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**WEEKLY RESUME OF WORLD NEWS DEFENSE WORK**

The item below on "This Week in Defense" is a resume in brief form of world news concerning war conditions both abroad and in the United States. This news will be published from time to time in order that those who do not take daily papers may keep up with world happenings.

"This Week in Defense"  
Acting Secretary of State Welles said present Japanese activities directed toward Indo-China endanger "peaceful use by peaceful nations of the Pacific . . . jeopardize the procurement by the United States of es-

sential materials such as tin and rubber . . . necessary for . . . our defense program. . ." He said the safety of other areas, including the Philippine Islands, also is endangered.

The President issued a statement that the United States has been letting oil go to Japan "with the hope—and it has worked for two years—of keeping the war out of the South Pacific for our own good for the defense of Great Britain and the freedom of the seas. . ."

Mr. Roosevelt told his press conference events in the Far East are bringing to the American public a greater awareness of the danger of the whole world situation. But as yet, he said, the public is not sufficiently cognizant of the perils of the situation, any more than it realizes the

**ARMY**

Secretary of War Stimson said production of vital items has been increased with the cooperation of American industry during the past "100 crucial days" as follows: light tanks, 475 per cent; medium tanks, 467 per cent; smokeless powder, 127 per cent; machine guns, 93 per cent; TNT, 92 per cent; training planes, 55.7 per cent; bombers, 17.8 per cent.

The War Department said Army expansion has progressed faster in the past year than the manufacture of modern weapons, but since it is more important to know how to employ a weapon tactically rather than to know how to fire it, "little training value is lost by the substitution of a stove pipe for a mortar or an oak bough for a machine gun." If a company has fewer guns than men, the guns are rotated so each man has a chance to learn how to handle them.

The War Department said it is giving four types of tests to discover a trainee's ability and to help find his "right" place in the Army. Selective Service Headquarters announced that 752,572 twenty-one-year-olds registered on July 1.

**HIGHWAYS**

Congress passed a \$320,000,000 defense highway bill for construction of roads and experimental airplane landing strips, and to pay states for damages from Army and Navy maneuvers.

**AID TO BRITAIN**

Federal Loan Administrator Jones announced the RFC has authorized a loan of \$425,000,000 to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to pay for war supplies Great Britain ordered before the Lend-Lease Act was passed. Mr. Jones said Great Britain has put up collateral which includes securities of U. S. Corporation, capital stock of 41 British owned U. S. insurance companies worth \$500,000,000, and the earnings of U. S. branches of 41 British insurance companies which have net assets of \$200,000,000. The loan matures in 15 years and bears interest at 3 per cent per year.

**POWER**

OPM Director General Knudsen named J. A. Krug, OPM Power Consultant, head of a special power unit to assure an uninterrupted supply of electrical energy by reducing consumption in non-defense industries,

and, if necessary, by rationing power dangers of war in the West. where shortages are threatened.

Mr. Krug said vast "power pools" will be created to insure adequate supply of electricity for aluminum and magnesium plants now under construction. He said one has already been formed for aluminum plants in Tennessee and others are being considered for Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, the southern sections of Kansas and Missouri, and for the Northeastern section, including the New England States, New York, eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

**OIL**

Defense Petroleum Coordinator Ickes requested a voluntary cut of thirty-three and one third per cent in motor fuel consumption in the Atlantic Coast States to avoid rationing. Congress passed a bill authorizing federal aid to private firms in constructing interstate pipelines, and Mr. Ickes recommended that the petroleum industry construct a \$70,000,000 pipeline from east Texas to the Atlantic coast with a daily capacity of 250,000 barrels. He also asked the industry to construct 40 to 50 large, high-speed oil tankers in addition to 139 now on order.

**CIVILIAN SUPPLY**

Price Administrator Henderson announced a tentative program to cut production in the automotive, domestic mechanical refrigerator and mechanical household laundry equipment industries to make more materials available for defense. He said the cut will be offset by defense work these industries would undertake. OPM Director General Knudsen said the proposed shift should coincide with increased defense orders to the industry to avoid unemployment.

**LABOR**

President Roosevelt established a committee on fair employment practice in the Office of Production Management to prevent discrimination against defense workers or Government employees because of race, creed or national origin. The six members represent the CIO, AFL, the newspapers and radio, and include two negroes.

OPM Associate Director General Hillman announced that 800,000 AFL building trade union members have reached a stabilization agreement with the Government calling for no strikes on defense projects for the duration of the emergency and no stoppage of work because of jurisdictional disputes "or any other cause."

**LABOR SUPPLY**

Mr. Hillman told railroad officials and labor executives in Chicago that the 100,000 unemployed, skilled railroad workers could be shifted to defense work under a "voluntary la-

bor priority" plan. Mr. Hillman said an estimated 1,000,000 workers will be needed by the aircraft industry by July, 1942, as compared with the 200,000 employed today. He said 555,600 will be needed by next July in the shipbuilding industry where 375,000 are now employed.

**NAVY**

Navy Secretary Knox presented a special Naval ordnance flag to 14 companies who are ahead of production schedules of Navy contracts. He said firms who are "all out" for defense will be permitted to fly the flag and their employees will be allowed to wear in their lapels an "E," the traditional Navy mark of excellence. The Maritime Commission said the entire shipbuilding program is nearly sixty days ahead of schedule.

**PRICES**

Price Administrator Henderson asked the baking industry to reduce operating expenses instead of raising bread prices. He said ingredient costs have risen half a cent a loaf. Bituminous Coal Counsel Harr recommended maximum prices at 10 per

cent above the present minimum. **AGRICULTURE**  
OPM Associate Director General Hillman said agriculture will be represented in all of the recently created OPM Commodity Sections concerned with "commodities produced by agriculture or necessary to the production of agriculture."

**ALUMINUM COLLECTION**  
OCD Director LaGuardia announced that on July 30 local aluminum collection committees sent materials collected in the voluntary program to concentration points in the large cities of the 48 states.

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