

Reorganization of U.S. Fleet, was announced this morning with Admiral Kimmel as Commander in Chief, vice Admiral Richardson, As of February 1 there will again be three fleets; Pacific, Atlantic and Asiatic; Patrol force, Atlantic, in future to be designated as U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Admiral Kimmel will also be in command of the Pacific Fleet.

Submarine operations, from January 9-11 west of Block Island, Rhode Island, have been announced, shipping in the area designated being warned to keep clear.

Bureau Supplies and Accounts, during the fiscal year 1940 awarded contracts for \$243,000,000. For the month of November 1940 alone contracts awarded totalled \$521,000,000.

Navy Enlisted Strength, has been increased to 232,000 from 192,000 to provide full complements for all vessels.

International Harvester Co., continuance of strike at Fort Wayne (previously reported) will force curtailment of operations at the Springfield, Ohio plant of the same company producing trucks for the Marine Corps. Should this happen a majority of 3,000 employees would be affected.

Meat ration, has been reduced again from 30 to 24 cents

worth per person per week, following a previous reduction from 38 to 30 cents. Britain was unable last week for the first time since war began to provide the meat ration. It was the second reduction in the last few days. Supplies to hotels and restaurants will also be reduced.

Navy budget, estimate for 1942 (fiscal year) is \$3,447,394,000 with \$188,672,894 set aside for contractual authority. The public debt is estimated to reach 58 billion dollars by July 1942.

Colonel Donovan, arrived at Cairo yesterday.

Bellanca Aircraft Co., will build a \$2,000,000 plant in Mexico City to produce 2,350-mile-an-hour bombers daily for Latin American markets. A new plant in New Bedford, Mass. will produce pursuit planes.

Union Leaders, are recruiting members in plants near the Fairchild Engine Corporation at Framingdale, N.Y. with the intention of furthering wage demands on Republic Aviation, Grumman, and Liberty Aircraft. Latter three employ 6,000 men and are working on \$100,000,000 in defense contracts.

German Newspapers, commented editorially on President

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Roosevelt's speech today, calling it "aggressive, war-mongering, and provocative". General tenure was that no assistance from the United States could save Britain.

U.S.S. SEMMES (ex-DD189) and TRITON (SS201) will visit Barranquilla, Colombia on 30 January. Diplomatic arrangements have been approved by Colombian government.

Supply Corps, officers on active duty as of 1 January totalled 1,050 including 75 retired officers and 378 reserve officers. Of the reserve group 36 are under instruction at the Reserve Officers School, Washington, and 96 are attending the school at National University, opened on 6 January.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, announced the following awards: Contract for two gantry cranes at the Naval Supply Depot, Oakland, Calif., to the Dravo Corporation, Pittsburgh, for the sum of \$232,000; time 290 calendar days

Coastal Minesweepers, Contract were awarded today to the Greenport Basin and Construction Company, Greenport, N.Y. and the Herreshoff Mfg. Co., ^{Bristol, R.I.} in the amount of \$935,400.

Contract for a Marine Barracks at the Experimental Basin, Carderock, Md., has been awarded to Oscar M. Stanley, Inc., New York, N.Y., for the sum of \$56,485; time 135 calendar days.

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 REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

9 January 1941

<u>Total Enlisted Strength</u> , 8 January	194,109
<u>Fleet Reservists</u> (enlisted) on active duty	7,880
<u>Other Reservists</u> " " " "	10,923
<u>Retired Men</u> " " " "	379
<u>Total</u>	19,182
<u>Aggregate Enlistments</u> (24 hours)	245
<u>Aggregate Discharges</u> " " " "	6
<u>Gain</u>	239

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 1 January:

Line Officers	832
Staff Officers	197
Warrant Officers	66
<u>Total</u>	1095

Naval Reserve Enlisted Men Ordered to Active Duty for enforcement of neutrality and strengthening of the national defense within the limits of peace-time organization, as of 4 January, 1941:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
Inshore Patrol Bases	340	215	152
Naval Reserve Aviation Bases	2300	2300	1547
- Communications	198	198	80
Afloat	5000	6662*	4916
Miscellaneous	(	1570	1553
Class V-7 Procurement Program	(2325	210	210
Class V-7 for Midshipmen USNR	--	--	--
Radio and Signal Schools	<u>4000</u>	<u>1559</u>	<u>1287</u>
<u>Total Men</u>	14,163	12,714	9,745

* Number authorized for active duty afloat is 1,662 in excess of number allowed.

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GDYNIA, It is reliably reported that this port in Poland is being made into a shipbuilding yard. Also a large plant for the production of aluminum is being built on Usedom Island at the mouth of the Oder River to be completed by August.

12th Naval District, After a conference with the contractor and commanding officers of the GILLIS, GREENE, BALLARD, and THORNTON (destroyers being converted to sea-plane tenders) as to possible means of expediting work on the four ships, it developed that the contractor, desiring to meet his schedule on five Maritime Commission vessels under construction, has not utilized available key labor working on those vessels. If done the work on the sea-plane tenders would be augmented and assist in expediting their completion. It has been recommended by Com 12 that the contractor be directed to accord the seaplane tenders A-1-B priority over the Maritime Commission vessels, making available this additional labor. If this is done there would be no present advantage in working shifts. Electricians and woodworking trades have an agreement not to permit shift work. In addition it has been recommended that the question of all shift work for all labor

trades on National Defense contracts be 'gone into with the proper government agencies handling such matters.

Naval Reserve, The third division of the organized reserve at Los Angeles, consisting of three officers and 100 men, will be called to active duty on January 11 to serve on the Ex-STAGHOUND (ex-C-2 cargo carrier, now provision storeship).

Medicine and Surgery, the next examination for appointments as assistant surgeons (lieutenant (j.g.)) will be held at various naval hospitals and at the Naval Medical Center, Washington, from 12-15 May inclusive.

Naval Hearings, Admiral Towers said that employees of the Ranger Engineering Corp., Farmingdale, N.Y., which has a negotiated contract for 403 Navy engines with further contracts pending, had voted to strike today over wage disputes. Towers admitted the strike situation was a delicate one throughout the aircraft industry. He also said that, in May the Navy will get 185 combatant planes and only 165 in November, due to change in production on new models. January will give the Navy 260 planes and February 310. Admiral Towers was asked what he thought of the Navy's taking over the Civil Aero-

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navitics Authority's pilot training program. He replied it would be difficult to provide equipment and staffs for 16 additional ground schools, the Navy having 3. The source of reserve pilots is serious in that of 400 serving with commercial airlines 200 are needed as test pilots and could not be recalled to service.

New Tankers, The Albina Engine and Machine Works, Portland Oregon, was the low bidder today for construction of 5 twin screw vassels with bid of \$1,551,270 each. Seattle-Tacoma Shipbuilding Company was the only other bidder.

War Sinkings, Italy claimed one of her torpedo boats rammed and sank a British submarine and that a British auxiliary cruiser of 3,600 tons had been sunk in the Atlantic. Germany claimed sinking of a 10,000 ton armed merchantman 300 miles west of Ireland.

Subchasers, Contracts for 12 (hulls and fittings) were awarded today to 6 companies, 2 boats each, totaling \$1,596,628, or an average of about \$260,000 each.

Submarine Escape Apparatus, including eye and nose protectors, contract was awarded today to the Mine Safety Appliances Company, Pittsburgh, in the amount of \$525,018.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
10 January 1941

Total Enlisted Strength, 9 January 194,392

<u>Fleet Reservists</u> (enlisted) on active duty	7,880
<u>Other Reservists</u> " " " "	10,923
<u>Retired Men</u> " " " "	<u>379</u>

Total 19,182

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 455

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 172

Gain 283

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 1 January:

Line Officers	832
Staff Officers	197
Warrant Officers	<u>66</u>
<u>Total</u>	1095

Naval Reserve Enlisted Men Ordered to Active Duty for enforcement of neutrality and strengthening of the national defense within the limits of peace-time organization, as of 4 January, 1941:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
Inshore Patrol Bases	340	215	152
Naval Reserve Aviation Bases	2300	2300	1547
Communications	198	198	80
Afloat	5000	6662*	4916
Miscellaneous	(	1570	1553
Class V-7 Procurement Program	(2325	210	210
Class V-7 for Midshipman USNR	--	--	--
Radio and Signal Schools	<u>4000</u>	<u>1559</u>	<u>1287</u>
<u>Total Men</u>	14,163	12,714	9,745

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Mine Squadrons, When directed by the Commander-in-Chief U.S. Fleet, Mine Squadron three will be formed and assigned to the Base Force, consisting of the HOPKINS (DD249) as flagship and Mine division four (present destroyer division 51, PERRY, WASMUTH, ZANE and TREVOR), Mine division five (present destroyer division 52, SOUTHARD, CHANDLER, HOVEY, and LANG), and Mine division six (present motor target division 1, DORSEY, ELLIOT, BOGGS, and LAMBERTON). Effective on 1 February present destroyer division 75, (HOGAN, HOVEY, STANSBURY, and PALMER) will become Mine division 13, and assigned to the train, Atlantic Fleet. The Navy Department further contemplates forming Mine squadron 1, consisting of Mine division 1, (FRUITT, PREELE, SICARD and TRACY) and Mine division 2 (present Mine division 5, GAMELE, BREESE, MONTGOMERY, RAMSAY) and Mine squadron 2, consisting of Mine division 3 (6 tugs), plus vessels of present Mine division 2 upon reporting. This will allow for further expansion.

Neutrality patrols, 2, 3, and 4 were consolidated as of 9 January into the Northern Patrol, charged with patrol of traffic routes in the area bounded by areas of 200 mile from Cape Hatteras, Bermuda, Cape Cod, and lines tangent

to those areas. Operating bases are Hampton Roads, Newport and Bermuda. This patrol will comprise one squadron of destroyers, plus 1 tender and 2 patrol planes squadrons, plus 2 small tenders from Patrol Wing 5, this to be effective at once with destroyers now assigned. The Commander of destroyers Patrol force will assign available new construction destroyers as required.

Japanese, according to best information, are greatly encouraged by reported friction between Kwomintang and the Chinese Communist forces. They expect the Chungking Government will be unable to survive unless differences are settled. Opinion is also widely expressed that the Soviet Union will now cease aiding the Chungking Government. Lieutenant General Tojo, Japanese War Minister, in a message addressed to the Japanese Army, said Japan was facing an international crisis due to Anglo-American opposition to Japanese plans in China. A British collapse and the early entry of America into the war was predicted.

Russia and Germany, announced signature of a treaty fixing the frontier between the two countries from the Baltic Sea to the River Igoroka, and also an enlarged new economic pact.

RECRUITING - WEEK ENDING JANUARY 3, 1941.

Number of applicants accepted for first enlistment	- 2191
Number of enlistments	1653
Number of reenlistments, continuous service	57
Number of reenlistments under broken service	33
Total	1743

Ordinance plant, for the Navy will be built at Canton, Ohio, by the Westinghouse Electric Co., Pittsburgh, at a cost of \$16,000,000.

Reports of Ambassadors, of several foreign countries, a UP dispatch from London says, concur in 1941 being the turning point year of the war. Germany will probably make a desperate attempt to knockout Britain this spring with an aerial attack that will make previous attacks appear negligible. Several hundred planes will be replaced by several thousand in the bombardments. Hitler will risk an invasion attempt only if he can greatly disable British industry and the R.A.F. Intensified submarine warfare and the use of gas is to be expected all at the same time.

Oil barges, 4 will be purchased, 2 from Lake Superior Shipbuilding Co., Superior, Wis., costing \$2,184,448, and 2 from the Basalt Rock Co., Napa, California, costing \$1,800,000.

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 REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
 13 January 1941

Total Strength, Enlisted, 11 January 195,020

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty 7,880

Other Reservists " " " " 10,923

Retired Men 379

Total 19,182

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 432

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 42

Gain 390

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 1 January:

Line Officers	832
Staff Officers	197
Warrant Officers	66
<u>Total</u>	<u>1095</u>

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of Peace-time authorization:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	971
Merchant Marine Reserve Afloat	225	225	437
Aviation Instructors	248	248	211
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	233
CEC-V(S) Officers	125	125	273
Supply Corps Officers	125	125	309
Medical and Dental Officers	177	177	541
Communication Officers	100	100	276
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	40
Administration of Reserve			
Midshipman Training Program	140	140	54
Miscellaneous	320	959	959
Organized Reserve Off. Ashore	-	-	310
" " " " Afloat	-	-	<u>241</u>
<u>Total Estimated Number</u>	<u>1905</u>	<u>2544</u>	<u>4855</u>

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British Convoy, according to best information, was attacked on 10 January at 4: P.M. off Pantellaria (between Turin and Sicily) by the Italians and Germans. An Italian destroyer of the VEGA class was sunk (650 tons, 3-3.9" guns, 2 A.A. guns, 2 torpedo tubes). The ILLUSTRIOUS (British aircraft carrier, 23,000 tons, built in 1939) was attacked by 40 German dive bombers based on Sicily, and was subject to this attack for 7 hours. Torpedo attacks missed, but a 1000 pound bomb hit the flight deck, making a hole 20 feet square. Four other bombs struck the ILLUSTRIOUS; more than 20 airplanes were destroyed and 100 men were killed, with considerable damage to the vessel. The Fleet Air Arm definitely destroyed six German bombers and probably 3 others. The destroyer GALLANT (1,335 tons completed in 1936) struck a mine off Pantellaria and lost her bow, later being towed to Malta. The Convoy got through safely. Mr. Allen of the Associated Press and Lt. Comdr. Hartman, USN, on board the ILLUSTRIOUS, escaped injury.

Japanese papers, report changes in U.S. Fleet organization and Commanders in large headlines. Typical content was that U.S. is preparing for war in both oceans by organizing three fleets and replacing older officers by

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those more energetic. One paper remarks Admiral Richardson advocated a cautious policy toward Japan whereas Admiral Kimmel advocated a more aggressive policy.

Commander Base Force, considers it essential that the provision storeship, recommissioning of the BOREAS/be given high priority enabling it to report to the Base Force as much before mid-March as practicable. The inadequacy of both the BRIDGE and the ARCTIC (provision storeships) to meet refrigeration requirements is causing serious concern.

Fleet Landing Force, To train the maximum troops of the Marine Corps in landing exercises from 4-14 February, Commander Patrol Force considers it essential for their readiness in Caribbean eventualities that three large transports be provided instead of two, in addition to the three small transports already available. Assuming the HARRY LEE keeps schedule and departs Norfolk on 16 January and the doubtful availability of the GEORGE F. ELLIOTT, he has requested the WHARTON or HENDERSON be made available to him until 15 February for adequate marine transportation in joint Army and Navy landing exercises.

YN 48 (net tender) went aground in making port at

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St. Augustine. She was later floated and proceeded to port under her own power. Her rudder and steering gear were damaged, extent undetermined.

Cruisers, Two new divisions will be formed immediately. Cruiser division four will consist of CHICAGO (flagship), PORTLAND, LOUISVILLE, and INDIANAPOLIS. Cruiser division five will consist of NORTHAMPTON (flagship), CHESTER, PENSACOLA, and SALT LAKE CITY. The LOUISVILLE will be directed to proceed and report for duty to Commander Cruisers, Scouting Force, about 10 February.

Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, announced the following award: Contract for Storage Building at the Naval Ammunition Depot, Iona Island, New York, to Jonwal Construction Company, New York City, for the sum of \$129,300. Time 180 calendar days. The Revere Copper and Brass Company was awarded a contract for brass and copper totaling \$567,379. C. Tennant and Sons, New York, was awarded a contract for tin in the amount of \$412,070.

Ex-Nervis (collier), will be sold on 11 February, and stricken from the Navy List.

