

Washington Notes

REPLACEMENTS
Civilian employees, some of them women, have replaced Army enlisted men engaged in clerical and house-keeping activities for combat duty. To date, over 20,000 soldiers have been replaced.

PROTECTION
President Roosevelt has asked Congress for \$100,000,000 for air raid protection for the American people.

NOTHING
Industry has recommended to the War Production Board certain changes in the design of men and boys clothing in a wool conserving program; elimination of two-trouser suits and vests in double-breasted suits; a halt in the production of patch pockets, belted coats, and cuffs and pleats in trousers; reduction of coat lengths by one inch; and overcoats now averaging about 46 inches in 43 inches.

TRAVEL
Priority for seats and cargo space upon commercial airlines has been established by Brig. Gen. Donald H. Connolly, Military Director of Civil Aviation: (1) White House personnel; (2) Army, Navy, and Marine Corps; Ferry Command pilots traveling under orders; (3) personnel of the armed forces and allied military missions traveling under orders; (4) Army and Navy equipment, ammunition, supplies and materials essential to the war program; (5) personnel of Government departments and agencies whose activities are essential to the war effort, and whose travel is certified for priority by air. These priorities are not expected to interfere very much with the travel of the general public.

COST OF LIVING
Cost of living rose 2.2 per cent. in the last quarter of 1941, according to Labor Secretary Perkins. Cost of living is now over 110 per cent. of the 1935-36 average. The cost of living rose less in December for people living in large cities than during any month since last March. However, the rise in cost of foodstuffs during the first half of January was unusually sharp.

SUGAR
According to the Department of Justice, the recently adopted practice by a number of grocery stores of requiring consumers to purchase a designated amount of other groceries in order to obtain a limited amount of sugar is subject to Federal prosecution as a violation of the anti-trust laws. The Department of Justice is interested in any complaints from any part of the country against retail grocers who are using the current sugar shortage to exploit the low-income groups.

Looking at Washington
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of new bases "so that they will all be available at the right time."

General Arnold referred to the report of the Senate Defense Investigating Committee, which had quoted him as saying that the P-40 type was hardly better under present aerial warfare conditions than a good pursuit trainer. He explained that the remark was "off the record," that it was correct at the time and that the committee did not give any member of his command a chance to testify at its hearings. However, he explained that the P-40 has been succeeded by the very effective P-40-A, B, C, D, E and F.

The General quoted the British as saying that the P-40-D (Kitty Hawk) pursuit was superior to all the other Royal Air Force ships in the Middle East. He pointed out that one squadron in Russia of that type brought down 13 hostile planes with the loss of one ship; that at Pearl Harbor airplanes of the same type engaged in a victorious battle with the Japanese and that the American volunteer aviators, defending the Burma Road and Bataan, many using the P-40 type, bagged from 90 to 100 planes with the loss of only three ships.

PEARL HARBOR LESSON HUMBILIATING FACTS NEW INQUIRY PROPOSED

The Pearl Harbor disaster, as explained in the report of the special presidential commission, headed by Justice Roberts, represents a distinct humiliation to the nation, regardless of the technical questions involving incompetence and negligence of the high officers in command.

That "error of judgment" was made involving the entirely erroneous belief that such an aerial attack was too remote to require an active and alert defense, is clearly established. It also seems evident that the commanding officers of the Army and Navy were not exhibiting the vigilance that should have been exercised.

The Japanese received the impression that the approach of the United States was a bluff, but that the American fleet was in the area. It is also clear that the American fleet was not in the area at the time of the attack. The Japanese fleet was in the area at the time of the attack. The American fleet was not in the area at the time of the attack.

The Patriotic Duty Of Every Farmer Is To Produce What Is Needed To Win The War And The Peace That Follows

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The output of farmers in Pitt county can not be too large this year. And, as striking as it may seem after a nightmare of surpluses, farm output can not grow too large after the war is over.

The goal for 1942 is to provide the people of the United States and people living in other countries fighting for freedom with adequate nutrition, and, in addition, to begin building up reserves of food for the post-war world.

We have a reserve in wheat, cotton and tobacco now; we will try to build a reserve of finished foods like canned pork, canned vegetables, dried eggs, and evaporated milk. And all other kinds of food that will keep.

Huge reserves of food will be an important weapon for the United States in the event of a surprise attack. A m. was attacked and sunk by the Navy patrol but no alert warnings were issued to the base because of this development.

