

## This Week In The War

War Production Director Nelson, speaking in New York City, said "America's industrial plant is really beginning to roll." He said airplane production schedules for the first three months of this year have been met or exceeded, and production of tanks is ahead of schedule.

Mr. Nelson said production of merchant ships is "rising rapidly" and this year's schedule should be met. A Garand rifle is now available for "every one of our combat soldiers who is supposed to have one," he said. Production schedules for anti-aircraft and anti-tank guns also are being met. However, "this is no time for easy optimism," he stated, because the production of war goods is so huge a job "we can break every record we ever made and still fall short of the need."

The Senate passed and sent to the House legislation to set up a \$100 million Smaller War Plants Corporation under the War Production Board. The Corporation would obtain contracts from Government procurement agencies and re-award them to small enterprises, breaking the orders into subcontracts where necessary.

### Civilian Supply

The WPB ruled persons buying toothpaste or shaving cream in tubes must turn in to the retailers some kind of tin or tin-coated tube for each new one purchased. The Board froze sales and deliveries of all new bicycles for adults, including those already ordered and paid for. Red Cross local chapters began collection of the extra cloth made available by the elimination of cuffs from approximately 50 million pairs of trousers now on hand in stores. The salvage clip will make about 300,000 new suits.

The Board ordered production of cover caps of tinplate or terneplate, used as closures for catsup, jelly, etc., stopped immediately, and of crown caps for bottled beer and soft drinks stopped April 30. Production of fluorescent lighting fixtures was also ordered ended immediately; of vacuum cleaners, April 30; and toys and games made of metal, plastic and other essential materials, June 30. The Board curtailed use of crude rubber and latex in 50 articles, including fire and mill hose, storage batteries, etc.

### Priority Order Compliance

The WPB reported investigations of 14,000 firms for compliance with priority orders have been undertaken since last June. Reports have been completed on 3,500 firms, the Board said, and of these 1,600 showed no violations while approximately the same number reported minor violations through misunderstandings. The reports resulted in 35 suspension orders, affecting 46 firms and one individual. Thirteen Federal agencies and more than 3,500 investigators are co-operating with the Board in the surveys.

### Prices

The Office of Price Administration froze manufacturers', wholesale and retail prices of plumbing fixtures and of 44 common household electrical appliances, all at March 30 levels. Ceilings were also set on wholesale prices of bond, ledger, book and plain and fancy cover paper and bristles, and on producers' quotations for Pennsylvania anthracite coal. The Agriculture Department said the retail cost of food is now 15 per cent above the 1935-39 average, but is still below the 1929 level.

### Civilian Defense

Civilian Defense Director Landis said Axis air raids on American war industries this spring are "entirely possible." He said "It's worth a dozen bombers to the Germans to wreck vital industries, even in the heart of the country." Mr. Landis said \$20 billion of OCD funds have been transferred to build facilities for manufacture of civilian gas masks. First shipments of helmets, arm bands and other equipment for air raid wardens and auxiliary firemen and police were sent to more than 40 Atlantic and Pacific coast cities.

### The Armed Forces

The Senate passed and sent to the House a bill granting pay increases from \$30 a month to \$42 for privates and apprentice seamen, and providing proportional increases for other classes of enlisted men in the armed forces. The Post Office Department issued regulations for granting of free first-class mailing

privileges for all ranks of the armed forces. The Senate passed and sent to the House a bill eliminating restriction on marriage of Army and Navy officers during the war. The President signed legislation to permit the War Department to recruit American technicians serving in foreign armed forces and to pay them more than \$21 a month during the first four months.

The Navy Department said meetings have been arranged in 35 states between April 9 and 17 to acquaint educators with the Navy officer procurement program under which 80,000 college freshmen and sophomores will be recruited annually. The students will be enlisted as Apprentice Seamen and allowed to remain in school at least to the end of the second year. About 35,000 will be selected each year for further training leading to commissions as ensigns in the Naval Reserve.

The House passed and sent to the Senate an \$18 billion War Appropriation Bill, providing almost \$7 billion for military airplanes. The Senate passed and sent to the House a naval public works bill to provide a billion dollars for expansion in aircraft and storage facilities. The War Department ruled officers and enlisted men, except those of the Regular Army, may campaign for and hold political office, if such activity does not interfere with military duties. Selective Service Headquarters instructed local boards to start classification of February 16 registrants, and to prepare to fill the Army's June call—and possibly the May call—from these men and the earlier registrants. SS Headquarters also issued instructions to all local boards for registration of an estimated 13,500,000 men between 45 and 64 on April 27.