Mine Layers, The Willamette Iron and Steel Corp. has been awarded a contract in amount of \$24,000,000 on a cost-plus-fixed-fee basis.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

13 January 1941

Total Enlisted Strength, 13 January 195,488

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty 7,888

Other Reservists " " " " 10,923

Retired Men " " " " 395

Total 19,206

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 490

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 43

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Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 1 January:

Line Officers	832
Staff Officers	197
Warrant Officers	66
<u>Total</u>	<u>1095</u>

Naval Reserve Enlisted Men Ordered to Active Duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of Peace Time organization, as of January 11:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
Inshore Patrol Bases	340	215	153
Naval Reserve Aviation Bases	2300	2300	1606
Communications	198	198	78
Afloat	5000	6662*	5029
Miscellaneous	(	1589	1638
Class V-7 Procurement Program	(2325	207	207
Class V-7 for Midshipmen USNR	--	--	--
Radio and Signal Schools	<u>4000</u>	<u>2261</u>	<u>1300</u>
<u>Total Men</u>	<u>14,163</u>	<u>13,432</u>	<u>10,011</u>

*Number authorized for active duty afloat is 1,662 in excess of number allowed.

2. Midvale Company, of Philadelphia, received a fixed price contract for the manufacture of armor plate in the amount of \$1,658,208.

German raiders, At least three have been operating in the Mandated Area in company, the KULMERLAND, NARVIK, and one other, name not known. They have used Japanese names. Since last October these vessels have fueled twice in the Marshall Islands from the REGENSBURG and the ESSBECKER coming from Kobe. The German ships ERMLAND and BURGENLAND are now absent from Kobe, presumably enroute as supply ships.

The British Ambassador at Tokyo has protested against the use of the Japanese flag and ports. The Japanese Foreign Minister seems anxious to co-operate, wishing to avoid establishment of British patrols in Japanese waters.

Bombing of England, The raid on Portsmouth January 10th, was very serious, both to the city itself and the dockyard, fires in both damaging the water supply. Damage to London the last two nights has also been extensive. A further inspection by our Naval officers is being arranged.

U.S.S. WHARTON (transport), will be assigned to Fleet Landing Force arriving Guantanamo on 23 January, and will substitute for the George F. ELLIOTT until she is ready

3. to assume duty. The HENDERSON and WHARTON are both urgently needed for duty on the West Coast.

Cruiser divisions, 4 and 5 (reported yesterday) and Cruiser Division 2 (MEMPHIS (flagship), MILWAUKEE and CINCINNATI), will make up the organization of Cruisers, Scouting Force, effective immediately. The Cincinnati will proceed to the East Coast upon departing Pearl Harbor on 18 January.

Crucible Steel Company, was awarded a contract for tool steel in the amount of \$383,923.

Leeward Islands, The British Governor has given written authority for immediate occupation and construction on bases at St. Lucia and Antigua, subject to some property rights existing in the leases.

U.S.S. GEORGE F. ELLIOTT, ex-City of Los Angeles (transport) was placed in full commission at Baltimore on 10 January.

U.S.S. FORREST (DD461) and FITCH (DD462) keels were laid at the Navy Yard, Boston, on 6 January.

R-19 and R-17 (submarines) were placed in ordinary commission at the Submarine Base, New London, on 6 January.

War Sinkings, The Admiralty reported today that

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shipping losses for the week ending 5 January were the lowest since last May. Four British ships totaling 14,678 tons and no neutral ships were lost during the week. The weekly average during 1940 was 69,666 tons in British, Allied, and neutral shipping.

Senator Walsh, introduced 18 bills in the Senate to supplement the expansion program. Among them were measures already introduced in the House authorizing appropriations of \$15,000,000 for shipyard expansions and \$300,000,000 for anti-aircraft equipment on warships. Other bills will permit hospitals to be established at Jacksonville, Corpus Christi, and Quantico.

C.I.O. strikes, at the Eaton Manufacturing Company, Saginaw, Michigan, working on national defense contracts, saw 2,200 walk out in the company's 5 plants.

Glenn L. Martin, told the House Naval Affairs Committee today the 6-day week is essential in defense industry and would step up production 12 to 15 per cent. He admitted his company now worked 6 days, paying time and a half for overtime when sufficient materials were available. If the Wage-Hour law was changed, he said, wages could be adjusted so men would get the same as they now receive. Job applicants number 1000 a day, with about 100 capable of doing the work required.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
15 January 1941

Total Enlisted Strength, 14 January 195,633

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty 7,885

Other Reservists " " " " 10,923

Retired Men " " " " 396

Total 19,204

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 219

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 72

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Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 January:

Line Officers 866

Staff Officers 200

Warrant Officers 67

Total 1133

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of Peace-Time authorization:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	971
Merchant Marine Reserve Afloat	225	225	437
Aviation Instructors	248	248	211
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	233
CEC-V(S) Officers	125	125	273
Supply Corps Officers	125	125	309
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Administration of Reserve			
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Miscellaneous	320	959	959
Organized Reserve Off. Ashore	-	-	310
" " " Afloat	-	-	241
<u>Total Estimated Number</u>			
Allowed	1905	2544	4855

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German aircraft, Best information estimates Germany has a total of 45,000 planes and is producing at the rate of 18,000 a year.

Japan and Germany, Plans for industrial, cultural and scholastic collaboration is proceeding rapidly. Exchange of skilled technicians will take place in March. During the past four months Japan has shipped large quantities of marine products, textiles and rice to Germany and has obtained machinery and tools in exchange. To enable the Japanese to use this machinery effectively it is necessary to have German technicians as instructors. In the same manner Japanese technicians are proceeding to Germany to study the latest munitions, machinery, and production methods.

Admiral Robinson, at the House hearings indicated the serious regard naval strategists feel for the ability of the dive bomber as a threat to the fleet. He urged speedy action on the \$300,000,000 bill to improve anti-aircraft defenses in the Fleet. Admirals Furlong and Robinson also appeared for \$50,900,000 to expand shipbuilding and ordnance facilities. It was disclosed that it will be 2 or 3 years before the entire fleet will have full protection in terms of European war experience. Admiral Furlong said Navy

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trials indicated that efficient anti-aircraft gunnery of 1.1" guns could disperse dive bombers. Robinson said the WASP had apparently not been assigned to the Fleet because it lacks anti-aircraft protection. Protection of destroyers has not yet been solved, Robinson added. Money to build 280 submarine chasers, minesweepers, and motor torpedo boats is urgent. The Navy seeks 400 of these small craft, with immediate appropriations for 280. These would include 36 165-foot subchasers, 30 110 foot subchasers, 24 motor torpedo boats, 18 165-foot steel hull minesweepers, 32 fleet minesweepers, 90 motor minesweepers and 50 coastal minesweepers.

5 French ships, sailing from Montivideo with cargoes for France will be stopped if possible. The Ministry of Economic Warfare, London, announced today. Apparently they would attempt to run the British blockade. They are the MENDOZA, KATILA, FORMOSE, CAMPANA, and AURIGNY.

German bomb sights, obtained from captured warplanes have been found inferior to our own.

National Defense, officials are advocating we supply Britain with only standard U.S. Navy and Army equipment. They are opposed to manufacturing large quantities of

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munitions here that could not be used in eventuality by our own forces. Great Britain may urge that American war materials be designed for their own specifications. British Fleet requirements are not the same as those for our Navy.

Fleet Landing Exercises, The Army contingent will sail from New York, about 21 January for the Caribbean.

Names of ships, for 7 new battleships, 7 aircraft carriers and 43 submarines were announced today.

Engineering officers, opportunities are being offered to members of the senior and junior classes of engineering colleges to obtain commissions in the Naval Reserve. This should help fill the shortage of technical officers in the Bureaus of Ships, Ordnance and Aeronautics. Admiral Yarnell will visit colleges to address Engineering students. Appointments will be given immediately upon graduation with active duty assigned.

Aircraft Company Presidents, spoke off the record at the National Press Club. Factory space has been increased from 10 to 23 million square feet since the war began with employment increased from 60,000 to 160,000 in aircraft production. At least 14 months are necessary for the first plane of a production order to be manufactured. Less than 10% of automobile tools are suitable to the aircraft industry.

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16 January 1941

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Retired Men " " " " 396

Total 19,204

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 457

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Gain 367

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<u>Administration of Reserve</u>			
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Miscellaneous	320	959	959
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" " " " Afloat	-	-	241
<u>Total Estimated Number Allowed 1905</u>		2544	4855

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Rear Admiral Jonas Ingram, broke his flag in the

MEMPHIS today and assumed command of Cruiser Division 2, with additional duty as Commander of the Caribbean Patrol.

CINCUS, shifted his flag and administration from the

NEW MEXICO to the PENNSYLVANIA on 15 January.

S.S. STAGHOUND, Grace Line converted into a provision

storeship, was placed in full commission as the U.S.S.

ALDEBARAN on 14 January at San Francisco.

U.S.S. OSMUND INGRAM (DD255) and BEUKNAP (DD251) reported

to CinCUS for duty in patrol wings 7 and 3 respectively on 13 January.

U.S.S. CLEMON (DD186), reported to Commander Patrol Wing

3 for duty on January 15.

Expansion of Plant Facilities, contracts have been entered

into with the following companies:

New Process Gear Corporation, Syracuse, N.Y., for construction, acquisition and installation of additional plant facilities and equipment, total estimated cost, approximately \$348,000. The expansion includes the acquisition and installation of additional machinery, equipment and tools for the manufacture of aircraft propeller parts.

Hartford Machinery Screw Company, Hartford, Conn., for

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the construction, acquisition and installation of additional plant facilities and equipment, total estimated cost, approximately \$469,000. This expansion includes the acquisition and installation of additional machinery, equipment and tools for the manufacture of aircraft engine parts.

The New Britain Machine Co., New Britain, Conn., for the acquisition and installation of additional plant facilities and equipment, total estimated cost, approximately \$409,000. This expansion includes the acquisition and installation of additional machinery and equipment for the manufacture of aircraft engine parts.

Perkins Machine & Gear Company, West Springfield, Mass., for the construction, acquisition and installation of additional plant facilities and equipment, total estimated cost, approximately \$365,000. This expansion includes the acquisition and installation of additional machinery and equipment for the manufacture of aircraft engine parts.

The Aviation Corporation (Republic Aircraft Products Division), Detroit, Michigan, for the construction, acquisition and installation of additional plant facilities and equipment, total estimated cost of approximately \$532,000. This expansion includes the acquisition and

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and installation of additional machinery, equipment and tools for the manufacture of aircraft engine parts.

H.M.S. SOUTHAMPTON, British cruiser of 9100 tons hit in the battle of Pantellaria, was subsequently sunk by its own crew, the Admiralty reported. Most of the crew were saved, which consisted of 700 officers and men, after trying to tow her to port. Two Italian supply ships of 5,000 tons each, were sunk by a British submarine, while engaged in taking supplies to Graziani's army. The German High Command reported sinking a 4,000 ton merchant ship in convoy from the air.

House Naval Affairs, Committee approved today the \$1,209,000,000 Navy Bill for more ships, shipyards, guns and armor factories and protection of the Fleet from air attack.

B.S. MENDOZA, (previously reported), was moving into Brazilian waters in attempt to run the British blockade to Marseilles. A British merchant cruiser, the ASTURIAS, was stalking her.

Aluminum Company officials, said there was no shortage of aluminum, though special types of fabricated aluminum have found manufacturers of airplanes faced with temporary shortages. They predicted the Aluminum Company would be able to meet all requirements of the peak in plane production, three months ahead of schedule.

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 REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
 17 January 1941

Total Enlisted Strength, 16 January 196,339

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty 7,885
Other Reservists " " " " 10,923
Retired Men " " " " 395

Total 19,203

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 498

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 158

Gain 340

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 January:

Line Officers 866
 Staff Officers 200
 Warrant Officers 67
Total . . . 1133

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of Peace-time authorization:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	971
Merchant Marine Reserve Afloat	225	225	437
Aviation Instructors	248	248	211
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	233
CEC-V(S) Officers	125	125	273
Supply Corps Officers	125	125	309
Medical and Dental Officers	177	177	541
Communication Officers	100	100	276
Administration of Reserve			
Midshipman Training Program	140	140	54
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	40
Miscellaneous	320	959	959
Organized Res. Officers Ashore	-	-	310
" " " Afloat	-	-	<u>241</u>
<u>Total Estimated Number</u>			
Allowed -	1905	2544	4855

2. U.S.S. MINDANAO (Yangtze River gunboat), overhauled and passed a Japanese destroyer near Lintin Island about 500 yards abeam. After arrival at its destination the American Consul stated the Japanese Consul General by direction of his naval authorities had demanded an apology for passing too close and taking pictures. Surrender of the film was also demanded and the assurance there would be no recurrence in kind. None of these things have been done. A State Department representative is referring the matter to our Ambassador. As there were no violations of the rules of the road or ship handling by the MINDANAO the requests are considered unjustified. CinC Asiatic Fleet instructed the Commander, Yangtze Patrol, to call on the Japanese Admiral and tell him he considered the Japanese action most amazing and that he confidently expected he would cause the demands to be formally withdrawn. He also said to inform the Japanese Admiral he had personally seen the AUGUSTA being photographed from many Japanese ships while in the Whangpoo River, including the Japanese flagship, and elsewhere in Chinese waters. It was not considered out of the ordinary by the Americans who never even thought of protesting.

German Fleet, Best information is that the battleship BISMARCK (35,000 tons, 8 15" guns, 12 5.9" guns) joined the Fleet in early November. The TIRPITZ (sister ship) is due to join the Fleet on 1 February. The Germans are building at the present time, 740 and 500 ton submarines, and not more than 10 of 1050 tons.

Seaplane tenders (previously reported), being converted in San Francisco, all conversion work has been stopped as the Bethlehem Steel Company Union Plant has closed on account of a strike. A picket line has been established over a jurisdictional dispute about the closed shop between the A.F. of L. and the C.I.O. The Commandant of the 12th Naval District recommends mediation be started immediately.

Invasion of Britain, Best information from Italian sources says the headquarters of the German spy system in Great Britain is located at Aberdeen and that plans for invasion include simultaneous attacks at Hastings, Isle of Wight, and Folkestone. 200,000 parachutists are said to be ready.

H.M.S. ILLUSTRIOUS, German News Agency ENB said today that the 23,000 ton British aircraft carrier had been damaged so heavily by German bombs in the Mediterranean

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and at Malta that it is questionable if it can be repaired at all.

Steel Anchors, in the amount of \$341,850 were purchased today from the Columbia Steel Company, San Francisco.

Labor disputes, in defense industries appear more serious today with workers already on strike at two large industrial plants and deadlines being given to negotiations at others. Ryan Aeronautical Workers have given that Company until next Tuesday (defense and foreign government contracts total \$10,500,000.) At Cleveland workers at Weatherhead Manufacturing Company voted 5-1 in favor of a strike (\$1,000,000 defense contract, 1000 employees).

International Harvester Company at Moline, Illinois, is undergoing a dispute between Unions (25,000, employees \$10,000,000 in contracts).

Chrysler Corporation, at Newcastle, Indiana, negotiations continued in the strike of 3500 UAW-CIO workers (small percentage of work on defense contracts). Confusion still exists at the Eaton Manufacturing Company (previously reported). A state-wide strike of 35,000 mine workers in Illinois was threatened to enforce demands for a signed contract at Springfield.

REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
21 January 1941

Total Enlisted Strength, 18 January 197,942

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty 7,885

Other Reservists " " " " 11,955

Retired Men " " " " 395

Total 20,235

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 374

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 60

Gain 314

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 January

Line Officers	866
Staff Officers	200
Warrant Officers	<u>67</u>
<u>Total</u>	1133

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of peace-time authorization:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	Number		Number <u>Ordered</u>
	<u>Allowed</u>	<u>Obligated</u>	
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	1004
Merchant Marine Reserve Afloat	225	225	465
Aviation Instructors	248	248	230
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	235
CEC-V(S) Officers	125	125	281
Supply Corps Officers	125	125	318
Medical and Dental Officers	177	177	565
Communication Officers	100	100	281
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	44
Administration of Reserve Mid- shipman Training Program	140	140	54
Miscellaneous	320	1019	1019
Organized Res. Officers Ashore	-	-	309
" " " Afloat	-	-	<u>252</u>
<u>Total Estimated Number</u>			
	<u>Allowed</u>	<u>2604</u>	<u>5057</u>

RECRUITING ACTIVITIES FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 10th:

Number of applicants accepted for first enlistment -	2804
Number of first enlistments	2196
Number of reenlistments, continuous service	72
Number of reenlistments, broken service	37
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Total.	2305

Bureau of Aeronautics, Admiral Towers stated for this bulletin that the Germans having based a large number of aircraft in Sicily, apparently established a heavy air offensive in the central Mediterranean area. It appears that Malta can no longer be used as a repair base for British vessels and that all ships now there will be destroyed or at least immobilized.

