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NELSON IN COMMAND PRODUCTION UNLIMITED THE EXAMPLE OF PLANES

Guns, planes, tanks, ships and other paraphernalia of warfare, produced in unlimited quantities is the American victory plan.

The appointment of Donald M. Nelson, as chairman of the new War Production Board, in complete command of procurement and production, gives some guarantee that multiplied and overlapping agencies will be coalesced into a quick, decisive acting control of our industrial program.

With war expenditures expected to mount gradually to \$5,000,000,000 a month, this production is a mammoth undertaking. Some idea of the magnitude of the setup can be seen from the fact that only \$4,611,000,000 were actually expended in the six months ending June, 1941. During the last six months of the past year, defense expenditures amounted to \$3,822,000,000.

During the next six months some \$17,178,000,000 will be used to pay for material and the total expenditures for the fiscal year 1942, which ends next June 30th, is estimated at \$26,000,000,000. In the following twelve months this sum, according to the President's program, will involve \$56,000,000,000.

It is impossible to attempt to estimate the production of many items of defense. Figures for the output of airplanes are interesting. Four years ago the aircraft industry was producing around 100 airplanes a month. This has been stepped up to 250, 500, 1,000 and estimates for December, 1941, are around 2,500 a month, which is 30,000 a year, but production must be doubled and then tripled so that next December will produce 7,500 planes and the following December more than 12,000.

If this country is now producing more than 30,000 planes a year and Great Britain 24,000, the combined output of the English-speaking nations is ahead of Germany's 36,000 planes and Japan's 6,000. When American production gets into full stride, the democracies are expected to double the number produced by the Axis Powers and, if the war lasts, to eventually triple the Axis output.

We have used airplanes to illustrate the magnitude of the undertaking by the United States. Similar figures are applicable to other items. Naturally, the full resources of American industry must be mobilized for the job and raw materials must be ruthlessly seized when necessary.

With production in the hands of an experienced man like Mr. Nelson, who is thoroughly familiar with the capacity of American industry, there is every indication that the national economy will be successfully geared to its stupendous war task.

HOW LONG THE WAR? ONE WAY TO WIN HOME FRONT MUST HELP

Many Americans wonder how long the present war will last, exhibiting an inevitable tendency to grasp at every rumor and report of trouble in Germany and coddling themselves with disparaging opinions as to the fighting qualities of the Japanese and Italians.

While it is natural for us to wish for a short war, nothing would be more insane than for our officials to proceed on the theory that an easy victory is in sight. It would be a grievous error if the people of this country become convinced of this possibility and relax in their firm demand for all-out preparations for a long war.

To delude ourselves with visions of an easy and quick victory is to render assistance to the enemies of this country. To achieve victory, the nation must count on its own strength. It is never wise to build false hopes upon what one would like to see happen in enemy countries. It is possible, perhaps, that German morale may crack. We hope it does, but only national loyalty would permit the United States to base its war plans upon this development.

We must thoroughly prepare for a long, bitter and bloody war. It may be the means of earning a short or long conflict. Nevertheless, because we are in this war to preserve our way of life and to assure its protection in the future, we must not be satisfied with anything except complete victory.

This means the overthrow of militarism in Germany, Italy and Japan. It may include a costly attack against the Axis industrial defense of those countries. It may mean the annihilation of those who are in the way of our way of life.

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only when Axis soldiers are compelled to face an overwhelming superiority of mechanized force. The armies of Germany, Italy and Japan have demonstrated an ability to win battles when they have used superior equipment against their enemies.

The morale of German and Japanese soldiers is excellent when advancing in a victory march. It may be something else again when they are pitted against better equipped fighting men and find themselves blasted by an overwhelming array of guns, planes and tanks.

When the soldiers of the United Nations gain mechanical superiority, there is little doubt as to the outcome of the struggle. Americans should realize, however, that this has not been achieved except to a limited extent in localized areas for a limited time. We can watch for progress of the Soviet army as it pushes back German invaders and it is on this front that we may first see definite indications of a cracking of Nazi morale.

All-out production for war in the United States will entail hardships upon the people at home but it is the best way to save the lives of American boys on the fighting fronts. Every citizen must be prepared to patriotically endure whatever the Government asks. It is a small contribution for those at home to make. It should be a comfort, however, to realize that the cooperation of all Americans, in minor sacrifices, will assure the success of this nation and enable our soldiers, sailors and marines to accomplish their task at the lowest cost.

SEA POWER IN USE JAPANESE ADVANTAGE AXIS SUFFER IN AFRICA

Americans who wonder how the Japanese have been able to launch simultaneous invasions of Malaya and the Philippines, while carrying on a war with China, seldom stop to think of the distances that must be spanned by Japanese forces and thereby fail to discern for forcible illustration of sea power, exerted to its utmost capacity.

Spectacular bombing of objectives and the amazing destruction of British capital ships off Malaya by torpedo-carrying airplanes obscure the widespread use of ships to transport troops and supplies to the points of attack. While some of these ships have been destroyed by the attacks of planes and submarines, the losses have not been sufficient to prevent the surprising landings in great strength.

Back of the Japanese advances is the almost absolute control of the vital waters by warships of the island empire. How complete this is may be seen from the readiness of the Japs to divide their fleet into small units, each containing battleships as well as other vessels. This strategy would invite disaster in the face of enemy forces of equal power and its success demonstrates the inability of American, British and Dutch warships to challenge Japanese naval superiority.

