

June Factory Output High

Washington, D. C.—Basing his forecast on the rapid recovery in the Nation's major industries, John D. Small, Civilian Production Administrator, predicted a "record volume" of goods will flow to consumers in the next six months.

Factory output reached a new peak in June, Small said in his quarterly report, topping prewar monthly records in washing machines, vacuum cleaners, gas ranges, electric irons and table radios. The slumps that were noted were not sufficient to offset the general gains. Autos fell off 11 per cent in June from May, but rose in July; tires and farm equipment also dropped in June by 3 and 10 per cent, respectively.

One warning note was sounded: It is probable that a "serious shortage of labor is developing" which may prove to be "an important limiting factor in production by the end of the year."

"The prospects are that business will, first, have to recruit back into the labor force large numbers of those who have left it since V-J Day, and second, require that large amounts of overtime be worked if production schedules are to be met, Small said.

Despite the fact that 10,000,000 veterans and 50,000,000 war workers have been discharged into the labor market in the last 12 months, the industrial demand for workers has been so great that unemployment has risen only 1,600,000, and "still may be considered remarkably low," Mr. Small said.

"The demand for labor in the remaining months of 1946 will be large if, as it now appears, the country's production continues to rise," he went on. "This demand will have to be filled from a depleted labor pool amounting to less than 4,000,000 workers."

69 MILLION AUTO TIRES NEW GOAL SET BY CPA

Washington, D. C.—The Civilian Production Administration has announced that production of tires for passenger cars and motorcycles will be stepped up during the last half of this year.

Director W. J. Sears of the CPA rubber division announced that a goal of 69,150,000 tires can be attained, even though only 30,842,101 were produced in the first six months. In order to reach this goal, the CPA will use its distribution of natural and synthetic rubber and other materials to increase production of passenger cars and motorcycles.



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