Foot Gear and Machine Company, their Navy contract entered into on 4 December has been increased from \$1,020,000 to \$1,940,000. This increase will provide for the acquisition of additional machinery and equipment at the corporation's plant in Chicago.

S.S. MENDOZA, French merchantman, previously reported as attempting to run the British blockade to France, was captured on 18 Jan. by the British auxiliary cruiser ASTURIAS, at Itapacoroy Bay, latitude 26-47 South, longitude 48-37 West.

Degaussing, installation has been completed at Puget

Sound on the battleship ARIZONA, the destroyer FOX and the oceangoing tug MAHOPAC. This is the last of the battleships to be degaussed excepting those due for overhaul.

At Dakar, are the French battleship JEAN BART, 2 cruiser 10 trawlers, 8 submarines, and 8 other vessels (types unknown). More French vessels are reported leaving Toulon for African destinations.

U.S.S. OMAHA (light cruiser), examination of her number 3 High Pressure Turbine reveals the necessity of renewing all blades of the sixth to ninth stages inclusive, and the last moving row of the fifth stage. Blades of the sixth and seventh stages are practically gone. Considerable fragments have been carried over into the low pressure turbine. Two months overhaul has been recommended at the earliest possible date, pending arrival of material to effect these repairs.

Selection Board, will be convened on 27 January to recommend officers of the Medical Corps, volunteer general class and volunteer special class, for promotion to the rank of Commander and one officer of the volunteer special class for promotion to Captain. Supply Corps recommendations of 2 officers to be promoted from Captain to Rear Admiral have been approved.

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French Ships, Best information reports that an Italian pilot who had duty in France saw the CLEMENCEAU (battleship of 35,000 tons, 8 15-inch and 15 6-inch guns) running her final trials and that the Jean Bart, sister ship, would be ready for her final trials in about 2 months. After taking LeHavre and other coastal towns, he said that the Germans salvaged and put in commission 11 French submarines and 21 destroyers.

Pearl Harbor, will be the home port of the destroyers BUCK, MORRIS, ROE, and WAINWRIGHT effective 1 February. U.S.S. SHARK (SS174), home port has been changed from Pearl Harbor to Cavite.

German Mines, specimens assembled in a British mine school may become available to the United States, being sent over here. This collection is considered to be of great value and later types may become available when found.

Navy Bill, authorizing \$300,000,000 to strengthen the anti aircraft defenses of the Fleet was passed unanimously today by the House of Representatives. The remaining two measures of \$315,000,000 for increase of shipyard facilities and \$194,000,000 for new gun and armor factories will be taken up by the House tomorrow.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY, OF THE NAVY
22 January 1941

Total Enlisted Strength, 21 January 198,279

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty 7,885

Other Reservists " " " " 11,955

Retired Men " " " " 395

Total 20,235

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 399

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 56

Gain 343

Retired Officers returned, to active duty, as of 15 January:

Line Officers 866

Staff Officers 200

Warrant Officers 67

Total 1133

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of peace-time authorization, as of 18, January:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	1004
Merchant Marine Reserve Afloat	225	225	465
Aviation Instructors	248	248	230
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	235
CEC-V(S) Officers	125	125	281
Supply Corps Officers	125	125	318
Medical and Dental Officers	177	177	565
Communication Officers	100	100	281
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	44
Administration of Reserve Mid-shipman Training Program	140	140	54
Miscellaneous	320	1019	1019
Organized Reserve Offi. Ashore	-	-	309
" " " Afloat	-	-	252
<u>Total Estimated Number</u>			
Allowed	1905	2604	5057

U.S.S. WARD (DD199), was placed in full commission at the Destroyer Base, San Diego, on 15 January.

U.S.S. GWIN (DD493) was placed in full commission at the Navy Yard, Boston, on 15 January.

Ryan Aeronautical Company, which has \$10,500,000 in American and British orders reached an agreement with the C.I.O. today, ending threat of a strike scheduled to start this morning. C.I.O. will now attempt to organize Consolidated Aircraft, employing 17,000 men, and defense orders totaling \$350,000,000. Meantime the C.I.O. ordered an immediate strike of 7,000 workers at the Allis-Chalmers Company, which has \$20,000,000 in national defense orders.

Cargo ships, The House Appropriations Committee approved the emergency program for building 200 cargo vessels, recommending appropriations of \$319,500,000 for this work. Admiral Land reported that in 1939 only 24.3 per cent of American commerce was carried in American ships while 33.7 was carried in British ships and the remainder in ships of nations already under domination of Axis powers. The European War has sent to the bottom over 5,000,000 tons of shipping, neutral and belligerent, to date.

Philadelphia Navy Yard, fire broke out today in a shack

storing materials near a ship way. There was no evidence of sabotage. It was brought under control with little damage.

Naval Expansion Bill, the measure authorizing expenditure of \$909,000 for shipyard facilities and gun and armor factories was passed today by the House of Representatives with only two dissenting votes, those of Vito Marcantonio of New York and William P. Lambertson.

Naval Torpedo Station, Keyport, Washington, a contract for a torpedo storehouse was awarded today to J.W. Bailey Construction Company, Seattle, Washington, for the sum of \$456,750; Time, 300 calendar days.

Naval Supply and Transportation Section, is in the process of formation and will be a subsidiary of the Ships Movements division of Naval Operations. The Joint Merchant Vessel Board will also be part of this office. Recommendations for purchase in wartime of all merchant vessels will originate in this new division. Preparation of operating War plans for the Naval Transportation Service will also be handled here, as well as maintenance of data on all merchant vessels and small craft that could be suitable for the Naval service. This office will also

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have direct contact with Naval district Transportation service office and act as liaison with the Merchant Marine, Maritime Commission, Coast Guard, yacht owners, Department of Commerce, and other government agencies with a view to probable procurement.

Senator George Norris, said today he favored a two-year limitation on the lend-lease bill, but would not refuse to vote for it if the two year limitation clause failed to be adopted.

Navy Blimp L-2, additional tests will be held at Akron, Ohio today. This ship is the first of 120,000 cubic feet blimps to be built by Goodyear Aircraft Corporation.

Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation, at Pascagoula, Mississippi, which has contracts for \$75,000,000 worth of Naval and Maritime Commission construction, curtailed work today because of meetings of two groups of workers. 25 crane operators left work and 55 burners were off the job. Agreement was that there would be no strikes before July. Only 80 of 1,000 workers were absent today, but it held up work because they were absent. Burners are asking for a 11-cent increase to 90 cents an hour, and crane operators 25-cent increase to \$1.25 per hour.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
23 January 1941

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Total Enlisted Strength, 22 January	198,577
Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty	7,921
Other Reservists " " " "	11,955
Retired Men " " " "	418
<u>Total</u>	<u>20,294</u>
<u>Aggregate Enlistments</u> (last 24 hours)	<u>286</u>
<u>Aggregate Discharges</u> " " " "	<u>47</u>
<u>Gain</u>	<u>239</u>

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 January:

Line Officers	866
Staff Officers	200
Warrant Officers	67
<u>Total</u>	<u>1133</u>

Naval Reserve Enlisted Men ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of peace-time organization, as of January 18th:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
Inshore Patrol Bases	340	215	157
Naval Reserve Aviation Bases	2300	2300	1700
Communications	198	198	82
Afloat	5000	6692*	5694
Miscellaneous	(	1642	1741
Class V-7 Procurement Program	2325	207	207
Class V-7 for Midshipmen USNR	--	--	--
Radio and Signal Schools	<u>4000</u>	<u>2261</u>	<u>1352</u>
Total Men	14,163	13,515	10,933

*Number authorized for active duty afloat is 1692 in excess of number allowed.

2. ERRATA, in yesterday's report under Naval Expansion Bill, \$909,000 should read \$909,000,000.

Atlantic Patrol Force, current organization consists of operating echelons divided into 3 patrol areas, Northern, Caribbean, and Gulf of Mexico, with 3 mobile echelons, striking, support and train.

U.S.S. CHAUMONT (transport), will be escorted by a light cruiser on her next outbound and return trip to the Far East because of the reported presence of three or more Nazi raiders in the Southeastern Pacific. This escort will be divided East and West of Guam by cruisers from the Pacific and Asiatic Fleets. It is not felt at the present time such convoy will be enlarged in scope to include other naval vessels or ships of the Merchant Marine.

Spanish neutrality, the Spanish Ambassador to Lisbon stated to best information that Hitler in the early part of January sent a personal appeal to General Franco asking Spanish entry into the war on the Axis' side, offering to supply 700 planes, mostly dive bombers, and necessary personnel to effect the closing of the Straits of Gibraltar. No other Germans were to enter Spain. Franco regretted that recent events in Spain would bring about a revolution and overthrow his government in case of war and that the lack of

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war materials and foodstuffs would make Spain a liability to the Axis as an ally.

Alabama Drydocks and Shipbuilding Company officials discussed difficulties with labor leaders today affecting 3,400 employees who struck Tuesday and returned to work today. This Company is repairing several Navy vessels and is doing work for British shipping interests.

House Naval Affairs Committee, approved a bill giving O.N.I. broad powers to combat sabotage attempts on the naval expansion program. This bill gives designated agents unrestricted powers to make arrests in sabotage and espionage cases. Captain James said in testifying, agents would be increased from 185 to 800. Emergency hospital funds for five Caribbean defense stations was also discussed. Admiral McInire said that a year from now there would be 17,000 Naval personnel in the Guantanamo Area.

Brewster Aeronautical Corporation, will build a large airplane assembly plant in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. The first unit will be completed by 1 July at a cost of \$2,000,000, and will employ 4,000 persons. 10,000 will be employed on total completion. Fighters and bombers will be assembled in this plant. Brewster orders from this government, Great Britain and Greece total \$125,000,000.

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Maritime Commission, will issue its annual report on 26 January.

Admiral Nimitz, told the Senate Naval Affairs Committee he was opposed to a new Naval Academy in the South or on the Pacific Coast. He recommended passage of a bill authorizing the appointment of 651 additional midshipmen each year. The Committee unanimously approved the measure, passed by the House yesterday.

Heintz Manufacturing Company, Philadelphia, was awarded a contract for doors, hatches, and scuttles totaling \$894,374.

Colonel Lindbergh, testified in opposition to the lend-lease bill. He said an aviation industry capable of building and maintaining a 10,000 plane air force could meet any emergency that might confront this hemisphere. He preferred that neither side should win the war and would like to see a negotiated peace. The fall of the British Navy would not seriously menace the United States, he added. He is opposed to the bill because he considers it a step away from democracy and a step toward war. He advocated air bases as far south as the Amazon Valley. He said he considered it a mistake to send 50 destroyers to Britain and to export planes to Europe at this time.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
24 January 1941

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Total Enlisted Strength, 23 January 199,460

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty 7,921

Other Reservists " " " " 12,534

Retired Men " " " " 418

Total 20,875

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 391

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 87

Gain 304

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 January:

Line Officers 866

Staff Officers 200

Warrant Officers 67

Total - 1133

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of peace-time authorization, as of 18 January:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	1004
Merchant Marine Reserve Afloat	225	225	465
Aviation Instructors	248	248	230
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	235
CEC-V(S) Officers	125	125	281
Supply Corps Officers	125	125	318
Medical and Dental Officers	177	177	565
Communication Officers	100	100	281
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	44
Administration of Reserve Midshipman Training Program	140	140	54
Miscellaneous	320	1019	1019
Organized Reserve Off.Ashore	-	-	309
" " " Afloat	-	-	252
<u>Total Estimated Number</u>			
Allowed	1905	2604	5057

Submarine Chasers, 459 and 509, net tenders 38, 39, 40, 44 and 48, and district craft 46 and 48 departed from the Navy Yard, Charleston, for Guantanamo in company with the SEMINOLE (fleet tug) on 21 January, to arrive Guantanamo on 26 January.

Selection Board, Medical Corps, 62 out of 114 considered were promoted from Commander to Captain and 21 out of 87 from Lieutenant Commander to Commander.

S.S. MANHATTAN, the bow of the U.S. liner was free today off West Palm Beach, only her stern being still aground on the sandbar into which she plowed 12 days ago. It was expected she would be refloated within a week. Tugs, aided by kedge anchors swung the bow 100 feet to seaward, sliding it off the bar.

Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation, operations were still curtailed today by the absence of crane operators and engineers who left their jobs on Wednesday. Operations at the Alabama Drydock and Shipbuilding Company's yards at Mobile were at a standstill, 3,400 employes having left the plant over wage disputes.

H.M.S. GEORGE V, carrying Lord Halifax, newly appointed British Ambassador to the United States anchored off An-

napolis today. The Presidential party left Washington for Annapolis early in the afternoon.

Glenn L. Martin Company, is producing 20 planes a week and will triple production in the near future when new machinery is installed.

House Foreign Affairs Committee, Democratic members voted to hear testimony of Admiral Stark and General Marshall on the lend-lease bill in secret session.

Navy Yard, Philadelphia, 60 structural steel workers who laid down their tools yesterday reported back to duty today, for resumption of construction on the new dry dock. These men returned to work pending settlement of a labor dispute.

H.M.S. PARTHIAN, British submarine of 1475 tons has sunk a headily laden Italian supply ship of 7,000 tons. The German High Command said that long range German bombers attacked and sank two armored British merchant ships West of Ireland, totaling 8,100 tons. It was also claimed another merchant ship of 5,000 tons was set afire and explosions were noticed on a 12,000 ton freighter off the English East Coast.

Advance Appropriations, for National Defense of

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\$1,200,000,000 will be asked for shortly, \$500,000,000 of which will be asked by the Navy to cover expenditures up to 1 July. This is part of the \$1,200,000,000 Navy Bill awaiting Senate action.

Italy, German Air Unit headquarters are at Taormina, Miramar Hotel. German aviators claim they will take Malta in two weeks. There are rumors of a split in the Fascist Party. Internal conditions are getting worse, food is getting scarce and discontent is increasing.

U.S.S. NIELACK (DD424) and BENSON (DD421) are enroute to Argentina, New Foundland, taking Marines to the new air station.

British estimates, have been requested from the best authoritative sources. If shipping losses continue at the 1940 average and damage from air attack to homes, transportation and warehouse facilities, continues in like manner, it is desired to know when the situation will become critical as to essential foodstuffs, medical and

household supplies. The amount of surplus gross tonnage, if any, available to supply essential foodstuffs and industrial supplies to carry on the war at the present rate is also wanted. An estimate of 1941 of the net loss or gain in gross tonnage available is part of this estimate including requirements for supply and transport of military units to the Mediterranean Area. Vessels of 1600 gross tons and above enter into this calculation. -- --

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

27 January 1941

Number of applications accepted for first
 Total Enlisted Strength, 24 January 199,578
 Number of first enlistments
 Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty 7,921
 Number of Fleet Reservists
 Other Reservists 12,534
 Number of Other Reservists
 Retired Men 418
 Total 20,873

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 329
 Aggregate Discharges " " " 211
 Gains 118

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 January:
 Line Officers 866
 Staff Officers 200
 Warrant Officers 67
 Total - 1133

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of peace time authorization, as of 18 January:

Character of Duty	Number Allowed	Number Obligated	Number Ordered
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	1004
Merchant Marine Reserve Afloat	225	225	465
Aviation Instructors	248	248	230
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	235
CEC-V(S) Officers	125	125	281
Supply Corps Officers	125	125	318
Medical and Dental Officers	177	177	565
Communication Officers	100	100	281
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	44
Administration of Reserve Mid-shipmen Training Program	140	140	54
Miscellaneous	320	1019	1019
Organized Reserve Off. Ashore	-	-	309
" " " "	-	-	252
Total Estimated Number Allowed	1905	2604	5057

2. RECRUITING ACTIVITIES FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 17, 1941.

Number of applicants accepted for first enlistment	2852
Number of first enlistments	2307
Number of reenlistments under broken service.....	32
Number of reenlistments, continuous service.....	71
Totals.....	2410

Naval Bills. The Senate passed a bill unanimously and sent it to the White House enabling each member of the Senate and House to appoint five, instead of four, midshipmen each year to the Naval Academy. The President will appoint 25 each year instead of 15, and 100 will be appointed from the Naval Reserve instead of 50. The authorization Bill carrying \$909,000,000 for construction of small boats and expansion of ordnance facilities will be taken up when the Senate next convenes. \$300,000,000 of it was passed by the Senate this morning unanimously for antiaircraft protection of ships already in commission. The remainder of the bill includes \$400,000,000 for destroyers, small boats and auxiliaries, \$315,000,000 for shipyard expansion and \$104,000,000 for ordnance facilities.

