

The Week In Washington

A Resume of Governmental Happenings in the National Capital

Washington, July 27.—That period of sacrifice for all the people of the country, about which countless speakers, including President Roosevelt, has warned on numerous occasions, seems to be getting closer to reality. It probably will be felt in our use of automobiles, judging by two moves made last week: a statement by the office of production management that production of automobiles may have to be curbed by as much as 50 per cent; a request by Secretary of the Interior Ickes that the use of gasoline be curbed by one-third in 16 eastern states.

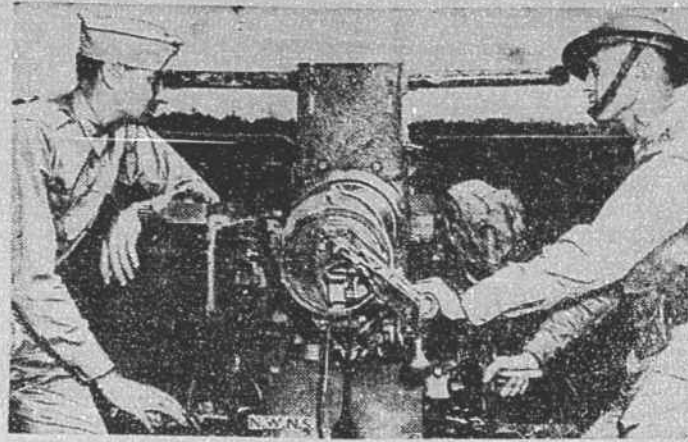
Furthermore, the dangers of price inflation are becoming acute. Food prices have risen 9 per cent since February and Leon Henderson, head of the office of price administration, and civilian supply, warns they may climb much higher on many types of

products unless price controls are enforced. Mr. Henderson also recommends higher taxes and a campaign to sell more defense bonds as needed to help prevent inflation. His theory is that prices go up because people have more money to spend and if they reinvest that money in the government their demand for luxury products will be decreased. That, he believes, will prevent drastic price increases.

Debate over the measure to extend the period of service of the million men being trained under the selective service act, although hotly debated, has had the blessing of the majority of congressmen ever since the President sent a message to congress and the people pointing out the necessity for this extension. It is the general feeling here that the one year period provided in the act was an unfortunate provision which misled many selectees, but that the present emergency makes it necessary to take advantage of the clause in the act which provides for extension of service. That clause reads:

"Each man inducted . . . shall serve for a training and service period of 12 consecutive months, unless sooner discharged, except that

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Two U. S. Army officers, Lieut. Chas. Yancey (left) and Capt. L. Bean (right) are shown with their homemade anti-tank gun sight which cost them \$6.38 for materials, plus native intelligence and engineering knowledge. It is rated as being better than sights now costing the army \$640. An order for 5,000 of these devices has been received.

whenever the congress has declared the national interest is imperiled, the 12-month period may be extended by the President to such time as may be necessary in the interest of national defense."

Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff of the army, has pointed out that with 40 to 85 per cent of most infantry divisions composed of selectees, it would virtually mean demobilizing the army to send these men home at this time.

Most congressmen agree that it would be ridiculous practically to disband the army at this time, but a good many also have a feeling of guilt over breaking their contract with the selectees, who believed they would be sent home after a year's training. They know that provisions in the law make it possible to continue services because of the emergency, but all the same they feel many of the million men in service will consider that something has been put over on them.

It is expected the men who are over 28 years old may be sent home in view of the more recent measure deferring service of men in this age group. It is also believed steps will be taken to insure jobs to the men in camp after their service in the army is completed.

The opposition to the property seizure bill has been considerably lessened by revisions in the measure which limit seizures of property to property needed for the manufacture of defense equipment and supplies. The measure, in its revised form, also puts a three limit on the power of the President to control private property. It provides that the government pay a fair price for any property it seizes and directs the government to sell the property back to the original owner by June 30, 1943.

Some congressmen fear the fact that administration spokesmen in the senate opposed including a provision in the seizure measure for a specific prohibition against the seizure of any newspaper or radio station, interpreting the opposition to such a prohibition as limiting the administration might consider such seizures. But most congressmen felt that such a specific prohibition was unnecessary since it would take a far-fetched interpretation of the measure in its present form to make the seizure of a radio station or newspaper possible.

A new problem arose on the labor front when the CIO unit which called a strike at the Air Associates plant at Bendix, N. J., asked the President to seize the plant "until such time as the company decides to co-operate with national defense and to comply with the laws of the United States."

The flare-up at the Bendix plant came when the company dismissed several union employees. The company said the dismissals were made because of decreased production caused by a shortage of aluminum. The union claimed they resulted from a CIO victory in a national labor relations board election.

But the action of a union asking the President to seize a plant is the first of its kind and is being followed with close interest by both labor and employers.

FARM PEOPLE ARE INVITED TO STATE COLLEGE MEETING

From officials of N. C. State College comes a cordial invitation to farm folks of this and other counties to attend the 38th annual Farm and Home week, starting next Monday, August 4. Accompanying the invitation is an offer to provide a room in one of the dormitories for the entire week for only \$1.00.

Some species of kangaroo are expert tree climbers.

DRUNK DRIVING CAUSES LOSS OF PEACH CARGO

Chief of Police T. A. Early and Deputy Sheriff Clyde McLean, Jr., arrested two men on drunkenness charges Tuesday after the truck in which they were transporting 25 bushels of peaches ran over a 30-foot embankment near Valhead, spilling and mashing the entire cargo of fruit, says the Lenoir News-Topic.

Oscar Auten was arrested for driving drunk and his cousin, Tom Auten, riding with him, paid a fine of \$8.70 for public drunkenness. Oscar Auten will be tried in recorder's court. Both men gave their home

addresses as in the Blowing Rock vicinity.

The truck, Chief Early said, plunged over the embankment, overturned and the peaches spilled over the field at the foot of the grade. Both men escaped the crash unhurt. The two officers said they found a quart bottle of whiskey on the person of one of the two men.

LARGEST BOXWOOD

The largest single boxwood plant in the world is a bush 75 feet in circumference and 150 years old, located near Salisbury, N. C.

Cactus spines make excellent phonograph needles.

UNITED STATES, BRITAIN, CANADA FREEZE JAP ASSETS

President Roosevelt struck back Friday night against Japan for her push in French Indo-China by clamping a sweeping control over all economic intercourse between the United States and Japan, including cash, oil, ships silk and other assets.

At the same time, at the request of China, he tied up Chinese assets in this country so that no one but the beleaguered government of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek can use them.

Hereafter, a treasury license will be needed to take any Japanese assets outside the country or to send anything to Japan. This meant, according to treasury spokesmen, that oil can be kept from Japan's war machine by refusal of or even failure to act upon requests for permission to ship oil.

Whether such an embargo actually would be clamped down, however, remained to be seen. The asset "freezing" order put the treasury in a position to turn the economic screws on Japan. Just how hard they will be applied may depend, to some extent, on future events in the Far East.

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