These are humiliating facts but there are others just as bad. More than two hundred consular agents were active in Honolulu, under the Japanese Consul, and the attackers had "complete information" as to the operations of the fleet, where naval vessels would be berthed, where airplanes were located and that no adequate airplane patrol existed around the periphery of Oahu.

There is every reason to believe that the lesson will be thoroughly learned to the ultimate benefit of the United States. In certain regions, it is said, steps have already been taken to concentrate command of vital forces in a single head in order that defense and offense may be properly coordinated.

Naturally, it is inevitable that some isolationists, and others who have steadily opposed the foreign policy of the Government, should attempt to link the disaster at Pearl Harbor with the transfer of destroyers to Great Britain, the institution of the Atlantic Patrol and the delivery of war supplies to the nations fighting aggression.

In this connection, the Roberts Commission, while realizing that additional strength was needed at Hawaii, concluded that "presupposing timely disposition" of "the forces available," they "were adequate to frustrate a surprise air attack or greatly to mitigate its effectiveness."

It is also to be regretted that some congressmen seem to have the idea that a prolonged investigation of the Pearl Harbor affair should be conducted by a congressional committee. There are references to a court-martial and suggestions that various officials should be removed. No useful purpose could be served by giving congressional critics a field day, or permitting them to take high-ranking officers from duty in order to testify before their investigating committee.

CONGRESSIONAL PENSIONS HOW PLAN WORKS
The people of the United States should understand one provision in the Civil Service Bill, recently passed by Congress and approved by the President.

The retirement bill, making certain changes in provisions for the retirement of Civil Service workers, was amended to permit elected officials to join the pension system by notifying the disbursing office if they wanted deductions made from their checks.

Members of Congress would pay \$41.50 a month on their \$10,000-a-year salaries for the retirement privileges, making them eligible for retirement at 60, 62 or 70 years of age, depending on the number of years served, with a pension ranging up to \$4,000 a year.

Representative Ramspeck, author of the bill, denies that the measure gives members of Congress any preferential treatment. He says it provides "only a moderate annuity for the vast majority of the elected officials" and added that of the 531 members of the House and Senate, only ten could retire at the end of this session with an annuity of as much as \$5,000.

It must be admitted, even by a congressman, that for a member of Congress to pay \$41.50 a month for the balance of 1942 and to retire with an annuity of any considerable amount, is a gratuity, entirely unearned.

States in crushing Hitlerism. The fact that we have great quantities of food to be used after the war will help undermine the "new order" in a hungry Europe.

And when the war is over, this supply of food will carry weight at the peace table. We Americans have learned from experience that it is as important to win the peace as it is to win a war. If we expect our peace planners to hold Joe Stalin's communism in line, then it is important that we supply them with an "ace in the hole"—a huge reservoir of foodstuff.

After the war Europe will be faced with the menace of hunger. If we don't feed and clothe the people of the various depleted countries, then we may expect revolutionary upheavals in Europe. It will be about as important to supply these countries with food after the war as it is to supply England and Russia with Lend-Lease supplies now.

This logic inspires the farmers in this section of a large market long after the war. There will be tremendous need in Europe for grains, feeds, fibers, dairy products, meats, and breeding stocks for flocks and herds.

During a war it is the patriotic duty of every farmer in Pitt county to adjust the output of his farm to the demands of the government. The Agricultural Adjustment Administration is actively trying to assist farmers "in producing more of what the country needs and less of what it does not need."

Without guidance through an agency such as the AAA, farmers in this county and over the United States would incur the dangerous risk of making bad adjustments—this is what happened in the first World War. Intelligent and patriotic farmers in this county will heed the advice of farm officials in the government, who are in a position to know what our farm war needs are.

WASHINGTON FARM FACTS:

The Surplus Marketing Administration purchased during December more than \$9,000,000 worth of United States farm products; dairy, poultry, and meat products; were the largest group of purchases.

Food containers used for Lend-Lease and other overseas shipment will, in the near future, be identified by a special emblem designed by Walt Disney; the emblem shows an American Eagle poised protectively over a cargo boat, fending off a bombing plane.

The Department of Agriculture is asking for 40 million cases of canned tomatoes and 38 million cases of canned peas this year; both of these vegetables are among the most vital products sought in the Food for Freedom campaign.