American Society of Tool Engineers, offered its services for an emergency training program to reduce the shortage

3. over a million tool engineers, tool and die makers, and skilled mechanics in the metal working industry. Defense requirements have produced shortages of 110,000 tool engineers, 310,000 tool and die makers 740,000 skilled mechanics.

Maritime Commission, Congress was asked today for \$65,000,000 additional funds to complete the 200 cargo ship building program. \$560,000,000 is the entire sum needed to have these ships all under construction by 30 June 1941.

Admiral Stark, testified this morning to the House Foreign Affairs Committee in private session. Admiral Robinson and Admiral Furlong testified before the Senate Naval Affairs Committee which unanimously passed the \$1,209,000,000 expansion bill.

U.S.S. Louisville (heavy cruiser), brought in gold purchased by the United States from the Union of South Africa.

Standard Tool Company, at Cleveland was out on strike today, 600 employees striking on subcontracts for defense orders. This strike was called after seven weeks negotiations on wage raises.

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Tokyo Newspapers, government inspired, said today that Russia had agreed to negotiate a non-aggression treaty with Japan.

International Harvester, strike at Moline, Illinois was settled today involving 1400 workers.

H.M.S. Southampton, was first hit just forward of number one turret in a surprise attack. This hit killed 27 officers who were in the wardroom. It also started an oil fire which prevented operation of flood control valves above the turret. The magazine was flooded for protection. Another hit killed many of the forward repair party and forced abandonment of the bridge. The third hit was close to the first. Fires which became out of control resulted in the loss of the ship. On the ILLUSTRIOUS the forward bay of the hangar was burned out. Later hits at Malta caused increased underwater damage and flooding. 1000lb. bombs were dropped in these attacks.

Fire at N.O.B. Norfolk, yesterday, origin unknown, completely destroyed one building containing the telephone exchange, issuing office, commandant library, post office, disbursing office and auditorium.

REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
28 January 1941

Total Enlisted Strength, 27 January 201,483

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty 7,921
Other Reservists " " " " 13,754
Enlisted Men " " " " 418

Total 22,093

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 329

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 211

Gains 118

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 January:

Line Officers 866

Staff Officers 200

Warrent Officers 67

Total - 1133

Naval Reserve Enlisted Men ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of peace-time organization, as of January 25th:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
Inshore Patrol Bases	340	215	157
Naval Reserve Aviation Bases	2300	2300	1700
Communications	198	198	93
Afloat	5000	6692*	6482
Miscellaneous	2325	1689	1766
Class V-7 Procurement Program	—	206	206
Class V-7 for Midshipmen, USNR	—	—	—
Radio and Signal Schools	<u>4000</u>	<u>4000</u>	<u>4000</u>
Total Men	14,163	13,561	11,752

*Number authorized for active duty afloat is 210 in excess of number allowed.

2. Plant Expansion, a contract has been entered into with the Union Switch and Signal Company, Swissvale, Pennsylvania, for the acquisition, construction and installation of additional plant facilities consisting of machinery, equipment, and tools to be located at their plant. Total estimated cost is \$1,243,000.

U.S.S. Kaula (miscellaneous auxiliary), was placed in full commission on 22 January at the Bethlehem Key Highway Plant, Baltimore. She will be fitted out as the flagship for the Train, Atlantic Fleet.

U.S.S. Curtiss (aircraft tender), reported to CINCUS for duty in the Patrol Force on 22 January.

R-20 (submarine), was placed in full commission at the Navy Yard, Philadelphia on 22 January.

Total personnel, including officers, employed in the Navy Department was 7458 on 16 December compared with 5232 on 1 July 1940. This number will increase to approximately 9600 by 1 July 1941. Average floor space by 1 July 1941 is estimated at 112.9 square feet per person in comparison with 102.7 a year ago.

War Sinkings, Shipping lost by enemy action during the week ended 19 January took an upward swing, totalling

3. 58,212 tons, including 5 British vessels aggregating 34,772 tons and 6 allied ships totalling 23,440 tons.

Naval Reserve Armory, at Kansas City burned to the ground in a fire yesterday. The entire contents of the building were destroyed. A board of investigation will be appointed by the Commandant of the Ninth Naval District.

Representative Maas, said today he will introduce an amendment to the lend-lease bill calling on Great Britain to turn over its Western Hemisphere island possessions in exchange for U.S. war supplies.

Aircraft, the industry produced \$544,440,000 of airplanes, engines and parts during 1940, more than double the \$225,000,000 total for 1939. Aircraft factory space use during 1940 from 7,410,133 to 12,664,600 square feet, with 16,000,000 square feet under construction. Available engine plant space increased from 2,200,000 to 5,300,000 square feet. Propellor plant area increased from 393,000 to 846,000 square feet.

S.S. Manhattan, two salvage tugs pulled the bow 35 to 40 feet at flood tide today, but the stern

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remained fast 300 yards from shore.

Admiral Raeder, of the German Navy today said the British life line had been cut, and that aid if forthcoming would be too late.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, announced the following award: Contract for Diesel-engine-alternator, auxiliaries and piping at the Naval Radio Station, Cheltenham, Maryland has been awarded to The Suburban Engineering Company, New York City, for the sum of \$35,678; time - 150 calendar days.

Fuel oil fires, are being studied as a result of British experience in bombing raids aboard combatant ships. It is believed from best available information that consideration should be given to dividing the ship into longitudinal sections, each with its own self-contained fire fighting installation. A system dependent on long leads is too vulnerable to attack. Duplicate magazine sprinkling and flooding systems with control and supply well separated could help in extinguishing such fires.

Phelps Dodge, Copper Products Company at Elizabeth, New Jersey was on strike today, walkout consisting of 1500 employees. This company is making copper wire for the Navy.

REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
29 January 1941

Total Enlisted Strength, 28 January 201,684

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty 7,921

Other Reservists " " " " 13,754

Retired Men " " " " 418

Total 22,093

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 303

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 102

Gains 201

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 January:

Line Officers 866

Staff Officers 200

Warrent Officers 67

Total - 1133

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of peace time authorization, as of 18 January:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	1004
Merchant Marine Reserve Afloat	225	225	465
Aviation Instructors	248	248	230
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	235
CEC-V(S) Officers	125	125	281
Supply Corps Officers	125	125	318
Medical and Dental Officers	177	177	565
Communication Officers	100	100	281
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	44
Administration of Reserve Mid-shipmen Training Program	140	140	54
Miscellaneous	320	1019	1019
Organized Reserve Off. Ashore	-	-	309
" " " " Afloat	-	-	252
<u>Total Estimated Number</u>	<u>Allowed</u>	<u>2604</u>	<u>5057</u>

2. U.S.S. George F. Elliott (transport, ex-City of Los Angeles), was rammed by a tug causing a hole approximately four feet long and two feet wide in her port quarter aloft frame 14, immediately below the second deck. This ship is now taking on ammunition and effecting repairs at --

S.S. George Washington, was accepted by the Commandant, Fifth Naval District, on 28 January.

Attache to Germany, Commander Schrader has been ordered home, to be attached to the office of operations.

Aircraft Industry, will employ 385,000 workers by fall and 500,000 soon thereafter. In 1938 there were 30,000 in aircraft industries. At present there are 170,000 working.

German troops, in Italy are confirmed from last information, numbering two divisions near BARI. They will take part in the Albanian offensive when weather permits.

Permission will be asked from Vichy, according to other reports, for occupation of BISERTI and other ports in Africa. Two Italian and five German mechanized divisions are under orders to Sicily for transportation to Libya, though this last report is said to be doubtful.

Chairman Vinson, introduced legislation today to ban

3. the closed union shop and require mediation of all labor disputes in the naval building program. His measure would set up a naval defense labor board to which all disputes impeding naval construction would be referred. No one shall be required to be a member of a labor organization as a condition of employment by naval contractors. Disputes would have to be negotiated by employer and employees, going to the Naval Board after 20 days for mediation. The Bill carries penalties of \$5,000 fine or a year's imprisonment or both for non-conformance. The Naval Board acting in mediation would make reports public after 30 days. The defense board would consist of three representatives, one for the employer, one for labor, one for the public. Salaries of board members would be \$10,000. Subversive organization members can be refused employment.

War Sinkings, Germany claimed to have sunk one 4,500 ton freighter and one 5,000 ton merchantman yesterday.

Naval Appropriations, The Senate passed and sent to the White House the \$909,000,000 Naval Bill to provide 400 small boats, new shipyards and ordnance material.

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Money must be appropriated later to carry out the terms of the bill. \$280,000,000 will be asked for shortly to start 280 of the 400 boat program, small escort, patrol, and minesweeping craft.

RECRUITING ACTIVITIES FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 24, 1941.

Number of applicants accepted for first enlistment	2560
Number of first enlistments	2310
Number of reenlistments under broken service.....	83
Number of reenlistments, continuous service	<u>35</u>
Total	2428

U.S.S. Lansdale (DD426), will be sent to the assistance of the S.S. Manhattan, grounded off West Palm Beach, Florida.

Strikes, Three industrial plants and a shipyard, all holding national defense contracts were still idle today. Organized workmen also threatened to stop work on a \$1,500,000 expansion project at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. International Harvester plant at East Moline, Illinois continued on strike as did 7,000 workers of the Allis-Chalmers Company. Progressive reopening for 1500 workers at the Phelps-Dodge Plant, Elizabeth, N. J. was started under a conditional settlement.

REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

30 January 1941

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Total Enlisted Strength, 29 January 202,076

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty 7,921

Other Reservists " " " " 13,754

Retired Men " " " " 418

Total 22,093

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 411

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 19

Gain 392

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 January:

Line Officers 866

Staff Officers 200

Warrant Officers 67

Total - 1133

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of peace time authorization, as of 18 January:

Character of Duty	Number	Number	Number
	Allowed	Obligated	Ordered
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	1004
Merchant Marine Reserve Afloat	225	225	465
Aviation Instructors	248	248	230
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	235
CEC-V(S) Officers	125	125	281
Supply Corps Officers	125	125	318
Medical and Dental Officers	177	177	565
Communication Officers	100	100	281
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	44
Administration of Reserve Mid-shipmen Training Program	140	140	54
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" " " Afloat	-	-	252
Total Estimated Number			
	Allowed	1905	2604
			5057

2. H.M.S. Illustrious (British Aircraft carrier) according to the best information left Malta for Alexandria on 23 January, the covering force of cruisers and destroyers failing to make contact. The latter were attacked on 24 January 300 miles from Sicily by high level bombers and some diving attacks from Junkers 88's. There were no hits. The Illustrious arrived at Alexandria on 25 January for repairs and is now in floating dock.

Repairs are necessary for any long sea voyage.

Ambassador Leahy, has proposed transfer of entire naval personnel from Paris to Vichy because of the impossibility of maintaining adequate communication between the two points.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, announced that Contract for Structural Steel and Foundations for Hangers, Assembly and Repair Shop Buildings, Paint and Dope Spray Booth Buildings and Steam Plants at various aviation bases has been awarded as follows:

One hanger, one assembly and repair shop bldg. one paint and dope spray booth building and one steam plant at the Naval Reserve Aviation Base, Minneapolis, Minn., has been awarded to Standard Construction Co., Inc., 604 National Building, Minneapolis, Minn., under item 2, for the sum of \$97,313; time - 160 calendar days.

One hanger, one assembly and repair shop building,

3. one paint and dope spray booth bldg., and one steam plant at the Naval Reserve Aviation Base, Robertson, Missouri, has been awarded to Lecoutour Parsons Construction Co., 4121 Forest Park Blvd., St. Louis, Mo., under item 3, for the sum of \$108,976; time - 160 calendar days.

One hanger, exclusive of administrative wing, one paint and dope spray booth building and one steam plant building at the Naval Reserve Aviation Base, Grosse Ile, Michigan, has been awarded to Douglas-Loeffler Co., 439 Penobscot Bldg., Detroit, Mich., under item 4, for the sum of \$78,445; time - 160 calendar days.

Chairman Vinson, sought administration support of his bill to require mediation of labor disputes and to outlaw the closed shop in defense industries. Hearings will start next week, probably Wednesday. Navy Department officials will testify.

Anti-aircraft defense Bill, covering \$300,000,000 for installing equipment on ships was signed by the President today. It was the first act of the 77th Congress to become law. An appropriation measure must follow. It will take from two to three years to install this equipment on all ships.

U.S.S. Edison, was completed at the Federal shipbuilding Company, Kearny, N. J. today. 4 1/2 months ahead of schedule. She is a 1630 ton destroyer. This is a new record for this type, although 1200 ton boats were

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completed in nine months during the World War. Selection Boards, a board will meet on 10 February to recommend officers for promotion in the line from

lieutenant (j.g.) to the next higher grade. Another board will convene on the same day to recommend officers in the line of the naval reserve, intelligence volunteer class, for promotion to the rank of Captain and

Commander.

All Commodities, wholesale price index for the month of

January was as follows: Week ending 4 January, 80.2;

11 January, 80.2; 18 January, 80.6; and 25 January,

80.8. During December this figure averaged 79.7. The

high average of 25 January is the highest since January

1938.

Strikes, held up production at six industrial plants and

defense projects today. Higher wages and union recog-

nition were the causes. 16,500 workmen were partici-

pating. Allis Chalmers continued to be the largest of

the striking company workmen. Alabama Drydocks and

Shipbuilding Company, repairing naval vessels was still

out on strike. The Standard Tool Company of Cleveland

working on defense orders had 600 men on strike.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
31 January 1941

Total Enlisted Strength, 30 January 202,381

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty 7,921

Other Reservists " " " " 13,754

Retired Men " " " " 418

Total 22,093

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 510

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 205

Gain 305

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 January

Line Officers 866

Staff Officers 200

Warrant Officers 67

Total - 1133

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of peace time authorization, as of 18 January:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	1004
Merchant Marine Reserve Afloat	225	225	465
Aviation Instructors	248	248	230
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	235
CEC-V(S) Officers	125	125	281
Supply Corps Officers	125	125	318
Medical and Dental Officers	177	177	565
Communication Officers	100	100	281
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	44
Administration of Reserve Midshipmen Training Program	140	140	54
Miscellaneous	320	1019	1019
Organized Reserve Off. Ashore	-	-	309
" " " Afloat	-	-	252
<u>Total Estimated Number</u>			
Allowed	1905	2604	5057

2. Burma Road, is said to be virtually cut off by bombing attacks according to last information. Prior to the bombings 5000 tons of material were transported over this road monthly. This amount will probably not continue due to the destruction of the MEKONG River Bridge. Of three bridges, one was damaged in an attack on 25 October, another was destroyed on 14 December and another on 23 January. The Chinese may attempt repair, but bombing attacks will continue.

U.S.S. Lansdale (DD 426), is anchored 1200 yards to seaward of the S.S. Manhattan off West Palm Beach, Florida. She will attempt to rock the liner by creating a surf around her.

Mertinlich Shipbuilding Company, at San Diego called a general strike today. This yard is now engaged in construction of two new minesweepers and conversion of 3 purse seiners to minesweepers.

Maritime Commission, awarded a \$5,980,000 contract to Western Pipe and Steel Company, San Francisco, for construction of two C-3 freighters.

Appropriations, Committee of the Senate unanimously approved \$313,500,000 for construction of 200 cargo

3. vessels. These vessels will all be delivered within two years and will be of 7,500 tons each.

