DEVELOPMENTS OF THE NATIONAL AM IN THE NATION DEFENSE PROGR

THIS WEEK IN DEFENSE

Secretary of State Hull, speaking in Washington, said "evidence has been piling up for several years which makes it perfectly plain that one group of powers actually does have designs both upon the new world and upon the principles, the possessions, and the way of life that are ours."

Secretary Hull said "were the control of the seas by the resisting nations lost, the Atlantic would no longer be an obstacle—rather, it would become a broad highway for a conqueror moving westward."

Navy Secretary Knox, speaknig in New York, said "what we all see is an America gradually becoming encircled by hostile military powers . . openly joined together in a pact they do not hestitate to say is aimed . . . at us alone. . . " Mr. Knox said if Germany should establish herself in Africa where submarines, ships, and bombers "could substantially cut us from all commerce from South America," the Monroe Doctrine would be "a scrap of paper."

Mr. Knox also said "we must fight ultimately unless we find, and put into effect, measures that will enable Britain to do our fighting." He said Germany would be defeated if U. S. war supplies and food reached England;—"we shall be beaten" if they do not. Secretary of State Hull also said aid to Britain "must reach its destination. . . . Ways must be found to do this."

Asked to comment on the speeches of Mr. Hull and Mr. Knox, President Roosevelt told his press conference they reflected his opinion. The President also said that the neutrality patrols, established after the outbreak of war to warn against aggressors' ships that might come near the Western Hemisphere, are being extended as the war comes closer. He said they will be extended to the seven seas if necessary to protect the Western Hemisphere. Mr. Roosevetl said the patrols are not convoys:

AID TO DEMOCRACIES

The Navy released to Great Britain, under the Lease-Lend program, 20 small, fast torpedo boats and announced discussions are under way regarding a program for the construction of additional small craft for Britain in Canadian shipyards.

President Roosevelt and Prime Minister King fo Canada jointly announced a program to coordinate Canadian and American defense production. Each country will provide the other with equipment it is best able to produce.

The President told his press conference the war could not be decided by a single sea victory, a defeat in the Balkans, or even the Eastern Mediterranean. He expressed confidence that Britain could hold out with American aid and counseled the public against moving from high hopes to deep despair because of day by day reports.

AGRICULTURE

Secretary of Agriculture Wickard said in a radio speech that " . . . the stake of farmers in this world conflict is as great or greater than that of any other group. . . If the Nazis win, we might as well kiss our export market for farm products goodbye. . . I think it's time the farmers and the people of this country got excited about this world situation. . . Nowadays ostrich nations don't last very long."

Mr. Wickard said as far as export crops are concerned, the principal problem is still one of surpluses, "but so far as pork, dairy products, poultry, eggs, tomatoes, and some other foods are concerned" this is not true. After the war, he said, a large part of the world will be looking to the U. S. for food—"whether we can give it to them may decide how much weight the U. S. will have at the peace councils."

Price and Civilian Supply Administrator Henderson said that, since steel prices have been frozen, it would not be necessary for manufacturers to increase the prices of farm machinery.

PRODUCTION PROGRESS

The Army received delivery on the first tank produced at the new Chrysler plant at Detroit, a building a quarter of a mile long constructed in 70 working days. The Charlestown (Indiana) Ordance Works, world's largest powder plant—able to supply the needs of an army of more than one million—was opened one month ahead of schedule.

Commerce Secretary Jones, speaking in New York, said the progress of the nation's defense effort is "better than good . . . but . . . no matter how fast defense production climbs, it will not be fast enough to meet the need. . ." William Batt, of the Defense Production office, also speaking in New York, called on industry "to do much more than it has . . . without looking to see whether the other fellow is doing his. . . (share)."

LABOR SUPPLY

Wage-Hour Administrator Fleming, speaking in New York, said there are still more than 6,000,000 unemployed not now being used in the defense effort. Gen. Fleming said these unemployed can be put to work by the addition of an extra shift in the nation's factories. He said a recent study showed industries could add a shift and still make larger profits even afer paying extra for overtime.

