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THIS WEEK IN DEFENSE

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Dr. Will Alexander of the OPM, speaking in Atlantic City, said defense industries will need 4,000,000 more workers by January. He said, as examples, the San Diego, San Francisco and Vallejo areas of California will need 31,000; Detroit, 66,000 to 88,000; Philadelphia, 70,000; northern New Jersey, 30,000; Dallas and Fort Worth, 17,200; and Wichita 7,000. He asked employers not to discriminate against persons with necessary skills because of race religion or color.

Labor Secretary Perkins reported 324,000 workers will be needed in the shipbuilding industry, 408,000 in aircraft, 291,000 in machine tools and ordnance, and 384,000 in other defense industries. She said the greatest single need is for 156,000 skilled machinists and 139,000 semi-skilled assemblers.

War Secretary Stimson announced that skilled workers in the Army will be released, if required in key civilian jobs, upon the request of former employers. Sidney Hillman, OPM Associate Director General, again appealed to all unemployed, all persons not in defense industries, and all persons who can do more highly skilled work than required by their present job, to register at local public employment offices so they may be trained and placed in defense work.

PRIORITIES
The OPM added copper, cork and steel to vital defense materials under priority control to give defense needs and essential civilian needs first call on the materials.

L. Edward Scriven, Assistant Priorities Director, speaking in Chicago, said "you can walk through any large retail store today and see all around you commonplace objects—stoves, toasters, vacuum cleaners, typewriters, cameras, tools, and lots of other things—which cannot escape being hit by the demands of the defense program."

CONSUMERS
The office of Price Administration and Civilian Supply suggested that local consumer groups aid the defense program by establishing local market radio news service, analyzing price rises, and establishing consumer information centers to advise on buying problems and check quality, grading and labeling of consumer goods.

PROSPECTIVE OIL AND POWER SHORTAGE
Secretary of Interior Ickes, Defense Petroleum Coordinator, said a temporary restriction on the use of gasoline and oil on the East coast may become necessary because of the shortage of tanker transportation. He said a proposed \$70,000,000 pipe line from Texas to ease the situation would require 12 to 15 months to build.

A Federal Power Commission began a series of conferences with electric utilities officials regarding rapidly expanding defense needs for power, aggravated by a drought in the mid-Atlantic and southern areas. President Roosevelt asked Congress for \$285,000,000 to complete the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence seaway and power project to permit ocean-going vessels to reach the Great Lakes and make available an additional 2,200,000 horse-power of electric energy.

HOME DEFENSE
New York's Mayor LaGuardia, Director of the Office of Civilian Defense, reported it will take at least a year to obtain equipment to protect the nation's cities during bombing raids. He said it would cost about \$43,000 each to equip the permanent fire companies in the country, and in many places auxiliary fire companies would be needed.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS
Secretary of State Hull, said French-German collaboration threatens seriously to alter French relations with the United States. The President told his press conference rumors of German-English peace discussions were Nazi-inspired and not true.

SHIPS
President Roosevelt authorized the U. S. Maritime Commission to take over foreign ships in U. S. ports. The Commission announced it has arranged with Britain for American ships to take over services from Canada and the U. S. to Australia and New Zealand to relieve English vessels for war work. The Commission also announced purchases of 28 merchant ships for use as Army and Navy auxiliaries and ordered Atlantic and Gulf Coast line ship operators to make available 50 per cent of their tonnage—between 60 and 70 vessels, totaling 375,000 tons—for the 2,000,000 ton emergency shipping pool for lease-land operations.

Navy Secretary Knox announced competitions would be worked out to speed building of ships by awards to the fastest workers and the fastest shippers.

NAVY
Navy Secretary Knox announced the launching of the 35,000-ton battleship South Dakota five months ahead of schedule. He said he hoped the warship would be ready for service by January although this normally takes a year after launching. Mr. Knox said the Navy's 35,000-ton ships far exceed in power, guns and armor the sunken German Warship Bismark. The Navy announced that all Atlantic bases acquired from Great Britain are now available for limited operations and will be completely finished within a year.

ARMY AIR
The War Department announced high school graduates without sufficient education to become officers may enlist in the Air Corps for training as pilots. Applicants between 19 and 22 will receive preference. The Army said eventually 20 per cent of its pilots may be enlisted men who will be trained to fly and given the rating of flight sergeant with pay of \$108 to \$207 per month depending on length of service.

The War Department also announced Army Air Corps aviation cadets now receive the same pay and allowances as Navy and Marine flyers and receive a \$500 bonus for each year or fraction of a year of active duty, and \$10,000 in insurance.

SELECTIVE SERVICE
Selective Service Deputy Director Hershey asked Congress to approve legislation authorizing deferment of all men 27 or more years old last October 16, SS Headquarters amended regulations to permit review of classification at any time prior to induction.

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