Machine tools, builders have been requested not to deliver their products to any customer after 28 February unless he has a priority rating from the office of production management, national defense commission. The defense program will have first call which it is hoped will reduce the bottleneck existing in that industry.

Alabama drydocks, Shipbuilding Company entered its second week on strike. Four destroyers are scheduled to be built there as well as vessels which are undergoing repairs.

War Sinkings, Berlin announced two enemy merchantmen sunk by long range bombers, both vessels of 5,000 tons.

Army Industrial College, Colonel Whitehead, U.S. Marine Corps, was appointed Commandant today.

Admiral Nomme, Japanese Ambassador, arrived in Honolulu, Admiral Richardson heading the reception committee which greeted him.

S.S. Portland, Hamburg-American freighter of 7,200 tons sailed for an unknown destination from TALCAHUANO, Chile laden with cereals, lumber and copper.

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o German invasion, French military observers believe that February brings the possibility of a German attack on Great Britain. A 7 to 12 day good weather period near the end of February coupled with low winter tides and calm seas may be the time for this attempt. Still long nights would also facilitate movements of troops, supplies and artillery.

Norris Stamping Company, of Los Angeles received a contract for ammunition boxes in the amount of \$664,240.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, announces the following awards:

Contract for Civilian Quarters at the Fuel Annex (Craney Island), Naval Supply Depot, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va., to the Means Construction Company, Jacksonville, Florida, for the sum of \$24,450.

Contract for Air Compressor, Navy Yard, Washington, D. C., to the Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company, New York, New York, for the sum of \$35,375; time - 150 calendar days.

Contract for Excavation and Grading at the Navy Reserve Aviation Base, Robertson (near St. Louis) Missouri, to Samuel Kraus Company, St. Louis Missouri, for the estimated sum of \$192,290; time - 60 calendar days.

Dental Corps, Competition examinations to select dental officers will be held on 7 July from candidates between 21 and 32 years of age.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

3 February 1941

Total Enlisted Strength, 31 January 203,559

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty 7,979

Other Reservists " " " " 14,451

Retired Men " " " " 457

Total 22,887

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 511

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 127

Gain 384

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 1 February:

Line Officers 893

Staff Officers 204

Warrant Officers 68

Total - 1165

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of peace time authorization, as of 1 February:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number</u>		
	<u>Allowed</u>	<u>Obligated</u>	<u>Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	1069
Merchant Marine Reserve Afloat	225	225	471
Aviation Instructors	248	248	229
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	245
CEC-V(S) Officers	125	125	296
Supply Corps Officers	125	125	328
Medical and Dental Officers	177	177	585
Communication Officers	100	100	292
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	46
Administration of Reserve Mid-shipmen Training Program	140	140	44
Miscellaneous	320	1097	1097
Organized Reserve Off. Ashore	-	-	321
Organized Reserve Off. Afloat	-	-	266
<u>Total Estimated Number</u>			
Allowed	1905	2682	5289

2. U.S.S. Biddle (DD 151), sighted the periscope of an unknown submarine on 29 January in latitude 8-23 north and longitude 79-15 West. A search has been conducted with destroyers and planes.

S.S. Manhattan, the U.S.S. Lansdale has made runs from 25 to 32 knots making swells on the low of the stranded liner. Total movement on the low from this activity was one degree out and almost 2 feet ahead. Further efforts of the Lansdale are not considered worth while.

Convoy matters, Captain Metcalf and six officers will arrive at Halifax in an unofficial capacity on 10 February.

Admiral Kimmel, assumed command of the Pacific Fleet and additional duty in command of the United States Fleet on 1 February.

Japanese Foreign Minister, in reply to a question whether American and British joint use of Pacific Bases and the lease lend bill would effect the Axis pact is said to have replied that Japan was gravely concerned and depending on future developments Japan may even consider it necessary to invoke article 3 of the Axis pact to make a supreme decision. Making a supreme

3. decision is the Japanese euphemism for declaring war. Bureau of Yards and Docks, announces the following awards:

Contract for Extension of Oil Storage Building at the Navy Yard, Washington, D. C., to George C. Martin, Washington, D. C., for the sum of \$30,200; time - 120 calendar days.

Contract for Gasoline Engine Driven Alternator, Auxiliaries, and Piping; Navy Yard (Radio Station), Mare Island, California, to Cory & Joslin, Inc., San Francisco, California, for the sum of \$31,500; time - 120 calendar days.

Fairbanks, Morse and Company, Beloit, Wisconsin, The Navy Department has entered into a contract with this company for the construction of propelling machinery for fourteen submarine chasers, at a total contract price of \$5,740,000 or a contract price of \$410,000 for each set of machinery. The contract was cleared through the National Defense Advisory Commission.

Byrd Antarctica, Word has been received that the evacuation of the expeditionary base at Little America has been completed. The Interior Department

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motor ships North Star and the U.S. Bear quit their berths alongside Ross Barrier on 1 February.

Auxiliary vessels, already converted or to be converted to Navy use as of 1 February included 13 transports, 12 oilers, 2 seaplane tenders, 2 ammunition carriers, 2 provision storeships, 3 miscellaneous auxiliaries, 1 hospital ship, 4 cargo carriers, 3 submarine tenders, 54 minesweepers of various sizes and categories, 9 submarine chasers, 4 gunboats, 14 yachts of various sizes, 23 net tenders, 7 district patrol vessels, 2 ferry boats, and 2 aircraft rescue vessels.

U.S. Housing Authority, awarded a contract today of \$256,000 for 100 housing units for enlisted men at the Pensacola Naval Air base.

House Naval Appropriations, subcommittee studied an estimate of funds needed for the new Naval Bill signed last week by the President. Immediate appropriations will approximate a billion dollars. Admiral Towers and Nimitz will testify tomorrow.

First and Second Marine Brigade, at Quantico and San Diego respectively will be known as the First and Second Marine Divisions as of 1 February.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

4 February 1941

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Total Enlisted Strength, 3 February 204,274

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty 7,979

Other Reservists " " " " 14,451

Retired Men " " " " 457

Total 22,887

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 428

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 19

Gain 419

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 1 February:

Line Officers 893

Staff Officers 204

Warrant Officers 68

Total - 1165

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of peace time authorization, as of 1 February:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	1069
Merchant Marine Reserve Afloat	225	225	471
Aviation Instructors	248	248	229
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	245
CEC-V(S) Officers	125	125	296
Supply Corps Officers	125	125	328
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" " " Afloat	-	-	266
<u>Total Estimated Number</u>			
Allowed	1905	2682	5289

2. Island bases, The Navy Department has taken steps to acquire one cargo vessel without conversion for the earliest possible use in island bases. In addition it is proposed to assign to the Commandant 14th Naval District (Hawaii) 1 cargo vessel of the C-2 type that is now building at Tampa, Florida and will be ready in May. The latter vessel will have accommodations for 140

Enlisted passengers. The U.S.S. Wharton (transport, former Southern Cross) will be in the Pacific by mid-March to operate between the West Coast and Honolulu to help relieve the passenger situation.

Unknown submarine, reported by the U.S.S. Biddle, search has not located her. Naval attache Mexico City reports that a submarine of unknown nationality put into

LA PANOCCHA, a small hamlet near SAN BLAS on 30 January and asked for and obtained water, its officers speaking in English. Confirmation of this report is difficult due to isolation but should not be disregarded because of Biddle's report.

Admiral Willson, assumed duties as Superintendent of the Naval Academy on 1 February.

Fleet Personnel Board, has recommended in its report the

3. following destroyer complements:

Numbers	348 - 355	240 men
"	364 - 379	244 men
"	384 - 393	
Numbers	380 and 382	
	400 and 401	250 men
	409 - 416	
Numbers	397 - 399	248 men
	402 - 408	

Destroyers of the 1850 ton class will have personnel of 300 including flag personnel. The 1210 tonners will carry 146. The above figures have been improved by CIN CUS. Destroyers undergoing overhaul will do work to accommodate the above.

S.S. Manhattan, has been pulled off the beach at West Palm Beach by three tugs. She will be towed to Newport News Shipbuilding Company for overhaul and reconditioning. Her propellers were bent and she was leaking.

Transports, Atlantic, Experience to date indicates that the transports in hand cannot carry sufficient landing boats, tank and vehicle lighters in numbers essential to successful landing operations. It has been strongly recommended that immediate steps be taken to acquire cargo ships of the C-3 class or preferably other

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ships of the train type on the basis of one such ship for each three transports, to carry tanks, vehicle lighters and other heavy impediments and additional landing boats, specially rigged to discharge them off shore expeditionally only by such means can the vital factor of time in success of such operations be adequately reduced.

U.S.S. Bowditch, touched bottom at St. George's Harbor, Bermuda on her starboard side aft in shoal water. She was moved off with the assistance of tugs and is now alongside the dock. No apparent damage is evident. Divers will inspect her propellers, and she is expected to depart for Norfolk on 2 February.

German bombers, attacked ships off the English Coast today and report a direct hit on a vessel of 10,000 tons. Another vessel, it was claimed, of 12,000 tons, was hit aft and set afire. The 10,000 ton vessel was in convoy and was said to be so damaged it was unable to continue its voyage.

National Defense Commission, today condemned the hoarding of scrap and secondary aluminum by manufacturers. It indicated that if necessary an executive order empowering the President to requisition and dispose of aluminum supplies might be invoked. Aluminum production and consumption for 1940 shattered all records.

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 REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
 5 February 1941

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Total Enlisted Strength, 4 February 204,612

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty 7,979

Other Reservists " " " " 14,451

Enlisted Men " " " " 457

Total 22,887

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 450

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 112

Gain 338

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 1 February

Line Officers 893

Staff Officers 206

Warrant Officers 68

Total - 1165

Naval Reserve Enlisted Men ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of peace-time organization, as of February 1st:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	Number		
	<u>Allowed</u>	<u>Obligated</u>	<u>Ordered</u>
Inshore Patrol Bases	340	215	153
Naval Reserve Aviation Bases	2300	2300	1923
Communications	198	198	106
(Organized Reserves	(	6164*	5074
Afloat ((
(Volunteer Reserves	(5000	1887*	1887
Miscellaneous	(	1738	1841
Class V-7 Procurement Program	(2325	208	208
Class V-7 for Midshipmen, USNR	_____	_____	_____
Radio and Signal Schools	4000	2261	1450
Total Men	14,163	14,971	12,642

*Number authorized for active duty afloat is 3,051 in excess of number allowed.

2. Schiff Trophy, was presented this morning to Lieutenant Commander Miller. Graduation-Naval Academy, will be attended by the Secretary, Admiral Stark and Nimitz and General Marshall. U.S.S. William P. Biddle (transport), was placed in full commission at San Francisco on 3 February. U.S.S. Seminole (fleet tug) arrived at the Canal Zone on 2 February, in company with 4 net tenders and sub chaser 509. U.S.S. Grayback (submarine), was launched at Groton, Connecticut on 31 January. Aircraft rescue boats, in the amount of \$236,516 were contracted for from three companies, the largest order going to N. J. Blanchard Boat Company, Seattle, Washington. British Merchant Fleet, has grown more than 250,000 tons since the war started, according to our own compilation. This net increase came about through new building, purchases, captures and requisitioning ships of her allies. These more than offset war losses of 2,652,035 tons up until the end of 1940.

Machining of Ordnance Equipment, Contract has been entered into with the General Machinery Ordnance

3. Corporation for the rehabilitation and equipment of certain parts of the U. S. Naval Ordnance Plant, South Charleston, West Virginia, for the machining of ordnance equipment at an estimated cost not to exceed \$1,645,000. The contract requires that the work be done at actual cost without profit or fee to the Contractor. The additional equipment installed is to become the property of the United States and the rehabilitated unit is to be leased to the Contractor for its use in the machining of ordnance equipment. This contract has been cleared by the National Defense Advisory Commission. Cargo vessel Bill, The House accepted Senate amendments, added \$65,000,000 to the Bill making a total of \$378,000,000 in cash and contractual authorization, for the building of 200 cargo vessels. U.S. Chamber of Commerce, voiced its opposition to the lend-lease bill through its President in the Senate today, on the grounds that the whole Army, Navy and Air Force could be turned over to foreign governments under its terms. President Kemper said his Board of Directors were unanimous that passage of the bill would not add to the defense of the U. S.

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War Sinkings, the German High Command reported a long range bomber had sunk a 4,500 ton merchantman 200 miles West of Ireland.

New bombs, has been developed by Germany, designed to cripple industrial plants, as well as a new fire bomb that cannot be snuffed out easily. The new explosive bomb has a light casing allowing it to be packed with higher explosive. The incendiary is said to burn at a temperature of 3,270 degrees Fahrenheit. As the temperature rises it is said to explode spewing burning fragments to a distance of 150 feet. Foam and sand used against it are said to cause it to explode with greater action.

Spain, Best information says Hitler renewed his request of Franco to allow the entry of Nazi troops on 28 January. Franco said "No", stating that Spain would resist by arms the entry of any foreign forces, the internal situation being tense. Serious disorders internally may come from this situation.

British war effort, Best information after a comprehensive report is that unless war sinkings decline or a new source of merchant tonnage is found, the war effort will decline in six months. Unless imports are further reduced food, household and medical supplies will become critical in 12 months.

2. Names of Ships, have been selected for ten cruisers and eight mine sweepers which are now under construction. The cruisers were part of the 70 percent Naval Expansion Act, one minesweeper was authorized in 1938 and the remaining seven in 1940.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, has released figures on contracts for additional work which has been added to cost-plus-a fixed-fee contracts, totalling \$19,225,790. It includes additions to 20 contracts, 10 of which are concerned with naval aviation bases, and the rest with housing, power plant improvements and barracks.

Submarine periscope, (previously reported), a thorough search was made by 13 submarines and 5 destroyers which were operating in the area reported. An air search was conducted during daylight hours, but no further information was obtained. Nineteen hours elapsed between sighting the object and commencing the search. Competent observers were convinced they had sighted a periscope, though the originator of the message is not convinced that the object was a periscope.

U.S.S. CRACKLE (minesweeper 73), was placed in full commission at the Navy Yard, Boston on 4 February.

3. U.S.S. O-2 (submarine), was placed in full commission at the Navy Yard, Philadelphia on 3 February. Destroyer Division 17 (MORRIS, ROE, WALNWRIGHT and BUCK) reported to CINCUS for duty on 1 February.

U.S.S. Crow (Minesweeper 20), was placed in service at the Navy Yard, Puget Sound on 4 February.

Recruiting Activities for week ending January 31, 1941

Number of applicants accepted for first enlistment	2225
Number of first enlistments	2241
Number of reenlistments under broken service	60

Number of reenlistments, continuous service ..	35
	2336

Selection Board, approved 351 officers for promotion from lieutenant to lieutenant-commander.

Senator Walsh, furnished the Senate with a compilation of strikes in 1940 and 1941 listed by the Navy as affecting National Defense. 127 strikes were listed, of which 27 are still in progress.

H. R. 1776, Two additional amendments were accepted by the House democrats on the Foreign Affairs Committee, but rejected a top limit on the amount that

4. can be spent. The new amendments would provide a 3 year time limit on the life of the bill, during which contracts entered into must be finished, and the insertion of language that may not be construed to permit entry of American vessels into combat areas in violation of the neutrality act.

Colonel Donovan, arrived in Jerusalem today.

Exports, of iron, steel and scrap metals are available at the Commerce Department for release Friday afternoon.

French Steamer, Winnepeg has left Casablanca with 800 naval ratings for the French Warships at Martinique.

The voyage will require 12 days, the ship sailing to the South, as if going to Dakar and turning West only after passing the Canary Islands.