### The War Front

The Navy reported as of April 4 total Japanese losses inflicted by U. S. naval forces included 21 warships sunk, 13 possibly sunk and 22 damaged; 48 non-combatant ships sunk, 14 possibly sunk and damaged. The Army and Navy said Axis submarines sunk or presumed sunk by the Navy total 24, and those by the Army number four. Assistant Secretary of War for Air Lovett said U. S. pilots in the Far East are shooting down five Japanese planes for every plane lost.

The forces of Lt. Gen. Wainwright in the Philippines repelled several enemy attacks by land, sea and air on Bataan Peninsula and Corregidor Island with heavy Japanese losses. Japanese bombers sank the U. S. Aircraft tender Langley, the destroyer Peary and the Navy tanker Pecos in the southwest Pacific, with an estimated loss of 700 men. The Navy reported the torpedoing of 15 more United Nations merchant vessels in the Atlantic.

### Shipping

The Maritime Commission reported all contracts have been awarded for the 23 million dead-weight tons of merchant shipping—nearly 2,300 cargo ships and tankers—which the President has set as the 1942-43 goal. The Senate passed and returned to the House a bill enlarging the war risk provisions of the Merchant Marine Act to allow insurance of foreign as well as domestic ships.

### Agriculture

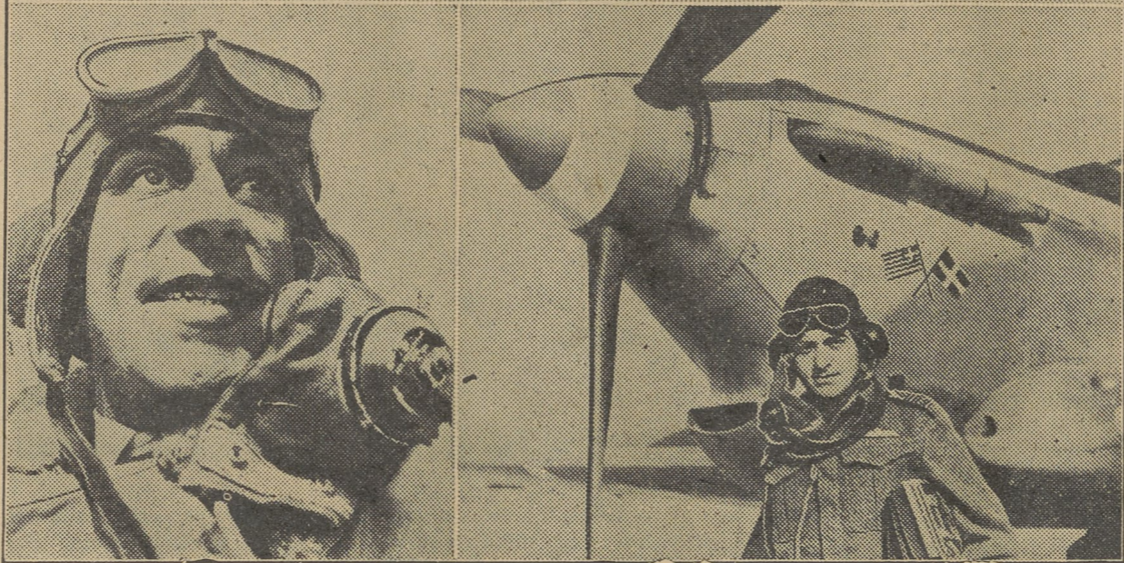
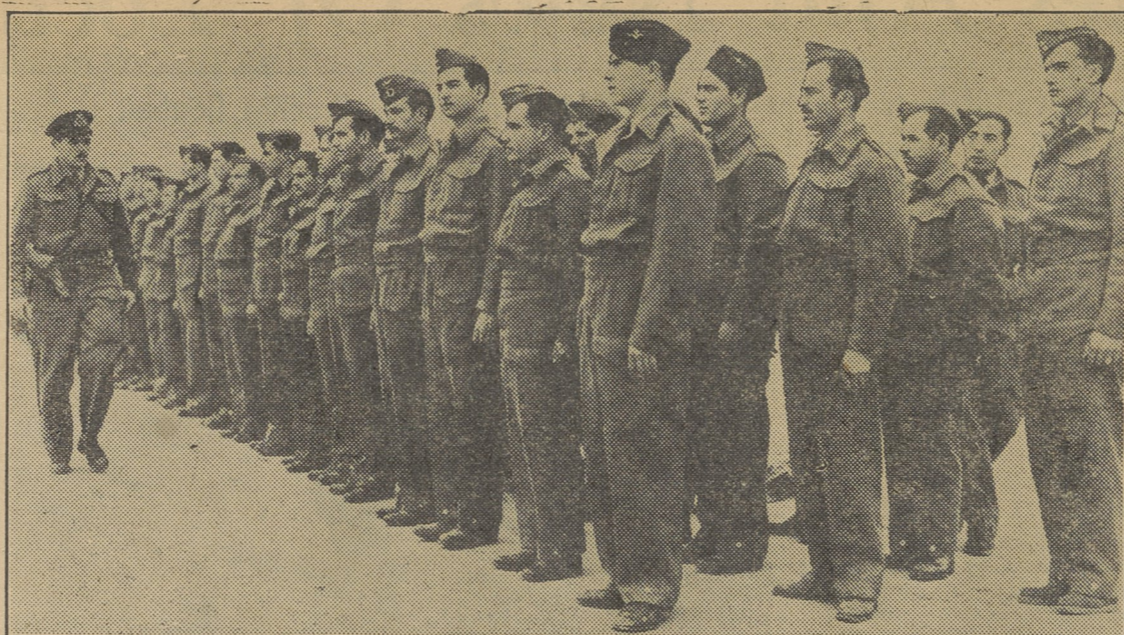
The Department of Agriculture said it had purchased more than \$800 million worth of farm commodities, totaling more than 7,500 million pounds, during the first year of the Department's expanded purchase program—March 15, 1941, to March 15, 1942. More than half of all purchases were for meat, dairy and poultry products. Most purchases were for Lend-Lease shipment.

