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Neutrality Law Modification Asked

Stating "we will not let Hitler prescribe the waters of the world on which our ships may travel . . ." the President asked Congress to repeal Section 6 of the Neutrality Act which prohibits arming of American merchant ships and to examine other phases of the law. The President said this action "is a matter of immediate necessity and extreme urgency . . ."

The President said conditions have so changed since enactment of the law, it is no longer truly a neutrality measure. He said "it is time for this country to stop playing into Hitler's hands and to unshackle our own." He said the U. S. should not "be forced to masquerade American-owned ships behind the flags of our sister Republics."

"Most of the vital goods authorized by the Congress are being delivered," Mr. Roosevelt said. "Yet many of them are being sunk; and as we approach full production requiring the use of more ships now being built it will be increasingly necessary to deliver American goods under the American flag."

Aid to Britain and Russia

The American Red Cross instructed the British Red Cross to forward immediately to Russia 800 tons of medical supplies. The American Red Cross will send replacement supplies to England.

Prices

Retail food prices continued to rise between mid-August and mid-September, increasing 2.6 percent to reach the highest level since January, 1931, the Labor Department reported. Consumer Commissioner Elliott reported food prices have risen 29 percent since the war began as compared to 18.4 percent in the comparable World War period and farm products have risen 43.1 percent as contrasted to 12.6 percent during the last war.

Price Administrator Henderson, speaking in support of the pending price regulating legislation, said "even more frightening than the present level of price advances is the fact that these advances have been gathering momentum since the early months of the year." He said the cost of living last August was 7 1-2 percent higher than two years ago. Since March alone, he said, the cost of living is up 5 percent.

Priorities

The Supply Priorities and Allocation Board ruled that no new public or private construction can be started unless it is essential for defense or the health and safety of the people or does not involve use of strategic materials. The ruling applies to Federal, State and local government buildings, roads and highways, river and harbor improvements, residential building and all commercial building. Efforts will be made, however, to aid completion of construction already substantially finished.

The SPAB also voted to permit building of 228 commercial aircraft—with the reservation that Army can take them if they are needed.

Physical Rehabilitation for Selectees

The President announced plans to "salvage" 200,000 of the 1,000,000 selective service registrants who have been rejected for health reasons. He also announced he would initiate a long-range program of Federal, State and local cooperation to remedy conditions which have resulted in 50 percent of men of army age being physically unfit for military service. The Federal Government would pay for medical and dental treatment of those men certified by local boards as subject to health improvement.

Selective Service announced that starting January 1 all registrants will be given only one physical exam—by the Army. At present registrants are examined by local board doctors and then by Army physicians and cannot tell until the final exam if they will be accepted.

Air

OPM announced 1,914 military aircraft were delivered during September—a new monthly record. The War Department announced it will allow Army aviation cadets 30 hours credit for flight training prior to enlistment—thereby cutting in half the flying time necessary in the Army to win wings. Mimic air raids began along the East coast from Boston to Savannah to test ability of civilian spotters and their communication system.

Nursing

The Red Cross announced a program to instruct 500,000 American housewives in home nursing in the next year. Courses will take six weeks of class work and practical experience. Miss Olivia Peterson, di-

rector of public health nursing for Minnesota, will conduct the program.

Employment

The President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice asked any one denied a defense job because of creed, color, race, or national origin to write the Committee at Washington so an investigation can be made and remedial steps taken. The OPM Labor Division issued new reporting forms to speed up surveys by the U. S. Employment Service local offices of situations where civilian factories are closed by material shortages and priorities. The OPM advised the War Department that 34 companies making most of the nation's washing machines can produce defense articles and asked they be given preferential treatment to avoid lay-off of workers.

Labor

The President, in a message to the AFL convention in Seattle, said the time has come when Federal mediation machinery "must be used . . . before any recourse is taken to a strike or lockout." He said organizational rivalries and jurisdictional conflicts must be discarded for the duration. Labor Secretary Perkins told the meeting "it is of extreme importance that trade-unions develop in

the near future a pattern of self-imposed discipline." She said the closed shop, closed memberships and high dues should be "re-studied with a view to the public welfare" and to provide for those who "are not joiners by nature."

Labor Safety

Navy Secretary Knox told the 30th National Safety Congress in Chicago a killed or injured worker is as much loss to defense as a wounded soldier because "we have no time to train replacement workers." He said time lost through injuries last year would have built 45 battleships, 75,000 fighter planes or 15,000 heavy bombers.

Production

OPM Director Knudsen, speaking in New York, said despite tremendous increases in British and American production the Nazis will continue to hold their lead in certain important war items "for a long time unless we step up our present pace." OPM Chief Statistician May said in a New York radio speech that the U. S. is devoting only 15 percent of its resources to defense while Canada and Great Britain are devoting 50 percent—close to the absolute maximum. Mr. May said to put U. S. production on a plane with Britain's means drastic diversion of materials, man-power and facilities from civilian to military uses. He said, for example, auto pro-

duction would have to be cut from 50,000 to 1,000 cars a week.

Foreign Trade

President Roosevelt told the 28th National Foreign Trade Convention in New York that equality of treatment and mutual benefit to all nations could be the only basis for post-war commercial relations if peace is to be enduring. Under Secretary of State Welles told the convention that trade agreement similar to those made before the war by the U. S. would be one of the post-war economic tools. Under Secretary of Commerce Chatfield-Taylor told the group "we must not repeat the mistake of Versailles, of stressing territorial and political adjustments and asking little provision for the basis of sound trade and economic reconstruction." He said England and the U. S. must set the trade pattern because only they have the productive facilities, natural resources and capital necessary for world economic order.

Helping South America

Speaking in Boston, Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs Rockefeller said the U. S. "has practically taken up the slack left in the trade of the 20 Republics due to their loss of the continental European markets," by increasing import purchases from \$450,000,000 to nearly a billion dollars a year. He said the \$700,000,000 made available to South America for loans

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Martin county farmers are expecting to harvest a short crop of peanuts this year, because of the drought, reports John I. Eagles, assistant farm agent.

is being used by Latin countries to build up industries and agriculture "worth fighting for." He said actually only \$37,000,000 is currently not repaid and that not all funds available were borrowed.

("This Week in Defense" summarizes information on the important developments of the week made available by official sources through and including Friday.)

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Dry weather will cut the soybean crop in half in some sections of Wayne county, reports D. J. Murray, assistant farm agent of the N. C. State College Extension Service.

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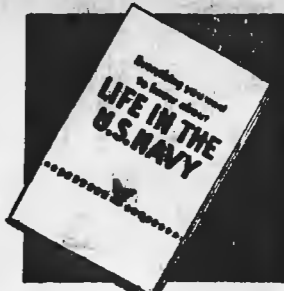
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