

# TWO WEEKS IN DEFENSE

The President asked Congress for nearly six billion dollars more for lend-lease materials. Lend-Lease Administrator Stettinius was given power to approve aid requests; this with other changes is expected to cut from 30 to 15 days the period between receipt of a request and actual authorization for assistance.

Mr. Roosevelt told Congress that of the original seven billion appropriated six months ago, all but \$720,000,000 is "now moving through the successive stages of allocation, obligation, production and delivery." He said \$246,400,000 in materials and \$78,170,000 in services has been given the anti-Axis nations.

The Defense Supplies Corporation, an RFC subsidiary, contracted with Amtorg Trading Corporation, a U. S. corporation owned by Russia, for the purchase of \$100,000,000 of manganese, chromite, asbestos and platinum. The supplies agency arranged to pay Amtorg half of the amount in advance so Russia could use the money to buy war materials here. Treasury Secretary Morgenthau similarly advanced the Soviet Union \$10,000,000 on future gold deliveries to the United States.

### NAVY PROTECTING SHIPS

Navy Secretary Knox told the American Legion convention the Navy is using all methods including convoys, to protect vessels of all flags carrying aid to Britain. He said the Navy has orders to capture or destroy, by every means at their disposal, Axis-controlled submarines or surface raiders in the waters between the U. S. and Iceland.

### NEUTRALITY ACT INTERPRETATION

The State Department announced that as a result of an interpretation by the Attorney General that the "United Kingdom" is only England, Wales, Scotland and North Ireland, American ships may henceforth carry war supplies and passengers to parts of the British Empire not designated by the President to be in combat areas. Under this interpretation American ships are still barred from going to France, Poland, India, the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the Union of South Africa.

### NAVY EXPANSION PROGRESS

The Navy reported it has contracted or 2,831 ships, including 332 fighting vessels—every ship authorized under the seven billion dollar program to create "the greatest array of fighting ships under one flag the world has ever seen". 32 battleships, 18 aircraft carriers, 91 cruisers, 364 destroyers and 183 submarines, a total fighting fleet of 691 ships.

The Navy announced development of a 1,900-ton cargo vessel, the Sea Otter, so "light in weight, simple in construction, relatively cheap in both original cost and upkeep. . . (it) will challenge the submarine and provide a new bridge to the free nations of the world." The vessel is so small it can be built in inland yards in two months. It will carry anti-aircraft battery, be manned by only a few men make 12 knots, and be capable of a 5,000 mile voyage.

The Maritime Commission took over ships of the Alcoa line after striking sailors refused to arbitrate their dispute. The ships will be operated by the Commission on their regular runs. The Commission announced that on September 1, 104 ships had been completed of a total 788 being built for all purposes under the Commission's auspices. The announcement said 14 ships will be launched September 27 in joint ceremonies on the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf coasts.

OPM Director Knudsen, speaking on the radio, said "I would like to see every American decide to give. . . an extra hour or an extra half hour or even an extra fifteen minutes to his job from now on. . . If we get the work we'll get the guns. . ." The War Department reported all 10 machine-gun plants required for present estimated needs are now in operation and

machine-gun production has increased 460 percent since August, 1940.

### ARMY MORALE

Army Chief of Staff Marshall told the American Legion national convention at Milwaukee there is a difference between "free discussion" and "destructive measures to promote discontent and destroy confidence in the Army." He said "I submit. . . the impossibility of developing an efficient army if decision which are purely military in nature are continuously subjected to investigation, cross-examination, debate, ridicule and public discussion by pressure groups, or by individuals with only a superficial knowledge of military matters, or of the actual facts in the particular case. . . Don't tear down what you are striving so hard to build up. . . this country must have the best army in the world."

### DEFENSE HOUSING PRIORITIES

OPM Priorities Director Nelson announced several hundred building materials such as steel, iron, nails, bolts, electrical fixtures, ranges, etc., have been placed on a "defense housing critical list." Priorities on them will be given to builders constructing 200,000 privately-financed housing units in 275 defense areas of the U. S. and territories. Mr. Nelson said the plan will apply to financed homes selling for up to \$6,000 or renting for not more than \$50 a month. First preference will be given to homes under construction on September 1 and for remodeling and rehabilitation work, and then for new homes for rent and new homes to be sold.

### OIL, GASOLINE

Defense Oil Coordinator Ickes said gasoline restrictions will not be lifted. Mr. Ickes said in the face of a 12 1/2 percent drop in gasoline stocks compared to this time last year, there is a demand of 11 percent more than last year. Deliveries to East coast filling stations were 11.4 percent lower last week than the week before, and will have to cut more, he said, unless the pipeline is built from Texas to New Jersey.

