

Chairman Nelson announced "continuing national drive" to inevery machine in war plants.

Japan are very close to their maxi- 20 percent. mam output of planes, guns .tanks war is won," not to demand spe- status. privilence for any one group, and to give up conveniences cheerfully when by which men with dependents may

FOREIGN RELATIONS

announced twowith Brazil to strengthen hemispher- not be called for active service until se solidarity and to provide lend-lease their previous classifications in the aid to Brazil. Lend-Lease Adminis- draft were called. trator Stettinius reported lend-lease 19

The U.S. and Britain signed a pact 95,000 candidates postponing indefinitely final settlement of lend-lease costs. The pact commits both nations to virtually terms of the settlement "shall be such as not to burden commerce be- than 1940. tween the two countries." Mr. Welles announced the Vichy French Government has given the U.S. assurances it will not aid the Axis beyond terms of the Armistice agreements.

RATIONING

Administrator Henderson Price stated National Registration for susugar rationing books will be held over a four-day period, probably during the last week in March. Approximately 1,400,000 school teachers will serve as registrars, and 245,000 schools will be used. One adult may register for each "family unit."

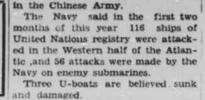
The WPB announced a rationing program March 9 for 196,000 new truck an dtruck trailers which will be available for rationing during the next 22 months. State quotas provide 120,000 new 1942 pasenger automobiles for eligible buyers during March, April an dMay. Total number of cars ear-marked for civilian purchase during the next twelve months ¥ 340,000.

No passenger car retreaded tires will be avaiable in March, he said.

THE WAR FRONT

forces sunk 53 enemy ships between sula where they make their stand. December 10, 1941, and February 24, 1942, probably sank seven more and damaged three additional.

The Army announced from Dec. 7 American Volunteer Group serving Japs



ARMY

The House passed Legislation increase production immediately will creasing from one month to one yea: entail 168 hours work per week for the payment to dependents of the salaries of members of the armed The President in a radio address, forces captured by the enemy. The said "We Americans have been com- Lemislation would also increase the pelled to yield ground, but we will pay of offices and men serving out--soon. Germany, Italy, and side continental U .S. by from 10 to

The President established the and ships. The United Nations are Army specialists Corps, a unit of uniespecially the United States of formed civilian employees who may America." He asked Americans not to be appointed to War Department for a single day-until positions regardless of Civil Service

announced a new policy enlist for the sole purpose of qualiifying as officers, and if they fail to Under Sceretary of State Welles make the grade may be transferred agreements signed to the enlisted reserves. They would

Age limits are 18 to 45. All candiaid for January reached \$462,000,000, dates must serve four months in Reand actual shipments have now ex- placement Centers or Field Units beceeded two billion dollars. Allocations fore being eligible for officers candifor land-lease purposes totaled more dates' schools. The New policy is dethan twelve billion dollars as of Feb. signed to meet Army needs this year of 75,000 new officers selected from

AGRICULTURE

The Agriculture Department announced farmers 1941 cash income free trade. It also provides final reaced almost \$12 billion-highest since 1920, and 29 percent greater

TheWPA said its employment schedules for March will be reduced 62,000, with an equal or greater reduction tentatively set for April. Agriculture Secretary Wickard

asked State and County Department of Agriculture War Boards to aid local draft boards in determing occupational deferments of farmers



WASHINGTON

At the rate at which Congress has

in terms of dollars and cents, the

Since Congress met on January

vide \$12,525,000,000. primarily for

airplanes and the expansion of air-

craft production; another has been

enacted authorizig \$26,495,000,000

\$32,000,000,000 for

lease-lend aid and ship construction.

This brings the total for the three

major bills to \$70,000,000,000, or 70

per cent of the estimated national

Net result, according to statisti-

cians, is that since Pearl Harbor,

Congress has appropriated or au-

thorized appropriations for the war

effortat the rate of \$369 for every

one of the 130,000,00 persons in the

additional \$200 per capita which the

Letters to Congressmen from the

folks back at home indicate that

they are willing to pay whatever the

Civilian Defense, Congressional pen-

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income for 1942.

Senate is considering.

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SNAPSHOTS

TOCSIN SOUNDED

President Roosevelt sounded the toesin for all-out work. He said he said ,in this "crucial. Now.

"Our plants must hum 24 hours a day, seven days a week, producing been appropriating funds for milithe materials an dmachines being so tary purposes, this war will have to rapidly absorbed in the war effort. be every man's war.

In line with Nelson's directive for negotiated contracts, J. S. Knowlson, director of the Division of In- cost is terrific. dustry Operations, blocked the sale at auction of machinery valuable to 5th, a bill has been enacted to prowa rproduction so that it might not be dispersed. On top of this, George C. Brainard, chief of the WPB's Tools Branch, called upon owners of Tools Branch, called upon owners of idle machine tools to offer them for for the Navy; and a third has been sale to be placed in plants engaged acted upon by the House to approsale to be placed in plants engaged in wa rproduction.