Burma Road imports are being reduced to a mere trickle, the second bridge over the Mekong River being destroyed and leaving only one small ferry working. After a period of temporary stability food prices are mounting in Chungking with the economic situation again deteriorating. Purge of Communists is continuing. Japanese drive North of Hankow is continuing with little opposition.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

7 February 1941

file Total Enlisted Strength, 6 February 205,412

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty 7,979

Other Reservists " " " " 14,451

Retired Men " " " " 457

Total 22,887

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 482

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 137

Gain 345

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 1 February:

Line Officers 893

Staff Officers 204

Warrant Officers 68

Total - 1165

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of peace time authorization, as of 1 February:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	1069
Merchant Marine Reserve Afloat	225	225	471
Aviation Instructors	248	248	229
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	245
CEC-V(S) Officers	125	125	296
Supply Corps Officers	125	125	328
Medical and Dental Officers	177	177	585
Communication Officers	100	100	292
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	46
Administration of Reserve Mid-shipmen Training Program	140	140	44
Miscellaneous	320	1097	1097
Organized Reserve Off. Ashore	-	-	321
" " " " Afloat	-	-	266
Total Estimated Number			
Allowed	1905	2682	5289

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Graduation, Naval Academy, diplomas were given to 396 midshipmen. 341 were commissioned as Ensigns in the Navy and 26 as second lieutenants in the Marine Corps.

War Sinkings, Berlin claimed a U-Boat sank two armed merchantmen off the Coast of Britain today totalling 12,000 tons.

Aluminum Company, of America announced today it had obtained full control of the American Magnesium Corporation and would begin immediately to expand this subsidiary's operation in aid of the Defense Program. A new plant will be built at Buffalo, Cleveland, Los Angeles and New Kensington, Pennsylvania.

Maritime Commission, is expected to sign contracts in the near future totalling \$15,000,000 for construction of 18 ship ways at Baltimore and New Orleans. This will bring to 40 the number of ways where standardized 7,500 ton cargo ships will be turned out.

Strikes, at plants holding National Defense contracts numbered only four today. Workers at three others had authorized walkouts. The United Rubber Workers approved a strike of the Sieberling Rubber Company, Barberton, Ohio. 1300 employees would be affected making gas masks

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and bullet proof tires. 7,800 workers were still deadlocked with management at the Allis-Chalmers Company, International Harvester employes were still on strike as well as 600 workers of the Standard Tool Company, Cleveland.

French Fleet, Admiral Darlan has determined to retain control of the French Fleet regardless of any change in Cabinet personnel and will refuse to surrender the fleet or any French naval bases, either to Germany, Italy or Great Britain according to reliable authority.

Major Al Williams, testified to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the lease-lend bill. His remarks characteristically did not favor sending military aircraft to Great Britain. He said estimates of German aircraft production might be 4,500 to 5,000 planes per month, and doubted whether Great Britain could win the war.

New ships, Names have been selected for 23 cruisers, authorized by Congress under the 70 percent Expansion Act.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, announces the following award: For students' barracks building at the Naval

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Reserve Aviation Base, Navy Yard, Philadelphia, to the GONDOS Company, Philadelphia for the sum of \$94,000, Time - 120 calendar days.

U.S.S. BOISE (light cruiser), damaged her starboard inboard propeller while mooring. Propeller must be renewed. Boise will operate on 2 shafts until new propeller arrives by shipment from the Mare Island Navy Yard.

Assistant Dental Surgeons, 27 candidates qualified for appointment with the rank as lieutenants, junior grade.

Panama Patrol, has been established consisting of Patrol Wing 3, less one squadron and one tender, Submarine squadron 3, less 1 submarine division, and destroyers and other ships as available. This patrol will observe the the Caribbean shipping lanes, and is charged with un-American activities within a radius of 200 to 300 miles of Coco Solo, and the Gulf of Panama and its approaches.

British Aid Bill, The House rejected, 183 to 122, an Amendment by Representative Fish to prevent disposal of any naval vessel to any belligerent except by consent of Congress.

Secretary Stimson, in a letter to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee explained that selling planes to Britain had been of the greatest aid in building up American productive capacity.

REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
10 February 1941

Total Enlisted Strength, 8 February 207,168

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty 7,983

Other Reservists " " " " 15,268

Retired Men " " " " 470

Total 23,721

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 528

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 41

Gain 487

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 1 February:

Line Officers 893

Staff Officers 204

Warrant Officers 68

Total - 1165

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of peace time authorization, as of 8 February:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	Number		
	<u>Allowed</u>	<u>Obligated</u>	<u>Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	1076
Merchant Marine Reserve Afloat	225	225	472
Aviation Instructors	248	248	229
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	250
CEC-V(S) Officers	125	125	307
Supply Corps Officers	125	125	333
Medical and Dental Officers	177	177	631
Communication Officers	100	100	308
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	47
Administration of Reserve			
Midshipman Training Program	140	140	43
Miscellaneous	320	1113	1113
Organized Reserve Off. Ashore	-	-	216
" " " Afloat	-	-	276
<u>Total Estimated Number</u>			
Allowed	1905	2698	5301

2. Proteus, Nereus (Colliers), Scheduled opening of bids for the sale of three ships and the Nokomis (converted yacht) is postponed for one week. Bids will be opened on 18 February.

Submarine trials, will be held off Provincetown, Massachusetts on 12 February and will last 4 days. Shipping has been warned to keep a look-out for periscopes. Submarine operating areas off Portsmouth Harbor, New Hampshire have also been announced. As submarines are often operating in these areas, shipping has been warned.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, announces the following award: for construction of a dry dock at the destroyer base, San Diego, California, to the Pacific Bridge Company, San Francisco, on a cost plus fixed fee basis, estimated including fee at \$2,800,000. This contract has been cleared by the National Defense Advisory Commission.

Submarine periscope, was reported by the Consul at Manzanillo as having been seen by a group of engineers off the entrance to Santiago Bay on 7 February, 3 miles northwest of Manzanillo.

Captain Blandy, was nominated by the President today to

3. be Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance with the rank of Rear Admiral.

War Sinkings, London reported sinking from the air a German destroyer off Narvik. Berlin in turn claimed 24,500 tons of shipping sunk in convoy from the air and 4 other merchantmen damaged.

An Aircraft carrier, will be ordered to be at San Diego on 13 February to transport to the Hawaiian Area 31 Army pursuit planes which will arrive at San Diego on 14 February. Army flyers will accompany the planes. The Johnston Island marine detachment will consist of 14 officers, 259 men. The Samoa and Palmyra detachments will take passage in the William P. Biddle. The carrier will also be used for transportation of Navy plows. About 15 March another carrier will be required at San Diego for transportation of 50 P-40-D Army pursuit planes.

Panama Canal, prior to passage of Canal neutral merchantmen declare their cargo which is examined for security as well as to determine tolls. Neutral merchantmen converted into war ships also undergo examination.

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National Defense Commission, has authorized 51 corporations to write off over a 5 year period a total of \$71,864,000 in plant expansion facilities. O.P.M. may urge industrialists to curtail production of brass articles to meet demands for shell casings. Production of brass at present is insufficient to fulfill military and naval requirements. Strikes, 4 were still in process today at plants holding defense contracts. Allis-Chalmers was the largest of these with 7800 workers out and \$400,000,000 in orders deadlocked. The Vanadium Corporation at Bridgeville, N.J., producing vanadium steel for defense saw 225 workers out. Standard tool Company, Cleveland was still on strike, 600 workers out. Carnegie Illinois Steel Company, 1000 workers are back on their jobs.

German planes, best information reports there are 700 German planes at Catania (Sicily) and probably a greater number at Comiso (Sicily). 10,000 is a conservative estimate of Nazi personnel in Sicily, with planes and men continuing to arrive in large numbers. Airfields are being built at Taormina and Palermo. German officers are said to be equipped with American automobiles from France, have French refrigerators and eat French food.

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 REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
 11 February 1941

Total Enlisted Strength, 10 February 207,472

<u>Fleet Reservists</u> (enlisted) on active duty	.....	7,983
<u>Other Reservists</u> " " " "	.....	15,268
<u>Retired Men</u> " " " "	.....	<u>470</u>

Total 23,721

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 401

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 93

Gain 308

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 1 February:

Line Officers	893
Staff Officers	206
Warrent Officers	<u>63</u>
Total	- 1165

Naval Reserve Enlisted Men ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of peace-time organization, as of February 8th:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
Inshore Patrol Bases	340	215	152
Naval Reserve Aviation Bases	2300	2300	2022
Communications	198	198	115
(Organized Reserves	{	6164*	5330
Afloat (
(Volunteer Reserves	{ 5000	1923*	1923
Miscellaneous	{	1755	1867
Class V-7 Procurement program	{ 2325	208	208
Class V-7 for Midshipmen, USNR	_____		
Radio and Signal Schools	<u>4000</u>	<u>2261</u>	<u>1580</u>
Total Men	14,163	15,024	13,197

*Number authorized for active duty afloat is 3,087 in excess of number allowed.

2. War Sinkings, The British Admiralty announced that fifteen ships totalling 57,263 tons were sunk by enemy action during the week ended February 2nd. Losses included 11 British ships aggregating 40,429 tons, three allied ships totalling 13,872 tons and one neutral vessel of 2,962 tons. This marked the seventh consecutive week sinkings were below the weekly average for the entire war: Losses, however, were larger than the average weekly losses for January.

The Japanese Ambassador, Admiral Nomura arrived in Washington today.

Allis-Chalmers, officials consulted with Mr. Knudson and Mr. Hillman this morning concerning the strike at Milwaukee. This remains the largest of 5 strikes throughout the country. Mr. Hillman said he hoped to settle it in a day or two, and the strike situation in relation to the whole defense picture was still not disturbing.

Wendell Willkie, urged in his testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that we supply Britain with 5 to 10 destroyers a month.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, made the following award:

3. Contract for 50 low cost housing units at the Naval Ammunition Depot, Hawthorne, Nevada to William P. Neil Company, Los Angeles, California for the sum of \$163,600 - time, 125 calendar days.

Submarine operations, off Block Island from 11-14 February will occur. The hydrographic office had warned shipping to navigate with caution in this area.

Aviation Cadets, 85 seamen, second class, class V-5, Naval reserve have been ordered transferred to the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville to accept appointments as aviation cadets and to commence flight training immediately. These cadets come from 15 cities located throughout the United States.

Add Willkie, Britain's most pressing need besides destroyers were long range bombers, he testified.

Commandant 15th Naval District, has assumed command of the Panama Patrol. (formation previously reported)

German invasion, R.A.F. planes continued to bomb German concentrations along the French Coast while the German Air Force was strangely absent near Britain as it has been for the most part of the last three weeks. This may presuppose the long awaited invasion.

4. attempt on the part of Germany. The French invasion coast was attacked by daylight, Ostend, Belgium, receiving the most of the bombardment. This was a German submarine base during the last war, and is doubtlessly one of the points from where an invasion would be launched.

Add Willkie, he said if he were in Congress today he would not vote for a declaration of war, but that if Britain lost we would surely be in the war, within 30 days or shortly thereafter.

Ships to be converted, a new restricted list is out today dated 10 February. It includes 13 transports, 12 oilers, 3 seaplane tenders, 1 destroyer tender, 1 aircraft transport, 2 ammunition ships, 2 provision storeships, 3 miscellaneous auxiliaries, 1 hospital ship, 4 cargo ships, 3 submarine tenders, 53 minesweepers of various kinds and various smaller craft such as submarine chasers, gun boats, net tenders and converted yachts.

Foreign mines, obtainable as well as British mines are in process of shipment to this country.

Electric Cable, purchases reached \$750,000 today, equally distributed between three companies. Yesterday the Navy bought \$2,754,387 worth from 17 companies and cleared a contract with Phelps-Dodge Copper Products Corp., cable and wire division totalling \$553,252.

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 REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
 12 February 1941

Total Enlisted Strength, 11 February 207,755

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty 7,983

Other Reservists " " " " 15,268

Retired Men " " " " 470

Total 23,721

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 337

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 54

Gain 283

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 1 February:

Line Officers 893
 Staff Officers 204
 Warrant Officers 68
 Total - 1165

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of peace time authorization, as of 8 February:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	1076
Merchant Marine Reserve Afloat	225	225	472
Aviation Instructors	248	248	229
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	250
CEC-V(S) Officers	125	125	307
Supply Corps Officers	125	125	333
Medical and Dental Officers	177	177	631
Communication Officers	100	100	308
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	47
Administration of Reserve			
Midshipmen Training Program	140	140	43
Miscellaneous	320	1113	1113
Organized Reserve Off. Ashore	-	-	316
" " " Afloat	-	-	276
Total Estimated Number			
Allowed	1905	2698	5401

2. Antigua and Trinidad, CINC Atlantic has advised British authorities in the above islands that an American destroyer will visit these points during the week of 24 February to 3 March in connection with the development of naval air bases.

Housing, Of 17,105 units allocated to the Navy 16,985 are under contract. 500 of these houses are now occupied. 200 more will be ready for occupancy by the end of February. Schedule calls for occupancy of total program as follows: March, 6500; April, 4000; May, 2500; June, 1020; July, 1035. Total cost of 16,985 units contracted for is \$47,276,478.

Aviation Cadets, Effective on 15 February, opportunities will be open for 1,000 a month to enter flight training with commissions as Ensigns in the Naval Reserve.

Candidates will be enlisted in Class V-5, must be between 20 and 27 and unmarried, have 2 years of college credits unless especially qualified with 3 years business activity where one year college will suffice. The new training center at Corpus Christi will be opened about 12 March to be added to Jacksonville and Pensacola as training centers, receiving all together about 800 men a month.

3. War Sinkings, Long range German bombing planes, according to Berlin, attacked a British convoy, sinking 29,500 tons. One merchant ship of 7,000 tons was said to have been sunk off the English coast.

Strikes, 6 were in progress today at plants holding defense orders with settlement of the Allis-Chalmers strike still uncertain despite efforts of National Defense coordinators.

Dutch Harbor, Alaska, Carpenters working on the Navy contract there went on strike demanding higher wages. The union has asked for transportation back to the mainland for those who have quit work.

Messaggero, Rome newspaper, said today that the Axis was working to close European markets to the United States after the war, since the U. S. is considered an enemy of the Axis. It said the domination of Standard Oil would be stopped, and that when the war is ended the U. S. will be found to have lost its European markets.

German Art Works, collection will be brought here for sale to make available a large sum for Nazi propoganda, the Ministry of Economic Warfare, London announced.

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The pictures from the Kaiser Friederich Museum, Berlin, was said to consist of three Rembrandts, three Van Dycks, and works of Rafael and Botticelli among others.

60 Hour Week, has been inaugurated at Pearl Harbor to handle the increased load.

H. M. S. Asturias, British cruiser which captured the French ship, Mendoza, arrived at Rio de Janeiro today.

Emergency Appropriations, The President asked Congress today to pass supplemental appropriations of \$830,000,000 to speed the naval program. He also requested an additional \$96,382,300 for naval planes and contract authorization of \$15,000,000 for airplanes and \$15,000,000 for aerial plant expansion. The figure included \$459,000 for passenger buses for air stations.

Bulgaria, Troop movements in Bulgaria to the Turkish border and German troop movements brings the possibility that the Nazis will invade Bulgaria.

Senate, Foreign Relations Committee accepted all House amendments to the British aid Bill, including \$1,300,000,000 limitation on the amount of U. S. Defense material on hand and on orders which can be transferred to foreign powers.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

13 February 1941

Total Enlisted Strength, 13 February 208,166

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty 7,983

Other Reservists " " " " 15,268

Retired Men " " " " 470

Total 23,721

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 451

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 40

Gain 411

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 1 February:

Line Officers 893

Staff Officers 204

Warrant Officers 68

Total - 1165

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of peace time authorization, as of 8 February:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	1076
Merchant Marine Reserve Afloat	225	225	472
Aviation Instructors	248	248	229
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	250
CEC-V(S) Officers	125	125	307
Supply Corps Officers	125	125	333
Medical and Dental Officers	177	177	631
Communication Officers	100	100	308
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	47
Administration of Reserve			
Midshipmen Training Program	140	140	43
Miscellaneous	320	1113	1113
Organized Reserve Off. Ashore	-	-	316
" " " Afloat	-	-	276
<u>Total Estimated Number</u>			
Allowed	1905	2698	5401

2. Strikes, Efforts to settle the Allis Chalmers strike are being continued today, amid reports that the Government might take over the plant if labor and company representatives fail to reach an early agreement, invoking Section 9 of the Selective Service Act. Workers at the Foster-Wheeler Company, Carteret, N. J., went on strike after a 24 hour protest stoppage. This plant, manufacturing boilers and condensers, has Navy Contracts totalling \$15,000,000. 500 workers were affected. Carpenters at Dutch Harbor, Alaska were still on strike. The American Car and Foundry Company, Berwick, Penna., forestalled a strike at least until tomorrow. It has defense orders totalling \$40,000,000.

