

GEAR CAR INDUSTRY TO WAR WEAPONS

Joint Management-Labor Committee Meets With OPM
To Plan Additional Output of Airplanes,
Tanks and Ordnance.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (U. P.)—A joint management-labor "war council" for the automobile industry meets today with the Office of Production Management to plan for conversion of men and machines to production of war weapons.

The industry, which was to have produced only \$2,500,000,000 worth of armaments this year, has been asked to more than double deliveries.

In addition to the \$4,500,000,000 worth of war contracts already held by the industry, contracts soon will be let for \$1,250,000,000 of airplanes and parts, \$1,000,000,000 for tanks, \$1,500,000,000 for trucks, \$500,000,000 for combat vehicles and \$1,000,000 for ordnance items.

An Army and Navy "shopping list" submitted to the industry yesterday also includes gun carriages, cameras and equipment, generators, footbridges, mobile aircraft detector units, bearings, 20 kinds of bombs, torpedoes, depth charges and rifles.

Move Up Delivery Dates

Delivery dates on all contracts now held by the industry will be "moved up." Production of automobiles will be halted by the Government Jan. 31 after 204,848 cars have been assembled for that month.

"Further production of passenger cars beyond this January quota has not been authorized," the OPM said.

To meet speedier delivery schedules and new armament requirements, the companies will have to pool their machine and tool facilities and some of their workers, interchange dies, patterns and processes, move complex production of aircraft, tanks and guns to the larger plants, and funnel orders for shells, ammunition and smaller items to smaller plants. Subcontracting will be forced.

Joint Committee Named

The "war council" committee to confer with the OPM on a permanent basis will be responsible for speedy conversion of facilities, subcontracting and the orderly transfer, rehiring and training of the industry's workers.

Edsel Ford of the Ford Motor Co. heads a five-man management group on the committee and Walter P. Reuther, head of the United Automobile Workers (C. I. O.) organizing committee for General Motors, head a five-man labor group.

Formation of the joint committee and the plan to pool facilities, according to defense officials, is nearly the "exact letter" of the "Reuther plan" which has been rejected repeatedly by the OPM for many months.

Plenty of Work Promised

President C. E. Wilson of General Motors Corp., a committee member, said that while his 60-odd plants could begin production on some war items "within a few weeks," it would be at least a year before they could all be retooled for full production. Mr. Wilson doubted that the auto industry could produce \$5,000,000,000 worth of weapons this year.

OPM Production Director William H. Harrison said the new production schedules for the industry was the "stiffest challenge that the Government, management or labor ever faced."

OPM Director General William S. Knudsen told automobile manufacturers that they "didn't need to worry about being shut down after 1942. There's more work coming—the figure is staggering."

All Sights Once Too Low

On Capitol Hill the Tolan Committee investigating national defense migration criticized both labor and the automobile industry for a bitter exchange of views in full page newspaper advertisements.

The committee feels that no useful purpose has been served by arguments such as those presented in the current exchange of advertisements to who is responsible for past failures." Chairman John H. Tolan (D. Cal.) of the committee wrote the OPM.

This committee believes that to date all parties to this controversy, Government officials, both civilian and military, manufacturers and organized labor, have set their sights too low."

IN INDIANAPOLIS—VITAL STATISTICS

Here Is the Traffic Record

County	City	Total
1941	9	1
1942	1	2
Jan. 5—		
Accidents	27	Arrests.....143
Injured	10	Dead.....0

MONDAY TRAFFIC COURT

Cases	Convic.	Fines	
Violations	Tried	Paid	
Speeding	7	7	\$81
Reckless driving	2	2	11
Failure to stop at			
through street	1	1	
Disobeying traffic			
signals	3	11	
Drunken driving	1	60	
All others	24	20	43
Totals	38	33	\$207

MEETINGS TODAY

National Board of League of Women Voters, board meeting, Indianapolis Athletic Club, all day.

Indiana State Board of Agriculture, meeting, Claypool Hotel, noon.

House of Representatives, Statehouse, 7:30 p.m.

Indianapolis Council of Women, meeting, L. S. Ayres & Co. Auditorium, noon.