The Agriculture Department reported prices of all farm products combined were 99 per cent of parity on March 15, 1942 and 46 per cent above the 1909-14 average. The Commodity Credit Corporation reported it has contracted for the sale, during the period ending April 30, of about 5,500,000 bushels of corn and about 240,000 bushels of wheat to be processed into industrial alcohol.

### Seek Flag

Members of the D. C. Roberts Volunteer Fire Company, meeting Tuesday night at the fire house in Alderson, discussed the purchase of a flag pole for the building and named a committee to get bids for the project. Assistant Fire Chief Ira C. Stevenson presided.

## Greek Airforce Flies Again



A new Greek fighter squadron, formed since the fall of Greece and equipped with new Hurricane fighter planes, has gone into action against the Germans and Italians in the Battle for Libya. These pictures, the first to reach the United States, show (top) the squadron's pilots lined up for inspection, (bottom, left) one of the pilots, ready to take off for a fight against German planes, and (bottom, right) a squadron leader, equivalent of a captain, with his sleek Hurricane, which bears the in-signia of the re-born Royal Hellenic (Greek) Air Force.

## Here's How To Communicate With Any Prisoners Of War

Communication with prisoners of war and civilians internees will be established shortly through two war and civilian internees will be co-operation of the Red Cross, the Secretary of the Navy has announced.

Correspondence with and information relative to more than two thousand American prisoners taken by the Japanese at Wake Island,

Guam, Peiping and Tientsin, China, will be established through a bureau located at Washington, D. C. This would include Navy and Marine personnel, as well as civilians listed as captured. Also the bureau would establish contact with prisoners who might be taken in the future.

The two bureaus exchange information with enemy countries

through the International Red Cross Committee at Geneva. They are: a Prisoners of War Information Bureau and an Alien Enemy Information Bureau, both of which have been established in the Office of The Provost Marshal General at the War Department.

Requests for information and correspondence relative to United States prisoners of war and civilian internees in the hands of the enemy should be addressed to: Prisoners of War Information Bureau, Office of The Provost Marshal General, War Department, Washington, D. C.

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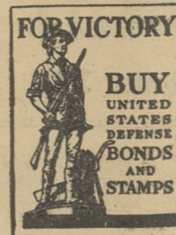
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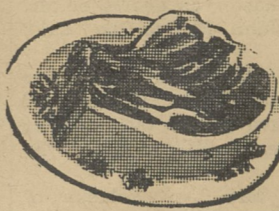
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