### 30-DAY MINE TRUCE

Defense Mediation Board Chairman Davis announced an agreement with the United Mine Workers of America to reopen strike-bound "captive" mines for a period of 30 days beginning September 22. The agreement requires a three-day written notice by either side before operations can be halted. Negotiations on the union shop demand which led to the strike will be resumed September 24. The U. S. Conciliation Service announced settlement of 27 labor disputes.

### PRIORITY EMPLOYMENT

OPM Associate Director Hillman announced employers in Scranton and Wilkes-Barre, Pa., have agreed to hire 1,335 power-machine operators and 200 assistants from among the 3,500 workers forced out of employment in those two areas by the silk shortage. Mr. Hillman also announced a broad "model" program of State and local cooperation with OPM to alleviate unemployment in the silk, automobile and rubber industries in New Jersey.

### PRICES

A. C. Hoffman of the OPA Food Section, speaking in Philadelphia, said farm prices have risen more than 49 percent since the outbreak of the war and stand now at 97 percent of parity in terms of things farmers buy. Labor Secretary Perkins said living costs at August 15 this year were 7.5 percent more than two years ago.

### NURSES

Surgeon General Magee announced more than 10,000 nurses are needed for the Army Nurse Corps, including 4,000 Reserve nurses to care for men still to be inducted this year and an equal number to replace the estimated 40 percent who will request discharge at the end of their one year enlistments. Information can be obtained from the War Department or the Red Cross, Washington, D. C.

### TAXATION

Congress passed and sent to the White House the \$3,533,400,000 tax bill for 1941, increasing the number of taxpayers by an estimated 2,275,000 persons. The bill increases corporation surtaxes and lowers present individual exemptions from \$2,000 to \$1,500 for married persons and from \$800 to \$750 for single taxpayers.

### PRODUCTION

Crops production in England this year is at a record peak, arable crop-land having been increased by one-third in the past two years.

### GROCERIES

Americans may soon be buying more of their groceries in powder form as a result of the move to conserve precious shipping space.

### WELL-WELL!

American wine consumption is on the rapid rise. Total apparent consumption in the U. S. last year was 89,802,000 gallons of the joyous and less-joyous juice.

## Farmers Should Claim Cotton Equity By Oct. 1st

Many North Carolina farmers who received a government loan on 1938, 1939 or 1940 cotton still have an equity in the cotton and can sell it at the present market price, which is several cents a pound higher than when the loans were made, says J. A. Shanklin, Extension cotton specialist, N. C. State College.

Mr. Shanklin advises farmers who placed cotton under loans in the past three years, and who have not redeemed the liens since then, to inquire immediately about the process of claiming their equity in the cotton, which the Commodity Credit Corporation still is holding as security for loans. Claims for cotton equity must be placed with the CCC before October 1, inasmuch as all outstanding loans will be paid on that date.

Cotton not redeemed by October 1, will be placed in pools and sold after March 1, 1942. Upon final liquidation of all cotton in each pool, the net proceeds, after deduction of all advances and accrued costs, including insurance, storage and handling charges will be distributed among producers having cotton in the pool. Distribution of any net proceeds will be made among growers according to the value of the individual holding in the pool.

Many persons have moved from their former farm homes and their present address is not known. Mr. Shanklin urges friends of such people to advise them of the cotton situation immediately. Some farmers either have forgotten about their equity in loan cotton or have mistakenly understood that the government took over the lint as payment for the loan.

Farmers are advised to determine their equity in loan cotton based upon the current market price, for the grade and staple under loan, before selling it.

### PLAIN

Because it takes two pounds more of crude rubber to make a white sidewall tire than it does to make a regular black one, U. S. manufacturers will suspend production of sidewalls for the present.

## Agriculture Set To Pull Its Greatest Squeeze Play

North Carolina farmers will get a chance at bat when American agriculture begins its greatest "squeeze play" of all time in a farm-to-farm campaign which will begin next month and is scheduled to score substantial increases in the production of virtually all farm commodities next year in the World Series of War.

There has been a call for increases of approximately 15 per cent in the 1952 production of all North Carolina farm commodities except flue-cured tobacco, cotton, corn and wheat under the food-for-freedom campaign recently announced by Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard and aimed to turn out the largest farm production in the history of the nation.

