

LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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MILLIONS FOR DEFENSE TOTAL \$12,150,000,000 HUGE SUMS FOR PLANTS OWNED BY THE NATION NAVY CALLS RESERVES BASES IN SOUTH AMERICA ATLANTIC PATROL FORCE WOOLING SOVIET RUSSIA STALIN HOLDS ACES WATCH THE FAR EAST

Practically all of the appropriation bills bearing on the current national defense program have been completed. About all that the average reader can fathom is that immense sums have been appropriated for practically every conceivable purpose. So far as money is concerned, the nation has taken the first step in complete defense. Naturally, it will be months before these appropriations will result in actual means of defense.

While this column will present, in a subsequent issue, something of a recapitulation of the amounts appropriated for defense purposes, there is little use in presenting, from week to week, a mass of comparatively small items connected with defense. The industrial organization of the nation is gradually being geared to produce the things that are needed. New plants are being built, machine tools are being made and raw materials assembled for use in mass production. While progress will be slow, the preliminary steps are necessary in order that the output will be in greater volume next year.

The total of defense funds voted by Congress is about \$12,150,000,000. This does not include \$4,000,000,000 for naval expansion which has been authorized but for which no funds have been provided. The lack of appropriation does not mean any delay in construction of the fleet, however, because funds are on hand to provide for all possible construction during the present fiscal year.

It is interesting in this connection to call attention to the immense amount of money the Government is spending for "expediting production." Up to this month, \$764,275,000 has been appropriated or authorized for expenditures on new plants necessary in the production of war needs. The plants, constructed by the Government, will be rented to private industry on a nominal basis and when the work is over, the plants and all equipment will belong to the Government.

While this seems to be a large amount for expanding the nation's heavy plant facilities, it is about \$200,000,000 short of the sum estimated by Army experts. For example, Col. James H. Burns, of the Army's Procurement Section, lists 139 plants in the category of necessary construction and equipment. Of these, 76 ordnance plants would cost \$558,000,000; 27 chemical plants, \$39,500,000; two quartermaster factories, \$5,500,000; and 33 airplane plants, \$360,000,000. The largest single item of ordnance included four smokeless powder plants, \$188,000,000; 18 shell-loading plants, \$108,000,000; four T. N. T. plants, \$42,000,000; and six machine-gun plants, \$36,000,000.

It will be seen from these figures that it will be necessary for the Government to spend more than \$1,000,000,000 for the construction of industrial plants. Not a cent of this will be for the manufacture of guns, uniforms or airplanes, or any of the things necessary for the Army. After the plants are built and rented to private industrialists, the Government will have to pay the cost of making the things that it requires.

The action of the Navy in ordering its entire organized Reserves, 20,591 officers and enlisted men, in

to service is taken to indicate that the Navy means to be prepared for any emergency. Secretary Knox says that the men will be needed to man new fighting and auxiliary craft which are being launched from five weeks to six months ahead of schedule and to guard rapidly expanding shore facilities of the Navy. The reservists have been undergoing annual training and are considered competent to undertake sea duty at once. Their addition to the active list brings the Navy's strength to 239,281 officers and men, the highest number since the World War.

It is also understood that the Government is conducting conversations with the South American republics for the establishment of naval, land and air bases to be available for the use of the armed forces of any American country. The exact details of the negotiations have not been revealed but the announcement that Chile plans the construction of a huge navy drydock at Valparaiso, big enough to repair the largest American warship, indicates something of plans in mind.

Dispatches from South American countries, however, report that overtures for bases in the South American republic had not been very warmly received, although the nations seem to be favorable to a proposal from Uruguay that whatever bases are established should be open to use by all American nations. Among the Governments sounded out are Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia, Paraguay and possibly Colombia and Venezuela.

Establishment in the Atlantic of a new naval force has been announced. The new organization will include more than 125 vessels of all types, in addition to airplanes, and will be called the Patrol Force. The new unit will include the vessels now in the Atlantic, under varied command, such as the Atlantic Squadron and Neutrality Patrol. New ships will be assigned as completed and other units include recommissioned ships and merchant ships bought and converted to naval use.