The Japanese advances are hazardous because supply lines must be maintained if present gains are to be secured. Eventually, naval forces of the United Nations will threaten and attack the ships transporting supplies and reinforcements and the Jap navy will be engaged in operations at a distance from adequate supporting bases. Nevertheless, the supply route must be defended unless Japanese land forces suffer the fate that has overwhelmed the Axis armies in Libya.

In the Mediterranean Sea, where the British have established decided naval superiority, the effective use of sea-power has interfered with Axis supply lines and this has prevented the arrival of sufficient reinforcements to permit Gen. Rommel to make an effective stand. The inability of the Axis to maintain a dependable supply line to Africa has been responsible for the set-backs there.

The Axis should understand that their superiority in superior soldiers and planes has not prevented the British from raying the beaches

that inevitably flow from superior sea-power, even in the comparatively small confines of the Mediterranean Sea. These advantages will be inevitable as long as the vast bulk of the world's commerce is carried in surface ships.

Eventually, the aerial age may relegate surface ships to the limbo of forgotten things but in this war, despite the growing importance of aerial warfare, the possession of superior sea-power, which includes warships, merchant ships and bases, has given the democracies their chance for success.

The British fleet countered the German army and assisted the R.A.F. in thwarting Hitler's aerial superiority. The Japanese fleet has given Japan some spectacular early successes in the Far East but our expectation that the trend will be reversed depends, in large measure, upon the knowledge that some day in the future, we will assemble predominant sea-power in the Far East.

Farmers Urged Speed Up Machinery Repairs

When President Roosevelt says "Speed Up," he is talking to farmers as well as ship-builders and munitions-makers, says David S. Weaver, Extension agricultural engineer of N. C. State College. The immediate job on the Farm Defense Schedule, according to Weaver, is to inventory farm equipment and make necessary repairs to machinery.

"Most farmers let their repairs go until spring," the engineer said, "but 1942 is different. Equipment manufacturers have been allotted a definite amount of steel. Whether this goes into new equipment, or into repair parts for good used equipment now in farmers' hands, will be determined by the orders placed now by wise farmers who have gone over their equipment carefully and planned their repairs."

Prof. Weaver says that local farm equipment dealers generally are ready for the farm machinery repair campaign. They have built up their stocks of replacement parts. Priorities have been issued for the making of repair with the intention of making usable most of the older equipment now on farms.

"Remember," the Extension specialist declared, "a hundred pounds of repair may mean the saving of a ton of steel. Why? One hundred pounds of steel used for making repair parts may mean that a one-ton machine won't be needed. The other 1,900 pounds of steel can go into tanks, guns and ships. War in 1942 is a lot different, and these little points are big things to consider these days."

Weaver paraphrased Kipling's immortal words by saying: "For the want of a bolt, a machine was lost! For the want of a machine, a crop was lost! For the want of a crop, a soldier was lost! For the want of a soldier, a battle was lost and, for the want of a battle, a victory was lost!"

Rural Electric Program Helps Prepare For War

Farm people of North Carolina are in a better position to answer the call for "Food for the Fighting Forces" because of the rural electrification program which has been conducted since 1935, says D. E. Jones, Extension agricultural engineer of N. C. State College. The number of electrified farms in the State has increased 900 per cent in the past six years.

More than 100,000 farm families in North Carolina now have high line service, Jones reported. This is one-third of all the farms in the State.

"Electricity will help the farmer to increase production," the Extension man said. "It will help him to produce his products at lower cost, save time and labor, and will help produce better products."

As an example, Jones said that a dairy farmer can cool the milk, pump water for his cows and for his home, and operate a household refrigerator, stove and other appliances, for less than he paid for the ice for the milk house alone before he had electricity, when doing this work for less cost, he produces more milk and better milk because his cows have plenty of water at the drinking cups and

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With a garden hose and small nozzle, the farmer can irrigate the garden from the electric water pump, Jones pointed out. Thus, he will increase vegetable production for home use and for market. A thousand gallons of water pumped electrically for two cents will go a long way toward wetting down a quarter-acre garden patch.

EQUIPMENT

United States military authorities say that to build an army, 250 pounds of cotton are required for each enlisted man, with frequent replacements of clothing articles necessary.

HAS 7TH CAESAREAN BABY

Chicago—Recently Mrs. John Deeski, 39, of Aurora, Ill., gave birth to her tenth child, the seventh consecutive child by Caesarean section. The condition of both the mother and 6-pound baby boy was reported good.

Almost every busy man knows the importance of exercise and recreation but few of them stop long enough to put their knowledge into practice.

Inflation is a danger that should be avoided but unless positive action is taken it is certain to produce another deflation headache in this country.

The rewards of neutrality are not being praised in Norway, Denmark and Belgium.

Words have meanings to other ears, so be careful how you use them. Cheap praise: A newspaper praises itself.

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1. More than \$2,000,000,000 a month.
2. WPA estimates: 3,800,000.
3. No; the nation has the largest supply of foodstuff on record.
4. Yes; 80 per cent has come from Malaya, now cut off.
5. Archibald Percival Wavell.
6. 70,000,000.
7. 3,750,000.
8. 75,000 tanks, 125,000 planes, and 10,000,000 tons of ships.
9. 7,000 miles.
10. Germany is said to have 700,000 machine tools under 9 years of age; the U. S., 520,000 under 10 years of age.

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