The Office of Production Management Labor Division said women have been found satisfactory in virtually every kind of job ordinarily filled by men and said a State Employment Service list for women includes hundreds of occupations in metal works, electrical and automotive manufacturing, aircraft-construction, and even shipbuilding. The Labor Division also said "we are informed that there are good workers available who are not being hired solely because of their race."

LABOR DISPUTES

OPM Associate Director Hillman, speaking in Washington, said that most industrial disputes are settled without any stoppage—"every week hundreds of labor contracts expire and are renewed without evoking even a ripple." He said "at the present moment the industrial relations picture is far more favorable than at any other time of equal industrial activity."

The Bureau of Mines reported that because of the labor dispute in the soft coal industry, only a two weeks' supply was on hand. The President called upon coal labor and management to settle their differences promptly and Labor Secretary Perkins certified the dispute to the Defense Mediation Board. The Board announced settlemene of two other disputes.

The U. S. Conciliation Service announced settlement of 27 additional labor disputes.

DEFENSE FINANCING

The Treasury Department announced unsolicited donations of from 10 cents to $150 have come from individuals throughout the country — from "scrubwomen in Brooklyn, cowpunchers in Texas, aging janitors, youngstres from 10 to 12 years . . . anxious . . . to keep America safe." The Treasury program to sell defense savings bonds begins May 1 when bonds and defense stamps are placed on sale in 16,000 post offices, banks, and savings institutions throughout the country.

SELECTIVE SERVICE

Selective Service headquarters amended its regulations to provide that volunteers can apply only through their local board and will be classified in the same manner as Selective Service registrants. Selective Service headquarters also amended regulations so that no registrant will be inducted while an appeal is pending or during the period when an appeal may be made.

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Frank M. Tully, in charge of flour-buying operations for the A & P, explained that family flour packages now moving to retail outlets are labeled "enriched" and carry a statement that the flour contains more than 1.66 milligrams of Vitamin B1, or thiamin; 6.15 milligram of nicotinic acid, the pellagra-preventive found in many common foods such as liver, kidney and other wholesome meats, and 6.15 milligrams of iron.

Adoption of the new type flour folows an intensive test program of studying consumer reaction, Tully said. "Results were even more encouraging than we had anticipated," he declared, pointing out that during the survey the "enriched" and ordinary types of flour had been offered side by side. "Sales of the enriched product showed that the educational work being carried on by the industry and government authorities has made excellent progress. Preference for the new type product was, in some cases, unanimous, and for the test as a whole was materially higher than for the old type product."

The survey also revealed, however that demand for the enriched flour was decidedly greater among the average and above-average income groups than from those of low incomes, Tully said. "It is this latter group," he explained, "that both government and the industry are particularly anxious to reach, for these people comprise the largest proportion of the population that is today consuming a diet which is deficient in essential health-giving vitamins."

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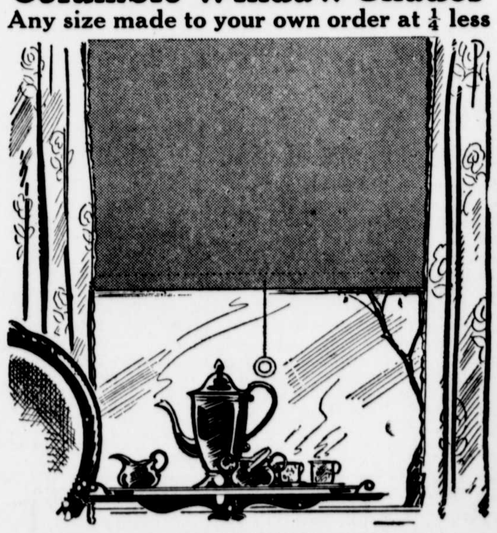

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