Representatives of all North Carolina branches of the U. S. Department of Agriculture will attend a 13-state food-for-freedom conference in Memphis, Tenn., September 29 and 30, to map plans for conducting the production increase campaign, it was announced by G. T. Scott, Johnston county farmer who heads both the state USDA Defense Board and the state AAA Committee. The campaign, Mr. Scott said, will involve visits by AAA committeemen and representa-

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"It is extremely fortunate," the AAA leader declared, "that our farmers are organized as they are under the AAA program and are able through their local committeemen to plan a farm program for next year which will eclipse anything the world has ever seen. Next month farmers will elect new, 1942 AAA committeemen in every township and community in the state. We farmers can make our own path easier in this year of record production by electing men we know to be capable of the kind of leadership that will be needed."

The food-or-freedom campaign was announced after Uncle Sam agreed to feed 10,000,000 more Britons next year.

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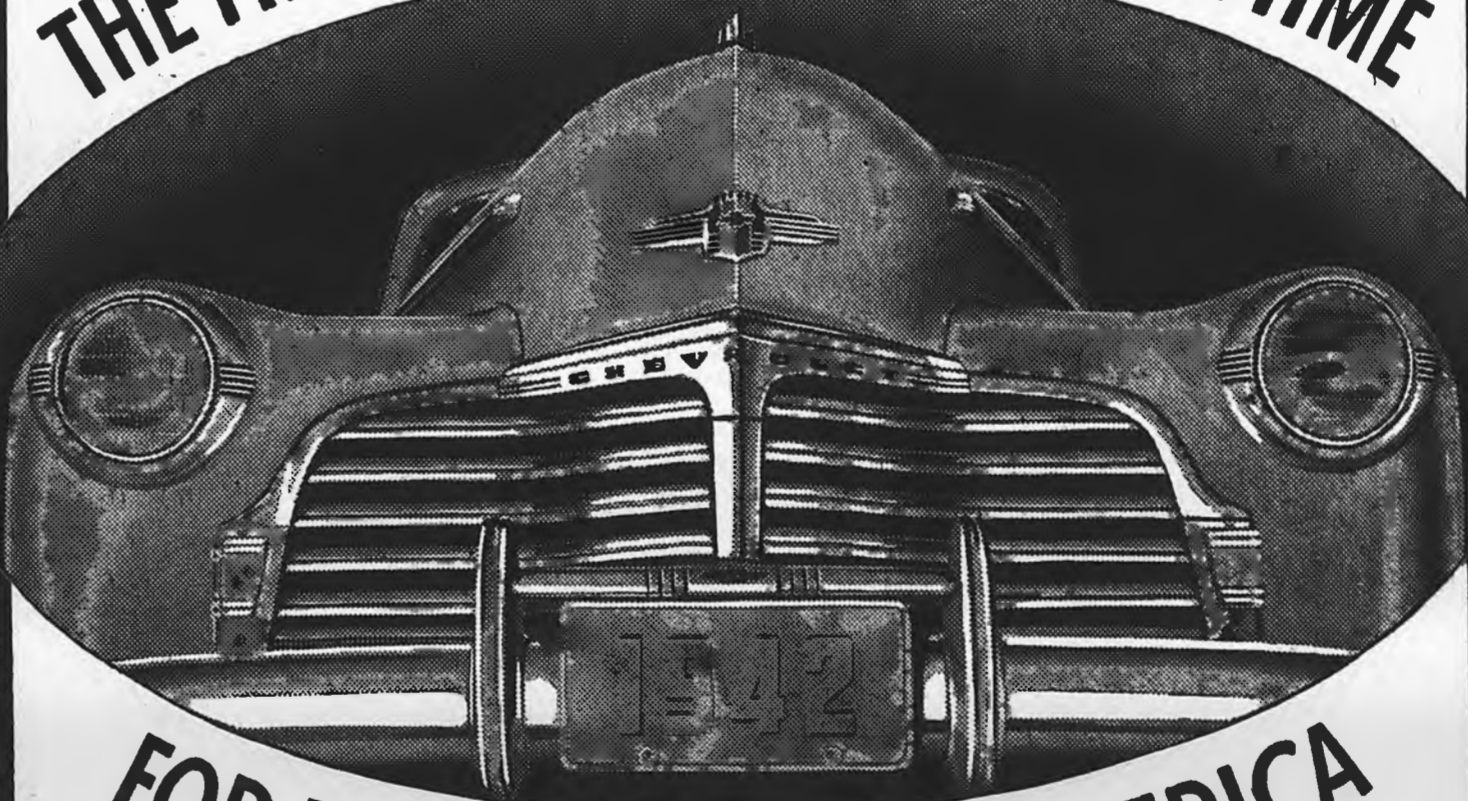
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