as it should.

MILITARY MOBILIZATION It is becoming clearer daily from

all parts of the country that our military mobilization would have been better if it had been kept more closely in step with our industrial mobilization and been planned more deliberately.

The drafted men now going to camp will serve only a year, unless we get into war or some emergency situation. It is very certain that, within that year, we shall not have nearly enough of the new and complicated weapons of modern war to train many of these recruits and before we do have them, they will be discharged.

About all in which many can expect to become proficient is the foot, bayonet and rifle work of the World war infantry. That is also badly needed. I do not agree with some of our military "experts" that everything the war department has done is wrong and that this "old doughboy stuff is as dead as the do-do."

However, it cannot be denied that because we have no completely equipped panzer divisions and they can't be improvised, delay in getting them is critical. But looking back at the unplanned and dilatory action of the rest of the government in appropriating money last summer, I fail to see how the army could have done very much better in its circumstances.

The principal blunder-the oneyear training period, which is so ill-fitted to the military problemis not the army's fault. But if these men go out before we get motorized equipment to train the more technical troops, we will have to start all over to man our panzer divisions with men who have not yet learned even the rudiments of soldiering.

Another great drawback is that we do not have a large enough a 1cleus of professional soldiers to do this job. The Officer's Reserve corps is a good beginning, but these men are mostly amateurs.

Washington, D. C. BRITISH INVASION

The British are coming to Washington at a rate that almost amounts to a second invasion. Even in 1814, when the Redcoats burned the Capitol, their force was scarcely more impressive.

Actually there are 430 representatives of the British government in Washington today-130 members of the embassy staff, 300 members of the British purchasing commission and British air commission. The figure includes everyone-officers, clerks, messengers and chauffeurs.

The British embassy and chancery now is the largest diplomatic establishment in Washington, but it is not large enough. An annex has been added to care for an overflow of coding clerks and officials of the office of economic warfare.

Meanwhile the two British commissions occupy space in four other buildings. They started out in modest quarters in the Hibbs building. expanded to the entire top floor of the Willard hotel, added further space in the Adams building, and most recently have taken over Andrew Mellon's old apartment building at 1785 Massachusetts avenue to accommodate the air commis-

These are the British in Washington alone. In addition, the New York office of the purchasing commission numbers 1,000 persons, plus 500 inspectors who travel about the country testing the wide assortment of articles, from ships to airplanes, which are being purchased in the United States.

U. S. RUBBER SUPPLIES

Should congress ever decide to investigate the National Defense commission it would unearth some appalling delays in the securing of the nation's raw materials-particularly rubber.

Real fact is that a fundamental difference exists between the defense commission and Jesse Jones regarding future rubber supplies. The commission believes that the production of synthetic rubber should begin immediately, and wants to give a subsidy of \$180,-000,000 to American rubber companies. The subsidy would be necessary to offset the price of natural rubber, which sells for 18 cents to 20 cents a pound, whereas synthetic rubber would cost about 25 cents.

Six Synthetic Rubbers. To this end, the defense commis-

sion has been negotiating with various rubber companies, and the following are ready to co-operate if a subsidy is granted:

DuPont, which produces Neoprene. This company most experienced in the field, and its product has the highest produc-

Standard Oil, which produces Butyl and has the license for U. S. production of the famous German synthetic rubber, Buna.

Goodyear, which produces Chem-

Goodrich, which produces Ameri-

United States Rubber, which is working on a product, so far unchristened.

However, Jesse Jones doesn't believe that synthetic rubber needs to be produced on a large scale. He favors a small subsidy to one company as an experiment.

The defense commission counters with a forecast of what might happen should all our rubber be cut off in the Dutch East Indies. It emphasizes that machinery cannot be set up overnight to produce emergency rubber. Stettinius is really aroused, may appeal to the White House if he doesn't soon move Jesse.

HOOVER VISITS CAPITAL

Although Herbert Hoover constantly shuttles back and forth about the country, he sedulously avoids Washington. The ex-President has a phobia against Washington under the New Deal.

Hoover's last public visit was last winter, when he appeared unannounced before a congressional committee in behalf of a loan for the then embattled Finns. But he spent the entire day here sub rosa last Sunday.

whatever.

Hoover stayed at the swanky home of William R. Castle, undersecretary of state in his regime and one of the most active appeasement advocates in the country.

Hoover spent most of his time conferring with Castle and some old newspaper friends about his plan to force the British to open their blockade so that food can be shipped into Nazi-occupied Europe.

CAPITAL CHAFF

Lovely Louise Atwill has had two husbands, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, former chief of staff, and her present actor-husband, Lionel Atwill. She says the closest other call she ever had to matrimony was with Herbert Hoover. She and Hoover were attending a wedding of two friends in Paris several years ago when the priest got them mixed up with the bridal couple and was

about to unite them. J. Edgar Hoover and a group of hand is a fly-switch, if that's of any help. FBI officials are studying Spanish.

Down on the Farm—And Stylish, Too! | Escapes From Nazis



Stepping right out-and right stylish, too, by the way-are these 4-H club girls who designed and sewed these winning garments for their annual contest in connection with the International Live Stock show which was held in Chicago last week. Their costumes were approved by the stylist Jane Alden, who is shown in the center, wearing dinner gown. The girls are, from left to right: Gertrude Burbank of Dover, Massachusetts; Jean Wisecup of Oxford, Ohio; Hester Roberts of Lumber, North Carolina, and Mabel Tremper of Coldenham, New York.

8 Dead, 8 Injured, in Airliner Crash



Daylight view of the wreckage of the airliner which crashed near Chicago's airport, taking a toll of eight lives and injuring eight persons, some critically. The ship lost headway as it was gliding in to its landing, stalled, fell, crashed into a house, a garage and an electric power line, and then crashed its 12 tons to the ground.

Intact After Bomb Threat

Charleston Navy Yard, Boston, which was protected by a cordon of

more than 100 police and a detachment of marines after a navy official

had received information that a workman would attempt to carry a time

bomb and dynamite into the navy yard in a lunchbox, when the gates

were opened for the day shift. A thorough search revealed nothing

. Captain Anthony Eden, British minister of war, is

shown (hatless) shaking hands with an officer of a Trans-Jordan frontier

force during his recent visit to the British army of the Middle East. The

be-medaled officer at left is unidentified, but the gadget he holds in his



John Becessi is pictured here with his wife in New York city as they arrived aboard the S. S. Siboney, from Lisbon, Portugal. Becessi, who writes under the pen name of "Hans Habe," recently had the good fortune of escaping from a Nazi prison camp.

Witness



WASHINGTON, D. C .- Philip B. Fleming, administrator, wage and as he appeared before house committee investigating migration of destitute citizens.



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General's Guest



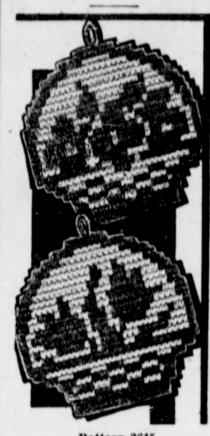
This is Boy Scout Jim Rast, the 12-year-old who wanted to volunteer in the Eighth division. He is holding in his hand the invitation he received from Maj. Gen. Philip Peyton, commanding officer, to be the general's guest at a division inspection at Columbia, S. C. Scout Rast went there in the general's car which brought him from his home in Swansea, S. C., and back again.

Injected Into Arm-y



This draftee is taking a "shot in the arm" to ward off disease. This scene will take place all over the country as draftees arrive at U. S. army training camps to start a year of training.

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