

# For Women Only

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### Consumer Goods

Will the defense and rearmament program cut into the amount of goods you and I can buy? Where will it cut deepest and will the shortages be the same we had during World War II?

As yet, no one person knows the complete answer to these questions and a main reason nobody knows is that the war we're in now—how long it will last, how big it will grow—is something that can't be answered. However, here are some of the facts which can help us make up our own minds about what to expect:

### Metals

All of us know that airplanes,

ships and guns take a lot of metals. Also, we know that metals have been none too plentiful since the other war ended. Not plentiful, that is, in relation to the demand for automobiles, refrigerators, and such.

It's certain we will feel the cut in metals: How deeply we'll feel it is not known. The government, in its first metals cut order, said civilians would have to get along on 35 per cent less aluminum for a while. This cut may not mean fewer pots and pans for a long time because supplies of them are good, but it certainly will mean less aluminum window screening on the market next summer. And will hamper the production of many other things.

Additional cuts for other metals are promised soon. Copper is one of the scarcest of all metals, so expect that to be hit hard.

### Wool to Wear

The fabric in shortest supply during the next few years promises to be anything made of wool. Why? The answer is that the world consumption of wool is running ahead of the present world supply. Also, the U. S. has no stockpile of wool now, and it did have a big stockpile at the beginning of World War II. We bought the total Australian clip that time, but this time we don't have it.

This shortage may never become so serious you can't find a good supply of wool things in stores—but you certainly are going to have to pay more for them. Anyone who has tried to buy a wool carpet this year knows that the price of woolen goods already is skyrocketing. The wise housewife will take super good care of blankets, suits and coats—if she wants to save money. Also, it seems likely that the quality of new goods may not be up to the quality of things we already have.

### Cotton, Too

This year's cotton crop is a small one and, unlike what was true last war, the government does not now have large stocks of cotton stored anywhere in warehouses. Despite a bigger production of rayon and a better supply of nylon, the country's total textile position is just not as good as it was before. So watch those sheets and pillowcases and towels.

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when it comes to food than we were last time. The Department of Agriculture says food will be plentiful all next year.

Prices will be higher, though, the Department — as well as everybody else — says. Red meats like steak and lamb will advance the most in price, it is expected. Poultry, milk, eggs and possibly pork will go up less. On only one food does there seem to be a chance that the price might go down. Irish potatoes just might be cheaper! The government will have no support prices under them next year, for the first time in 10 years, and—unless farmers cut their production intentionally — consumers may get a bargain here.

**Houses**  
You already know it will be harder to build or buy a new house. The government does not want production goals set at more than around 800,000 new homes for next year. (Well over a million were built this year.) Rather than rationing houses, the government has done about the same thing by shutting down on money which can go into housing and making the payments tougher.

The building industry says that not nearly 800,000 families can afford to buy homes on the present credit terms. But the government says wait and see, that maybe there won't be materials enough to build that many anyway.

**Money**  
As employment goes higher, you and other members of your family may have more money. Whether it will buy more is the question. How to manage it so it will meet the payment terms best is another question. It will take better managing. Also, remember the government does not want too much of it in circulation, wants more in taxes and more put into savings bonds.

**Elections**  
We don't pretend to be happy about the outcome of all the November elections, but we can be pleased that so many voters were out there casting ballots and picking and choosing. The issues got confused. Lies were told, and sometimes the best candidate did not get a fair hearing. But that too often happens in elections. It will happen less, we hope, as more and more people become interested in voting and demand more and more facts.

At any rate, one doesn't leave the ball game just because the umpire makes a wrong decision. One just keeps plugging. We think the election may mean that war profits won't be taxed enough and that it may be harder to make our side heard on some questions. But we can SHOUT LOUDER... and Hope. As good citizens, we can't do less.

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"In some homes, children say their prayers at their mother's bedside. In our home, my mother said her prayers at my bedside. She was a deeply religious woman. She took me to church every Sunday. And she never tired of telling me that the happiest of all women is the one who has discovered the Kingdom within. Certainly my mother's 'lovingness' and firm sweetness showed she had discovered the Kingdom within. She had strength and peace of heart that made her glow with happiness. Even strangers quickly saw it. And she used to say:

"If you know right from wrong... if you learn to taste the joy—and the discipline—of knowing God, you will know love and happiness all your life."  
"This is what we are trying to give our children—almost from the time they are able to walk. So when our friends say they are thinking of not sending their children to church until they are old enough to understand and make up their own minds, John and I cannot agree with them."  
"How else will a growing child acquire the strong sense of moral right and wrong that will lead him to happi-

ness? Only our churches can teach him."  
"John and I honestly feel that even with our strong religious backgrounds, there are still many questions of right and wrong that perplex us. (And as every parent knows, there are many—not only those that arise in the home, but also from neighbors, schools, clubs.) And especially with moral values fluctuating as they are doing in the world today, we want our children to have the guidance and fortitude that only the Church can give them. We know it ourselves. And how incalculably it has helped us!"

take your problems to Church this week millions leave them there!