Convoy attack, German surface raiders, according to a Berlin dispatch, attacked and sank 13 ships in a British Convoy west of Portugal. The fact that the attack was caused by surface ships was surprising.

War in Italy, Best information says the bombardment of Genoa was done by 7 vessels of the Royal Navy from 12 miles off shore, visibility excellent, and lasted 50 minutes without air or naval opposition. Only defense came from AA guns. Serious damage near the center of the city destroyed 20 houses. The troop ship GARIBALDI

3. was hit. The CESARE (Italian battleship) had left Genoa several days previously. 100 Nazi planes were unloaded recently at Sardinia. 24 submarines are operating out of BORNEAU. British bombs have come close, but have not hit any as yet. From Sicily German armored units are being unloaded at Tripoli by night from plane and ship. This force will try to stem the British advance between Bengazi and Tripoli. Nazi forces are expected to move through Bulgaria to Saloniki and Constantinople, the objective being Suez. The invasion of England, according to this report, is thought not to be necessary, that the English can be starved. In Libya are two German armored divisions. In Sicily there are others, and also Albania.

Appropriations, of \$398,392,932 will probably be taken up in the House Monday, with chances good of \$4,700,000 being appropriated for Guam.

Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co., open hearth furnaces were closed today by a strike of 850 men. The Briar Hill Plant has been producing between 3 and 4,000 ingots weekly, largely for use on defense orders. The Morton Wheel Corporation, Lansing, Michigan also went on strike, 3,000 workers quitting. This company has

4. \$1,400,000 national defense orders for airplane propellers and shell casings.

British Aid Bill, was approved by the Senate Foreign Affairs committee by a vote of 15 to 8.

Teak, an order for \$475,582 worth was awarded today to Ichabod T. Williams & Sons of New York and Rangoon.

O. P. M., ruled today that during the next 3 months, priorities for defense needs must be given preference over private order for magnesium. A letter went out to magnesium producers.

Under Secretary Patterson, disclosed that Army contracts for fortifications for 6 of the 8 Island bases would be in the neighborhood of \$102,280,000. He gave no estimates for Jamaica and the Bahamas. The six bases will house army garrisons up to 15,000 men. Fortifications, barracks and air fields come under these contracts, which will work closely with navy contracts for dredging and docking facilities.

Canadian Air Minister, announced a new \$20,000,000 air program in conjunction with the U.S. for defense against attack from Alaska. He said the Canadian training program had been delayed because of shortage of aircraft deliveries from the U.S. and a shortage of training pilots, also from the U.S.

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 REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
14 February 1941

Total Enlisted Strength, 13 February 208,420

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty 7,983
Other Reservists " " " " 15,268
Retired Men " " " " 470

Total 23,721

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 416
Aggregate Discharges " " " " 162

Gain 254

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 1 February:

Line Officers 893
 Staff Officers 204
 Warrant Officers 68
 Total - 1165

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of peace time authorization, as of 8 February:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	1076
Merchant Marine Reserve Afloat	225	225	472
Aviation Instructors	248	248	229
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	250
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Organized Reserve Off. Ashore	-	-	316
" " " Afloat	-	-	276
<u>Total Estimated Number</u>			
Allowed	1905	2698	5401

2. Donald Nelson, O P M procurement director, has been designated to clear defense contracts which have been initiated by the Army and Navy. Previously this work had been done by Mr. Knudson.

House Naval Affairs Committee, ordered an amendment prepared to increase authorizations for improvements at Mare Island Navy Yard from \$505,000 to \$1,090,000. The item was one the budget bureau had reduced in forwarding the Navy's new requests to Congress. It was indicated the Committee would approve the increase. The Committee also reported a bill authorizing the government to sell or loan obsolete naval equipment to the Philippine Government. Admiral Moreell emphasized before the committee that the Guam project was only for harbor improvements. Bomb proofing of radio centers on outlying coast was discussed, that communications may always be maintained regardless of any emergency.

Vanadium Cooperation, served dismissal notice today on 400 workers who were on strike at Bridgeville, Penna. The Allis Chalmers strike still remained unsettled.

British Cruiser, of the Diomed class (4,850 tons) arrived at Valparaiso, Chile today.

3. Ralph A. Bard, of Illinois will be the new Assistant Secretary of the Navy, his name being sent to the Senate today. Mr. Bard will succeed Mr. Compton, resigned.

Convoy sinkings, Berlin claimed today a second British convoy had been attacked off the Scottish Coast following a crushing attack on British Commerce off Portugal. At least 6 ships were said to have been hit by German planes. An 8,000 ton tanker was sunk by a bomber east of Harwick. Germany claimed 14 ships sunk yesterday, totalling 82,000 tons.

Admiral Stark, will be called before the House Naval Affairs Committee for secret testimony on a request for an \$8,100,000 air base at Samoa.

Diplomatic quarters, in London today predicted a Japanese attack on the Netherlands, East Indies and British Singapore timed with a German drive into Bulgaria and perhaps Yugoslavia to force Greece to make peace with Italy. A second warning to Americans to evacuate Tientsin was issued today, 300 Americans are still in that district.

Strikes, delayed defense work at 10 plants today and

4. involved 14,000 workers. Two mills of Bethlehem Steel were reported shut down and three were operating on reduced schedules because of walkouts against wage levels. Bureau of Yards and Docks, announced the following awards: Contract for two jib cranes at the Navy Yard, Puget Sound, to the Clyde Iron Works, Duluth, Minnesota for the sum of \$216,000 - time, 1st crane, 270 calendar days and second crane within 300 calendar days.

Contract for bridge cranes at the Navy Yard, New York, (2 - 20 ton bridge cranes and 3 - 10 ton bridge cranes to Harnischfeger Corporation, Milwaukee, Wisconsin for \$102,500 - time, 1st crane, 160 calendar days and all cranes within 175 calendar days. Two other 20 - ton bridge cranes, to Shaw-Box Crane and Hoist Company, Muskegon, Michigan for 39,994 - time, 1st crane, 252 calendar days and the second crane within 262 calendar days.

Panama, The arrival and departures of all foreign flagships except British in the Canal Zone will be reported each day by restricted dispatch from the Commandant, 15th Naval District, giving destinations and previous ports of call.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
17 February 1941

Total Enlisted Strength, 14 February..... 209,285

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty 8,014
Other Reservists " " " " 15,817
Retired Men " " " " 486

Total 24,317

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 332

Aggregate Discharges " " " 63

Gain 269

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 February

Line Officers 917

Staff Officers 207

Warrant Officers 70

Total - 1194

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of peace time authorization, as of 15 February:

Character of Duty	Number	Number	Number
	Allowed	Obligated	Ordered
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	1082
Merchant Marine Reserve Afloat	225	225	481
Aviation Instructors	248	248	228
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	261
CEC-V(S) Officers	125	125	318
Supply Corps Officers	125	125	347
Medical and Dental Officers	177	177	646
Communication Officers	100	100	318
CC-V(S) Officers	20	29	51
Administration of Reserve Midshipman Training Program	140	140	43
Miscellaneous	320	1152	1152
Organized Reserve Off. Ashore	-	-	319
" " " " Afloat	-	-	274
Total Estimated Number			
Allowed	1905	2737	5520

2. Recruiting Activities for Week Ending 7 February

Number of applicants accepted for first enlistment	2255
Number of first enlistments	1981
Number of reenlistments under broken service	60
Number of reenlistments, continuous service	31
Total	2072

Propelling machinery, A contract has been entered into with General Motors Corporation, Cleveland Diesel Engine Division for the construction of propelling machinery and diesel engine driven generators for one submarine tender in the amount of \$1,475,000, and for the construction of propelling machinery for 14 submarine chasers numbers 476-488, at a total cost of \$5,880,000, or \$420,000 for each set of machinery. These contracts contain provisions for suspension, termination, and cancellation with basis for settlement to safeguard the government's interest should public exigency require. These contracts were awarded subject to adjustments in price due to changes in labor and material costs.

Board of Visitors, Naval Academy, has been announced.

U.S.S. Grayson (DD 435), was placed in full commission at the Navy Yard, Charleston, on 14 February.

Submarines O-3 and O-7, were placed in commission at the Navy Yard, Philadelphia on 12 February.

3. Subcontracts, Industrial survey is being conducted by O.P.M. in conjunction with naval officers to see what work may be "farmed out" at Navy Yards, Portsmouth, N.J. is the first destination of this board. H.M.S. Dione, British cruiser sailed from Valparaiso on 15 February. U.S.S. Fuller (ex-City of Newport News), undergoing conversion to a transport at Seattle has had work seriously delayed because of walkout of 48 boilermaker welders doing all heavy welding. Efforts to settle the strike by local metal trades council through national authorities have been unsuccessful. The Commandant 15th Naval District has requested the Navy Department to take appropriate steps with proper A.F. of L. authorities in an attempt to effect a settlement. Wilhelmshaven, Best information reports recent air raids inflicted 40 percent damage on Wilhelmshaven Navy Yard and 30 percent on Herman Goering Steel Plant near BRAUSCHWEIG. One blast furnace was destroyed in this plant which has an annual capacity of 1½ million tons. Strikes, of two of the largest plants working on defense orders were settled over the week end. 1,100

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workers returned at Youngstown, Ohio, while 7,800 were expected to ratify the Milwaukee agreement of Allis-Chalmers. International Harvester remained a sore spot with 5,500 workers at their Chicago plant walking out. Seiberling Rubber Company averted a strike, while two Bethlehem Steel plants were shut down and three others were on reduced schedules. Foster Wheeler Corporation with \$15,000,000 Navy orders was shut down with 800 workers out. At Berwick, Pennsylvania, threatened strike of American Steel & Wire Company was averted.

War Sinkings, Germany claimed three more merchantmen totalling 15,000 tons were sunk over the week end by U-boats.

Consolidated bombers, The first of 26 was in New York to be flown to Britain.

Supplemental Appropriation, The President asked Congress for \$255,336,451 for projects connected with National Defense, \$225,000,000 of which was for housing.

Japanese Foreign Minister, Matsuoka asked the support of the Japanese people today in connection with the importation of German technicians and latest German inventions in order to strengthen national defense and the general economy. Meanwhile best Osaka reported a Japanese convoy of merchant ships seen moving South.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
18 February 1941

<u>Total Enlisted Strength</u> , 17 February	210,095
<u>Fleet Reservists</u> (enlisted) on active duty	8,014
<u>Other Reservists</u> " " " "	13,817
<u>Retired Men</u> " " " "	486
Total	
	24,317
<u>Aggregate Enlistments</u> (last 24 hours)	439
<u>Aggregate Discharges</u> " " " "	16
Gain	
	423

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 February

Line Officers	917
Staff Officers	207
Warrant Officers	70
Total -	1194

Naval Reserve Enlisted Men ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of peace-time organization, as of 15 February:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
Inshore Patrol Bases	340	215	156
Naval Reserve Aviation Bases	2300	2300	2073
Communications	198	198	189
(Organized Reserves	(	6717*	5505
Afloat ((
(Volunteer Reserves	(5000	1953*	1953
Miscellaneous	(2325	2409	1939
Class V-7 Procurement Program	(	208	208
Class V-7 for Midshipmen, USNR	_____	_____	_____
Radio and Signal Schools	4000	2261	2030
Total Men	14,163	16,261	13,983

*Number authorized for active duty afloat is 3,670 in excess of number allowed.

2. Amphibian tractors, an order in the amount of \$3,240,000 was placed with Donald Roebling, Clearwater, Florida, the inventor. The National Defense advisory Commission has cleared this contract.

Submarine operations, will be conducted in the eastern end of Long Island Sound from 16-23 February, extending to Block Island. Shipping has been informed by the Hydrographic Office.

Panama, The following information is regarded only in the light that it was received: an anonymous letter from France dated 10 February said that one attempt to block the Panama Canal had failed due to the vigilance of Canal authorities, but that another attempt would be made soon by a Japanese ship flying Dutch or British flag. It is planned, the letter continued, for the ship to open its sea cocks and sink itself in the locks or charge the lock gates. In case of war the Jap effort would be made to enter the Canal during darkness. The Italians would also attempt to do the same if they had the opportunity. Bureau of Yards and Docks, announces the following award: Contract for Pontoon Gear at the Navy Yard, Charleston to Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Company, Pittsburgh, Pa.,

3. for the estimated sum of \$56,100 - Time - 60 calendar days. War Sinkings, British and Allied shipping losses during the week ended 9 February totalled 13 ships aggregating 29,806 tons. This figure contrasted with the loss of 15 vessels aggregating 57,263 tons for the week ending 2 February. The Admiralty announced that enemy shipping losses for the entire war totalled more than 2,000,000 tons. Germany was said to have lost by capture, sinking and scuttling 1,330,000 tons while Italian losses were placed at 623,000 tons. Neutral shipping useful to the enemy has been destroyed to the amount of 60,000 tons. Steel Companies, which often give price discounts of nearly fifty percent to large buyers, refused any concession to the Government, a study showed which was submitted to the Federal Monopoly Committee. House Naval Affairs, Committee asked Congress today to take action ratifying the recent transfer of 50 destroyers to Britain in return for naval air bases. The Rules Committee granted the right of way to bring up in the House tomorrow the \$242,373,500 authorization measure for additional construction and new naval bases.

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The naval committee wrote in specific authority for the Atlantic bases increasing the President's request by \$58,250,000. This added to the \$50,000,000 from the President's special fund plus \$7,800,000 in the pending bill brings the ultimate cost of bases to \$116,050,000. The establishment of naval air bases will ratify the exchange. Meanwhile Mr. Vinson filed a formal report on a second public works authorization bill of \$122,802,883. This is for projects contemplated under the 1942 budget. British Casualties, from air raids during January totalled 1,502 killed, 2,012 injured, the lowest for any month since last August. Dead during December were 3,793 and wounded 5,044. Total dead for the war by bombing is now 24,840 with 34,676 wounded. September of last year was the worst month over Britain when 6,954 were killed and 10,615 wounded. Garand automatic Rifle, has been adopted by the Marine Corps after exhaustive tests. Germany, showed further evidence of going into Bulgaria by concentration of troops and offering Jugoslavia Salonica if she would remain neutral in the present war. It is said Germany could mass 5 divisions (about 75,000 men) on the Greek frontier within ten days.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
19 February 1941

Total Enlisted Strength, 19 February 210,318

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty 8,014

Other Reservists " " " " 15,817

Retired Men " " " " 486

Total 24,317

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 312

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 89

Gain 223

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 February

Line Officers 917

Staff Officers 207

Warrant Officers 70

Total - 1194

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of peace time authorization, as of 15 February:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	1082
Merchant Marine Reserve Afloat	225	225	481
Aviation Instructors	248	248	228
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	261
CEC-V(S) Officers	125	125	318
Supply Corps Officers	125	125	347
Medical and Dental Officers	177	177	646
Communication Officers	100	100	318
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	51
Administration of Reserve Mid-shipman Training Program	140	140	43
Miscellaneous	320	1152	1152
Organized Reserve Off. Ashore	-	-	319
" " " Afloat	-	-	274
<u>Total Estimated Number</u>			
Allowed	1905	2737	5520

2. Strike, The A.F. of L. has established picket lines outside the shipbuilding yards of the Campbell Machine Company and the San Diego Marine Construction Company. All work on Navy contracts has been suspended.

Comdes 17, reports completion of reconnaissance in the Caribbean with no positive evidence of Axis activity. No desirable seaplane operating bases were found. There is a good landing field site at Clipperton. There is an unimproved site at Clarion comparable to that of St. Thomas. At Guadaloupe there is one possible site for a runway in a North and South direction. There are usable anchorages at Braithwaite, MELPOMENE and Sulphur Bays. Detailed reports of this investigation are in the mail.