The Secretary of the Navy reveals that on September 27, the Navy had on hand or available 1,812 useful planes. These are up-to-date models, fit for use, comprising 1,234 combatant planes, 422 training craft and 156 utility planes. Total planes on hand, including obsolete and experimental types, not classed as useful, number 2,258. Planes actually ordered for future delivery number 3,004, and contracts for about 4,000 additional planes are being negotiated.

Now that affairs in the Far East are becoming more dangerous every day, Soviet Russia finds herself wooed by both the United States and Great Britain. Whether the conferences in Washington, London and Moscow involve more than preliminary soundings to ascertain attitudes will not be apparent until definite announcements are made.

The British have been working for some months to establish more harmonious relations with the Soviet regime, especially since the newly-formed alliance between Germany, Italy and Japan, but the two nations have not been able to agree upon a trade pact. The United States, it is felt, is in a better position to negotiate with the Soviet. Considerable doubt exists that Joseph Stalin will make an overt move because the Russians probably figure that they are in a good spot. By declining to join either group, or to commit themselves, the Soviet retains freedom of action whenever and wherever it may be profitable for the Soviet to move.

The re-opening of the Burma Road announced by the British, will permit the movement of supplies to Chungking. The presumption is that the United States and Great Britain will arrange for the necessary supplies and one of the objectives of the negotiations with Russia is to persuade the Soviet to continue, and accelerate, the flow of military supplies to China from that country.

Something will be learned from the Japanese reaction to the opening of the Burma Route. Certainly, any effort to transport war supplies to China will cause bitterness in Japan but whether the Government will force the issue by warlike action remains to be disclosed. No one knows for certain how far Tokyo is prepared to go at this time.

Much depends, it is believed, upon the impressions that the Japanese receive from the United States. If they are convinced that this country is ready for a show down, the tempo set by Tokyo will slow down considerably. If, on the other hand, Tokyo is convinced that the United States will do nothing to invite an armed clash, the militaristic group in Japan will surge ahead, redoubling its activities.

Get Steamed Up, John

Mr. Slack—I want you to understand that I have my own train of thought.
Mr. Slack—Yes, I know; a very slow train with an awfully poor conductor, John.

BURGESS NEWS

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N. C. Spivey, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Parker visited Mrs. N. C. Spivey, who is a patient in General Hospital, Norfolk, Va., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Long, of Bethel, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Lane Friday.

Little Annie Lou Lane, who has been quite ill from poisoning, is now much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Basnight spent Sunday in Wilson visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Walton Lane had as their guests at dinner on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Long, Mr. and Mrs. Winston Lane, Mr. and Mrs. John Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Long and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Lane.

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at Burgaw, N. C., on or before the 12th day of September, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 12th day of September, 1940.
RUTH W. KORNEGAY,
Administratrix D. B. N. of T. R. Winslow.
sept.20,27,oct.4,11,18,25

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Having qualified as Administrators of the estate of Ray Morse, deceased, late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Hertford, N. C., Route 3, on or before the 26th day of September, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 26th day of September, 1940.
ERNEST EARL MORSE
CARSON LEE STALLINGS,
Administrators of Ray Morse

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This 23rd day of September, 1940.
ELLEN W. McCALLUM,
Administrator of Clyde McCallum.
sept.27,oct.4,11,18,25,nov.1

North Carolina In The
Perquimans County Superior Court
Before The Clerk
Charles E. Johnson, Administrator of the estate of Abe Small, Deceased.
Vs.
Charlie Small and Wife, Martha A

FOR SALE
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NOTICE OF SUMMONS
You, and each of you, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Perquimans County, North Carolina, to sell the real estate formerly owned by Abe Small, deceased, to make assets to pay debts against his estate; and the said unknown heirs and distributees of Abe Small, deceased, will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk

of the Superior Court of said County in the Court House in Hertford, North Carolina, not later than the 28th day of October, 1940, and answer or demur to the petition in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 28th day of September, 1940.
W. H. PITT,
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