A shortage of ocean shipping which has reduced the exports of shell eggs from Argentina, has forced this country to set up an egg-drying industry; one plant with an egg-drying capacity of one million eggs daily was opened on November 17, a second will open in March, and plans for a third plant is underway.

The Department of Agriculture will purchase eggs in the coming months in the amounts necessary to keep the price of eggs at a minimum of 85 per cent of parity; this is done to encourage expanded production for wartime needs.

The Commodity Credit Corporation will purchase all lots of unimproved approved varieties of soybeans remaining on hand May 31, 1942, at a price of \$2.00 per bushel, provided the germination is 85 per cent or better; this was done to prevent soybean seed from being crushed before farmers have had time to make necessary purchase for spring seeding in their effort to achieve the expanded soybean production goal of 9 million acres, a 54 per cent increase above the 1941 crop.

Plans are being made for the construction of 15 mobile camps to provide shelter for 2,700 farm laborer

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STATE COLLEGE ANSWERS TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS

QUESTION: What is the recommended cainin budget for a family of five?
ANSWER: Mrs. Mary E. Thomas, extension nutritionist, recommends: 20 quarts of string beans, 5 quarts of lima beans, 10 quarts of beets, 5 quarts of carrots, 5 quarts of corn, 5 quarts of greens, 5 quarts of okra, 10 quarts of garden peas, 30 quarts of soup mixtures, 60 quarts of tomatoes, and 60 pounds of dried vegetables and 40 pounds of dried fruit.

School Children To Hear Broughton Discuss Gardens

One of the features of "Victory Garden Week," February 9-14, will be an address by Governor J. Melville Broughton. He will use a State-wide radio network to deliver a message to school children on Tuesday, February 10.

John W. Goodman, assistant director of the State College Extension Service and chairman of the State Agricultural Workers Council which is acting as the steering committee for the Victory Garden campaign, has worked with Governor Broughton and Dr. Clyde Erwin, superintendent of public instruction, in arranging for the broadcast.

Goodman announced that the Governor's address will be broadcast over Station WPTT, Raleigh, Station WBIG, Greensboro, and Station WWCN, Asheville from 9:30 to 9:45 o'clock, and over Station WBT, Charlotte from 9:45 to 10:00 o'clock, on Tuesday morning.

Dr. Erwin has instructed the school principals and the 25,000 teachers in the schools of the State to have their 300,000 students assembled before radios during the time of the Governor's broadcast. Governor Broughton will tell the school children and their teachers how they can cooperate in the Victory Garden campaign.

Goodman says the Victory Garden committee has suggested that schools participate in the food-production program by encouraging children to grow food to supply school lunches in gardens at home and at school; to promote the program through local parent-teacher associations, chapel periods, plays, and school and community meetings; to encourage each of the 20,000 high school students of vocational agriculture and the more than 10,000 students in adult farmers' classes to have farm gardens; to direct the 867 home economics teachers to stress nutrition through canning fruits and vegetables; and to establish community canneries in the schools.

On soils of average fertility, complete fertilizers may be used safely at the rate of one ton to the acre if broadcast, and not greater than 1,000 pounds if applied in the furrow.

The nation may be at war but this doesn't stop the pension grab.

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QUESTION: What is the best garden fertilizer?
ANSWER: Manure has no substitute as a general garden fertilizer. However, if the manure is not available, then it will be necessary to furnish plant nutrients in the form of chemical fertilizers. On soils of average fertility, complete fertilizers may be used safely at the rate of one ton per acre, if applied broadcast. If applied in the furrow, the applications should not be greater than 1,000 pounds per acre. Heavier applications may prove harmful. If more fertilizer seems necessary, apply it as a side dressing after the crop has become established.

THE ANSWERS

1. Philippine time is 13 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time.
2. Roughly, 2,000 by 4,000 miles.
3. About 11,000 miles.
4. Twenty-one.
5. The imprisoned Premier of Burma.
6. None; it has been abolished.
7. The smallest combat vessel in the Navy—about 50 feet long and with great speed they carry four torpedo tubes and four machine guns.
8. London, where Queen Wilhelmina went when the Germans occupied the Netherlands.
9. United States Armed Forces in the Far East.
10. Yes; the "Southeast Pacific Headquarters of the United Nations," on Java, issued its No. 1 war communique on Jan. 25th.

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