Japanese policy, Best information gleaned from the hearings before the budget committee by Foreign Minister MATSUOKA present the trend as follows: Soviet Union now recognizes Japan's sincerity and is making overtures for conclusion of permanent fisheries treaties. Japan is prepared for immediate and effective measures in case of extreme deterioration of relations with the U.S. Japan is making efforts to improve relations with

3. the Soviet Union. Japan has no intention of taking the initiative to abrogate the anti-comintern pact. The Vice Minister of War commenting on steel and oil production stated Japan intends to exploit immediately to the fullest extent China and Manchukuo for test materials and later production. Present sources of supply were said to be sufficient with no cause for alarm.

Japanese Transports, Reliable information says that between Shanghai and Kobe 25 Japanese ships composed of Army transports and convoyed by a destroyer were noticed on a Southerly Course. This is being investigated as to destination.

Eighteen strikes, in defense industries affected 22,000 men and \$85,000,000 in government orders. Negotiations in Allis-Chalmers case were stalled. National Supply Company, 200 employes, working on Navy Diesel Engines were on strike. Union Iron Works, Moore Dry dock Company, moved toward settlement of its strike and that of 19 other plants involving pattern makers union. Other strikes previously reported, conditions remained about the same.

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U.S.S. Washington, will be placed in full commission on 15 May at Philadelphia, Captain Benson in command. Super-Gliders, Factory in Prague is said to be working on 1,000 to carry 50 men each. House of Representatives, is considering the first of two Navy authorization bills today expanding defense stations from Newfoundland to Trinidad in the Atlantic and Guam to Samoa in the Pacific. The House accepted the \$4,700,000 authorization for defense at Guam, \$8,100,000 naval station at Samoa, and a \$66,050,000 Atlantic base program without objection. Admiral Stark's letter on Guam was read to the House by Mr. Vinson. Maritime circles, say that a deal through which 60 idle Danish and other vessels would come under the American flag is imminent. The reported deal would be between British and Danish authorities to place these ships under American Registry for the Pacific run. Japan, has offered to mediate the war by an official letter from Matsuoka to the British. Senator Brewster, said today he would press for completion of the Passamaquoddy Bay project as a joint American-British naval base.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
20 February 1941

Total Enlisted Strength, 19 February 310,781

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty 8,014

Other Reservists " " " " 15,817

Retired Men " " " " 486

Total 24,317

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 506

Aggregate Discharges " " " 43

Gain 463

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 February

Line Officers 917

Staff Officers 207

Warrant Officers 70

Total - 1194

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of peace time authorization, as of 15 February:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	1082
Merchant Marine Reserve Afloat	225	225	481
Aviation Instructors	248	248	228
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	261
CEC-V(S) Officers	125	125	318
Supply Corps Officers	125	125	347
Medical and Dental Officers	177	177	646
Communication Officers	100	100	318
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	51
Administration of Reserve Mid-shipman Training Program	140	140	43
Miscellaneous	320	1152	1152
Organized Reserve Off. Ashore	-	-	319
" " " Afloat	-	-	274
<u>Total Estimated Number</u>			
Allowed	1905	2737	5520

2. Corpus Christi, In view of the bill now under consideration in the Texas State Legislature providing coastal bombing and gunnery ranges for the Army in the vicinity of Corpus Christi it has been requested that action be taken to reserve the coastal area 50 miles north and 50 miles south from that station for similar naval activities.

Atlantic Patrol, Areas 2, 3 and 4 have been consolidated into the Northern Patrol charged with traffic patrol routes in areas bounded by arcs of 200 miles radius from Cape Hatteras, Bermuda, Cape Cod and lines tangent to those areas. Operating bases are Hampton Road, Newport and Bermuda. This patrol will consist of 1 squadron destroyers, 1 destroyer tender and 2 patrol plane squadrons plus 2 small seaplane tenders from Patrol Wing

5. This is effective now with destroyers now assigned and with Commander Destroyer Squadron 30 as Patrol Commander. Commander destroyers patrol force will assign new construction destroyers as necessary.

U.S.S. Kearny (DD 432) reported to Commander-in-Chief Atlantic for duty on 16 February.

Naval Air Station, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii was commissioned on 15 February.

3. U.S.S. Ingraham (Destroyer) was launched on 15 February at the Navy Yard, Charleston.

S.S. George Washington, (previously reported) was acquired from the Maritime Commission at no cost. Bureau of Yards and Docks, announces the following award: contract for four cranes for waterfront at the Navy Yard, Mare Island to the Dravo Corporation, Pittsburgh for \$548,000, first crane to be delivered by 1 October, and the remaining cranes at intervals of 30 days from that date.

For Expansion, of shipbuilding facilities 16 firms have been awarded contracts totalling \$13,183,190, the Camden Forge Company contract originally awarded for \$2,873,695 being increased to \$3,125,619.

Japanese transports, (reported yesterday) as moving south, their destination is not known. There are now said to be 37 of them that departed from Japan between the 1st and 15th of February.

Assistant Dental Surgeons, 26 have been appointed with the rank of lieutenant (j.g.) to rank as of 10 February. Spare Carrier Squadrons, Best information would make it important that spare squadrons for carriers maintained at 50 percent for both planes and pilots, assuming

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attrition would be near that figure in sustained operations in war.

Chinese reports, continue to tell of movements of Japanese troops to positions that would indicate their leaving China. It is possible that Japanese transports reported could be taking their troops to Indo China where they would be in position approximately 600 miles from Singapore. This "spring offensive" could be part of Axis alliance for a jump off to Singapore and the Dutch East Indies in case of the fall of Britain by invasion.

Recruiting Activities, of week ending 14 February are as follows:

Number of applicants accepted for first enlistment	2044
Number of first enlistments.....	2033
Number of reenlistments (within 3 months)	68
Number of reenlistments (broken service)	31
Number of applicants papers being worked on but not complete.....	3560
First enlistments not yet forwarded to training stations.....	194

Number of first enlistments was 277 under the quota for the week and 595 under the monthly quota. 126 applications for class V-5 (aviators) were forwarded by the recruiting service.

Commercial Shipyards, to freeze temporarily existing wage scales pending outcome of efforts by the National Defense

Commission to conclude a master agreement within the industry to cover both wages and working conditions.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
21 February 1941

Total Enlisted Strength, 20 February 211,026

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty 8,014

Other Reservists " " " " 15,817

Retired Men " " " " 486

Total
Total 24,317

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 487

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 242

Gain 245

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 February

Line Officers 917

Staff Officers 207

Warrant Officers 70

Total - 1194

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of peace time authorization, as of 15 February:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	1082
Merchant Marine Reserve Afloat	225	225	481
Aviation Instructors	248	248	228
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	261
CEC-V(S) Officers	125	125	318
Supply Corps Officers	125	125	347
Medical and Dental Officers	177	177	646
Communication Officers	100	100	318
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	51
Administration of Reserve Mid-shipman Training Program	140	140	43
Miscellaneous	320	1152	1152
Organized Reserve Off. Ashore	-	-	319
" " " Afloat	-	-	274
<u>Total Estimated Number</u>			
Allowed	1905	2737	5520

2. Errata, In this report of 20 February the figure in the statement "Total Enlisted Strength.. 310,781" should have read "210,781."

Naval Reserve, An afloat contemplates the early assignment of all reserve lieutenants and lieutenants, junior grade to sea billets whose status is deck and engineering general. Shore stations have been advised to plan accordingly for release of such officers. Reserve officers with special service qualifications are available for assignment to vacated shore billets.

German battleships, GNEISENAU and the SCHARNHORST are reported to have destroyed the English convoy on 12 February, but this information is not verified. The SCHEER and the HIPPER are also engaged in Atlantic raiding and are based in Brest according to best information.

Bombardment of Genoa, Almost one-third of all buildings in the industrial area received damages in the bombardment of 9 February including 2 metallurgical works and an iron foundry which were destroyed. British parachute attacks the following day caused considerable concern as well as accomplishing some damage. A group in the BARI area cut the aqueduct causing the city to be

3. without water for two days. The Italians claim to have captured 41, but others may be still at large. British bombs continue to show a high proportion of duds.

Lieut. Comdr. Hartman, The First Sea Lord would like to submit for the King's approval an award of the distinguished service cross to Lt. Com. Hartman for gallant help voluntarily given by him in the ILLUSTRIOUS in which he acted as naval observer. After the first of several attacks on the Illustrious on 10 January Hartman went below and helped put out fires in heavily damaged areas. He reported to damage control headquarters and then helped the wounded until the ship entered harbor eight hours later. The British have asked if this decoration would cause embarrassment. Our Law and the naval regulations are understood by the First Lord.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, Announces the following award: Contract for aviation facilities at the Naval Air Station, Bermuda, to the F. H. McGraw Company, Hartford, Connecticut on a cost-plus-a fixed-fee basis estimated at \$9,150,000.

Selection Board, Merchant Marine, Naval Reserve will convene on 3 March to recommend officers for promotion to Commander.

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Officers, Marine Corps, 230 college graduates from every State in the Union have been commissioned second lieutenants in the Marine Corps reserve today following completion of candidates' course at Quantico. After leave they will return to Quantico for advanced three months' work, followed by duty in combat units of the Fleet Marine Force.

Chairman Vinson of the House Naval Affairs Committee will introduce a bill next week to authorize \$50,000,000 for harbor defense bases motor torpedo boats and other small fighting craft. Hearings will begin Wednesday. He also will propose measure authorizing \$5,505,000 for a lighter than air aircraft base near Cape Hatteras and for a similar base at Boston and San Francisco.

Strikes, Settlement of two strikes was announced, leaving 19 still in progress. Foster-Wheeler Corporation was settled involving \$19,000,000 of Navy contracts. The strike of 300 A.F. of L. workers at two companies converting two ships to mine sweepers at San Diego were still in progress.

Training Program, for supervisory positions in new private shipbuilding yards will be instituted in yards and industries already in operation to meet shortages. Conferences between Navy Yards, companies and new companies will endeavor to take care of these requirements.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
24 February 1941

Total Enlisted Strength, 21 February 211,459

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty 8,014

Other Reservists " " " " 15,817

Retired Men " " " " 486

Total 24,317

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 451

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 43

Gain 408

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 February

Line Officers 917

Staff Officers 207

Warrant Officers 70

Total - 1194

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of peace time authorization, as of 21 February:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	1085
Merchant Marine Reserve Afloat	225	225	490
Aviation Instructors	248	248	234
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	260
CEC-V(S) Officers	125	125	323
Supply Corps Officers	125	125	350
Medical and Dental Officers	177	177	671
Communication Officers	100	100	329
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	51
Administration of Reserve Mid-shipman Training Program	140	140	42
Miscellaneous	320	1233	1233
Organized Reserve Off. Ashore	-	-	320
" " " Afloat	-	-	282
Total Estimated Number			
Allowed	1905	2818	5670

2. S.S. Trelawney, sent the following message received by the Commandant, First Naval District. "Am being fired on by a warship, latitude 47-12 N, longitude 40-13 W." SecNav, Colonel Knox arrived at St. Augustine, Florida, yesterday.

U.S.S. Harry Lee, (transport, former EKUCHORDA), Commander Train Some Atlantic has recommended this ship be made available for Navy Yard overhaul immediately and given priority over the McCawley (transport, ex-Santa Barbara, Grade Liner). The engineering plant is said to be in as bad condition as the McCawley's and her deck winches, landing boats and refrigerating plant makes her a poor military asset. Her stability should be corrected and if new deck winches are authorized it will probably take at least ten weeks to secure the material. The DEWEBOLA could probably repair her refrigerating machinery by 15 March, absorbing most of the tender's resources for a month to the exclusion of urgent work needed by other transports. It is considered imperative that the HARRY LEE be made available for overhaul immediately. U.S.S. HEYWOOD (transport) was placed in full commission at Portland, Oregon on 18 February.

3. Scrap iron, according to reliable information 1,000 tons of scrap iron will be loaded on the SKAMOGAWA MARU calling at Trujillo City about 7 March. Engineering students, Admiral Yarnell and party have completed visits to 19 engineering schools in quest of engineering officers for the Bureaus of Ships, Ordnance and Aeronautics. Results show that applications are about three to four times the number needed from each university. Only 20 percent of applicants from each senior class will be taken, to be commissioned as engineers upon graduation. 1000 engineering officers will be added to the Navy by this method for special duties ashore only. 1500 from the junior classes will also be assigned for commissions upon graduation. Over 6,000 students were addressed with all faculties co-operating. Age limits of this group are 19-38 and they can be married. These officer assignments will largely take care of current shortage of engineering officers in Navy yards, inspection plants, etc. British ships, In connection with overhaul in March, April and May Sun Shipbuilding Company can take 4 cruisers, or large merchantman, or eight destroyers

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at one time. Pusey and Jones can take two merchantmen on three destroyers. Kensington can take four minesweepers. New York Shipbuilding Company can take 4 large merchantmen, 4 large cruisers, six destroyers and 12 minesweepers. After 1 May Cramp's can take two large merchantmen. Of above only Kensington has skilled repair personnel, others being building yards primarily.

Assignment of vessels for repair at these yards is dependent on priority in connection with government work.

Prime Minister Matsuoka, stated today that the white race should cede Oceania to the Japs. This vast section would include the Dutch East Indies, Australia, New Zealand, and the Philippines. His statement was made to the Lower House of Parliament. He also stated that his statement to Britain was not a mediation offer, but was a statement of Japanese position. He admitted the territory Japan wanted had sufficient natural resources to support 600,000,000 people.

The Assistant Secretary, Mr. Bard, was sworn into office this morning by Rear Admiral Woodson.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
25 February 1941

Total Enlisted Strength, 24 February 212,268

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty 8,018

Other Reservists " " " " 16,152

Retired Men " " " " 497

Total 24,667

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 529

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 143

Gain 486

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 February

Line Officers 917

Staff Officers 207

Warrant Officers 70

Total - 1194

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of peace time authorization, as of 21 February:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	1085
Merchant Marine Reserve Afloat	225	225	490
Aviation Instructors	248	248	234
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	260
CEC-V(S) Officers	125	125	323
Supply Corps Officers	125	125	350
Medical and Dental Officers	177	177	671
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CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	51
Administration of Reserve Midshipman Training Program	140	140	42
Miscellaneous	320	1233	1233
Organized Reserve Off. Ashore	-	-	320
" " " " Afloat	-	-	282
Total Estimated Number			
Allowed	1905	2818	5670

2. Bureau of Aeronautics, Adairal Towers reports that up to the present time only nine of the Consolidated Patrol Bomber flying boats have arrived in England. These planes are being flown by Consolidated's pilots from San Diego to Elizabeth City, North Carolina and thence to Bermuda where British crews are taking over. It does not appear that the British ferry organization is adequate to cope with the rate of deliveries set up by the manufacturer (there are 185 planes on this order). Adairal Towers has been informed by the British that steps are being taken to rectify this situation.

Electric Boat Company, Bayonne, New Jersey reports motor torpedo boats PTC 1 to 12 will be ready for delivery beginning 19 February to 21 March. They will be commissioned as accepted.

Chunking Government, believes southern action by Japan will be deferred until the Germans start the offensive against Great Britain.

Japanese convoy, (previously reported) of 32 merchant ships presumably transports seen on 12 February were under escort of nine small destroyers in Latitude 33-25 North, longitude 134-38 East. The course of the convoy

3. was about 220 true, speed 10 or 11 knots. Presence of troops was not observed due to sampans and truck heavily loaded on the decks.

Submarine bombing, Because of repeated attacks against their own submarines with little or no damage and failure of bomb attacks against German submarines, the British have abandoned use of the bomb as a weapon against submarines. A definite policy has been adopted to use only depth charges, 250 lb. types for aircraft and 300 lb. for ships. To date the unsatisfactory performance from planes has been due to skid which may be up to 100 yards. Minimum depth setting is 100 feet. Present attack policy is parallel to submarine course instead of across it. It is estimated that certain destruction range of the 300 lb. charge is 21 feet and damage sufficient to cause surfacing or sinking is 39 feet. A German submarine succeeded in returning to port after being hit directly by a 50 pound bomb.

German motor boats, now under construction are said to have a submarine profile, a speed of 50 knots and are of 50 to 100 tons with 800 H.P. engines. Beam is 3 to 4 meters and length 22 meters. First trials are