Indiana Section of American Chemical Society, meeting, Hotel Lincoln, all day.

Service Club, open house, 128 W. Wabash.

Automobile Dealers Association of Indianapolis, meeting, Hotel Lincoln, all day.

Indiana Association of County & District Fairs, meeting, Hotel Lincoln, all day.

Alpha Delta Omega Sorority, meeting, Hotel Washington, 7 p.m.

TIRES RATIONED TO 3 IN COUNTY

Registration of Volunteer Workers Scheduled for Local Defense.

By RICHARD LEWIS

The Indianapolis-Marion County civil defense line grew longer and broader today. From tire rationing to defense bonds, there was activity all along the line.

At the Chamber of Commerce headquarters of the tire rationing board, the belief prevailed that automobiles would be added to the board's functions when the Office of Price Administration issues its rationing plan.

With an air of determination to do its job impartially, the board opened for business yesterday. Business was slow. Four applications for tires were received. Three were granted, one denied.

Solve First Problem

Applicants who received tires were Jesse Roberts, R. R. 14, Box 292; the Paetz Plumbing & Heating Co., Inc., and the Indianapolis Salvage Corps.

Board members were alert for problems in the procedure and found one immediately. One applicant asked for an obsolete tire. Did that count against the County's quota?

One Hitch Reported

Throughout the smooth, but a minor hitch was reported at Greensburg. A township school bus had been idle for lack of tires for more than a week.

The Decatur County board granted the tires but found the County's allotment did not include a tire to fit the bus. State Tire Rationing Director James D. Strickland sent tires from Indianapolis.

Crew Blasts Away

The Navy's description of the Heron's fight against tremendous odds was sketchy. But the action must have been something like this:

One after another, the planes swept through the sky above the Heron to unload their cargoes of death.

The crew, with Lieut. Kable barking the orders, blasted away with everything their anti-aircraft batteries would fire.

Again and again the planes came. For seven hours they roared over, dropping 46 100-pound bombs.

The Heron caught one of the big flying boats in a vital spot, and the plane crashed into the ocean. At least one more was damaged seriously. Perhaps there were others.

Direct Hit Made

The Heron, meantime, hadn't escaped. One Japanese marksman scored a direct hit. There were two other near misses.

The Heron, though, limped into port, and one day will be ready to have another crack at the Japanese.

Others besides Comm. Kable aboard the craft, the Navy said, will be given their deserved recognition later.

The Navy didn't disclose where the action took place.

Jane's Fighting Ships listed the Heron as normally carrying a complement of from 52 to 90 men.

Growing Rapidly

"Too small," he commented briskly. "We're growing. Well take the whole building if we need it."

Other meetings scheduled:

Today, 7 p.m.: Railway Mail Clerks at the Woman's Department Club, 17th and Meridian Sts. Maj. Gen. Tyndall will speak.

Tomorrow, 8 p.m.: War Memorial, N. W. Room, all rifle clubs in the County will meet to determine how their members can serve civil defense.

DR. LINK TO TAKE NEW MEDICAL POST

The new president of the Indianapolis Medical Society, Dr. Goethe Link, will take office at the group's meeting at 8:15 p.m. today in the Indianapolis Athletic Club.

An address will be given by Dr. J. O. Richey, retiring president.

Officers of the Marion County and Indiana State Medical Associations will be introduced.

Those taking office with Dr. Link are Dr. Martha Souter, vice president, and Dr. William M. Dugan, who was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Color movies and refreshments will complete the program.

WEATHER IN OTHER CITIES

The following table shows the temperature in other cities.

Station High Low

Chicago 21 18

Cincinnati 18 14

Bismarck, N. D. 12 10

Boston 34 12

Denver 25 8

Dodge City, Kas. 16 12

Kansas City, Mo. 21 13

Little Rock, Ark. 24 18

Mobile, Ala. 62 61

New Orleans 44 27

Oklahoma City, Okla. 26 10

Omaha, Neb. 6 2

Portland, Ore. 26 24

San Antonio, Tex. 35 31

INDIANA WEATHER

The following table shows the temperature in north portion of the state in extreme cold weather this afternoon and to night; not quite so cold this morning.

Fair in south, partly cloudy in north.

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