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Week of the War

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be kept healthy, he said. William L. Batt and James S. Knowlson were named vice chairmen of the board.

Lou E. Holland, formerly president of the Double Rotary Sprinkler Corp., of Kansas City, Mo., was appointed WPB deputy chairman in charge of the Smaller War Plants Corporation. Chairman Nelson said the corporation should attempt to confine the manufacture of relatively simple war items to smaller factories, increase the farming out of manufacture of bits and pieces by large corporations which hold prime contracts, and encourage conversion of additional small plants to essential civilian production. The WPB estimated, however, that 24,000 small manufacturers whose annual sales three years ago amounted to \$4 billion, will be forced to close before October 1 because of inability to convert to war or essential civilian production.

The WPB said expenditures for war purposes by U. S. Government agencies in June were at the average daily rate of \$158 million, 6 per cent higher than in May. Congressional war appropriations to date total more than \$225 billion, the board said, but the U. S. actually has spent less than \$40 billion. The WPB Bureau of Finance obtained \$62 million in the form of loans or advances on payments for war materials for almost 400 manufacturers in June. During the past six weeks, the Army Signal Corps has given final acceptance each day to more than \$2 million worth of radio and communications equipment, and awarded contracts for \$1 billion worth of additional apparatus.

Labor Supply

Persons who desire jobs in plants on secret or confidential government contracts will no longer be required to turn in birth certificates to prove American citizenship, the War Manpower commission announced. The WPB Labor Division said the aircraft industry will require more than 1,500,000 workers by the end of 1943. A total of almost 20 million persons will be drawn into war production and service in the armed forces during this year and next, the WMC reported. Consequently, employers can no longer afford to set arbitrary age limits or discriminate against workers because of sex, race or nationality, the commission stated. The WMC said the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers of America (CIO) is conducting a drive in 40 war production plants to encourage hiring and upgrading of negroes and workers in other minority groups.

Rationing

The OPA said about 8 million eastern motorists have received basic permanent gasoline rationing coupon books. Congressmen, members of state and local legislatures and other government officials will be eligible for "special rations" for use in legislative or official business, and bona fide political candidates may have extra rations for travel necessary to the prosecution of their candidacies, the office said. Special rations will also be issued for travel to obtain medical service, to demonstrate cars or boats for sale, to transport equipment and personnel of scientific expeditions and to operate a vehicle in tests essential to the war effort.

The office ruled newspaper reporters and photographers will be eligible for supplementary rations up to a quantity sufficient to permit 470 miles of occupational driving a



month if they can meet car pooling provisions. Increased monthly gasoline quotas will be given stations servicing war workers. The WPB granted OPA authority to require filling station operators to submit coupons or other evidence that rationing regulations are being complied with, when gasoline is delivered to their stations. The OPA said local rationing boards may refuse to issue new tires to eligible motorists if an inspector's report shows the purchaser has abused his old tires. The "bonus" sugar stamp, number seven in War Ration Book No. 1, may be exchanged for two pounds of sugar until midnight August 22.

The War Front

Recent Far Eastern events indicate "the turning point in air operations has been reached and the Japanese are now more on the defensive whereas the American air forces are on the offensive," U. S. Army Air Forces headquarters in China reported. U. S. submarines within two days sank or destroyed five Japanese destroyers in the Aleutians, the Navy said. The War Department said American troops are now stationed at Port Moresby, allied base in New Guinea. The Department also announced that U. S. crews, manning American-made medium tanks, knocked out a number of German tanks in the Battle of Libya in mid-June without any losses of their own personnel. Gen. MacArthur reported more allied raids on numerous enemy bases in the southwest Pacific. The Navy announced the torpedoing by Axis submarines of 16 additional United Nations merchant vessels.

War Information

Director Elmer Davis of the Office of War Information issued OWI regulations number one, stating "the Federal Government will issue as promptly as possible all news and background information essential to a clear understanding of this nation's war effort... the impact of the war on all phases of American life will be reported. So will the cooperative efforts of the United Nations. Only information which would give aid and comfort to the enemy will be withheld." Mr. Davis established three major branches under himself and OWI Associate Director M. S. Eisenhower, with an Assistant Director for each branch.

Gardner Cowles, Jr., President of the Des Moines Register and Tribune and President of Look magazine, was placed in charge of Domestic Information Operations; Robert Sherwood, in charge of Overseas Information Operations; and Archibald MacLeish, Policy Department.

The Armed Forces

The Army Specialist Corps, with 190,000 applications for membership, will enlist more than 11,000 men during the rest of this year, the War Department said. WAAC Director Hobby reported two of the first eight WAAC companies will consist of Negro women, commanded by Negro women, who will attend the first WAAC Officer Candidate school. President Roosevelt signed a bill authorizing \$8,500 million in new naval warship construction with emphasis on aircraft carriers. The Marine Corps said it is now promoting competent noncommissioned officers in the field to meet needs for additional officers.

Sabotage

Maj. Gen. Frank R. McCoy, head of the Military Commission conven-

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ed by President Roosevelt to try eight German saboteurs landed in the U. S. by submarine, said the great volume of evidence to be introduced is expected to prolong the trial. The commission granted permission to the Army Signal Corps to make photographs and silent pictures of the trial scene in the Justice Department building in Washington.

Dr. J. P. Stewart, Eye-Sight Specialist of Pendleton will be at the HEPPNER HOTEL on WEDNESDAY, July 21st.

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