NEED OF SACRIFICE

For a long while shortages, except in tires an dautomobiles, were just somethin gto talk about. Output might be curtailed, but at the factory, but there was still plenty of stock ,and also on the retailer's Now these shortages are shelves. working their way down.

Men's clothing, for instance. After March 30 trousers will be cuffless, suit-coats will be about an inch country. This does not include some shorter, there'll be no patch pockets. pleats, tucks, bellows, gussets. And no vests for dougle-breasted suits. It means a saving of some 40,000,000 pounds of wool.

The copper mining industry has offered full cooperation, to increase output. The mines have gone on a day business? continuous-operation, seven week, operating under labor-management production committees.

PROTECTS SPORTSMEN

'Sporating goods are needed for civilization recreation and are important in th maintenance of civilian earthed by the Department of Agri- are encouraging morale." said Price Administrator Henderson in calling upon manufacturers o fall sporting goods and fishing equipment to prevent prices jumping above those in effect on January 10, last. And he made it plain that, while his letter was directed to manufacturers alone, he meant to control retail prices as well.

This "request" followed close upon the heels of an order freezing the supply of shotguns, pistols and other firearms at the manufacturer's door. Many of these weapons may find their way into the hands of the military an dlaw enfrocement agencies. CEILING ON RENTS

Landlords in the Hampton, Roads Va., and Washington, N. C., have We have the largest stock of Wines in the been ordered to reduce rents to the level of April 1, 1941. This is only a beginning. Price Administrator Hen-derson says he intends to move Champagne (Imported) to do Sauternes, Ports, and Burgundies. swiftly and to strike hard to correct the rent situation in more than 100 additional defense areas Among the developments last week which affect most of us, in one way or another: home. OPA's action in placing temporary price ceiling over eleven canned fruits, 15 canned vegetables . OPA placed bedding equipment GRILL under temporary control The Office of Defense Health and Welfare Services has begun a drive to see that we eat proper food, adopt-CLOSED) ed the slogan: "U. S. Needs Us Strong . . Several Greek coastal steamers, which escaped the Nazi invasion forces, are now operating with the Russian fleet in the Elack Sea. "Home of Good Fellows" AX THE AXU

culture, and projects of similar ilk turns out to be more than a tempest in a teapot.

In the House the other day a Rep. resentative described the reaction of the people by relating a story newspaper in a medium-sized Mid-Western city was selling defense stamps through its carriers who delivered papers to the customer's home. Sales fell off. Upon instruction from the newspaper, the newsboys asked why and found out that was a manifestation o fpublic reit was a manifestation of public re-It was the employment by the OCD of people deemed unqualified and Congress' voting itself pensions that time.

Some of this is on its way to be ing straightened out. Dean Landis, director of the OCD, seems to have that agency well in hand. In the opinion of many observers here the OCD is getting down to the mastio business of air raid shelters, wardens, gas masks and first aid. Congress, too, has seen the errors of its ways and is repenting on the pension

Privately, commentators here are saying that there's nothing Wrong with the morale of the people that better morale in Administration circles can't remedy.

Which brings to mind a story worth repeating. A candidate for Governor of one of our North Central states (this was some time ago) discovered an item on a travei expense account of a fellow politician. It was 80 cents for a baked potato. This candidate took up the question of the potato and made a campaign issue out of it. He acquired a reputation as watchdog of the state treasury and was three times elected

Governor of the state. Some of the economists here have been clamoring for a watchdog of the federal treasury for a long time, because, they point out, there are many 80 cent items being paid for which the country could do without.

Favorable comment has been elicited not only here, but also in the press throughout the country, at the 'conversion," step by step, of the federal government to war work:

The almost unanimous reaction hails this as a necessary economy measure and as a conservation of energies for the more important task of winning the war.

Some of teh measures, aiready accomplished ,which are being talked about are the President's direction to the heads of non-military agencies to determine hom many workers war costs-there is no question of they can release for war work, the stinting - but, they ask, what about lengthening of the federal work the Administration's getting down to week to 44 hours, and the pointing up of the work of older agencies in

Fury and frills in the Office of the direction of the defense effort. This does not mean, however, that anyone feels that all which can be age American woman. (She turned done along these lines has been done. It means only that the signs

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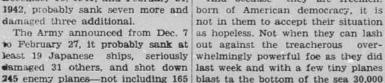
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MacArthur's men stand on Bataan, a daily living sacrifice to democracy. There, on the wild mountains battle fornt with the impregnable rock of Corregidor at their backs, in what military experts almost unanimously regard as a hopeless situation, these indomintable Americans and Filipinos refuse to recognize defeat.

MacArthu's men fight on, Filipino and American alike, because they are willing to sacrifice their lives-not just face a little discomfort-to remain as free and rugged in their The Navy reported U. S. Naval thoughts as the rocky-grown penin-

And because they are freemen. born of American democracy, it is not in them to accept their situation as hopeless. Not when they can lash Japanese planes shot down by the tons o fshipping and hundreds of



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