

House Passes Gigantic Navy Building Bill

Approves Bill To Double Size Of U. S. Fleet; Plan Two-Ocean Defense.

Washington, June 22.—A \$4,000,000,000 warship construction program to make the American navy the greatest assemblage of sea power the world has ever known was voted by the House today after scarcely two hours debate.

The swift action, together with final congressional approval of a \$1,000,000,000 tax defense bill and a \$1,768,913,903 emergency appropriation for the army and navy, shared attention at the capitol with reports of strong opposition within the Senate naval committee to confirmation of Colonel Frank Knox's nomination to be secretary of the navy.

The naval committee voted at a closed session to ask Knox to appear before it for questioning on his views toward United States policy and the war. One member, who said he favored approval of the nomination, told reporters that an informal poll indicated that if a vote were taken today the nomination would be rejected, 11 to 5.

Whether or not the committee approves the nomination, this member said, may depend on Knox's statement of his attitude toward possible United States intervention in the European war.

The navy expansion bill swept through the House with a chorus of "ayes" on a voice vote. The exact number of new ships proposed in it is a military secret, the measure cloaking this by providing only for 385,000 tons of battleships, 200,000 tons of aircraft carriers, 420,000 tons of cruisers, 250,000 tons of destroyers and 70,000 tons of submarines.

May Total 618 Ships

There have been unofficial estimates, however, that completion of the program, together with other naval construction already authorized, would give the United States a fleet of 618 warships capable of meeting simultaneous threats in the Atlantic and Pacific.

This fleet would be comprised of 26 battleships, 14 airplane carriers, 70 cruisers, 338 destroyers and 170 submarines. This compares with the existing navy of 15 battleships, five airplane carriers, 35 cruisers, 219 destroyers, and 95 submarines.

In addition to heavy combat ships, the bill also would authorize acquisition of 15,000 airplanes, construction of \$25,000,000 of small harbor defense craft and 100,000 tons of auxiliary vessels.

Informed sources said the latter would include a new, fast type of ship capable of carrying completely equipped detachments of marines, including their tanks and artillery.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Cake ingredients should be at the room temperature before the batter is mixed.

Use soapy water in preparing the starch for laundry. This tends to prevent the iron from sticking during ironing and gives the ironed starched garment a glossy finish.

Oatmeal on a dampened cloth will clean white paint.

Grass stains can be removed from summer's white linens and cottons by rubbing them with molasses before washing.

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Mayor Proclaims County Safety Day

In the interest of the Safety of the citizens of Marion and McDowell County while traveling or walking on our Streets and Highways; as a memorial to those who have met a violent death caused by the wheels of traffic; with a feeling of remorse to those who have been crippled for life by the same causes; as a tribute of thanks to those who are respecting the rights and lives of others by driving and walking safely; and with a plea to every human being in our City, County and State to do his or her part in making our streets and highways SAFE for everybody, and whereas, the Marion Chamber of Commerce has arranged for a safety day program to be held in the City of Marion on June 28th, upon which occasion a big Safety parade will be held at four P. M. of that date, I do hereby urge that in the interest of the safety of our people that all of the citizens of our city and the surrounding community join in this demonstration by coming to Marion, participate in the Safety program, see the parade, hear the lecturers and otherwise do their part for the greater safety of our people.

Given under my hand this 11th day of June, 1940.

ZENO MARTIN,
Mayor of Marion, N. C.

STATE OFFICE SAYS CCC NOW OPEN TO UNEMPLOYED YOUTH

Unemployment and the need of the training available rather than a family's need for relief funds will broaden the third quarter Civilian Conservation Corps acceptance operations in North Carolina, T. L. Grier, State CCC selection supervisor, said this week.

Acceptance of 2,405 enrollees will be held at Raleigh, July 1; Wilmington July 2; Asheville, July 9 and 10; and at all North Carolina CCC camps from July 1 to 20. County welfare superintendents are local selecting agencies operating in conjunction with the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, State selecting agency.

"Enrollment is open to all young men not employed and in need of work who are between the ages of 18 and 25, and no applicant will now be excluded from selection because his family is not in need of the allotment to be sent home each month," Grier stated.

He quoted J. J. McEntee, national corps director, to the effect that the greatest field of service for the CCC lies in training large numbers of skilled and semi-skilled mechanics with elementary engineering experience.

Sixty-three central repair shops will be in operation by fall in which unemployed youths can learn to repair trucks, power shovels, pumps, graders, generators and compressors under a full-time instructor.

Fifteen hundred camp garages give an additional work space for repair and maintenance of 40,000 pieces of automobile machinery constituting a vast laboratory for repairs and maintenance on which 72,000 enrollees are constantly learning garage mechanics.

Each of the 1,500 camps maintains a cooking and baking school in which 22,000 boys have been trained in the kitchen activities since 1933. Trained instructors in each camp have taught first-aid work to 300,000 youths since beginning of the program.

Road and bridge construction, telephone line construction and repair, short wave radio operation and photography all will now be available to unemployed youths with no work experience to fit them for a job later in life.

75 BEER LICENSES REFUSED BY BOARDS

Raleigh, June 19.—The Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors committee reported today that local governing boards in the state had eliminated "75 objectionable" beer outlets by refusing to re-license them or to license persons unable to qualify under the law.

In addition, the committee said it had secured revocation of 87 retail beer licenses in 31 counties since last September 1. Four other dealers were put on probation and 129 dealers in 62 counties were warned to "clean-up" or face sterner measures.

The 75 refusals of licenses were reported in about half of the counties and the committee said even more probably had been refused in the whole state.

First City Girl—Why do they put bells on cows?

2nd City Girl — Don't you know that, silly? It's to give warning so you can run away from them.

RANDOM STATISTICS

America's fondness for playing with model trains is the basis of a \$12,000,000 toy railroad industry.

The average delegate to a convention in New York City stays an average of 5.2 days and spends \$97 in the city during that time.

In 1939, there were 4,460,000 motor trucks in use in the United States, 3,500,000 were operated by individual owners or in fleets of eight or less.

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