

Model Planes— BUILDERS IRKED OVER INACTION

Still Wait A. M. A. Rules
And Details on Craft
Sought by Navy.

By FRANK WIDNER

The temperature may be around the freezing point but in Indianapolis it's "dog days" for the modelers.

In the first place, the A. M. A. still hasn't released the rules for 1942 and that organization is coming in for some deserving criticism.

In the second place, the specifications for the models requested by Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox haven't been released. The announcement, several weeks ago that models were needed in national defense met with enthusiasm here and the phone has been ringing ever since for additional information not yet available. However, specifications are forthcoming, and as soon as they are announced, you can depend on us to relay them.

General Knowledge Helpful

But Hoosier modelers can do their part in civilian defense.

Model builders, 16 years old or over, are needed in most areas as observers in the aircraft warning service.

The Academy of Model Aeronautics Headquarters, Hotel Willard, Washington, D. C., points out that because of their general knowledge of aircraft, the ranks of our American model builders offer one of the best sources of personnel for this vital defense service.

If you want to take part in this phase of defense here is what you can do:

Resolution Is Suggested

As An Individual—Apply to your local Defense Council. Explain your experience in model aviation and offer your services in the aircraft warning service or in any other capacity where you can be of help.

As a group—Adopt a resolution to read something like this:

"WHEREAS the members of this club feel that they might be of assistance by contributing a portion of their time in the interest of national defense; and

"WHEREAS the members of this club have acquired a general knowledge of aircraft through their activity in model aviation; and

"WHEREAS it appears that this general knowledge of aircraft might be of value through serving in the Aircraft Warning Service:

Serve Twofold Purpose

"BE IT, THEREFORE RESOLVED that the members of this club, whose signature appears below, do hereby offer their services to the State Defense Council both jointly and severally to serve in the Aircraft Warning Service or in any other capacity the council shall designate." Present it to your Defense Council.

The office of Civilian Defense has informed the academy that model builders who volunteer and are accepted can fulfill a twofold service: First, by giving their own time and service, and second, by releasing other volunteers whose time may be of value in connection with other activities related to national defense.

A Tip to Modelers

Lewis B. Barringer, head of the Army's new glider training program, reveals that long-towed glider trains flying through the air, carrying freight and passengers, will mark a new era in post-war transportation. That's news to the ordinary person but a tip to modelers. It might be interesting to see what the modelers can work out along this line. We imagine the Government would be interested in the experiments, too.

Finishes New 'U' Job

Ray Neese, we hear on good authority, has just finished his latest U control job. We wonder if Ray is specializing in controlled flights because he prefers them or if it's just a precaution on his part. He still stands uncrowned champion at losing more planes per square acre than any other fan in "these here parts."

New USO Chief



Prescott S. Bush, Greenwald, Conn., World War veteran, succeeds Thomas E. Dewey as national campaign chairman for the United Service Organizations in 1942.

AUSTRALIA CALLS PARLIAMENT FEB. 20

CANBERRA, Australia, Feb. 13 (U. P.).—Prime Minister John Curtin today called Parliament to meet in emergency session Feb. 20 to consider the Pacific war situation.

Parliament had been scheduled to meet March 11 but opposition leader A. W. Fadden demanded the emergency meeting.

It was expected that the session would be secret and would last for two days.

OFFICIAL ACCUSED OF BEING ANTI-LABOR

The Indiana C. I. O. and the Textile Workers Union of America issued a joint statement here today criticizing the recent appointment of George S. Harris as Federal Co-ordinator of Textile Production.

"The appointment is a direct attack upon the Textile Workers Union and the CIO because Mr. Harris is notoriously anti-labor and has been cited for violation of the Fair Labor Act," the statement charged.

Mr. Harris was appointed to the post by Donald Nelson, War Production Board head.

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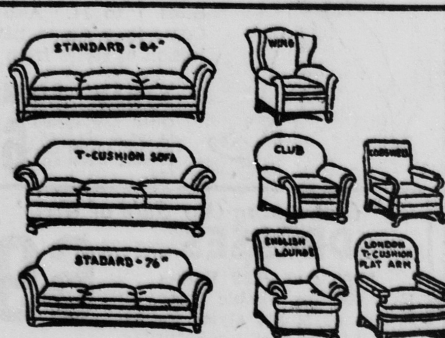
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