

This Week In Defense

The scheduled defense expenditures total nearly \$40 billion, including \$7 billion for British aid. Nearly \$30 billion represent appropriations and authorizations already made and the rest is in bills now before Congress. Actual cash spending from last June to March 17 amounted to three and a half billion.

The Treasury announced incomes tax returns reached \$1,139,000,000 in the first days of March far exceeding estimates. U. S. savings bonds and stamps to help finance defense will go on sale May 1, the Treasury said. Stamps can be bought for as little as ten cents and bonds as little as \$25.

APPROPRIATIONS
President Roosevelt signed legislation authorizing additional Navy expenditures of \$340,526,383, including \$66,550,000 to complete air bases in British possessions. Congress voted \$75,000,000 more for defense housing and \$22,500,000 for the National Youth Administration to train 450,000 youths for defense industries.

The House passed and sent to the Senate the fifth supplemental defense appropriation bill providing \$4,073,810,074 for the Army and Navy in fiscal 1942, including \$1,000,000,000 for 3,600 Army bombers.

Secretary of War Stimson stated "steps must be taken" to reduce delays on defense orders caused by strikes. Under Secretary of War Patterson said several strikes were very seriously affecting the Army re-armor program. Interior Secretary Ickes said the Allis-Chalmers tie-up was holding back equipment to supply power to defense plants.

A Social Security board survey showed 351,000 available workers

with primary skills in selected defense industries. Most workers are in construction occupations. In some metal trades none were found. Only a "relatively small number, were found for aircraft and ship-building work.

The Department of Agriculture prepared to aid local committees in determining and avoiding farm labor shortage and dislocations

The U. S. Employment Service announced it would inform local schools which types of defense vocational training should be given priority. The CCC announced it to defense industries and that be has speeded up training valuable ginning April 1 it will enroll 65,000 boys between 17 and 23.

SELECTIVE SERVICE
Selective Service anticipated a shortage of certain experienced merchant vessel seamen and recommended their deferment to Class 11-A. An amendment to the Selective Service Act was approved by the House to exempt former marines, coast guardsmen and sailors.

SHIPS
Secretary of the Navy announced award of contracts totaling \$100,315,682 for 239 subchasers, minesweepers and fleet tugs. Maritime Commission awarded contracts totaling \$205,500,000 for 137 ships in the President's 200-vessel emergency program.

PRICES
Recent rises in the prices of sugar and quicksilver were unwarranted. Actually the supply of sugar for consumers is larger than usual, it was said.

The NDAC also set a ceiling on rising aluminum prices and said if similar unwarranted increases continue in iron and steel scrap and

Catholic Honored



William Thomas Walsh, educator and author, has been awarded the Laetare Medal of the University of Notre Dame for 1941, highest Catholic honor for a layman in the U. S. A professor of English at Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart, New York City, Walsh has published authoritative books on Spanish historical subjects.

materials used in shoes, additional price ceilings will be established.

LEASE-LEND
Congress passed and the President signed legislation approving \$7,000,000,000 to provide Great Britain and other democracies with war materials. The OPM announced 200 tons of magnesium would be delivered to Britain shortly.

The State Department announced arrangements to send two shiploads of flour to unoccupied France under Red Cross supervision.

The Department informed the new Yugoslav Government aid was possible under the lease-lend program.

PRIORITIES
The OPM issued general prefer-

2-Day Electrical Show A Success

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ing the high school band gave a parade down Main street to the Armory and then several numbers at the show. They were the guests at the barbeque in the afternoon.

R. E. Sentelle, project attorney, and J. Dale Stentz, took turns at the public address system in keeping the informal program moving along. Members of the board of directors and the superintendent, J. C. Moore, were presented to the audience on both days.

Saturday night, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Haines and Dr. C. N. Sisk carried on a general discussion over the address system on the value of water systems in the home. Many interesting facts were brought to the attention of the audience by this method of discussion.

Officials and engineers of the Blue Ridge Co-operative at Marshall, were guests at the show on Saturday afternoon and night.

A number of representatives of electrical appliance manufacturers were present during the two days, and on Friday night, two of them showed pictures about their products.

"After the formal closing on Saturday night, photographers took charge and snapped pictures right and left. Many of them will be used in national publications. Movies were also made of the crowd and exhibits.

Many splendid compliments were passed on the exhibits, and some people went so far as to say they compared favorably with similar exhibits they had seen in large cities.

In response to the question asked publicly, "Will you stage another show next year?" representatives of the sponsors, J. C. Moore, of Cruso Corporation, and W. Curtis Russ, of The Mountaineer, responded: "Yes, bigger and better."

Cashing British Assets



In the United States "for the special purpose of getting rid of fixed British assets so we can buy the things we need," Sir Edward Robert Peacock, British financial leader, arrives at New York by clipper plane. He will liquidate holdings as soon as possible, he said.

FORD GETS \$1,417,000 JOB

WASHINGTON—The Ford Motor Company has been given a \$1,417,000 War Department contract to build trucks, and the contract did not include a provision stipulating compliance with labor laws "where applicable." The Department explained that the controverted clause was omitted because the order was not a defense contract.

The general impression is that collectors are unpopular—yet everybody asks them to come back.

They Work While We Sleep....

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ed. I have noticed that the sick always feel worse at that time and life seems at its lowest ebb during those hours of the morning."

To anyone who has kept vigilance over a sick person her answer is easily understood.

Ida Jean Brown started on night duty one month after taking up her work, and has had night duty 15 years out of the 20 of her service.

But her hours do not keep her from taking an active part in the community life. She is a member of the Waynesville Presbyterian church and attends the Business Women's circle meetings in the evenings.

As an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary she rarely misses a meeting, attending before she goes on duty. As a member of the Waynesville Music Club, with her pleasing mezzo-soprano voice, she often adds to the programs presented at the monthly meetings.

And there is no wonder that Ida Jean Brown like her work and has never regretted her choice. She has made a splendid record with the company and her unfailing courtesy and effort to accommodate has won the lasting respect and friendship of her patrons.

Hazelwood Baptist Women To Meet This Afternoon

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Hazelwood Baptist church will meet as a circle at the home of Mrs. R. L. Cope on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

To Puerto



The senate committee on and insular affairs approved the nomination Representative Guy of Pennsylvania, as governor of Puerto Rico. He succeeds Leahy, present U. S. ambassador to the Vichy government.

U. S. MIGHT GET B

NEW YORK—Federal have said that no order been issued in Washington "quite possible" the ernment would take over 000,000 liner Normand French freighters tied York harbor.

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